



**The First Trousers.**

The pantaloons or trousers were made in Assyria in the reign of King Asshurizinal B. C. Horses were introduced into the army as cavalry. Here now was a problem. The cavalrymen had to have some sort of a uniform and it was impossible for him to wear a skirt and ride astride a horse. The tailors to his majesty's armies waggled their heads a long time over the problem and finally decided to cut the cavalrymen's skirts from hem to waist band in both front and rear, letting each part fall on its respective side of the horse. As can be readily imagined, this split skirt made a poor article of clothing; yet humble apology for a garment was destined to be the father of the original trousers. "Why not," said one of the workers of the needle or shears, "sew together the edges of each division of the skirt and thus form a separate skirt for each leg," or in other words he invented a pair of pantaloons. We haven't any of those ancient kind, but we have the very latest spring styles, both in cut and weaves. Drop in and see them.

**Crosby & Son,**  
Cass City's Shoers and Clothiers.

**New Designs & New Colorings in Wall Paper**

are arriving daily. Don't forget that we have a line of Ingrains as well as medium and cheaper goods. Our prices are exceptionally low as the inspection of our stock will show.

**Window Shades** A large assortment including extra large sizes always on hand at prices that will interest you. Eggs taken in exchange at

**Bond's**  
DRUG STORE.



**Right from the Sunny South**

Just received a few carloads of

**Yellow Pine Finishing Lumber**

including Flooring, Casings, Base, and Mouldings; in fact anything you need to finish your house in the latest style. Call in and let us tell you not how much but how little it costs. We are making special prices on Marble Head line and Portland Cement and will guarantee it equal in quality to any make.

**Cass City Lumber and Coal Yard**

**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.

## OWENDALE LOOK-ING FOR A BOOM

Will Be The Terminus Of The Proposed C. & L. H. Railroad.

### ITS SOIL FOR BEET CULTURE CAN'T BE BEATEN

Special Inducements To Be Offered To Factories and Manufacturers. Land is Rising in Price and Everything Points To A Healthy Growth.

Owendale lies about thirteen miles north and west from Cass City. Up to the present time it has been of little importance as a village, or as a farming center. Outside its name which was derived from its founder, John Owen, who for many years was a prominent lumberman of Saginaw, it would hardly be known outside of its immediate surroundings. However, times and circumstances change. In the course of events, small things become great and mighty on the stage of human activity. This seems to be the case in the history of Owendale.

When John Owen, in 1886 purchased 6500 acres of land from the Crawford estate, no one dreamed that the vast area of swampy lands would ever be utilized for farming purposes. After Mr. Owen had taken all the available timber from the land, he placed the same on the market, and gradually sturdy tillers of the soil began to arrive from Canada, who after years of hardship and toil, are beginning to demonstrate that the virgin lands round about Owendale can be converted into the best of farms.

Of the older settlers we might mention A. C. Kerr, Robert Gill, John Ballagh, Geo. Taylor, Malcolm McDonald and Mrs. Mary Corbit. The wild land which formerly could be purchased for a few dollars per acre, is now bringing \$15 to \$17 and the more improved farms cannot be touched for less than \$30 and \$35 per acre. The fact that a railroad is coming, especially built for the purpose of developing and opening up a sugar beet country which is second to none in the state, is raising the value of the land very rapidly. Much of the land is still low and swampy, but it will be only a matter of a few years when every acre will be under cultivation.

Recently, Charles Montague of Caro has become interested in the town and surrounding country. Whatever may be said of Mr. Montague, to be sure he is not an angel, he is nevertheless one of the most enterprising business men in the Thumb. He makes things go. Much fault is found with him because he is the

owner of more than a dozen business enterprises at Caro. But what would Caro be without Charles Montague? He has made Caro what it is, and due credit should be given him for his gigantic business tact which is gradually making itself felt in the Saginaw valley. The people at Owendale can rest assured that Mr. Montague will prove a mighty factor in the future development of the town and surrounding country.

