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DIED SUDDENLY.

Mrs. Catherine Benkelman, aged eighty-three years, died suddenly at her home on east Main street Sunday evening, December 23. While eating her supper and while in conversation with Mrs. M. M. Schwegler she suddenly became unconscious from which condition she did not recover. She has been troubled with heart disease for many years.

Catherine Scheifele was born August 23, 1823, in Boertlingen, Germany. In the year 1837 she was confirmed. She was united in marriage to Adam Benkelman in Germany in 1851 and they came to America the same year, living in Bowmansville, N. Y., until 1865. That year they came to Cass City, residing on a farm northeast of town. By hard work and frugal living Mr. and Mrs. Benkelman acquired a goodly portion of property and in 1884 they retired from active life and moved to town to spend their remaining days. Mr. Benkelman died nine years ago on the 27th of December and nearly ever since that time Mrs. Benkelman has resided with Mrs. M. M. Schwegler on east Main street, the ladies enjoying each other's companionship to the fullest extent.

Mr. and Mrs. Benkelman were the parents of seven children, one daughter, dying at the age of fifteen. The remaining children, five sons and one daughter, are: George A. of St. Francis, Kansas, William F. of Owosso, Benjamin F., Samuel G., and John A. Benkelman and Mrs. Louisa Schwegler of this place. She also leaves twenty-five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

All her children were present at the funeral services which took place Thursday forenoon at the Evangelical church of which the deceased was an honored and beloved member, and the burial was made in Elkland cemetery. The pallbearers were her five sons and a grandson, Wm. J. Schwegler. The funeral services were largely attended.

Mrs. Benkelman was a lady of beautiful character, loving and kind in disposition and will be missed by many who found in her a good neighbor and friend.

WILL GO TO KALAMAZOO.

Clarke W. McKenzie has severed his connection with the Cass City Bank of which institution he has been cashier for several years, and accepted a position in the office of the A. M. Todd Mfg. company at Kalamazoo and will begin his duties there sometime next month. He has been in the employ of the Cass City Bank for more than ten years and has proven himself to be a very efficient and capable young man and his services were recognized as he held his present position for a number of years. He will be succeeded as cashier by Morley Wickware of Gageton, who has been employed in the bank in that village for several years. On Wednesday evening fifteen of Mr. McKenzie's gentlemen friends planned a neat little



C. W. MCKENZIE.

surprise for him in the form of a banquet at the New Sheridan, of which he had no previous information. The banquet was served at 9:30 in the evening and was a triumph in the culinary art. The gentlemen who were present were Messrs. H. Frutchey, R. B. Crosby, W. H. Ruhl, M. S. Wickware, G. A. Tindale, E. W. Pinney, L. Bailey, C. E. Collins, L. W. Usher, H. P. Lee, C. Ale, P. Parker, G. Moore, S. McKenzie P. A. Schenck and C. W. McKenzie. Clarke will be missed by the young people of Cass City as he has been very prominent in social circles and a jolly whole souled fellow. The best wishes for a successful future go with him to his new location.

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES.

At the Baptist church Monday evening there was a Christmas tree and program given by the Baptist and Presbyterian Sunday schools as these two societies have been holding their sessions together for some time past. The tree was very pretty and laden with presents to gladden the hearts of the little folks, who furnished a nice, enjoyable program. The occasion was a very happy one and the attendance was large. Last Sunday evening the little folks of the M. E. Sunday school gave a program at which the attendance was very large. The program consisted of recitations and songs and the Sunday school orchestra gave several nice sacred selections. "Nearer, my God, to Thee," an instrumental trio by Glen, Ward and Dorus Benkelman, pupils of F. Lenzner, was well rendered and much appreciated. The Christmas exercises which were to have been held Monday evening in the Evangelical church, were postponed owing to the death of Mrs. C. Benkelman and will be held next Sunday evening. Gifts were distributed to the little folks of that Sunday school on Monday and there will not be a tree as had been planned.

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LOCAL ITEMS.

H. P. Lee was in Caro Wednesday on a business trip.

Chas. S. Seed of Rochester spent Christmas at his parental home.

Herbert Karr of Detroit spent the week at his parental home here.

Miss Mamie Brooker is visiting with friends and relatives in Saginaw.

Miss Helen Murdock is spending the holidays at her home in Saginaw.

Miss Mable Sutter is spending a few weeks at her home in Stratford, Ont.

Frank Striffler of Deford spent Christmas at his parental home here.

Fred Schell of Detroit was the guest of relatives here on Christmas day.

