

nty. At the age of 2 married Harriet Fuller and for several years resided in Hillsdale county moving to Vermontville in 1872, with a since nearly continuous residence. For past 5 years has been an invalid and early in this month was taken to St. Paul, Minnesota, for medical treatment, but failed to improve and died February 16th. Funeral from Vermontville residence afternoon of 20th, Rev. St. Clare Parsons officiating. Is survived by Mrs. Allen, of Vermontville, and two sons, Elmer and Arthur, of St. Paul. Mr. Allen was a man of far more than average dignity and excellence of character, modest and unassuming in temperament, of the staunchest integrity, great industry, a skillful mechanic, generous and benevolent with frequent contributions to the worthy, or that were known only to himself.

**MAR. 9, 1910**

We are in receipt of a copy of the Granville Echo, a weekly paper published at Granville, Illinois, by W. E. Hawthorne, who was at one time principal of our schools. Editor Hawthorne prints that gasoline engine "yarn" with the following introduction: "There's no telling how far an echo may reverbrate. We received a paper from Ordway, Colorado, the other day with an obituary of an old Granville boy marked for our notice and we are using it in this issue; but in another column we noticed an article from the Vermontville, Michigan, Echo and we were at once attracted by the name and the more because we lived for two years in that city when

we were in the pedagogical business. We do not know the editor of that Echo but we appreciate the humor of the following get-off:"

#### Just as Young as he Used to be.

W. H. Benedict of Vermontville, one of the youngest men for his years whom we have the pleasure to know, was in the city today, having business with the probate court. He bids fair to write his age with three figures yet and has a standing of 75 per cent in such contest already. His father brought the third horse to the western part of this county, a team having been brought before by Deacon Church, grandfather of H. H. Church of Vermontville. Mr. Benedict remembers when Charlotte was red with strawberries, an especially thick patch on both sides of the wagon track then before what is now the Hotel Williams. He was sheriff of this county, in 1865-6 and was stopped on one term by the liquor interests which worked quietly. However, he didn't care for office except as he could serve the people. While sheriff he used to bring Judge Benjamin F. Graves of Marshall to this city and take him home, and got many law pointers from the learned jurist, who discussed with Mr. B. the cases tried before him. In such discussions the judge would go over the cases carefully, sometimes expressing wonder at excellent points being entirely overlooked by the attorneys. He spoke in highest terms of Judges Hooker and VanZile, the latter claimed as a Vermontville man because of his farm interests in that section. "There is

first hung out his shingle in Charlotte," said Mr. Benedict, pointing to the little building on corner east of the Congregational church, "in the office of L. H. Ion, justice of the peace." Mr. B. came to Michigan from New York in the 40's. He comes of a family noted for longevity and attributes his perfect health to the fact that he has been temperate, using no tobacco, tea, coffee or drugs, and has lived out of doors much, a produce buyer on the street for forty years. It's a big lesson to look into the face of such a young man, so well preserved.—Charlotte Tribune.

L. W. Loveland returned home Friday from Muskegon where he has been for nearly two weeks helping care for his uncle who is sick.

Vance and Keith Barber returned from Chicago Saturday after having spent the week there. They were guests of H. H. Curtis at Wheaton Friday.

Mrs. Nellie Hull went to Grand Rapids Friday to join Mrs. Blanche Briggs in buying millinery for their store which they will open this spring. They both returned last night.

Miss Ethelyn Kidder and her roommate, Miss Jessie Nadeu, came up from Big Rapids for a visit from Wednesday to Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Kidder.

Mrs. Ursula Lanckton, who was at one time a teacher in our schools and is now in the Kindergarten department of the Grand Rapids schools, has secured a half year's leave of absence, and is spending the time in Buffalo with her sister and studying in the Art school.

Horace Curtis and Asa Warner made a deal whereby they exchange places and will move as soon as can be arranged.

Ernest Sprague purchased this week a fine new brass trimmed double harness from W. J. Helm for his span of Belgian colts.

We are pleased to be able to announce that Henry Cross who was so seriously sick is now able to be out to attend to his business.

#### The Bosworth Reunion.

One of the most pleasant gatherings ever held in this city was the reunion of the Bosworth Family at The Frederic last Thursday. The weather was perfect and both old and young joined in the games and dancing, also in playing progressive pedro for a prize, which was won by Mrs. Libbie McWhorter and the consolation by Roe Deer. A bunch of assorted carnations were given to each. Score cards for the game were neat little souvenir cards on which was inscribed, "Bosworth Reunion at The Frederic, Lake Odessa, Thursday, Feb. 24, '10, By Rosa, Fred and Roy."

Music was furnished by L. B. McDowell and wife who also brought along their camera and took a picture of the entire company in a group.

Luther Bosworth and wife with a large family came to this state from Ohio in an early day, and the only living ones of the immediate family are, Mrs. Julia Bark, Mrs. Chas. McDowell and W. H. Bosworth, and one of the most gratifying features of the day was that all three were able to be

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