



### HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Men's coats were made very long and slapped off from the waist where they were buttoned both upward and downward. The sleeves were moderately tight with close-fitting cuffs and their collars either were high and doubled back stiffly or were made spread upon the shoulders. The flaps of their pockets were placed at the back close together. The flaps of the waistband at all were short. The garment itself was made open at the throat, the frill of the shirt appearing from under it. Drop in and let us show you what a wonderful change a hundred years has made not only in coats but pants, etc.

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W. L. Douglass and Rindge Kalmbach, Logie & Co.'s Shoes are the best or we would not carry them. We take butter and eggs same as cash.

## Crosby & Son,

Cass City's Shoers and Clothiers.

## A VERY SAD DEATH

### Mrs. George Beach Is Suddenly Stricken.

### HOME OF GRIEF AND WEeping

#### She Was a Cultured and Highly Respected Lady.

One of the saddest days that broke in upon our village was that of last Wednesday. The entire heavens were darkened by heavy clouds, and the beautiful sun rays which had been kissing the cold earth for several days had vanished—Nature had covered herself in mourning, and all without corresponded with the grief-stricken scene which was being enacted in an upper chamber at the peaceful and beautiful home of our fellow townsman, George H. Beach. The story of the sad event is of such a sacred character, that our pen quivers as we are about to attempt a portrayal of the same.

On Tuesday night, Mrs. Beach was taken sick with a severe attack of pneumonia. Dr. Wickware was called in and administered the usual remedies. About 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, the doctor was hastily summoned to her bedside, and found that Mrs. Beach was entering the sacred realm of motherhood. The fearful strain of ushering a new born soul into existence aggravated the disease which had fastened its fangs upon her system. Just at the time when she gave birth to the child convulsions set in and broke the brittle thread of life in twain. Not only did the mother sacrifice her own life, but the little one which was to bring joy and sunlight into their home, was snatched away and passed into yonder home to shine forever with its mother. The immediate cause of Mrs. Beach's sudden death was pulmonary thrombosis, that is, a clot of blood turned loose in the circulation and clogged the pulmonary vein or the valves of the heart.

Elva Beach nee Swales was born in North Branch. Had she lived until next August she would have been 26 years old. She was educated in the schools in North Branch, and after finishing her education she taught school for several terms. Seven years ago yesterday (Thursday) she was united in holy wedlock to George H. Beach. Their pathway up to the time of her death was full of sunshine and bliss. In early life she embraced the christian faith and continued to live a christian life to the end of her days. She was also an honored member of the Lady Macabbea fraternity. Mrs. Beach was an ideal wife and companion and no tongue can express the loss which her husband and little daughter have sustained. Beside her husband and a bright six year old daughter, she leaves father and mother, brothers and sisters and many relatives and friends to mourn her early departure. Today the remains of both mother and child were taken to North Branch, where the funeral services will be held at the M. E. church and the bodies laid to rest.

### THE FRANKLIN STOCK COMPANY.

Will Give Two Performances at the Opera House This Week.

After a lull of several weeks the patrons of the opera will be treated to two entertainments at Hitchcock's opera house on Friday and Saturday evenings of this week. The troupe who are to give the performances are spoken of as clean, polite and courteous people. Only recently they played at Brown City and the following comments are made by the Brown City Banner:

The opera going people of Brown City and surrounding community have been privileged on several occasions during the past year to listen to and see a number of good plays at the Kearns opera, but none has given better general satisfaction than did the Franklin Stock Company, which gave two nights performances here last week, Mar. 29 and 30. The whole troupe are clean, polite, courteous and are ladies and gentlemen. The cast possesses extraordinary ability in various roles in which they act.

"Across the Rockies," a standard comedy drama in three acts, with specialties, was played Friday evening and we venture the assertion that not one of the 350 people who attended went away dissatisfied. In this play Alvin W. Jack assumed the role of the twin brothers, Al and Tom McClelland, Percy H. took the role of the Mexican, Joseph Keebuck. Little Ethel assumed the role of Silverbud,

the Indian girl, presenting her specialties between acts. A. A. Jack took the Irish character, Pat Barret in the first act and the judge in the last act. Miss Grace Austin assumed the part of Annie Smalley, the heroine. Each part was ably taken showing remarkable skill as actors. Should the Franklin Stock Company return to our city they will be greeted by a packed house.

