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PART ONE.

Wall Paper and Window Shades

Our spring stock is now ready. We invite all to see our line. We have the designs and can fit up rooms with the latest and most artistic designs for a very small amount of expense. We have some of the highest grade of paper as well. We have no schemes to offer in offering borders cheap and making it up off something else. We do not believe that the honest way. A reasonable profit on everything is our motto. Our window shade stock is large and we carry in stock the regular size; also in the large shades as wide as 54 inches. Orders taken for anything larger. A nice line of Room Moulding also carried.

T. H. FRITZ,

Druggist.

Special Inducements To Ladies

wishing to purchase Millinery at Mrs. F. C. LEE'S.

The largest line of Trimmed Hats ever shown in Cass City. Over one hundred trimmed hats to select from, besides Sailors and Street Hats to numerous to mention. Children's Hats in Mulls, Straws and Leghorns. Call and be convinced.

Mrs. F. C. Lee

Bicycle Repairs and Sundries

in innumerable quantities can be found at Johnson & Seely's Bicycle Store. Bring in your old wheel and have it remodeled and re-named. Get your wheels trued up. A wheel in repair will outlast two neglected. We are manufacturers of

The New Dell

and we are located in the old postoffice building.

Johnson & Seely

SPRING AND SUMMER MILLINERY.

Pattern Hats and Bonnets, Un-trimmed Hats, Walking, Outing and Ready to Wear Hats, Flowers, Feathers, Braids, Trimming Fabrics and Laces, Ornaments, Etc.

WE ARE NOW READY

to trim you a new Hat or make over your old one in the manner most approved by

DAME FASHION.

All are cordially invited to call and see our new goods. Yours respectfully,

MRS. E. K. WICKWARE.

CASEVILLE WANTS A SUGAR FACTORY

P. O. & N. Officials with Detroit Capitalists Conferred with Citizens. The Outlook Encouraging.

If Superintendent Sanford had only winked; the Chronicle would have informed its many readers last week, that he, accompanied by several Detroit financiers passed through Cass City on their way to Caseville. Mr. Sanford usually, when he comes up the road, stops over one train, but on this occasion, he did not even stop long enough to inquire whether our town went wet or dry at the last election.

It was business before pleasure. When some of our citizens saw the special cross Main street, they had little idea that at the northern extremity of the P. O. & N. system, the town lying adjacent to Oak Bluff, was in a state of excitement, awaiting the arrival of this special train. As has been rumored, our neighbors up the road want a sugar factory. With the aid of Bad Axe capital, they have been energetically at work to secure one.

Supt. Sanford is naturally interested in the project and last Wednesday brought a few men of means from Detroit to Caseville for the purpose of conferring with the farmers of that country. The meeting was successful. If the Caseville people can raise \$100,000 in stock and guarantee at least 4000 acres of beets, the Detroit people assured them the factory would be forthcoming. The Casevillites with the assistance of Bad Axe capital feel confident that they can make the rifle and hence general rejoicing prevails among the people.

WM. MCCRACKEN GONE TO HIS REWARD.

Wm. McCracken, a highly esteemed citizen of Deford, was buried last Wednesday. Mr. McCracken was born in Ireland and came with his parents to Oakland county in early childhood. About twenty years ago he came to this county and nearly all the time since has made this his home. He spent three years in the civil war and among his comrades was esteemed for courage and patriotism.

He leaves a wife and ten children. One daughter was unable to leave her home in Victor, Col., to be present at his bedside, but two of his sons came there in time to see him. The Grand Army Post and Orange Lodge of Cass City acted as escorts on the day of the funeral, which was held in the Methodist church at Deford. Rev. Torbet, of the Cass City Presbyterian church, preached an eloquent sermon to a large congregation. The remains were laid at rest in Elkland cemetery.

WE WONDER HOW HE LOOKS.

