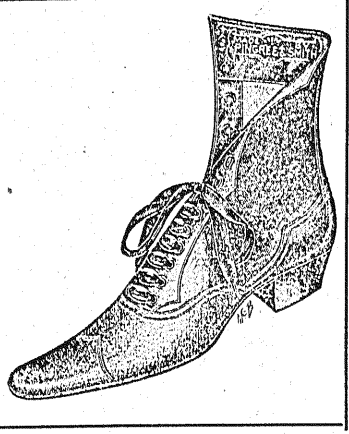


BOW ON MEN'S HATS

Why do we have bows on the left side of our hats? In olden times when men were much in the open air and hats could not be bought for half a dollar, it was the habit to tie a cord around the crown and let the ends fall on the left side to be grasped on the arising of a squall. They fell on the left side so they might be grasped by the left hand, the right usually being more usefully engaged. Later on the ends got to be tied in a bow and later still they became useless, yet the bow has remained. We have just received a consignment of new spring styles in Felt and Straw Hats.

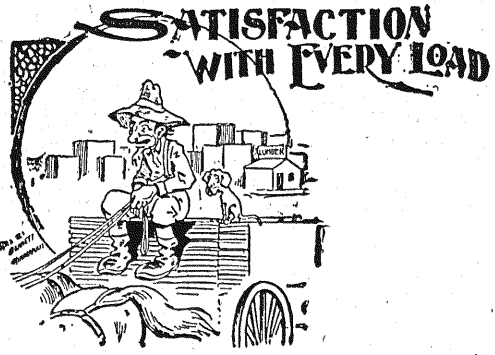


W. L. Douglass Men's Shoes

and Pingree & Smith Ladies' Shoes just in. We have them in Patent Leather, Patent Kid, Vic Kid, and Valure Calf in all styles and widths from A to EE. Butter and eggs same as cash.

J. D. Crosby & Son,

Cass City's Shoe and Clothing Men.



Satisfaction with every load

is what you get when you buy Lumber from us. Bargain counter buyers get the worst of it in the long run. Careful, shrewd, conscientious buyers who want the worth of their money do business with a firm whose record for fair dealing has no flaws. We never lost a customer through indifferent or unfair treatment. It pays to do business with that kind of a firm. Call and inspect our stock and get our prices.

Cass City Lumber and Coal Yard

CLEVELAND BICYCLES

Are going like hot cakes. Why? Because they are the best wheels put on the market to-day. There is positively no wheel made to compare with the Cleveland for durability and easy running. A call at our place will convince you that we have the largest and the most popular bicycle house in the county. Wheels of all kinds and colors at your own price. Repairing a specialty.

JOHNSON & SEELEY.

A new line of MAGAZINES AND BOOKS

just received.

Also Hammocks, Base Ball Goods, Camera Supplies, etc. at

Bond's DRUG STORE.

RESOLUTION.
Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God in the manifestation of His divine will to remove from our midst, Companion Fair Mead of Gem Arbor, No. 223, in the 17th year of his age, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That we drape our charter for ninety days, that in the sudden death of our much beloved young Companion we feel the loss of one so young and fair, yet we are comforted by the hope that our loss is his eternal gain, and Further
Resolved, that the sympathy of the Gleaners be tendered to the bereaved family in their deep affliction, and that an engrossed copy of these resolutions be transmitted to them and also spread upon the records of this Arbor.
ANDREW WILSON,
NEIL LIVINGSTONE,
FRED LEMPLA,
Committee.
Piano for Sale.
For \$25 you can buy a piano. It's a bargain. Inquire at this office.
Concert at the opera house June 7th for benefit of the band.

DAY OF MOURNING

Large Gathering of People Attend Decoration Services.

INCREASING INTEREST SHOWN

Rev. C. H. Morgan Delivered a Masterful Oration. All other Exercises First-Class.