## HORSELESS AGE

### Dawned upon Cass City on Tuesday of this week.

#### Messrs. Moore and Slocum of Caro Make Us a Call with an Automobile.

The horseless age, so-called, dawned upon our expectant community on Tuesday afternoon. The natural order of things was reversed for it came from the west instead of the east. However, this is not strange when we remember that since the dawn of the 20th century man's genius has harnessed nature's forces and as many important things are being accomplished in the west as in the east. That this new wonder should come from the sugar town which is located in the township of Indianfields on the barren, sandy banks of the historic Cass river; the place where one man owns nearly half the town, and where during the past year the tranquility of the entire community has been disturbed by a bitter newspaper war, is probably the strangest thing of all. But the very fact that conditions like these afford a congenial place for the advancement of art, science and commercial activity is only another proof that we have passed into a most mysterious era *DESS MENSCHLICHEN DASSENS*. Early Tuesday morning it was whispered on the streets that the "horseless age" would make its appearance in our midst about four o'clock on the same day. Accordingly when the thing loomed up in the west and majestically entered upon our broad avenue those of our townspeople who had caught the 20th century spirit were out to watch the wonder. Truly it was a sight! A wagon without an ox or horse going at a 340 gait. It made a noise too. This led an Irishman to remark: "Howly Moses, shure an' it's a mule. The critter has got himself under the wheels. Do yez hear him shourt?" To say that the scene was enjoyed by young and old is putting it mildly. Quite naturally the occupants of the horseless carriage came in for considerable attention for it was none other than W. J. Moore, the proprietor of the Moore Telephone System, who is the proud possessor of the automobile, and Postmaster Slocum accompanied by his son, William. Mr. Moore had the kindness to invite I. B. Auten and the Chronicle editor to take a spin with him. This was a treat of a life time and of course was highly enjoyed in spite of the uncertain feeling which possessed us when the "critter" made a break for John Gordon's cellar. The trip from Caro to Cass City was made in an hour and a half. The return trip which was made partially after dark took ten minutes longer. Of course the event of the appearance of the "horseless age" in our 20th century town could not be passed by without some extra doings. Mr. Auten was equal for the occasion and John Gordon's Tavern was the place where his liberality was exemplified. The riders of the horseless carriage had a 20th century appetite and the proverbial culinary art at John Gordon's Tavern was of a decidedly 20th century character and hence both blended into a harmonious whole. We would suggest to Mr. Moore that in the near future he make up an outing party consisting of representatives of the Tuscola County Advertiser, The Courier and the Caro Journal and bring them over to our peaceful town. On the way over the brethren might have some sort of religious examination, repent of their sins, make up and shake hands. Wouldn't this be commendable?

### HAS GONE WEST.

Hugh Walters, one of Cass City's most respected young men left for Spokane, Wash., on Monday last for the purpose of recuperating his shattered health. Hugh has the sympathy and good wishes of this entire community and all of his friends hope that ere long he may again return to his home with the best of health.

### For Sale.

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

## JOCH THE LAD

### Is The Name of the Biggest Horse In The Thumb.

#### NOW OWNED IN CASS CITY.

#### By Well Known Citizens Who Have Formed a Stock Company For the Purpose of Breeding Clydesdale Horses.

Present indications are that Cass City will be a famous horse town at no distant day. There has been a considerable interest manifested here for some years back in race horses. Frutchey, McGeorge & Co., always have several fast ones on hand. At present Herbert Frutchey is the proud possessor of Nutrage which has a record of 2:19 1/4. A. A. Frutchey has a fine chesnut colt which makes the dust fly at a twenty-four gait. Will Kile's Adelaide is bound to make a record, and Minnie F. owned by D. E. Freeman made a half mile recently in one minute and five seconds. Beside these there are several good roadsters.

From now on considerable attention will be given to the improvement of draught-horses. For this purpose a number of gentlemen have organized a Horse Breeders Association with headquarters at Cass City. This association has without a doubt the biggest and finest appearing stallion in the entire Thumb country for which they paid \$2,400. The horse is a Clydesdale, three years old, is seven-tenths hands high and weighs at present 2010 pounds. He is registered as Joch the Lad, in the stud-book of Great Britain and Ireland, Vol. 23. The horse was purchased of J. B. Hogate of Toronto, who is a heavy dealer in Clydesdale horses. During the past few years he has imported horses from seven and eight hundred miles to this country, and there is no doubt but what he understands his business thoroughly.

The stockholders, comprising the following gentlemen, Henry Wettlaufer, O. K. Janes, Geo. O. Wright, W. J. Campbell, John Benkelman, Jas. Mohart, M. H. Quick, Albert Vogel, C. W. Heller, Wm. Little, Hugh McColl and Jas. H. Davis, held their first meeting at the Sheridan House parlors on Monday evening. W. J. Campbell was chosen chairman and O. K. Janes, secretary. After the reading of the agreement the name of Cass City Horse Breeders Association was adopted. The following officers were elected: President, W. J. Campbell; secretary and treasurer, O. K. Janes. Henry Wettlaufer, Hugh McColl, John Benkelman, M. H. Quick, Wm. Little with the President and Secretary, constitute the Board of Directors. Jas. H. Davis was chosen as manager of the stallion. The annual meetings are to be held at the office of the secretary on the second Saturday of March. The horse is now ready for service.

Mr. Hogate was so well pleased with the treatment accorded him by the association that he had a special supper prepared which was hugely enjoyed by all of the members of the association. He left for Pigeon and other points north on Tuesday noon where he expects to sell some more of his famous horses.

### ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMMENCEMENT.

The coming commencement exercises promise to eclipse all former efforts. The graduating class will number 16 or 18 students, the largest class in the history of the school. In addition to the usual class day exercises Wednesday, June 19, there will be a graduation address by Congressman Washington Gardner at the opera house on Thursday evening, June 20. Mr. Gardner needs no introduction in Cass City. He is one of the most eloquent orators in the nation.