Wm. Miller of Chicago, Ill., has been the guest of relatives here a few days.

Jas. H. Schwaderer of Lafayette, Ind., is a guest at his home here this week.

Floyd Tibbals went to Marlette to spend a few days at his parental home.

Mrs. Thos. Barber of Caseville was the guest of Mrs. M. L. Moore last Friday.

Ervin W. Kaercher spent the first of the week at his parental home at Elkton.

H. F. Lenzner spent the first of the week with his sister, Miss Clara, in Detroit.

Miss Jane Quinn went to Detroit Monday to spend the week with friends.

Thos. Quinn went to Buffalo, N. Y., last week where he has secured employment.

Miss Ella Sheridan of Monroe is spending the week at her parental home here.

Miss Lola Fritz of Albion college is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Fritz.

Guy Lamb left Monday morning for a visit with friends and relatives in Port Huron.

Lyle, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Bordwell, has been quite ill, but is better again.

Irwin Bradfield and Alex and Dan Duncanson are home from Alma for the holidays.

Miss Ella Cross of Ellington is enjoying a week's vacation at her parental home here.

Miss Mabel Reagh of Frederic is spending the holidays with her father, Jas. Reagh.

The Misses Etta and Mae Mark are spending the holidays at their parental home here.

Roy McKenzie of Lansing is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McKenzie.

Harold and Leslie Ellis of Detroit were the guests of the Misses Zinnecker on Tuesday.

Miss Nina Gough of Detroit is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. Losey and other relatives here.

R. G. Fisher of Chicago, Ill., is spending the holidays with his sister, Mrs. Eleanor Bader.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Bond left Wednesday for a visit with friends and relatives in Fairgrove.

Wm. McWebb of Detroit is spending the holidays with relatives and

friends in this vicinity.

Allen Ross, who has been employed in Kalamazoo for several weeks, has returned to his home for the holidays.

Herman Fitch has returned home from Detroit where he has been employed for several months.

R. Fred Gallagher of Onaway is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gallagher, northwest of town.

Miss Addie Wolverson of Saginaw is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wolverson, west of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kile and daughter, Leone, of Caro were the guests of friends here Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Walmsley and family spent Christmas day with the latter's parents in Novesta township.

Miss Vida Patterson left last Saturday for Detroit where she will pursue a course in music.

Teddy Beebehyser of Pontiac is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Beebehyser.

Mrs. Chas. Rohr left on Monday morning for Monroe to spend the holidays with her mother and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Wood and family spent Christmas day with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Wood.

Miss Lucy Parker arrived home on Wednesday for the winter after being employed in Mt. Pleasant several months.

Mrs. A. B. Parmalee and children spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. S. Bordwell and family, northeast of town.

Miss Irene Tindale has returned home from Kalamazoo where she has been employed in the state hospital for over a year.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Lindskold of Ann Arbor are the guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Martus, northwest of town.

O. E. Niles left last Thursday to visit friends and relatives in Lapeer, Columbiaville, Rochester, Detroit, Flint and Armada.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Evangelical church will meet at the home of Mrs. W. Bergey next Thursday afternoon, January 3.

Walter Shultz of Owosso has been a guest at the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. Bergey for a few days, returning home Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clare Cratzenburg of Ithaca and Miss Leola Lauderbach of Harbor Springs are the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Lauderbach, north of town.

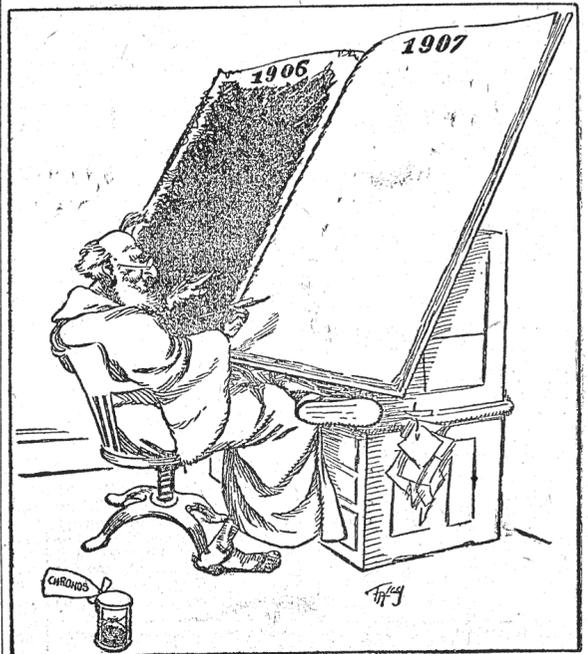
W. F. Benkelman and daughter, Frances, of Owosso and Geo. Benkelman and son, Chas., of St. Francis, Kansas, were summoned here this week to attend the funeral of their mother, Mrs. Catherine Benkelman.