"Not many are left with us, Those who wore the gray and blue, Who in their declining years With their battles almost through, To John hands and great our flag On this Memorial day, When our and southern roses Are twined with blue and gray." Once more our National mourning day has come and gone bringing with it memories of battles fought and won, of lives saved and lives lost and showing us our duty to the "Honored Dead, the Boys in Blue and Gray." Decoration Day, 1901, will never be forgotten by the people of Cass City and surround country. The day dawned shrouded in clouds of sombre hue and in the early forenoon a drizzling rain poured down drenching everything. But nevertheless preparations went steadily on at the home of Milo Warner Post and the Ladies' Circle in commemoration of the heroic acts of the men who gave their lives for that might be a land of the free. The program in the afternoon at Town Hall was carried out in splendid form and good order prevailed. The singing was fine, the readings by Mrs. Marian Hubel and A. A. P. McDowell were superb and the oration given by Dr. Morgan was helpful and inspiring. For want of space we are unable to give the address. On account of the rain the last part of the program had to be discontinued and a detail of four were appointed to decorate the graves.

EXPECTS TO BE THE CONGRESSMAN.
H. H. Aplin, commonly called "Tip", postmaster of West Bay City, has been here the past week visiting his brother, George Aplin, of Novesta. Postmaster Aplin is an old war horse in politics. He started in soon after his return from the Civil war and he has been in the race for political honors ever since. He was made postmaster of his home town soon after the war, which position he held continuously for sixteen years. In 1886 he was elected auditor general and was re-elected '88. Mr. Aplin made a good state official and during all these years he widened his political influence. At present he is postmaster of West Bay City. At the same time he has been actively engaged in the political battles of his party, and especially did he make his influence felt in the recent congressional campaign in his district. He was Congressman Crump's right hand man, and now since that gentleman has gone to his reward, Mr. Aplin quite naturally would like to be his successor. It is altogether likely that he will realize his ambitions for "Tip" has a host of friends in the 10th Congressional District.
Mr. Aplin enjoyed his visit here immensely. He thinks Cass City is the prettiest town in the country, and if it were not for his political ambitions he would no doubt make Cass City his future home.

DR. G. M. LIVINGSTONE.
Is now located in the Cass City Bank block, where he occupies the suite of rooms formerly occupied by Dr. Edwards. The doctor is a son of Archibald Livingstone, of Greenleaf and comes here with the best of recommendations. He graduated from the University at Ann Arbor and during the past three years has been connected with the hospital at the Kalamazoo asylum. For two years he had entire charge of the men's department at the hospital. Dr. Livingstone, from all appearances, is a man of more than ordinary ability and there is no doubt but what he will meet with splendid success in his chosen profession.
BAND CONCERT.
The Band Boys are busily engaged in getting ready for their concert, which takes place on Friday evening, June 7th. The program promises a rich treat. There will be cornet solos quartettes, by both sexes and selections by the band. The whistling by Prof. Henry will be the star attraction. This will be the first appearance of the boys in public and it is hoped that our citizens will give them an enthusiastic reception. Let everybody turn out and thus encourage them in their patriotic work.

COMMENCEMENT DAY.

The Following Elaborate Program Has Been Prepared for the Occasion.

The Baccalaureate Sermon will be given by Dr. Morgan at the M. E. Church Sunday evening, June 16th. Program for Class Day, Wednesday, June 19, 2 p. m. at First Methodist Church:

- March.....Laura Wickware Quartet.....Walter Bender, Dr. Wellemeyero, Grant Fritz, J. C. Seeley
- Invocation.....Rev. A. Torbet
- Salutatory.....Walter Schell
- Class History.....Herbert Karr
- Cornet Solo.....Walter Bender
- Oration, "Government".....John Morrison
- Class Poem.....Edythe Marshall
- Solo.....Mamie Whalen
- Class Prophecy.....Mary Sommerville
- Valledictory.....Jennie McLellan
- Solo.....Nelle Perkins
- Benediction.....Jennie McLellan
- Eighth Grade Promotional Exercises Thursday, June 20th, 3 p. m. at First Methodist Church:
- Fan Drill.....Class
- Recitation.....Jennie Miller
- Class History.....Emma Muck
- Piano Duet.....Mabel Robinson, Lucille McCall
- "John Paul Jones".....Roy McKenzie
- Recitation.....Mabel Beach
- Essay, "Henry Clay".....Pearl Cornellan
- Vocal Solo.....Irene Thindall
- Essay, "Clara Barton".....Marie Whalen
- Original Story.....Merle Gale
- Oration.....Wm. Seegar
- Recitation.....Mable McNair
- Class Prophecy.....Clara Lenzer
- Essay, "Henry Clay".....Pearl Cornellan
- Piano Solo.....Dora Wallace
- Recitation.....Madeline Auten
- Presentation of Diplomas.....Madeline Auten
- Benediction.....

