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BLAINE IS DEAD.

Close of the Career of America's Famous Statesman.

He Passed Away Surrounded by His Loved Ones—Grief of the Nation Expressed in President Harrison's Proclamation.

A NATION'S LOSS.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—James G. Blaine is dead. The end came shortly before 11 a. m. Friday. It was preceded by a sudden relapse and the doctors sent word to the members of the cabinet that the worst was feared, yet so often had the same report been made that it was treated less seriously than it should have been. The secretaries, however, scarce had time to turn to their department duties before word came that the great man had succumbed to the sickness with which he has battled so stubbornly. Since December 18, the Sunday when he was so near death that the physicians hardly dared say that there was any hope, Mr. Blaine had shown such



JAMES G. BLAINE.

great vitality that many had been led to believe that he might be restored to health. The physicians and others familiar with his malady and its usual course knew that there was no ground for hoping further than that Mr. Blaine's life might be prolonged a few weeks or months.

A PEACEFUL END.

Death came peacefully. As the end drew near the members of the family drew around the bedside and there they staid until all was over. Drs. Hyatt and Johnston came out of the red house a few minutes after the death and gave the news to the death watch. To a correspondent Dr. Hyatt said:

"The end was peaceful as any I have seen. We thought at 9:30 that he could not live through the day. He had at that time suffered the relapse and although we administered the most powerful restoratives they failed to produce the slightest appreciable effect. On the contrary, he continued to sink; but as the end approached his old-time clearness of mind came back and his mental strength seemed to increase. At the same time he did not speak. The members of the family were all summoned and gathered around the bed watched with anxious eyes for some signs of revival. We continued to apply the restorative remedies, but they had no more effect than water. He seemed conscious of his condition, but he did not speak. I doubt if he could speak. At half past 10 it was plain to see that he had but a few minutes longer to live. We could do nothing more. And as he showed no signs of pain, or such that would indicate he was doing more than falling into a peaceful sleep, he died."

THE NEWS SPREADS.

The news of Mr. Blaine's death spread like wildfire. Crowds gathered on the corner and visitors flocked to the house. Dr. Hamilton, who was passing the house when the announcement of death was made, at once entered and remained with the family for some time. Word was sent to the president immediately after the death.

At 11:25 President Harrison, accompanied by Private Secretary Halford and Dr. Parker, walked over to the Blaine mansion. The president showed marked signs of grief. Postmaster General Wanamaker followed the footsteps of the president.

The president received warning of Mr. Blaine's approaching death through a press bulletin, which informed him that Mr. Blaine could not live through the day. He immediately had the substance of the dispatch telegraphed over the departmental wires to the various cabinet officers. It was only a few minutes later that Mr. Montgomery, the operator at the white house, received another message addressed to the president. "Blaine is dead," was all that he waited to hear, and started on the run for the room of Private Secretary Halford. The cabinet was immediately notified and came to the cabinet meeting at the usual hour fully prepared.

PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION.

The president has issued the following proclamation:

EXECUTIVE MANSION, WASHINGTON, January 27, 1893.—It is my painful duty to announce to the public of the United States the death of James Gillespie Blaine, which occurred in this city today at 11 o'clock. For a full generation this eminent citizen has occupied a conspicuous and influential position in the nation. His first public service was in the legislature of his state. Afterwards for fourteen years he was a member of the national house of representatives, and was three times chosen its speaker. In 1875 he was elected to the senate. He resigned his seat in that body in 1881 to accept the position of secretary of state in the cabinet of President Garfield. After the tragic death of his chief, he resigned from the cabinet and devoted himself to literary work, gave to the public in his "Twenty Years of Congress" a most valuable and enduring contribution to our political literature. In March, 1889, he again became secretary of state, and continued to exercise this office until June, 1892. His devotion to the public interests, his marked ability and his exalted patriotism have won for him the gratitude and affection of his countrymen and the admiration of the world. In the varied

pursuits of legislation, diplomacy and literature his genius has added new lustre to American citizenship. As a suitable expression of the national approbation of his great public services and of the general sorrow caused by his death, I direct that on the day of his funeral all the departments of the executive branch of the government at Washington be closed, and that the public buildings throughout the United States the national flag be displayed at half staff; and that for a period of thirty days the department of state be draped in mourning.