Mrs. C. P. Miller of Detroit is the guest of relatives here and in Elmwood township. Mr. Miller has been visiting relatives in Millington and arrived here Tuesday to spend a few days.

Mrs. Miers and children, who have been the guests of the former's mother, Mrs. M. McPhee, left last Tuesday for Houston, Texas, where they will make their future home. Mr. Miers having been employed there since last August.

More Locals on Fourth Page.

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The Freshman.
"Is Reggy improving by his life in college?"
"Oh, yes; he's already learned to toe in with one foot!"—Detroit Free Press.

After the joy which springs from right doing the purest and sweetest is that which is born of companionship with spirits akin to our own.

What Fishing Develops.
To those who are satisfied with a superficial view of the subject it may seem impossible that the diligence and attention necessary to a fisherman's success can leave him any opportunity while fishing to thoughtfully contemplate any matter not related to his pursuit. Such a conception of the situation cannot be indulged for a moment by those of us who are conversant with the mysterious and unaccountable mental phenomena which fishing develops. We know that the true fisherman finds no better time for profitable contemplation and mental exercise than when actually engaged with his angling outfit. It will probably never be possible for us to gather statistics showing the moving sermons, the enchanting poems, the learned arguments and eloquent orations that have been composed or constructed between the bites, strikes or rises of fish. But there can be no doubt that of the many intellectual triumphs won in every walk of life a larger proportion has been actually hooked and landed with a rod and reel by those of the fishing fraternity than have been secured in any one given condition of the nonfishing world.—"Fishing and Shooting Sketches," by Grover Cleveland.

Calling the Chickens.
In England the calls chuck, chuck, or coop, coop, prevail; in Virginia, coo-che, coo-che; in Pennsylvania, pee pee. This latter call is widely employed, being reported from Germany, Spain (as pi, pi), Bulgaria, Hungary, Bavaria and the Tyrol. In the Austrian province the term is used in combination—thus: Pulla, pi, pi. The call pullele, pul, pul, also occurs there. In some parts of Germany the poultry are called with tick, tick; in Prussia, put, put, and young chickens with tuk, tuk (Grimm), and schip, schip, the latter being an imitation of their own cry. In eastern Prussia hens are called with kluckschen, kluck, kluck; also tippchen, tipp, tipp. Grimm records also pi, pi, and tict, tict. Weinhold reports from Bavaria bibi, bibell, bibli; pi, pi, and pul, pul. In Denmark the call is poote; in Holland, kip, kly; in Bohemia, tyoo; in Bulgaria, tirl, tirl.

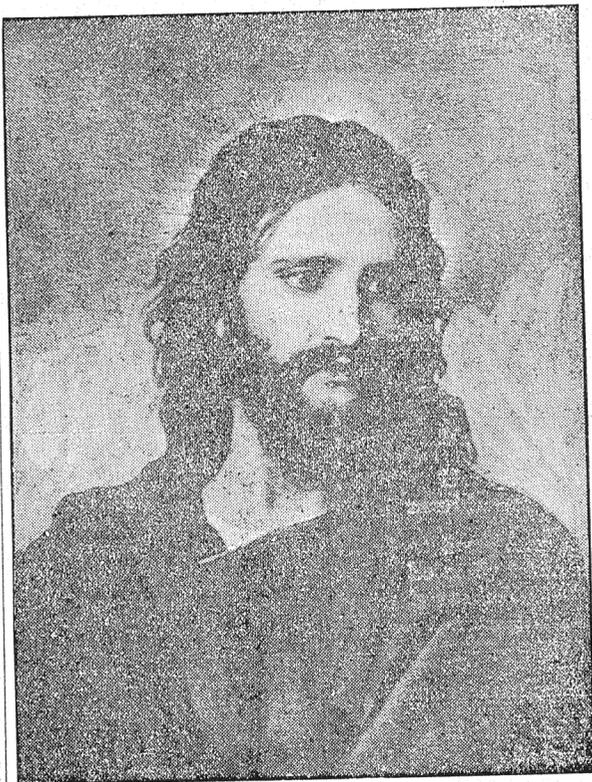
An Old Medicine.
"Ground oyster shells," said the physician, "were used as a medicine by the mediaeval doctors—a medicine for the rickets and scrofula."
"How absurd!"
"Absurd? Not at all. Oyster shells contain lime, nitrogen, iron, sulphur, magnesia, bromide, phosphoric acid and iodine. Those are all excellent tonics. You know how hens eat ground oyster shells and thus produce eggs with good, thick, strong shells? Well, as the oyster shell powder acts on eggshells so I have no doubt it acted in the middle ages on the bending, crumbling bones of the rickety, putting strength and firmness into them. Ground oyster shells, I am convinced, would be good things for frail children today. They would strengthen the frame, increase the appetite and have a splendid effect on the teeth."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