Of the six Owen boys, John S. who lives in Wisconsin, and William who resides at Pontiac, are largely interested in the Owen estate. The father, John Owen, makes his home at Saginaw. He has reached the advanced age of 78 years and is in very feeble health. Wm. Owen, whom we had the pleasure of meeting, speaks very hopeful of Owendale's future. He expects to spend most of his time during this coming summer at the village looking after the interests of the estate.

The present business facilities are limited. There are two general stores managed by J. F. Abbott and D. E. McDonald respectively. Henry Weber is the blacksmith and Fred Linton, who is ably assisted by his wife, has the distinction of being postmaster, and teacher of the village school. Mr. Linton is a bright, progressive man, who has swayed the schoolmaster's rod upwards of four years at Owendale, and for all we know he will continue in the same position indefinitely. Mrs. Linton looks after Uncle Sam's interest. She seems to be well adapted for the position, having a pleasing and accommodating disposition. In the near future another general store will be added to the business places. This will be owned by Charles Montague. Hotel accommodations are also being arranged for the traveling public. The depot for the new road will be located a little way south of the village. When once the road is built and connected with the P. O. & N. road we may expect to see a transformation scene at this place, which may even astonish some of the older townslings adjacent to the village of Owendale.

### LAI D TO REST IN NORTH BRANCH

A Large Concourse of People Paid Their Last Respects to the Departed One.

Not for many days was there such universal sorrow manifested in our sister village as on the day of Mrs. Beach's funeral. She had been known there since childhood, and greatly esteemed by a large circle of friends. When the remains arrived there last Friday morning, many sad and tearful faces could be counted among the large crowd of people who had congregated at the depot. This same deep sympathizing feeling was manifested at the M. E. church where the services were held. Men, as well as women, wept as they looked upon the peaceful countenance of the departed one.

Rev. R. Crosby, pastor of the church preached a helpful sermon, and Dr. Morgan, who held brief services at Cass City, paid an eloquent tribute of praise to the deceased and her mourning husband. A goodly number of members of Hazel Hive L. O. T. M. and intimate friends of Mr. Beach accompanied the remains to North Branch.

### THE CREAMERY DEAL IS OFF.

There has been some hustling during the past week among business men and farmers to organize a creamery stock company. R. E. Sturgis of Allegan, who is interested in creameries and canning factories, came here for the purpose of establishing a creamery in Cass City. After considerable investigation by the business men's committee it was decided not to undertake the project at this time as the season is pretty well advanced. Mr. Sturgis is still in town and there is no telling what he may accomplish ere he takes his departure. He is a man who understands his business and may be able to bring the project to a successful issue. There is no question as to the advantages a good creamery affords to a community. However two things are very necessary: First, there must be plenty of milk, and second, the creamery must be ably managed.

### A NEW RESTAURANT

Where Meals and Lunches are Served at Moderate Prices.

Another place where the needs of the inner man may be satisfied has been opened to a hungry public this week. It's an eating house and bakery combined, directed and governed by Mesdames Eliza Hatton and Eva Bentley. The place of business is in the building formerly occupied by Wm. Wallace's harness shop. The entire interior has been cleaned, painted and papered, and everything is now in apple-pie order. Meals, good big ones, too, are served for 20 cents, lunches for 10 and 15 cents. The fact that the ladies are keeping a first class bakery in connection with the restaurant makes the place all the more desirable. Special attention is given to fine pastry for weddings and other special occasions.

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.  
For Sale.  
A span of horses. Will be sold together or separately.  
3-8-1f JOHNSON & SEELEY.

### EARLY MONDAY WEDDING

Miss Margaret Campbell Goes to Montana as Harry Weydemeyer's Bride.

The marriage of Miss Margaret Campbell, daughter of W. J. Campbell, and Harry Weydemeyer, both of Cass City, took place about seven o'clock last Monday morning at the bride's home. Dr. Morgan of the M. E. church officiated. The wedding was a quiet but exceedingly pretty one. The wedding party consisted only of the immediate friends and relatives of the couple.