As a reward of merit for the best scholarship, Miss Jennie McLellan has been appointed valedictorian; Walter Schell, salutatorian; John Morrison, orator; Herbert Karr, historian; Edith Marshall, poet; Mary Sommerville, prophet. The class colors are heliotrope and white.

### A PAINFUL ACCIDENT

Fred Reid, Son of Supervisor Reid, Had His Right Foot Badly Bruised.

Fred Reid was brought to Dr. Wickware's office on Saturday afternoon with a badly bruised foot. It happened at a barn raising on the farm of Mr. Dickinson who lives four miles southwest of Cass City. A great crowd of men had congregated to assist in the raising and as is always the case everybody was in good spirits ready to respond to the boss's shout "yo

heave." Hardly had a gang of dexterous young farmers taken hold of a big timber when the same was accidentally rolled over on Mr. Reid's right foot, by one of the men who had taken hold of the timber with a cant hook. At first it was thought that the limb was broken but upon examination by the physician it was found that it was only badly bruised. Mr. Reid will not be able to be around for some time to come. He has one consolation, it might have been worse.

## REFORM SCHOOL

### It is One of the Most Important Institutions in The State.

#### These Lads Committed to its Care for Reformation, Education and Receiving Instruction in Some Trade.

Not long since it was the privilege of the editor of the Chronicle to visit the Industrial School at Lansing. One cannot help but feel exceedingly patriotic while looking over this institution, which furnishes to so many unfortunate boys a good home. A great many of these boys never had a good home until they were brought to this house of refuge. They never have been kept so clean, clothed so neat, and in their natty uniforms they look like a company of cadets trained and disciplined in everything that pertains to their physical and moral welfare.

Among the many departments which are maintained for the good of the boys are the following: Laundry, baking, clothing, chair shop, carpentry, shoemaking, printing and painting. In fact everything is done by the superintendent, Mr. St. John and his most excellent wife, to save these boys from a life of sin and train them to be useful citizens after they leave the school. It was our pleasure to meet with our two Cass City boys, Arthur Vaughn, who has been an inmate for the past two years, and Wesley Forin, who was taken there recently. These boys, so far as we could learn, are doing nicely. They are happy. They are learning trades, and some day we expect them to return to us as strong young men thoroughly equipped for life's battles.

### For Sale.

80 acres of land, Section 3, Lamotte township, good frame house, frame barn, 14 acres cleared, 5 acres in wheat, 2 wells. Enquire at farm. R. SHERRIFF, Shabbona P. O.

### Notice.

I desire to inform my customers that I have sold my business, and would be pleased to have all who are owing me to call at once and make settlement. P. S. RICE.

## HAD A CLOSE CALL

### E. B. Hand of Detroit Was Nearly Crushed.

#### SUSTAINED A FRACTURED RIB.

#### While Riding On a Load of Baled Hay the Team Behind Ran Into Him.

What might have proven a fatal accident occurred east of town last Friday. E. B. Hand, who formerly lived on the Quick farm in Evergreen township, now a resident of Detroit, returned here last week for the purpose of transacting some business. Last Friday while riding on the back end of a wagon, which was heavily loaded with baled hay, he came near losing his life.

It seems there were several loads of hay following each other closely, and when they were a short distance east of town the front team, with which Mr. Hand was riding, stopped to let another team by. The teamster of the second load, for some reason, did not notice that the front team had stopped and in an instant his horses ran into the load ahead, the wagon tongue striking Mr. Hand in the right side with such force that the entire load was forced ahead about one foot. Fortunately, there was no obstruction under the wheels of the wagon on which Mr. Hand was seated, hence when the collision occurred the wagon was easily pushed ahead which broke the force of the collision. Had there been any obstruction, undoubtedly the tongue of the second wagon would have penetrated Mr. Hand's body and killed him instantly.

Mr. Hand called on Dr. Wickware for repairs and for some time to come he will be laid up with a broken rib and bruised side.

### ODD FELLOW CELEBRATION.

The eighty-second anniversary of the Odd Fellows of Tuscola and Huron counties will be observed on Friday, April 26, at Vassar. An exhibition drill by Canton lodge of Bay City will open the days exercises at 1:30 p. m. followed by the following program: Prayer, Rev. L. C. Lawrence; Music, Acollina Male Quartette; Address of Welcome, Mayor W. J. Spears; Selection, Acollina Male Quartette; Reception, Fraternity, Mrs. J. J. Wynne; Music, Acollina Male Quartette; Address, Rev. G. W. Jennings; Pontiac Closing Ode, Members of the Order; 4:00 p. m.—Business meeting of the Association will be held in the I. O. O. F. hall; 4:30 p. m.—Members of the Subordinate lodges will meet at the opera house to witness the conferring of Degrees, First degree, Marquette team. Third degree, Cass City team.

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### WEBSTER BICYCLE AT \$18.00

and a good strong easy running one, the SAFE, both in name and construction at \$25. We also have a few Ramblers and Ideals, both well known makes at unheard of prices. Last but not least is the Dell. It's a peach. As to

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Cass City Lumber and Coal Yard

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Druggist.