BENJAMIN HARRISON,
By the President: JOHN W. FOSTER,
Secretary of State.

FEELING IN CONGRESS.

In congress the outburst of sympathy was spontaneous and deep. No public man who bore the brunt of fierce political battles held kindlier personal relations with his adversaries than Mr. Blaine. Of recent years, particularly, old animosities have died out, and there is hardly any one in congress today who did not, on the occasion of Mr. Blaine's visits to the capitol, take pains to do him honor.

The announcement of Mr. Blaine's death was made to the senate by Mr. Hale, who has been for many years one of the closest personal and political friends of the dead statesman. His remarks were followed by a motion of Mr. Cockrell (dem., Mo.), which was adopted, that the senate adjourn out of respect to the memory of the deceased.

The death of Mr. Blaine brought the business of the house to a sudden termination. A few committee reports were made (including a bill to repeal the federal election laws), and then after brief and affecting speeches by Mr. Milliken (who represents Mr. Blaine's old district) and Mr. Holman (who served many years with him in the house and who has always been his personal friend) the house out of respect to the memory of the dead statesman adjourned.

LEGISLATURES ADJOURN.

Dispatches from various state capitols announce the adjournment of the following legislatures upon receipt of the news of Mr. Blaine's death: Illinois, New York, California, Oregon, Washington, West Virginia, North Carolina, Ohio, Colorado, South Dakota, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Indiana, Missouri, Kansas and Arkansas.

STORY OF HIS LIFE.

James Gillespie Blaine, second son of Ephraim L. and Maria Gillespie Blaine, was born at the Indian Hill farm, Washington county, Pa., January 31, 1830. The old stone house in which he was born was the first structure of the kind ever erected west of the Monongahela river. It was built by the great-grandfather of Mrs. Gillespie Blaine in 1778, and it now stands within the limits of West Brownsville.

From his father the son inherited the hardy, energetic qualities of a Scotch-Irish ancestry. Ephraim Blaine, his great-grandfather, was commissary general of the American army from 1778 to the close of the revolution in 1783. This great-grandfather was possessed of ample means, and during the trying time of the war in Valley Forge the continental army was materially aided from his private purse.

The grandfather for whom young Blaine was named first chose a political career. A protracted stay in Europe after he had finished his studies estranged him from this early ambition. He returned to America in 1793, and as a special bearer of dispatches delivered to the American government a treaty with some foreign power. Afterward he retired to private life.

The father of James G. Blaine was born and reared in Carlisle. On reaching maturity he pursued a number of years in Scotch America, in the West Indies and in Europe, returning afterward to Pennsylvania. In 1818 he removed to Washington county. He had inherited considerable wealth and owned landed property in the western part of the state.

These lands, however, had not been developed, and a large family made heavy drains upon his means. In 1825 he decided to the economies of a tract of land now occupied by the site of Philadelphia. Other lands, since found rich in minerals, were sold for almost nothing. Mr. Blaine's mother was a woman of strong character and superior intelligence. She was a devout Catholic, but the son adhered to the Presbyterian convictions of his paternal ancestry.

The son James received every advantage of education. He had excellent opportunities afforded by private tutors at home, and during the year 1841 he was at school in Lancaster, O. While here he lived in the family of Hon. Thomas Ewing, then secretary of the treasury. Secretary Ewing was his uncle. James entered the freshman class of Washington college in November, 1843. At this time, it is said, the young boy was able to recite Plutarch's Lives from memory. He had a marked taste for literature, mathematics and historical studies. In the literary society he displayed a political aptitude and capacity which afterward distinguished him. At the age of 17 years and 8 months he was graduated in a class of thirty-three, sharing first honors with John C. Henry, who was afterward superintendent of public instruction at Wheeling.

Soon after graduating Mr. Blaine became a teacher in the Western Military Institute at Blue Lick Springs, Ky. Here he met Miss Harriet Stanwood, of Maine. Miss Stanwood was a teacher in a seminary for young ladies at Millersburg, and the two were shortly afterward married. Mr. Blaine returned with his wife to Pennsylvania and became a teacher in the Pennsylvania Institute for the Blind at Philadelphia. For two years Mr. Blaine was associated with this school. In 1844 he moved to Augusta, Me., where he has since made his home. He purchased a half interest in the Kennebec Journal and became its editor. He had a ready faculty for the work, and within three years was a master spirit in state politics.