The following special from Ann Arbor will interest the young people of Cass City:

The sophomore literary class of the university is disgraced. For several weeks past their bosoms have rankled over the row which their "fresh" enemies kicked up at the big 1900 smoker. They have meted out during that time dire vengeance on the offender's heads: as 12 hairless plates in the ranks of the freshman class testify. Last night, however, the wily first-year men scored a decided touchdown and Edward W. Pinney of Cass City, the sophomore-president, numbers with the victims who have gone before as a result. A small but select band of six freshmen stole upon him in his room, and before the unfortunate class dignitary could resist, the six pair of shears had done their work, and each one of the attacking party carried away a generous tuft of hair as a souvenir of the occasion.

Ed has the sympathy of his Cass City friends, and if he is in need of any assistance in order to mete out due punishment to his tonsorial enemies, all he needs to do is to give the word and two dozen of Cass City's lassies will come to his aid. The Chronicle should be pleased to receive Ed's latest photo.

WHAT A DEFORD CITIZEN THINKS OF CASS CITY.

I am informed the Chronicle will devote considerable space to Cass City and its business interests this week. I have just enough pride in Cass City to be persuaded to speak of some of its merits, and therefore beg leave for some space in this valuable edition. The writer is located eight miles from Cass City, eight miles from Kingston, twelve miles from Caro and thirteen miles from Marlette, so that for the past nineteen years as business called or fancy prompted we visited the above named towns. And it must strike you at once that none but a "feather-head" could have come in contact with the different villages from time to time without noting their natural advantages—the possibilities of what each might be and eventually must be unless they are cursed by a dead populace, who refuse

to either be cremated or buried. All the above named places have grown since my acquaintance with them—a steady growth, although the rising movement of some of them has been too slow to correspond with the brevity of life. As my attention has been attracted to the steady and healthy growth of your town, Cass City, I wish to speak of it in particular. When we first visited Cass City in 1882, about three hundred people had settled within the then narrow limits of the place, since then its growth in population has equalled any village in the county and the source of its thrift in the past cannot fade away—'tis a perpetual feeder that will push it on from country village to a populace city.

"All wealth comes from the soil," has grown to be a proverb that none dare dispute and the town like Cass City surrounded with a fertile soil on every side will enlarge from year to year. Every man of wisdom will buy in such a place well knowing that the investment of today will be of more value on the morrow. The building boom of the past year, substantial and beautiful brick structures proves that there are men who foresee these things. The mineral beds adjacent to Cass City must ere long also add to her prosperity, as all tests have shown the articles to be of genuine value. Again it follows along the line of prosperity that factories must be established in such towns as Cass City. The writer remembers how two years ago the attempt to build a sugar beet factory failed, but our faith in the ultimate establishment of the plant was not shaken because not one single reason can be advanced against the abundant success of the enterprise.

If we ask in regard to cost of building and water privileges so necessary we can be shown where nature has apparently arranged the place for the building doing away with much cost that is required in other places. If we ask in regard to the sugar roots we are pointed on every hand to the best soil in the world to produce the material in the raw state, and a numerous and energetic people ready to fill the bins at the factory and without the expense of railroading from a distance, and such a factory is a double blessing in the land, for no country was ever known to be unhappy where the prosperity of towns and rural districts went hand in hand.

Now, I wish to say to the Chronicle that all my fellow tillers of the soil in this locality have seen and felt these things but timidly withheld their expressions in public. And I write that many who I have heard express themselves in quiet conversation may take courage and tell the people of Cass City what will build up their town, enrich us, and work no evil to our neighboring towns and country around about us.

JOHN MCCRACKEN.

Deford, Mich.

DAINTY SPRING WEDDING.

The first Easter wedding among Deford's elite took place on Wednesday afternoon, when the marriage of Miss Ella L. Valentine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Valentine, and Fred B. McCain was solemnized at the home of the bride by Rev. F. Klump. The bridal guests consisted of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Valentine, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. McCain, Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. D. Croop and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Theron Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Ransom Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Daugherty and daughter, Miss McCain, R. D. Lewis, John McArthur, Guy Woodman, Mrs. C. Goodrich and Fred Valentine. The bride was attended by a bridesmaid, Miss Minnie Spencer. Wm. Wilson was best man.