Program for Commencement on Thursday evening June 20, at J. L. H. Opera House:

- March.....Laura Wickware
- Invocation.....Rev. L. Brumm
- Solo.....S. Mary Bootes, Jackson
- Address, "How to Pay to Education".....Hon. Washington Gardner, Albion
- Solo.....S. Mary Bootes, Jackson
- Address to the Class.....
- Presentation of Diplomas.....
- Benediction.....

OBITUARY.

Messner.—Mrs. Hattie E. Messner, wife of Jacob Messner, died after a lingering illness of about five years' duration, on Thursday afternoon of last week, at the age of 43 years. Mrs. Messner's maiden name was Smith. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Smith reside in Lapeer county. Mrs. Messner was a patient sufferer, and while she realized for several years that sooner or later she would have to succumb to the disease, consumption, which was sapping away her life, yet she seemed to be fully reconciled to her lot in life. The funeral was held last Sunday from the M. E. Church, Dr. Morgan, assisted by Rev. Brumm, preached a helpful sermon.

A MAN RUN OVER.

Leonard P. Crary, Justice of Peace and coroner at Marquette, has sent the following inquiry to Postmaster Wickware, Cass City, Mich.
Dear Sir: On May 16th, there was a young man by the name of Charles Drop run over by the cars and killed. I understand he has relatives in Cass City or near there; do you know of any such family in your city or near there? I understand his father is a farmer. Will you kindly look the matter up and let me hear from you. This young man was about 18 years old as near as I could judge.
Most respectfully,
Leonard P. Crary.

After careful inquiry no one can be found by the name of Drop in this vicinity. There is a Chas. Brock living in Elmwood township.

A MUSICAL SUCCESS.

"The Old Folks' Concert" given at the J. L. H. Opera House last Friday under the able management of Prof. C. C. Case again demonstrates that Cass City has some persons with marked musical ability. The entertainment consisted of choruses, glees, duets, solos and two readings by Mrs. A. Torbet. The singers, of which there were about sixty, were arrayed in some very old-fashioned and handsome costumes. The program was highly entertaining and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Prof. Case is a thorough musician and his two weeks' stay here has been a season of musical refreshing. We are sorry to announce that the financial end of the convention was not a success. The management had reasons to hope that their efforts in bringing Mr. Case here would be largely appreciated. Their expectations failed to materialize and hence there is a deficit of \$21.

ROBERT WALMSLEY DEAD.

After months of heroic struggle, our highly esteemed citizen, Robert Walmsley, succumbed to the grim Reaper at an early hour this morning. A sketch of his life will follow in next week's issue.

SHOCKING DEATH!

Angus Leitch, Engineer, Hurlled Suddenly into Eternity.

A TERRIFIC BOILER EXPLOSION

Wreck and Ruin on Every Side Caused by High Steam Pressure. Loss \$500.

Not since the terrible boiler explosion in Novesta township a few years ago where several men were killed, has this community witnessed such a horrible accident as when the boiler at the Cass City Brick & Tile Co.'s yard exploded at an early hour last Monday morning. It was a lovely morning. The sun was sending forth invigorating rays of light and life. The air was filled with fragrant odors of the flowers, and the inspiring melodies of the birds pealed forth from every tree-top. Men and women, after a restful Sunday, were making ready to take up the toils and burdens of another week, when all of a sudden a startling noise was heard, coming from the direction of the river, and this was shortly followed by an alarm on the streets that the boiler at the Cass City Brick & Tile yard had exploded. Soon there was a stream of men hastening to the scene of the accident. The scene is described as follows by an eye witness, Amos Bond, who with his wife was returning home from Argyle: "I had turned the corner near the river coming towards town, when we were startled by a noise which sounded like a dynamite cartridge. Immediately, I looked over my shoulder and saw that the air in the direction of the brick yard was filled with steam. I knew something had happened. I had some difficulty in turning my horse around, and while doing so, Christian Schwad-