A Curious and Rare Book.
The most curious as well as one of the rarest books known to collectors is the edition of the Vulgate issued by Pope Sixtus V. some time between 1585 and 1590. The book, as Disraeli described it, "fairly swarmed with errata." So numerous were they that a number of printed paper slips containing the proper words were pasted over the errors, and, this device proving inefficient on account of the immense number of mistakes, as many of the copies as could be found were called in and destroyed. Only a few remain, and the book with its paper patches commands an extremely high price.

The Man Fish.
Mathew Buchinger, mentioned in old English wonder books as the "man fish," was the most remarkable monstrosity of his time. He had neither hands, arms, feet nor legs. From his shoulders grew two finlike excrescences, and along his back there were several rows of scales. He had the lidless eyes characteristic of the fish species and a queer puckered mouth and no ears.

The Two Garricks.
George Garrick, brother of the celebrated David, was the latter's most devoted slave and laborious pack horse. On coming behind the scene he usually inquired, "Has David wanted me?" It being asked once how George came to die so soon after the demise of his famous brother, a wag replied, "David wanted him."

The Christ.



From Painting by Hofmann, 1824.

"AND A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM"

By REV. JOHN TALEBOT SMITH, LL. D., President Catholic Summer School of America.



The entire meaning of the festival of Christmas is contained in these words. It is the festival of the children, because on this day God the Son, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, took upon Him human nature in the shape of a helpless and beautiful child. Various meanings have been read into the celebration of the nativity of Christ—the humanitarian regards it as the proper placing of the human individual in the economic system; the mere materialist looks upon it as the protest of infant right against adult might; the scientist of a certain school regards it as the emphasis of nature upon the necessity of training properly the next generation; the sentimentalist sees in it a noble tribute to the beauty and innocence of the child. It is necessary to remark, however, that if the child had to depend upon these classes for due respect and real training there would be no Christmas, no dedication of innocence and helplessness, and no emphasis upon duties to the next generation. The festival of Christmas is truly the social, economic, political and religious anniversary of the human child, through which he makes his demand upon the world for existence, care, training and love; the right of an immortal soul as well as of a future citizen. The right-minded part of society accepts the responsibility with joy, and its best efforts, in fact all its efforts, are expended on the work of preparation for the coming of the Child. Not only do parents labor, but the legislators make laws, teachers teach, artists create and commerce agonizes for the child—for the next generation.

Therefore the monumental truth of modern civilization is expressed in the text: And a little child shall lead them.

The Lesson of the Christmas Tide

By DR. ROBERT STUART MACARTHUR, Pastor Calvary Baptist Church, New York.



The Christmas-tide celebrates the birth-festival of our Lord. The incarnation of Christ is the central thought in the history of the world. It is the event around which all other events revolve in smaller or larger circles. All the great facts of history previous to His coming had reference to His advent; all the events since look back to that advent as the beginning of a new era. All lines of previous history converge to the manger and the cross; all lines of history since diverge from these two epochal events. The birth of Christ was the beginning of a new race, and the observance of that birth is still the jubilee of this new race. Angels

joined in the advent of Christ with solo and choral song as He left the bosom of the Father to become the child of Mary in the manger at Bethlehem. This festival is still the most joyous feast of the church. It makes childhood more beautiful and glorious, and it lightens the burdens of age and sorrow with its tender memories and its triumphant prophesies. In the chill of midwinter in northern climes it kindles a fire of hope and joy in every home and heart. It is prophetic of the golden age when Christ shall come again, when evil shall be overthrown, and when the song of a redeemed humanity shall sweep over the universe.