He engaged ardently in the formation of the republican party. In 1846 he was a delegate to the first national convention of the republican party which nominated John C. Fremont for the presidency. It was shortly afterward, at a public meeting, when he first claimed attention as a public speaker. At this meeting he rendered an official report, stammering in confusion at the outset. But as he proceeded he gained confidence and wound up in a manner which called attention to him as a public orator. In 1847 he broadened his newspaper field by assuming the editorship of the Portland Advertiser. His political genius, however, had eclipsed the journalist within him.

He became the leader of the republican minority. Preceding the presidential contest of 1850 the session of the house was a stormy one and in the general amnesty bill, removing the disabilities of participants in the rebellion, Mr. Blaine stood up for an exception in the case of Jefferson Davis. One of his most notable speeches was made at this time under the spur of opposition from Sumner and George A. Bland.

In 1876 he was called upon to defend his political character against charges of bribery from the Union Pacific and other railroad companies. The Mulligan letters were produced and the stormy scenes of May and June of that year followed. June 5 Mr. Blaine, rising to personal explanation, denied the right of congress to compel the production of his private papers. He expressed his willingness to stand any examination, and having possessed himself of these letters he declared his purpose to reserve nothing. He stood up in the house holding the letters in his hand. He proceeded to read them. At this time Josiah Caldwell, one of the originators of the Little Rock & Fort Smith railroad, was traveling in Europe, and efforts had been made at Mr. Blaine's suggestion to reach him by telegraph. After reading these letters Mr. Blaine turned to the chairman of the investigating committee and demanded to know if any answer had been received from Mr. Caldwell. The chairman returned an evasive answer when Mr. Blaine turned upon him, charging, as within his own knowledge, that the chairman had received such a dispatch, "completely and absolutely exonerating me from this charge, and you have suppressed it."

Of this scene Gen. Garfield once said that it exceeded anything he had ever seen in congress. June 11 was the time of the republican national convention. The previous Sunday he had been prostrated by the heat and fears were entertained for his life. In the convention, however, his friends stood firm. On the first ballot he received 235 votes out of the total of 73. The remainder were divided between Senator Morton, Secretary Bristow, Senator Conkling, Gov. Hayes and others. On the seventh ballot he received 541 of the 813 votes and was nominated. A combination upon Hayes, however, defeated him.

Mr. Blaine entered the senate some months later. Again in 1880 his friends of four years before stood by him in the national convention. The first vote stood: Grant, 304; Blaine, 234; Sherman, 63; Edmunds, 34; Washburne, 30; Windom, 10, and Garfield, 1. On the final ballot, however, the Blaine forces united on Garfield, who was nominated. After his election Mr. Blaine was made secretary of state. He was in the cabinet ten months. After Garfield's death Mr. Blaine retired from the cabinet.

On his retirement he was for the first time in twenty-three years out of public station. He took up his well-known historical work, "Twenty Years of Congress," and issued the first volume in January, 1884. In this year he was again before the republican convention for the nomination to the presidency. On the fourth ballot he received 541 of the 813 votes and was nominated. President Arthur was his chief competitor. This campaign was a peculiarly bitter one. The results hinged upon New York, which went democratic and elected Grover Cleveland. He returned at once to his history and completed the second volume in 1886.

Later he traveled extensively in Europe, his health being much broken. At the time of the present national administration he entered the nomination, calling from Scotland to the Chicago gathering to that effect. Several months earlier he had written a letter refusing to be considered a candidate.

He worked for the success of Mr. Harrison in the succeeding campaign and at the beginning of the present national administration he entered the president's cabinet as secretary of state. His distinguished career in that position is well remembered. The Pan-American congress, the reciprocity treaties and other striking incidents rendered his work remarkable. Owing to personal difference with the president he resigned his position in the cabinet a few days before the meeting of the national convention of his party. Though a short time before he had declined in set terms to be a candidate before the convention he permitted his friends to use his name. On the first ballot, however, President Harrison was renominated. Though in bad health Mr. Blaine wrote a letter and made a speech for his party during the campaign lately closed.