started up the engine to get her in good working order, and was trying to remedy the defect in the safety valve. When I left him about 30 seconds before the explosion took place, he was moving the ball on the lever of the safety valve. I had not gone far when I heard a loud report behind me and instantly the air was full of steam, dirt and all kinds of debris. I was confused and for a moment I could not realize what had happened. Shortly, I found George Meiser, who had been standing near on the south side of the boiler, all covered with soot, and he asked me what had happened. Then I looked for the other men. Weldon and I searched for Leitch and finally found him lying about 24 feet away from where the boiler stood."

When the Chronicle reporter arrived on the scene, he found the dome part of the boiler in the field about thirty rods to the west and south from where the boiler was located. The flues, some broken and twisted, were scattered over the field and the place around the boiler and engine was in a perfect chaos. A bicycle, the property of Geo. Warner, lay not far from the wreck all warped and twisted. The men and boys who had gone through the awful ordeal though pale, were perfectly cool. Some of them were bemired from head to foot with mud. Geo. Meiser looked as if he had been drawn through a mud hole. He had a close call being only a few feet away from the boiler when it exploded. Perry Withey, George Warner and Hi Baxter were engaged to the east and south only a few feet away from the boiler when the catastrophe took place. All three were cut and bruised. Withey has a gash on the back of his head, Warner had one rib broken and his face cut, and Baxter was hit on his arm by a brick. Young Lazenby had a miraculous escape as he was near Leitch when the explosion occurred. Claude Bentley, Dan Leitch and Jas. Comstock were

WELL ATTENDED

W. C. T. U. Convention Proved to Be a Success.

LARGE NUMBER OF DELEGATES

A Good Paper Was Read By Mrs. C. H. Morgan of this place. Officers for the Year Elected.

The 19th annual convention of the W. C. T. U. of Tuscola county met at the Presbyterian church of Caro, May 22nd and 23rd. The Cass City Union was represented by Mrs. J. W. Macomber, the chosen delegate, Mrs. J. C. Laing, Mrs. P. R. Weydemeyer, Mrs. Chas. McNe, Mrs. D. J. Landon, Mrs. E. Jones, Mrs. C. H. Morgan and Mrs. W. I. Frost.

The first session opened at 1:30 p. m. May 22nd. Devotions were led by the President, Mrs. E. J. Andrews of Vassar. She spoke of the much needed elements in the temperance work such as backbone, pluck and ambition. This was followed by singing, roll call of officers and superintendents and appointing of committees.

The principal features of the afternoon session were a paper on "Narcotics" by Mrs. Phillips of Mayville and five minute talks by the local presidents.

The evening session was at 7:30. Devotions were led by Dr. Barlow of Caro. Mrs. H. M. Lazelle in behalf of the Union of Caro gave warm words of welcome, which was followed by a five piano solo rendered by Miss Hat tie Park. Mrs. K. R. Hill of Vassar responded to the welcome in her own happy way, closing with an original poem on Mrs. Carrie Nation. A paper entitled, "The New Call to the Temperance Womanhood of America" was given by Mrs. C. H. Morgan of Cass City, in which she dwelt quite largely upon the social evils existing today in the Philippine and Hawaiian Islands as reported in the New Voice.

At the close Mrs. Morgan presented a petition addressed to President McKinley which reads as follows: "We the undersigned, in behalf of the christian womanhood of America, do earnestly petition you, the head of our American civilization, to do something and do it quickly to suppress the awful evil that is existing today in the Philippine and Hawaiian Islands concerning the system of license and official medical inspection of those who shall serve the evil passions of our soldiers." Another form of the petition has since been prepared for the voters of America. Later Mrs. Morgan was chosen delegate and the ladies to present her paper and petition at the state convention of the W. C. T. U. to be held at Marshall beginning June 6th.

The principal work of Thursday morning's session were papers on "Franchise" read by Mrs. W. E. Clough of Caro, and "Where are we at Temperance Workers" by Mrs. Mulholland of Vassar. Both were followed by spirited discussions. The election of officers resulted in the election of Mrs. Ad. Moreland of Caro as president of Tuscola county. The rest of the day was given to reports of committees and the usual closing items of business.