By the gifts which characterize this season we commemorate God's great Gift, the unspeakable gift of His Son to a world lost in sin and wandering in darkness. No one can rightly estimate the blessings which flow every year to all classes and conditions of men from the tender memories and gentle charities called forth by the remembrance of the Holy Child, Jesus. His birth has exalted the poetry, the music and the art of the centuries. It has changed all social customs and religious rituals. It has given a new glory to human life and a new trend to eternity. This is the time when all bitterness should be forgotten, all family feuds reconciled and all life glorified. It is unspeakably sad that in the name of Jesus Christ Russian murderers are slaughtering the Jewish people, the ancient and historic race which gave us the Christ. It is a cause for profound humiliation that superstition, bigotry and virtual idolatry still abound under the shelter of the Christian name.

A Message of Peace in the Christmas Season

By RT. REV. DAVID HUMMELL GREER, Coadjutor Bishop of New York.



The Christmas season comes with its message of peace to a world torn and rent with many divisions, a world in which there is much strife. This strife is to be allayed and these divisions

healed not by any process of statutory enactment, but by that spirit of brotherly love and kindness which takes possession of the human heart at Christmastide.

Just so far as that spirit continues regnant in the hearts of men throughout the year will the Christmas season be prolonged and continue to give its blessings to mankind.

Perhaps one lesson which the Christmas season teaches above all others is that, in order to enter the kingdom of peace and happiness, we must become as a little child. And let that appealing love which the little child inspires become a persisting force in our lives!

I once saw all the traffic in Fifth avenue stopped by a little child. Its mother was wheeling it across the street in its baby carriage and in the middle of the thoroughfare, crowded with vehicles of all kinds, she became panic-stricken and did not know what to do or which way to turn. But, suddenly, all the drivers reined in their horses, all the chauffeurs stopped their automobiles, and all the teamsters pulled up their trucks—the traffic of the busy avenue had been brought to a standstill by a little child.

So will the noise and the strife and the confusion of the world be arrested and checked by the little Christmas Child.

Santa Claus In Salt Lake

Where the Good Saint Got the Surprise of His Life.

To a thrifty Mormon household came the patron saint of Yule: He was puffing like an engine, he was laden like a mule, For he knew a row of stockings such as nowhere else is seen Would be yawning there before him in the home of Elder Green. So he shoved his pack ahead of him and started down the flue, While he muttered, "This is something that I hate like smoke to do." Then he followed with reluctance through the Smeoty, smudy air, Quickly landing where the hosiery was hung in many a pair.



SEVEN PAIRS, ALL BABY SIZES.

There were papa's socks and twenty pairs of lengthy wifely hose; There were socks for Eddie, Willie, for Elphaleet and Mose; There were stockings of Matilda's, Esmeralda's and Susanne's; There were Charley's hose and Molly's, Cora Belle's and little Dan's. Amaryllis, George, Alphonso, Peter, Joseph, Maud, Eugene, Arthur, Lizzie, James, Amelia, Mary, Frances and Irene, Briggie, Reed, Lucile, Cloinda, Arethusa, John, Estelle, Mattie, Lucifer, Elfrida—from his lips their titles fell.

But about the shelf there dangled other hose whose owners' names He could not recall to save him as he watched the dying flames— Seven pairs, all baby sizes, each in age not quite a year.

"Gee!" cried Nick. "Been something doing since the last time I was here! Glad I brought a stock of rattles and a lot of teaching rings— Utah always gives a market for such kindergarten things.

From 'face suicide' she ever has discreetly held aloof, And there's not a home in Zion free from stork tracks on the roof." —Judge.

The Modern Mistletoe.
Prominent in the Christmas revels and, with the holly, most essentially "Christmasy" of all the plants used was the mistletoe. With its old significance and sacredness have gone, leaving but charm enough to give the well known privilege to the man who meets a girl beneath it. There exists also in some places the tradition that the girl who is not kissed under the mistletoe will not be married for a year. (The present writer once knew a thoughtful and provident dame! who wore a hat trimmed with the sacred plant.) But the kiss permitted in olden time was originally of the religious variety, our mistletoe celebration being borrowed from Scandinavian lore. —Critic.

Said Little Socrates.
"Some generous person," said little Socrates Bulgibrow of Boston, "has been kind enough to send me a copy of Mother Goose's lyrics for Christmas. Do you know, the theory that a representative of the bovine genus at one time leaped over the chief luminary of the night leads to some interesting calculations as to the muscular development of the cows of that time. I have ascertained that they must have been endowed with strength proportionate to that of the flea of the present day."—Baltimore American.

A Hard Headed Boy.
"Dar's jes' dis about it," said Mammy Mineerva, "Ts gotter han' dat Pick-aninny Jim over to de Society Foh de Prevention of Cruelty to Animals."

