

Frank McLaughlin of Charlotte, spent Friday in Vermontville, the guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. McLaughlin.

Mrs. Bertha Eisenhood and daughter Elaine of Battle Creek spent Sunday and Monday with her grandmother, Mrs. C. E. Gunn.

Rollin Benedict, who recently went from Seattle, Wash., to Saratoga, N. Y., was here to attend the funeral of his mother, Mrs. B. E. Benedict.

Mrs. Homer G. Barber was in Charlotte Christmas the guest of Mrs. Dowdigan and went from there to Battle Creek for a few days visit.

Frank Remalie of Portland, joined his family here for a Christmas visit at his parents, John Remalie and wife, and Sunday with Mrs. Sarah Norton.

Mesdames M. O. McLaughlin, of Detroit, G. H. Smith, of Jackson, and T. E. Krebs of Charlotte, spent Monday with their sister, Mrs. E. J. McLaughlin.

Mrs. Louise Smith went to Sunfield to meet her husband, Ira Smith, and spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gimney and daughter of Mt. Pleasant, were guests of A. B. Brown and family for Christmas. Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Gimney are sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wells of Mercer, Ky., came to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Benedict and went to Jackson Monday to visit Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Moore.

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A Pleasant Surprise.

Accepting an invitation to spend the evening with Mrs. Roy Brumm at Nashville, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Offley, whose marriage was announced in these columns last week, were greeted by about forty young people and pleasantly surprised on Friday last. After spending the early part of the evening in various amusements the young bride was ushered into an inner room and in a few well chosen remarks by Mrs. Brumm presented with a very beautiful and useful shower of graniteware. Following this another surprise was sprung on the unsuspecting couple by the company retiring to the dining room where a dainty oyster supper had been prepared. It was an evening well spent, merriment predominating, and after congratulations and best wishes had been extended the party dispersed about midnight.

OBITUARY.

CORNELIUS AUGUSTUS HALLENBECK.

Cornelius Augustus Hallenbeck was born in Ghent, Columbia Co., New York, February 21, 1839, and was the eldest son of C. Jacob Hallenbeck and Elizabeth Hance Hallenbeck, both natives of the old Empire State. Died January 2, 1910. In 1853, when fourteen years of age he came to Michigan with his parents and lived on a farm

in Vermontville two miles east of the village.

He had four brothers and one sister. One brother, Richard H., died at the age of nineteen; and the only sister, Mrs. Sarah E. Hawkins, died several years ago. Three of the brothers survive him, John W. of St. Louis, Michigan, David E. of Ft. Wayne, Ind., and Chas. C. of Vermontville.

He was educated in the public schools, and in the Vermontville Academy and passed the examination as a teacher but never followed that calling. He engaged in farming till the outbreak of the Civil War when on August 6, 1861, he enlisted for three years in Co. H., the 6th Michigan Infantry, which was later transferred to heavy artillery. During most of the war he was in the department of the Gulf. His army record reads: "Enlisted in Co. H. sixth Michigan Infantry August 10, 1861, at Charlotte, for three years. Age 22, wounded in action at Baton Rouge, La., August 5, 1862. Corporal August 26, 1863. Re-enlisted February 1, 1864, at Port Hudson, La. Sergeant August 20, 1864. Mustered out at New Orleans, La. August 20, 1865," when he returned and has continued to reside in Vermontville.

In April 20, 1870, he married Miss Etta Kent, of Kalama, eldest daughter of Leander and Pauline Kent. To them was born one son who died in infancy.

Mr. Hallenbeck was for twenty consecutive years Justice of the Peace, and for seven years Commander of Edward Dwight Post No. 163 Grand Army of the Republic. He was for a

number of years a member of the Board of Education and was its Treasurer. He was for two terms 1901-3, 1903-5, representative in the State Legislature.

He was a life-long member of the Methodist Episcopal church where he was a faithful worker, holding various offices, always with marked efficiency, and where his liberal financial support combined to inspire the highest confidence and respect.

He was a man of physical strength, and activity and yet he continued to suffer, and at times severely, from his gun shot wound, which resulted a few years ago in partial paralysis. Since that time he has gradually laid aside many of the responsibilities which rested upon him. He maintained however his mental vigor and heartfelt sympathies up to his last sickness, when after a few days he peacefully passed into rest.

The funeral was held at the church where he had so long worked and worshipped. The pastor, Rev. R. W. Merrill, conducted the service. Many friends joined the members of the church and the post of the Grand Army of the Republic in expression of high appreciation and esteem for one

who was ever a consistent Christian and a true citizen. The sympathy of all is with the faithful wife and adopted son Byron in their bereavement. Burial was in Woodlawn cemetery.

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