

JANUARY 17, 1912.

From a souvenir from F. A. Tiedgen and Graham Griswold, these two former Vermontville boys started off the New Year by feasting at the Hotel Oregon in Portland, Ore. If they followed the whole bill of fare through soup to toothpicks, and we understand they did, they must have been somewhat in the condition of turkey prepared for the Thanksgiving feast.

Miss L. Gayle Griswold has resigned her position with the Hannah, Lay & Co. store at Traverse City and has gone to Cadillac, where she has a much better position with the Cummerumber Co. of that city. Mrs. Griswold will move to Cadillac as soon as she can secure apartments.

Mrs. H. H. Church received word Monday that Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Close of Grass Lake were happy over the arrival of a young son at their home on Sunday. Mrs. Close will be well remembered as a former Vermontville resident in the person of Jennie Deming.

Attorney John Faust of Detroit spent Sunday and Monday here with his sister, Mrs. Mary Hultz, and went to Grand Rapids Tuesday on business.

H. J. Martin leaves this week for Chicago as chaperone of the following ladies, who will attend grand opera under his guidance, Miss Jennie Martin, Mrs. J. L. Dann and Mrs. Robert Donovan of Charlotte. They will attend a number of the grand operas beginning with tomorrow evening.

JANUARY 24, 1912.

Dies in Honduras.

Word was received at Charlotte last Wednesday afternoon of the death of Fenn Spaulding, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Spaulding of that city, at Honduras, South American. No particulars were received of his death but word had been cabled from that country by a member of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity of the U. of M. to the secretary at Ann Arbor and he wired to Prosecutor R. R. McPeck at Charlotte, who was also a member of the fraternity.

The news came as a great shock to the family and friends as Fenn was a man of magnificent build and had never known what it was to be sick. Since then through Congressman J. M. C. Smith, who took the matter up with the state department at Washington, it has been learned that he died suddenly from an acute attack of indigestion and was buried in that country. An effort has been made, and with success, to have the remains sent home on the first boat though it is the law of that country that no body may be removed under two years time and from that to five years according to the cause of death. Spaulding went to that country in 1910 to look after a mining proposition at Honduras after having been in the west a number of years in mining work.

Memorial services were held at the home of his parents in Charlotte.

'Jack' Davis of Cleveland spent a few days here the past week rounding up more orchards here.

Mr. and Mrs. Elo G. Bowman returned Thursday from Chicago. Mr. Bowman is not able to get out yet but is rapidly gaining strength since his return home and hopes soon to be getting out.

Mrs. Sarah B. Williams writes from San Diego, Cal., where she is spending the cold weather months, that she is having a delightful time there and is enjoying the climate, sunshine, flowers, (she fails to mention the flea part) and other fine things of a California winter.

C. E. Smith, former manager of the local telephone office, and who for the past few years has been manager of the Cadillac office, has been promoted to the position of traffic manager with headquarters at Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Minor Wells returned to her home in Kalkaska after a month's visit here with her son, Charles Wells, and other friends and relatives.

Charles Hall and wife and children of Chicago came Saturday night for a visit with his parents. Mr. Hall will travel out of Vermontville for a few weeks to come.

FEBRUARY 14, 1912.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Keith Barber on Saturday morning, a young son, weighing 8¼ pounds. Papa Keith steps unusually high and is passing out an excellent brand of cigars in celebration of the event.

Greeley Fox has purchased the residence occupied by James Clapper of A. M. Briggs and will move into the same about the first of the month.

FEBRUARY 21, 1912.

Reception for the New Minister.

This week Friday evening the friends and members of the Congregational church will extend a reception at the chapel for Rev. and Mrs. Pritchard and everyone is invited to attend and meet the new pastor and his wife. There will be a fine program in connection with the evening's enjoyment and everyone is invited to be present.

Having been over from England but a few months and not very well acquainted with the fine fruit of this vicinity it has been planned to give a fruit shower for Mr. Pritchard and wife and all who are in position to do so are invited to contribute either canned or fresh fruit for this event. But if you haven't the fruit come anyway and spend a pleasant evening.

Arby Lovell has purchased Jay Hawkins' farm opposite the Brown school house and will move out there as soon as Jay moves to town. Mr. Hawkins and family will move into Mr. Denton's house north of the school building.

Mr. and Mrs. Pitt Pugh are rejoicing over the arrival of a young son at their home Saturday morning.

FEBRUARY 28, 1912.

Mrs. David Young is visiting Mrs. Browning in Holland for a few days.