Roofs Broken by Snow.

CHICAGO, Jan. 30.—Weighted down by huge heaps of snow the roofs of several of the world's fair buildings gave way Saturday, causing a loss of nearly \$50,000. The huge manufacturing building suffered the worst, a hole 16 by 600 feet being torn in the roof of its eastern annex. The weight of the snow on a portion of machinery hall also proved too much for the iron supports and a section about 14 by 50 feet caved in. The roofs of the agricultural and transportation buildings also suffered, but not so severely.

Found True Bills.

PARIS, Jan. 28.—Magistrate Franqueville found a true bill of accusation against Deputy and ex-Minister of Finance Rouvier. Senator Albert Grey, brother of the late president of the republic; Senator Beral, Senator Dives, Senator Leon Renault and Deputies Fanconnia and Pronst on charges of corruption in connection with the Panama Canal company.

Coinage Temporarily Stopped.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—There will be no more souvenir coins made this month. There are about 300,000 of them on hand and this, the director of the mint thinks, will be sufficient to meet the demands of the exposition. The coinage this month amounts to about 700,000 coins. The suspension is due to the necessity for coining a lot of silver dollars.

Did Not Kill Her Husband.

RED OAK, Ia., Jan. 30.—Mrs. Nettie Grace, wife of the hotelkeeper at Elliott, Ia., who was found dead in his bed on the morning of January 11 with a bullet hole through his head, was discharged from custody Friday. The preliminary examination showed that he had shot himself.

Buried Under Snow.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 30.—Enormous quantities of snow have fallen in the valley of the Dnieper, in the Crimea, and in other parts of southern Russia. In the valley the snow was on a level with the house-tops, and in one place 100,000 sheep had been killed.

Husband, Wife and Children Frozen.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Jan. 30.—The bodies of John Michaels, wife and three little children were discovered frozen to death in a hotel in Putnam county near the Lincoln county line. A fourth child, an infant, was heavily wrapped and was found to be alive.

Wheel Works Burned.

PORTSMOUTH, O., Jan. 30.—The mammoth plant of the Portsmouth wheel works burned Sunday evening. Fire started at 6 o'clock, probably in the dry-house, and had too much of a start when discovered to enable the building and contents to be saved. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

OVER A BANK.

Fearful Plunge of an Excursion Train—Many Persons Injured.

LENA, Ill., Jan. 30.—A special train of ten coaches containing lumbermen of Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Nebraska and Iowa, members of the Northwestern Lumbermen's association, was wrecked by a broken rail 2 miles from Kent, on the Chicago & Great Western at 12:55 o'clock Saturday. Walter E. Akers, a member of a Minneapolis law firm, was killed and forty other persons injured. Mr. Akers had just left the commissary car and was on the platform when the coaches left the track. Akers' body was found in a snowdrift some distance from the wreck and was frightfully mangled.

The baggage car and forward coach went down on their sides. The two following coaches went down the embankment and remained standing upright. There were 540 passengers in all, and the train was bound from Chicago to Minneapolis. It was in charge of Conductor A. O. Forman, and was not proceeding at a faster rate than 30 miles an hour. The calamity was caused by the spreading of the rails. At the same point a freight train was wrecked from the same cause less than a week ago. Four cars were derailed and rolled down a 30-foot embankment.

IN DANGER OF DESTRUCTION.

Subterranean Fires Threaten a Pennsylvania Mining Town.

HAZELTON, Pa., Jan. 30.—The little town of Honeybrook, 7 miles west of here, is in imminent danger of destruction and its inhabitants are in peril of being hurled into the depths of a burning mine. The fire in No. 4 colliery, operated by the Lehigh & Wilkesbarre Coal company, which was thought to be extinguished, has suddenly broken out afresh, and from the crevices along the streets, caused by the recent settling of the earth, gas and steam are issuing in such volumes that leave no doubt about the existence of a seething furnace underneath. The people of Honeybrook are all miners and accustomed to danger, but the prospects are too much for them, and they live under a constant strain of apprehension.

DISTRESSING ACCIDENT.