After the ceremony an elaborate dinner was served. The happy couple were the recipients of many beautiful and useful presents, and if the many sincere congratulations are a criterion Mr. and Mrs. McCain's pathway will be full of sunshine and bliss.

A TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.

Last Friday at North Branch, Roy Vincent and Frank Shoales were shooting at a mark with a thirty-two caliber revolver, and as is frequently the case with boys became careless. The outcome was that young Shoales accidentally shot Vincent in the abdomen inflicting a mortal wound from which he died last Wednesday.

For Sale.

A span of horses. Will be sold together or separately. 3-8-01 JOHNSON & SEELEY.

Delicious. Heller's buckwheat flour for cakes.

FLINT DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS.

At the Annual Michigan Conference of the Evangelical church held at Detroit last week, the following appointments were made for this district:

Presiding elder, G. J. Kim; Flint, W. A. Keohler; Howell, W. C. Swenk; Sebawaing, A. A. Sheurer; Owosso, W. Berge; Chesaning, J. A. Halmhuber; Elkton, S. Salisbury; Cass City, L. Brumm; Caro, W. Brown; Verona, A. M. Haddix; Fowlerville, J. J. Marshall; Moore, F. E. Walter; Imlay City, J. M. Fuchs; Eureka, Geo. Brown; Saginaw, J. Hommel; Bay City, A. Halmhuber; Oregon, N. Frye; Lenox, O. Y. Schneider; Linkville, to be supplied.

Rev. L. Brumm, who will take charge of the local Evangelical church is an experienced pastor and a preacher of much force and eloquence. We have reasons to believe that his stay in our beautiful village will be both pleasant and profitable to him and the congregation which he is to serve.

AT THE COUNCIL ROOMS.

All but Councilmen Frutchey and Schenck were present at Monday nights meeting. The new members are becoming accustomed to the parliamentary tactics and will soon participate actively in routine work. No one need be surprised if in the near future one or the other of the new members will arise to a point of order or bring in the amendments faster than the President can put them. Parliamentary tactics are often as frisky as a colt or as stubborn as a mule. It takes time and patience to master them. The following business was transacted:

The matter of purchasing and repairing the band instruments was satisfactorily settled, an order for \$100 being drawn in favor of the band.

Bigelow & Son's petition, asking for permission to move their old store building across Oak St., was granted.

Scott Brotherton secured the job of hauling the refuse from Main street at 75 cents per week.

The water rates for the use of water for the street sprinkler was fixed at \$50 for the season. J. H. Davis expects to run the street sprinkler.

A five-inch mocking bird whistle for the power house was ordered. Woe unto the peaceful slumbers in case of fire.

Wm. Straube, commissioner of public works, presented his monthly report. The amount of \$327.82 was collected during the past month. Water rate for Fairweather's store was fixed at \$5 per annum.

Electrician Straube informed the council through Councilman Crosby that he would accept the position of Commissioner of Public Works provided he was furnished with a suitable office. A committee was appointed to investigate.

AT REST AT LAST.

The following excellent tribute of esteem of Mrs. Wallace Gilbert, who was well and favorably known in this community, is taken from the Uby Courier:

And again we are called upon to chronicle the death of our beloved residents, Mrs. Wallace Gilbert, whose life in this village, while painful to herself, was a blessing to many who had the fortune to become her friend and neighbor. Mary Malvina Hubel was born February 10, 1858, in the county of St. Clair, nine miles from Pt. Huron. Here she resided until she was about five years of age when she moved with her parents to Greenleaf township in the month of March, 1863. She remained with her parents upon this farm until the year 1878, when they moved to Florida, where she remained for two years, after which she returned with her parents to Greenleaf township where she resided until she was united in marriage to Wallace Gilbert, December 9th, 1882. Her husband having just purchased a farm in the same township in which she had spent a greater portion of her life, they moved upon it and from the wild forest they hewed out timber and erected a temporary dwelling place, later erecting a more complete edifice which they enjoyed for many years, and not until about two years ago had she experienced any sickness, always happy and possessing an ambition almost too great for her physical make-up. Two years ago, however, she became a painful sufferer from hemorrhages, and in consulting a lady physician who resided near by, followed her directions but not deriving any benefit consulted other physicians who recommended that she be taken to Ann Arbor, where she was informed that she had a cancer and was beyond all aid. Not being satisfied with this diagnosis, she consulted doctors in London, Ont.,