"What's he been doin'?"
"We give him a goat foh a Christmas present, an' Jim an' de goat got to playin' rough, an' de fus' thing I knowed Jim he done los' his temper an' butted dat goat almos' to deff!"

He Knew the Boy.
Head of Firm—You had better give the office boy a couple of dollars, Mr. Penwiper, for Christmas.
Mr. Penwiper (the bookkeeper)—I think we had better make it a New Year's gift, sir. I have just sent him out with a telegram, and I don't think he will get back by Christmas.—Brooklyn Citizen.

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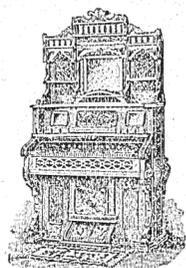
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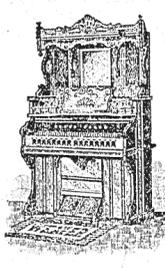
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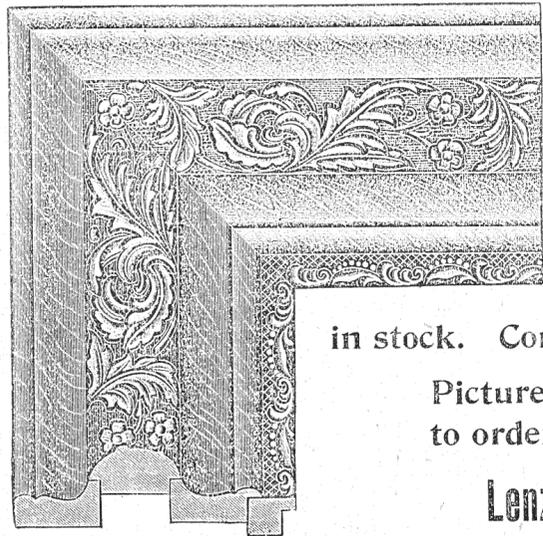
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VALLEY SYSTEM WANTS TO RAISE RATES

To illustrate that W. J. Moore's Telephone System is not the only one that has found it necessary to raise the price of telephone rentals, the following article which appeared Saturday is clipped from the Detroit Journal.

INDEPENDENTS ARE LOSING

Saginaw Valley 'Phone Co. Says Rates Are Too Low.

SAGINAW, Mich., Dec. 22.—Special.—According to a communication addressed to the city council by the Saginaw Valley Telephone Co., independent, it has been a failure as a competitor of the Michigan Telephone Co. so far as money-making is concerned, having operated at a loss for ten years. The council is asked to grant a new ordinance giving the company the right to raise the rates at present limited to \$30 a year for business and \$24 for residences. The company says it cannot afford to operate longer at these rates and with restrictions imposed by the city can't interest outside capital in making needed improvements. The company has a large list of subscribers, an underground wire system and was generally supposed to be making money. The public has long protested against two companies and will likely oppose further concessions to the independent concern.

The above article conveys the idea that unless the new ordinance is granted by the Saginaw council, the independent company will find it necessary to cease operating.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Miss Myrtle Orr of Bellaire is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Emily Orr.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Tiedgen of Dimondale are the guests of their son, F. A. Tiedgen.

E. J. Wettlaufer of Detroit is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Wettlaufer.

Miss Athelia Phillips of Plainwell has been the guest of Miss Margaret Miller this week.

Miss Mary Randall of Mt. Clemens is the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. A. Lamb, this week.

Miss Rosa Fairbanks has been spending a few days at her parental home at Marlette.

Mrs. Myra Woodward, of Byron Center, N. Y., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. Cooley.

A. Noble of Dimondale was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Tiedgen Thursday.

The Misses Eliza and Claribel Clow were the guests of their brother at Marlette this week.

Mrs. J. L. Hitchcock has been quite ill the past two weeks and Mrs. Julia Dann is nursing her.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cooley, of Allegan, were the guests of the former's sister, Mrs. J. Cooley.

Chauncey W. Campbell of Detroit is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Campbell.

Geo. Cole returned home from Detroit last Saturday where he had gone for medical treatment.

Frank Utley returned to Columbiaville Monday after spending a few days with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Landon went to Downingtown Sunday to spend a few days with relatives there.

Mrs. Hoover of Millington has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. B. McFall, the past two weeks.

Miss Janet Miller left Monday for a week's visit with her friend, Miss Lucy Fritz, at Ypsilanti.

Miss Mabel Snarey of Detroit is spending the week with Miss Eleanor Bigelow and other friends.

Miss Mae Mulholland of Albion college is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Mulholland.