Two Little Girls Trampled to Death by a Pair of Horses.

WORCESTER, MASS., Jan. 30.—A distressing accident occurred here Saturday afternoon, resulting in the death of two little girls. Mary Riley and Carrie Smith, both aged 6 years, were coasting on one of the side streets which is slightly hilly and losing control of their sled, they dashed down across the main street at the very moment that a fire engine was coming at full speed in response to a fire call. The sled ran directly in front of the horses, and before the driver could check their speed or change his course the horses had trampled the two girls to death. The bodies were frightfully torn and mangled by the shoes of the horses.

Two Men Burned.

TOLEDO, O., Jan. 30.—An explosion occurred at the union depot Sunday evening which nearly ended in the loss of life. As it was Dennis Sullivan and John Fink, employees of the Lake Shore, were very seriously injured by being burned all over their bodies. The men were charging the palace car Madgeburg with artificial gas for illuminating purposes. The gas, which was leaking, exploded with terrific force, blowing the men some distance and setting fire to the car. The flames were quickly extinguished. Both men are likely to die.

Twenty Thousand Men in Line.

DUBLIN, Jan. 30.—The amnesty demonstration here Sunday surpassed all expectations. More than 20,000 men with bands and banners marched in the torchlight procession. John Redmond, Dr. Kenny, Pierce Mahoney and James Eagan, the alleged dynamiter, recently released from Portland prison, addressed a great meeting at the custom house. The enthusiasm was intense, and all the speakers, without exception, emphasized the necessity of securing the release of the rest of the Irish political prisoners.

A Victim of Apoplexy.

CHICAGO, Jan. 30.—Col. George E. Grover, representative of the Royal British commission to the world's fair, died suddenly and unattended in his apartments at the Virginia hotel early Sunday morning. He retired at midnight Saturday in good spirits and health. Sunday morning at 10 o'clock he was found dead in his bed. To all appearances he died while asleep soon after retiring. The physicians who examined the remains gave, as their opinion, apoplexy as the cause of death.

Mexican Burglars Caught.

CITY OF MEXICO, Jan. 30.—After several days' diligent investigation the police have captured several members of a gang of burglars who have for several months been carrying on their operations in this city. Their latest raid resulted in the robbery of the safe of a merchant named Domingo Paredes of \$9,000 in money and a large amount of jewelry. Ramon Corta, the leader of the band, is one of those who has been captured.

Three Trainmen Killed.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 30.—In a wreck of a fast freight train on the Newport News & Mississippi Valley road at Asphalt, a small station 70 miles south of this city, James Price, the engineer; Alfred Tierney, the fireman, and Walter Harris, a colored brakeman, were killed. The wreck was caused by a misplaced switch.

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NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

Chapel.
Ira Teeple's tie mill is running full blast.

Mrs. E. Tapley, of Barry Co. is visiting friends here.

A great many are suffering from colds and the grip.

Mr and Mrs A. McMillan, of Fallsburg visited friends here.

Elmer McMillan went to Gd. Rapids and purchased a fine gray horse.

Wanted—100 boys to buy skates at L. F. Severy's Tin Shop.

South Boston.
Miss Jessie Sillsbury remains about the same.

Miss Minnie Alderink has been visiting at Muskegon and Holland.

Our items for last week were sent on Tuesday. [Were received on Thursday.—Ed.]

Those having good beef need not fear but what they will get a good price, for grass grows.

There was a grange meeting Saturday night, regardless of the weather. There being a quorum in one load.

For ten days, from Feb. 2nd, I will make photographs of children fifteen years of age and under, 2 off, come rain or shine. Wilson, Lowell.

So. Boston Grange was well represented at the public installation of officers of the Keene Grange, last week, and judging from the reports we have heard all were royally entertained.

TOO LATE FOR LAST WEEK.

J. F. English is improving.

S. E. Bevier is on the sick list.

The ice harvest is nearly secured.

Degree work is in order at the Grange.

The good sleighing seems to be appreciated by all.

Rev. Mr Gaffin visited in this vicinity the first of the week.

Why not have a Michigan-man at the head of the pension business.

Mr Cullum, father of Mrs John White, has moved back from Iowa.