The bride, who is one of Cass City's fairest and brightest girls, will be greatly missed by her many acquaintances. During the past year she has taught the children of the first and second department in our school. Mr. Weydemeyer was also raised and educated in this community, and has a bright future before him. His untiring activity and business tact will no doubt lead to a successful business career.

Mr. and Mrs. Weydemeyer left on the 7:47 train for Kallispell, Montana, where P. R. Weydemeyer has lately become interested in large tracts of land. The Chronicle extends best wishes to the happy couple.

### COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

The village fathers had two very important meetings the past week. The committee on general improvements were authorized to arrange a suitable office at the power house for the use of the electrician.

Some time ago the clerk was instructed to secure information in reference to building cement walks. Vassar was one of the places with which he corresponded. After several futile attempts he finally received a copy of Vassar's sidewalk ordinance which does not contain over 250 words from the clerk of said village. To the document was attached a written request to remit the palmy sum of \$5. The council hardly knew whether to take the request as a joke or something of a more serious character. At any rate no order was ordered to be drawn to replenish the pockets of Vassar's astute clerk. Whether he will live through it time only will tell.

On Tuesday evening another meeting was held for the purpose of adopting a new sidewalk ordinance which is of no mean importance to the property owners of the village. Our readers will find the entire ordinance as adopted in the supplement of this paper.

### WHAT OUR FELLOW EDITORS SAY.

The Chronicle staff is human and takes a pardonable pride in the many words of commendation extended to us by our fellow editors. A merited word of praise is always in order. It is sad to think that we find so little time in speaking well of our fellow men. In death we strew flowers upon their graves. It would be better if this were done while they live and could enjoy them. As regards to our extra no one knows better than newspaper men what a lot of hard and painstaking work it takes to publish such a paper. In this instance the busy people in the Chronicle office labored under more than ordinary difficulties. Aside from the usual obstacles we had to do the work on a new press and with a new engine. O, we had an interesting time, no mistake about it. The week of April 12, 1901 will never be forgotten by the Chronicle family.

Well, here is what some of our friends say of Cass City and the Chronicle:

The Cass City Chronicle issued a magnificent resume of Cass City last week.—Sewawing Review.

The Cass City Chronicle came out last week with a most creditable writup and illustrations of the business, prominent citizens, industries, and buildings of that village, which the Chronicle designates the "gem of the Thumb."—Oscola Outline.

The Cass City Chronicle issued a 16-page edition last week putting forth the advantages of that bustling borough which it designates as "The Gem of the Thumb." One section of the paper, comprising 8-pages, was printed on heavy paper and contained fine illustrations of some of the business men as well as the business blocks of the town. Its making involved a great amount of work and was a most creditable stroke of enterprise for the Chronicle, as well as being of great benefit to the town.—Tuscola County Advertiser.

The Tri-County Chronicle, published Cass City, came out last week with a six column eight page supplement on fine book paper with a very creditable (Continued on fourth page.)

## REV. L. BRUMM

The New Pastor Of The Evangelical Church.

### THE FIRST SERMON LAST SUNDAY

It Was A Soul-Stirring Effort Which Made a Deep Impression Upon the Attentive Audience.

Last Sunday was a day of more than ordinary interest and importance to the local Evangelical church. The new pastor, Rev. L. Brumm, made his first appearance before the congregation. As is always the case, the people were anxious to see and hear the man who had been duly appointed by the annual conference to administer unto them the things which are spiritual. The inclemency of the weather prevented a considerable number of the people from the country attending this service. Those who were in attendance were well repaid for having ventured out in spite of the bad weather.