Chas. E. Patterson, Jr., of Watrousville is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Patterson.

Jas. N. Dorman spent the first of the week with his parents at Marlette returning home Tuesday evening.

Clayton McKenzie has returned home after having spent several months in the Canadian Northwest.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Spurgeon and family spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. S. Cole, six miles northeast of town.

The masquerade ball held in McLellan's hall Christmas night was well attended and a fine time is reported.

Stanley Schenk of Hibbing, Minnesota, is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Schenk, northwest of town.

J. E. Freeman of Detroit spent several days this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Freeman, and other friends.

Mrs. Mary Ross and son, John, and Miss Flora Ross spent Christmas at the home of Alex McCormick at Greenleaf.

Vern Gable, accompanied by his sisters, the Misses Vania, Niva and Hazel, spent Christmas with friends near Argyle.

Dr. and Mrs. K. M. Morris, Dr. W. Morris and Mrs. Mulloy of Gagetown spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Morris.

Chas. Schenk, travelling salesman for the Saginaw Graphite Co., was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Schenk.

E. A. Perkins, who attends school at Orchard Lake, is spending the holidays with his father, G. E. Perkins, and other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Heaslip of Lansdowne, Ont., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Keating. This is their first visit to Michigan.

Miss Lottie Usher entertained her Sunday school class at her home last Saturday evening. The class is composed of little boys.

The L. O. L. will meet at A. D. Gillies' office on the evening of January 2 at eight o'clock for the purpose of electing officers.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Lincoln of Battle Creek arrived here Wednesday to visit at the home of the former's brother, E. H. Lincoln.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ball and Miss Grace Meiser spent Christmas with friends in Pontiac, returning home on Wednesday evening.

George Burg, a student at Cleary Business college, Ypsilanti, is spending his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Burg.

Miss Ethel Martin of Mt. Pleasant and G. L. Martin of Coleman are spending the vacation at their parental home north of town.

Miss Madeline Auten returned home last week from Granville, Ohio, to spend a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Auten.

Ed Alvers of Oxford and Mrs. Angie Vanderbight and little child of Chicago, Ill., are the guests of their sister, Mrs. H. S. Wickware.

Mrs. Harrier Martin and children of Osego are making an extended visit at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Houghton.

Fred Randall of Detroit was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Randall, northwest of town, over Christmas, returning Wednesday.

Word was received here Tuesday of the death of Miss Lizzie Smith of Beaufort, who passed away on Christmas day after an illness of many months.

Miss Mae Tyo left Thursday for a visit at the home of her uncle in Paris and from there she will go to Big Rapids to pursue a course at Ferris Institute.

Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Platz of Baton Rouge, La., are the parents of a little baby boy, born Nov. 27. Mrs. Platz was formerly Miss Belle MacArthur of this place.

Hannibal Welch of Rodney, Ont., is spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Campbell on Pine street, also at the home of Jos. G. Eastman.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Boulton entertained Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Boulton of Caro and Mrs. Mary Ford and daughter, Miss Bertha Wood, on Christmas day.

Miss Ora McKim of Lewiston and Miss Cecil McKim, who has been attending school at Ypsilanti, are the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. McKim, west of town.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Hulbert and family, Miss Nina Gough of Detroit and Mr. and Mrs. D. Losey spent Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Spurgeon, Sr., northeast of town.

Prof. and Mrs. G. Masselink and family of Big Rapids spent the first of the week with Jas. McArthur and family. Mr. Masselink was formerly superintendent of the Cass City schools.

Last Friday evening the Sir Knights of the Modern Maccabees entertained the Lady Maccabees at Odd Fellows' hall and although the attendance was not very large all had a thoroughly good time.

Mrs. Eunice Cook of Lansing and Mrs. Anna McFarlane and two children of Kingston were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. Chambers on Christmas day, Mrs. Cook remaining for an extended visit.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Knapp, who have been visiting in Ypsilanti, arrived here the first of the week to spend Christmas at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. McKenzie.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jesse and Mrs. John Burgwald and daughter, Edna, all of Sturgis, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Benkelman. Mr. Jesse and Mrs. Burgwald are brother and sister of Mrs. Benkelman.

A farmers' institute will be held in Cass City on January 15 and 16, at which time prominent speakers will be present. The program has not been completed yet, but it will probably be printed in the Chronicle next week.

A ball at Doerr's hall was enjoyed by the young folks of the village last Thursday evening in honor of several young ladies. The music for the occasion was furnished by Finney's orchestra of Detroit. A most enjoyable time is reported.