Mrs Griswold, who has been visiting in Grand Rapids, returned Friday.

Our warm friends in the south have our sympathy on account of the poor prospect of the orange crop.

We continue to hear the remark that "It is an old fashioned winter" and in our judgment it is the healthiest one we have had in a long time.

LOGS WANTED—Elm, Ash, Oak and Maple logs wanted, delivered at our saw mill at Lowell, or will buy timber standing. KING, QUICK & KING.

Grattan gatherings.

To Mr and Mrs R. R. Cook, a fine son.

Mrs John Byrne and son were at G'd Rapids last week.

Saturday's rain was a great blessing in replenishing cisterns. The sleighing still holds good.

John Byrne and two sons have been sufferers from lung trouble, caused by severe colds. All better.

The Union school social held with Mrs J. Hessler was very largely attended. Receipts for the purchase of a school dictionary.

The L. A. S. social, which was postponed, will be held with Mrs W. Haskins, near Ashley church, Feb. 3, evening. All cordially invited.

W. S. Fuller and wife were at Rockford last week, meeting Noah Ashley and wife by appointment. The latter are on their way to their home in So. Dakota.

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Messrs Robert Dockerary and M. A. Norton, of Rockford, visited Grattan Grange Jan 26. The latter installed the new officers, assisted by the former. Both gentlemen are active workers for advance of P. of H. and their counsel was gladly received. Mr N. was a delegate to the late State Grange.

Word has been received that Alonzo T. Bickford, of 269 Seventh Ave., Grand Rapids, suffered a stroke of paralysis last week and his friends fear it will prove fatal. Mr B. was for many years a resident here—his father being a pioneer of our town. Mrs B. nee Almira McArthur, was a resident of Oakfield, and has many warm friends here, who sympathize with her and their son in this their affliction.

Rev. F. E. Wright, of Rockford, again assisted Rev. M. P. Smith three days of last week, in the meetings at Ashley church. We know both pastors have labored untiring in the interest of the Master's cause and while the results have not been as decided as we had hoped, still the good seed sown may yet bear a hundred fold, which we have the promise of reaping, if we faint not. MAUDE.

Vergennes Visitor.

Mr and Mrs Ed Bunker have just returned from their wedding trip to Albion.

Mr and Mrs Frank Fox made a business trip to Grand Rapids one day last week.

Died, Jan. 22d, Ronald, youngest child of Mr and Mrs Chas. Gott, aged two years and three months.

Miss Mae Hastings, of Lowell, commenced a five months term of school here, Monday morning.

G. W. Crosby took a five weeks old veal calf to Grand Rapids Tuesday, that dressed 168 lbs., for which he received \$c. per lb.

Mr and Mrs L. J. Robinson and Mrs Frank Alger have gone to Grand Rapids to visit their daughter, Mrs Guy Perry, and family.

G. W. Crosby's Ambassador colt, "Ambuscade," was sold in Grand Rapids Monday, for \$700. J. S. Daniels made the sale for G. W.

It is rather late in the season for this item, "better late than never." We think Uncle John Evens will take the cake (or deserves it) for a corn husker. He was eighty years old this last fall and this past season he has husked over four hundred and sixty bushels of corn. His home is with Mrs Chas. Gott, who gave him a surprise party on his birthday. Mrs G. and her two sisters, Mrs Dell Krum, of Vergennes, and Mrs Washburn, of Portland, presented him with a patent rocker.

The Vergennes reading circle will meet with Clare Findlay Feb. 11. The following is the program:

Song by the circle.

Roll call answered by quotations from Whittier.

Reading of minutes.

Lesson in Geology.

Quiz on Geology by L. P. McLean.

Recitation by Johnnie Gott.

Biographical sketch of Whittier by Sophia Gott.

Violin solo by L. P. McLean.

Spelling match by everybody, Orlando Odell and Cora Adams choosing sides.

The president will pronounce the words. Sander's speller.

Wanted to exchange a heavy work horse for light driving horse. Inquire of Geo. B. Spesker.

East Lowell.

Isaac Filkins has gone to Coopersville for a short time.

The Literary will adjourn until after the evening meetings close.

Mr and Mrs Simpson were the guests of Mrs Mary Rolf last Friday.