HAVE A FINE RESIDENCE.
Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Fairweather are certainly to be congratulated upon the final completion of their residence, which is one of the finest properties in our congenial city. Ever since Mr. Fairweather purchased the property more than a year ago he has been improving the convenience and appearance of the same. Only recently he added a spacious verandah fifty feet in length which was built by his father-in-law, Mr. Clapp. The verandah is lighted by electricity which gives a beautiful effect to the entire front part of the house and lawn. The house, barn and all other buildings have been painted in modern style. The work was done by Messrs. A. D. Gillies and J. S. Armstrong. The main coat is of bronze yellow drab and rich maroon trimmings. The newly painted buildings with a well-kept lawn dotted here and there with nice shrubbery makes a beautiful sight. West Main Street with its cluster of fine residences is making rapid strides and is now one of the finest localities in our lovely village.

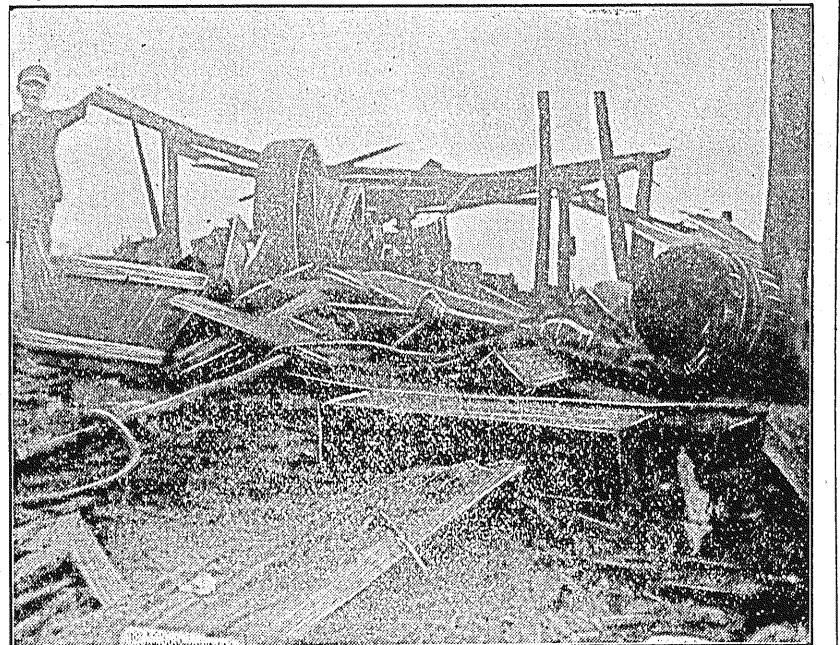
THE NEW MASONIC HALL

Will be Dedicated Wednesday, June 12th. It Will be a Red Letter Day.

Tyler Lodge No. 317 F. & A. M. has issued an artistic program announcing the formal dedication of their hall in the Ale block on Wednesday, June 12th, at 2 o'clock p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend these exercises. A banquet in the evening will follow, and the following elaborate program will be rendered:
Toastmaster, J. D. Brooker.
Music.....Finney's Orchestra
Address by Grand Master.....Frank O. Gilbert, Bay City.
Toast, "Free Advice".....W. S. Wilson, Caro
Toast, "The Test of Fraternity".....Geo. M. Clark, Bad Axe.
Selection.....Male Quartet
Toast, "The Badge of a Mason".....F. H. Arnold, Marquette.
Toast, "Our Secrets".....R. Crosby, North Branch.
Toast, "The Brotherhood of Man".....R. L. Cope, Ellington.
Music.....Finney's Orchestra

Card of Thanks.

To our neighbors and members of the Gleaner order who so nobly stood by us in our recent bereavement in the loss of our son, we desire to express our sincerest gratitude. The words of sympathy expressed and the beautiful flowers given did much in soothing our aching hearts and will always be remembered as choice tokens of love.
MR. AND MRS. A. D. MEAD
AND FAMILY.



SCENE AFTER THE EXPLOSION.