A farmers' institute will be held at Shabbona on Friday, Jan. 4, 1907, in Eblers' hall. There will be three sessions, morning, afternoon and evening and music will be furnished by the Shabbona brass band. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

The Misses Lulu and Gertrude Anderson of Kalamazoo and Ethel Anderson of Chicago, Ill., and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Holloway and daughter, Doris, of Caro have been the guests of Dr. and Mrs. P. A. Schenk and Dr. and Mrs. M. M. Wickware this week.

Miss Adla Swanson, a young lady from Alpena, who has been in the employ of the Sioux City Seed and Nursery company, was taken ill with diphtheria last week and was immediately brought to Pleasant Home hospital. She is improving at present, her case not being a very serious one.

Wm. Elliott of Lexington arrived here Monday evening to spend Christmas and make an extended visit at the home of his son, H. T. Elliott, who is also entertaining his sister, Miss Bertha Elliott, of Detroit and their brother-in-law, Herbert Kimball, of Grand Marais this week.

John B. Henderson, a travelling salesman, whose home is in Unionville, and Mrs. Miranda H. DeWitt, of this place, were united in marriage at the home of the bride Wednesday afternoon at five o'clock in the presence of a few friends, Rev. E. H. Bradfield performing the ceremony. The guests present were Dr. and Mrs. O. C. Russ, Mr. and Mrs. S. Durst, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. M. Jones, Mrs. H. Baxter, Miss Winnie Orr and Miss Helen Bradfield. Their many friends join in extending congratulations.

The annual meeting of the fair association will be held on Wednesday, January 2, 1907, at the council rooms. The meeting is to be held on Wednesday on account of New Year's day being the day of the regular meeting. All members are requested to be present. Officers will be elected at this time.

Eight young people from town attended the Christmas exercises held by the teachers and pupils of the Fractional District No. 6, Elkland and Novesta, last Friday evening. The school is taught by Miss Ethel Gallagher. A Christmas tree was a pleasing feature of the entertainment. Miss Gallagher is meeting with fine success as a teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Crawford and family entertained a happy gathering on Christmas day. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. John Profit, Sr.; Mr. and Mrs. John Profit, Jr. and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Profit and family, Miss Florence McIntyre, Mrs. O. E. Niles and son, Harry, and Jas. Wright and family. There were twenty-two present and the day was merrily spent.

Dr. Wm. Morris was called to Vicksburg last week to inspect a herd of cattle. Out of 32, he found one affected with tuberculosis. Owing to Mr. Morris' position as state veterinarian he is unable to care for his practice at all times, being called out of town frequently, and he has taken into partnership Dr. Fred Montague, of Gagetown. The style of the firm's name is Morris & Montague.

The officials of the Presbyterian church held a business meeting Wednesday evening, at which time it was found that \$6,000 has already been expended in remodeling the church and that the entire expense will run a little over that amount. Next Monday evening a meeting will be held to prepare a program for the dedicatory services which will probably take place sometime next February.

The silver medal contest which was given at the Shabbona M. E. church on Dec. 20 has been pronounced a decided success. Eight young ladies participated, all taking their parts in a pleasing manner. Miss Winnie McTavish was the successful contestant. Local talent furnished the music and Miss Seva Withey gave a selection and responded to encores. After the entertainment, which was well attended, Rev. and Mrs. R. Stephenson entertained the contestants and Mrs. M. Duncanson and Mrs. W. H. Anderson who accompanied the young ladies.

A quiet wedding took place on Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Ross on South Seger street, when their daughter, Isabelle May, was united in marriage to Frank J. Nash, Jr., in the presence of only the immediate relatives. The ceremony was performed at three o'clock by Rev. E. H. Bradfield, of the Presbyterian church, and the happy couple left on the afternoon train for a short wedding tour to Oxford and Flint.

Mr. Nash is rural mail carrier on Route 1, Cass City, and his bride, a graduate of the Cass City school, has taught school in this vicinity for several years. The guests present were Mr. and Mrs. F. Nash, Sr., and son, Alva. Both Mr. and Mrs. Nash are popular young people of the community and start out in life with the best wishes of a large number of friends.

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AUCTION SALES.

Mrs. Wm. Balkwell, living three miles north and one mile west of Cass City will have an auction sale on Thursday, Jan. 3, J. H. Striffler, auctioneer.

M. D. Mills & Co. will have an auction sale at Novesta Corners on Friday, Jan. 4, A. A. McKenzie, auctioneer.

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