Chicago and Detroit, who corroborated the statements of the doctors at Ann Arbor. She then returned with her husband who purchased the property in this village that he might be able to give her the necessary attention. However, upon her return she became reconciled to her lot and bore her pain with unflinching fidelity, often seemingly forgetting her own sickness that she might administer to the wants of others. But such was her ambition and thus she lived. Wednesday she realized that the end was near and calling all the dear ones to her bedside she bid them goodbyes, repeating it several times until death relieved her of her great suffering. Deceased leaves a husband, mother, four sisters and four brothers and three children, Alton, aged 17, Chas. aged 15, and Marion aged 9 years old, who were all present at the time of death except two brothers and one sister who reside in Florida. The funeral occurred today from the M. E. church conducted by the Lady Maccabees, of which order she was a member, Rev. Cridland officiating. The remains were taken to Cass City where the Lady Maccabees of that place will lay their loving, kind and zealous sister to her last long sleep.

LOCAL ITEMS

Glenn Marr is ill with typhoid fever.

James McCulley returned to Caro Monday.

Dr. Morris was a business caller at Caro Tuesday.

Robt. Young, of Gageton, was in town Monday.

Will Seegar is in the employ of Biglow and son.

Mrs. M. Sheridan is spending the week in Detroit.

Mrs. David Tyo and daughter May were in Caro Monday.

Ethel Karr is the new apprentice at Mrs. E. K. Wickware's.

Walter Cooper, of Caro, transacted business in town Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Treadgold, of Uby, spent Sunday at L. Karris.

Fred Ballard, of Sanilac Centre, visited friends in town Sunday.

Morley Wickware, of Gageton, visited at his home here Sunday.

Prof. Eddy, of Gageton, was the guest of friends in town Saturday.

Tom Dew is now making his home with Dugald Livingston in Novesta.

Miss Florence Watrous and Harry Trusdale, of Caro, spent Sunday in town.

Dr. De ning writes that Martin Dew stood the journey to Louisville, Ky. very nicely.

The assessors I. A. Frost and Ira Reed are now on deck—Hide your personal property.

A number of young people were entertained at the home of Henry Wettlaufer Sunday.

L. P. Bogert and wife returned to Saginaw last Saturday, after a brief visit here with friends.

Roy Lambert, of the Elkton Advance, was the guest of Miss Brackenberry Sunday.

Cecil Fritz who is attending the State Normal at Ypsilanti came home Saturday for a ten days vacation.

Our general station agent, Geo. Beach, made a flying visit to North Branch and Saginaw over last Sunday.

Pastor Rushbrook administered the gospel to the people of his newly acquired parish at Port Huron last Sunday.

Ora Wickware left Thursday morning for Detroit where she will take a course in the Hammer music school.

W. D. Schooley left for Saginaw Friday morning. About the first of May he expects to move his family to Saginaw.

J. S. McNair is making improvements both out and inside of his residence on South Seegar st. I. H. Thr is doing the work.

H. H. Gould, of Pigeon, will have an auction sale of wagons, buggies and all kinds of farming implements on Friday, Apr. 19, at Gageton.

Geo. Bond returned home last Saturday after a few months sojourn at Chicago. He expects to assist on the farm during this coming summer.

Kate Miller has been engaged to teach the Deming school in Novesta. Bertha McKeuzie who has been teaching that school will teaching Watrousville.