Allen Godfrey and Miss Weekes Sundayed with friends at Hastings.

Elder Priest is holding special meetings at the Gilbert school house.

Henry Cole was kicked by a horse last week. Nothing serious reported.

The Jan. thaw of last Saturday took rather a hard cold before Sunday morning.

Mr and Mrs Dixon, of Vergennes, spent Sunday with their uncle and aunt, Mr and Mrs C. Conklin.

Oral and Bertie Hendershott, of Keene, were the guests of J. N. Hubbel and wife last Sunday.

James Lovely's house caught on fire last Sunday night, near the fire place. It was extinguished before much damage was done.

Call at Pullen's and buy heavy wool underwear, 50 to 75 cents.

Alton.

Barney McGee is not improving.

We attended the Selover sale last week.

Jas. Finn went to Gd. Rapids Thursday.

Miss Ida Beach is visiting at S. D. Godfrey's.

J. W. Weiley is visiting his mother, Mrs Haney.

Miss Rosa Berry returned home from Grattan, Monday.

Wm. Brown and wife have returned from Los Angeles, Cal.

E. Ring and wife visited friends in Belding last Wednesday.

Armon Ring and wife visited at Edmund Ring's, one day last week.

A pedro party was held at Charlie Francisco's last week Monday night.

Quite a number attended the annual soldiers dance at Otisco, Friday night.

Misses Edith and Emily Weekes went to Hastings last Saturday, for a week's visit.

Geo. H. Gudfrey installed the officers at the Keene grange last Thursday night.

Jud Hapeman is visiting friends at Hickory Corners and Hastings, this week.

Calvin Reed, while sawing wood one day last week, was taken with heart trouble.

Mrs Wm. E. Reed went to Fr. Wayne last Friday, to visit her daughter, who is sick.

Mrs Alice Brown went to Grand Rapids, Monday, to visit and make a business trip.

Will some one please bring a little good wood to the church, we need it very much.

J. C. Richmond visited with David Lambertson and Miss Helen Keeney, of Gd. Rapids, last week.

Visitors at H. D. Weekes, Saturday night were Mr and Mrs Porter and Mr and Mrs Sam'l Krupp.

Mrs Ada Brown with her sister, Mrs Newton Coon's, of Lowell, visited at S. D. Godfrey's last week.

Chas. Rennels and A. C. Bunnell have gone to Allendale to assist Elder Gray in holding a series of meetings.

Some have been troubled with sneak thieves, around Grattan and Smyrna and one of them has been captured.

Frank Keech attended the installation of grange officers at the Keene grange last Thursday night and enjoyed a good time.

For ten days, from Feb. 2nd, I will make photographs of children fifteen years of age and under, 2 off, come rain or shine. Wilson, Lowell.

It is rumored that Alton is to have a new store. And when the P. O. is moved into it it may be lighted with electricity from Fallsburg.

Elder Ludington, a missionary agent agent, preached at the church, Sunday, and collected, in promises to pay by Sept. 1st. \$10.00, for the Fiji island work.

Mrs Bonnar, of Lowell, visited old neighbors and friends in Alton, recently. We are pleased to hear Mrs B. has received her portion of her father's estate.

Died, at the home of his daughter, Mrs William Condon, Vergennes, Friday, Jan. 27, Reuser Vanderbrock, at the advanced age of 74 yrs. and 17 days. He leaves five sons and four daughters, to mourn his departure from this life. His funeral was at the Grattan Catholic church Monday, Jan. 30. Rev. Father Crumley officiated. A large concourse of friends followed the remains to their last resting place.

Horse Shoeing.

G. W. Rouse will make a special business of horse shoeing in all its branches. My prices are not the cheapest, but I guarantee first class work. First door north of Giles' store.

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Housewives of Lowell, lend me your ears; save your wood ashes for me, I will give you one bar Jaxon soap for every basket clean Dry Wood Ashes (no coal ashes for me.) Keep a look out for Tom with Henry and Harry.

ALBERT JACKSON.

Cascade.

Mrs Dr. Danforth has a sister from Detroit visiting her.

N. Strong has moved his saw mill to Mrs Stewart's farm.

The Ladies Aid met with Mrs Zach Patterson, Wednesday.