Mr. Brumm based his remarks on Acts 10: 33. The entire sermon went to show that it was the mission of the gospel ministry to teach and preach the word of God, and that only. Rev. Brumm is an intensely earnest and spiritual preacher. He is the possessor of a stentorian voice and nearly every word he utters peals forth like a clarion trumpet. His deep spiritual fervor is not only seen in every action but is also felt in every sentence he utters. The new pastor is also a close student of Eschatology. He has the reputation of being one of the foremost students of the doctrinal school called Premillennialism. Those who are interested in the second coming of Christ will do well to hear him. The services are always conducted in the English language on Sunday evenings.

### SEWER WILL NOT BE EXTENDED.

A committee of three, consisting of I. B. Auten, John C. Laing and Nolt on Bigelow, was appointed by the village council a few weeks ago to ascertain whether it would be feasible to extend and improve our present sewer system. The said committee made a thorough investigation of the subject and found that the only feasible outlet would have to be made to the river. It is 400 rods from the Presbyterian church to the river. The deepest cut is 12 feet. The entire expense of excavating and laying a 24-inch crock would amount to \$5,000. This does not include the lateral sewers which would have to be constructed. The probable cost of a first class sewer system would come in the neighborhood of \$9,000.

While the committee realize that something ought to be done to secure a proper outlet for the annual spring freshet, yet under the present conditions they do not see their way clear to recommend the construction of such a sewer. This will be the gist of their report to the council.

The best quality of flour and the best sample of milling will be found in Heller's buckwheat flour.

## CONSOLATION

Given by W. C. Sanford, Superintendent of the P. O. & N.

### LETTER READ AT THE FUNERAL

Not Only Appreciated by Mr. Beach and Relatives but Made a Deep Impression on the Congregation.

It has been said railroads have no soul. Judging from the following letter, Mr. Sanford, who is manager of the P. O. & N. railroad, has not only a soul, but lets the sympathetic rays of hope and sympathy shine forth into the darkened horizon of one of his bereaved employees. Mr. Sanford has probably been misunderstood by many people and is often severely criticized for not giving better traveling accommodation. Whatever truth there may be in these complaints, certainly he should understand his own business better than anyone else. It is quite certain that those who read this letter will give him credit for being a sympathetic, helpful friend to those of his own railroad family whom misfortune may overtake. The following is the letter:

Pontiac, Mich., April 18th, 1901  
G. H. Beach,  
Cass City, Mich.

Dear Sir:—  
I was greatly shocked and grieved to learn of the loss you have sustained in the sudden death of your estimable wife, and while it is impossible to offer any adequate consolation, I can give you my heartfelt sympathy in this hour of your greatest misfortune.

Your late wife always impressed me as being one of those admirable women who possessed all the qualities desired in a wife, helpmate and companion; a woman of strong domesticity and having social qualities, and a happy disposition that endeared her to all who had the good fortune to meet and to know her. The death of one so loved and esteemed is always a misfortune and in this instance is an irreparable loss to her friends as well as to her family and relatives.

I inclose herewith several blank passes which you can fill out for your friends, as well as those of your relatives who desire to attend the funeral at North Branch. If there is anything else I can do for you, please do not hesitate to let me know, and always believe me to be

Your Sincere Friend,  
W. C. SANFORD.

### A PLEASANT GATHERING.

Last Friday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Pinney were "at home" to a goodly number of their friends. The hospitality of the Pinney home is proverbial. This was clearly demonstrated again on this occasion. The following company of guests were present: Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Janes, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lauderbach, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Seed, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Seed, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Striller, Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Fritz, Mrs. W. D. Schooley, Mrs. Wm. Ratz and Miss Kalbleish.

The time was pleasantly spent in playing authors and other games of a literary character. Two prizes were given to the persons giving the most correct answers, Mrs. O. K. Janes receiving first and Mr. Hugh Seed, second. After partaking of dainty refreshments, the company dispersed just as the electric lights went out.



**I TELL YOU NICE ROADS**

cause a desire to ride a good wheel. We have them. We do not have any special opening days, but every day we give you bargains and value received. We have the finest line of wheels to select from in the three counties, and with the different makes that we handle, we are sure to please you. Come and see us before you make a purchase.

**JOHNSON & SEELEY.**