Chas. Harris, of Alto, called on his parents one day last week.

Mr Pepper had the misfortune to lose one of his horses last week.

The oyster supper for the M. E. church at Ada was quite well attended.

Mr and Mrs James Martain attended the Grange at Rockford, recently.

A sleigh load from here attended the Disciple Church at Gd. Rapids, Wednesday.

Miss Freda Lewis visited her sister, Mrs Bert Morse, at Grand Rapids, Sunday.

Mr Burr, of Cascade has purchased two lots and a blacksmith shop at McCords.

Merry sleigh loads from the city are arriving at the hotel at the springs nearly every eve.

Mrs Wykes, daughter of Mr and Mrs Kurt Washburn, of Cascade, died at her home in Paris Township, last week.

Revival meetings commenced at the Snow school house, Sunday evening, conducted by the M. E. church minister at Ada.

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The Y. P. S. of C. E. will give a social at James Laraway's Thursday evening, Feb. 2nd. A short entertainment will be rendered and refreshments will be served. Fee 10 cents. All invited.

Many of the old time friends of Messdames Durkee and Castille nee Cora and Olive Morse, of Grand Rapids had a very enjoyable visit with them at O. Reynolds' Friday evening.

As a load from G'd Rapids drove out the yard at O. Reynolds to attend the oyster supper, their horses and driver suddenly left them, as their sleigh struck a stone, breaking the reach, but they considered themselves not very unfortunate as one in their load had drawn the quilt.

Topics for discussion for the next Cascade Grange, Feb. 9th:

What am I farming for?

What constitutes a farmer?

What crops the last year, have proven the most successful?

Things most needed to make country life pleasant?

What is the greatest hindrance to agriculture?

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PROGRESS IN BURGLARY.

Safe-Cracking Has Become a Science and the Jimmy is Obsolete.

Burglary is a trade. It has its tricks, its tools, and its ups and downs. It is a trade which, according to the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, is continually changing and improving. Methods of high-class burglars that were in vogue twenty years ago are hardly known now. The thief's "jimmy" is out of date. Safe-blowing has given way to safe-cracking. Four or five men, with a few sticks of dynamite, rob a train nowadays as easily as twenty men, armed to the teeth, did it a dozen years ago. But in spite of the changes the motto of all low-grade crooks is: "The way to steal is to steal." They embrace every opportunity, and steal whenever they can, often making a bungling job and getting nipped. After a few terms in the penitentiary, however, they are no longer low-grade crooks, but have become educated professionals. The penitentiary is their school. There they are taught all the improvements of the "trade," and there many burglars' devices are invented by brainy but vicious men.

English Farm Hands.

When, as rarely happens, English farm laborers come to this country, they find it extremely difficult to accommodate themselves to the current American custom of eating but three meals a day. An English maid servant and nurse who lived to be more than a hundred years old averred that she had always been accustomed to "a dew bit and breakfast, a stay bit and dinner, a nonmet, a crummet, and a bit after supper." Extra meals are common enough during the harvest season in this country. The hasty breakfast at half-past three in the morning is followed by a "stay bit" at eight o'clock and by a luncheon between the noon-day dinner and the after-sunset supper. In parts of southern Pennsylvania the dinner hour is eleven o'clock in the morning, and it would not be difficult to show that Americans living on the same meridian are dining all the way from that hour until seven in the evening. The great mass of country folk still dine at noon.

Curious Death Customs of FIJI.

The Fijians believe that in case a marriageable youth or maiden dies without having gone through with the elaborate nuptial knot-tying ceremony of the islands his or her soul is doomed to wander about forever in an intermediate region between heaven and hell. When anyone dies, man, woman or child, a whale's tooth is placed in the hand of the corpse, the missile to be thrown at the tree which stands as a guide post to point out the road that leads to Heaven and the one that leads to hell.

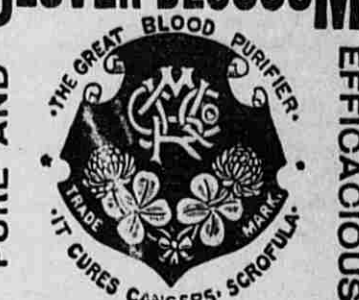
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