

automobile accident and that while nothing serious happened they were all pretty well shaken up and Mrs. Gregg had a bad cut on her head and was unconscious for some time.

It seems that they were invited out for dinner and were on their way to their friends when the accident occurred. When within fifty feet of the railroad Mr. Gregg discovered the passenger train approaching and in order to avoid a collision he turned the car about. The pavement was slippery and the momentum of the car carried it broadside onto the track and the locomotive hit the rear wheels of the car, overturning it and throwing out the occupants. Ruth, the oldest child, received a slight cut. Mr. Gregg received a severe nervous shock but otherwise was unhurt and neither of the younger children were injured at all. Telephone reports received later state that Mrs. Gregg is doing nicely.

JAN. 17, 1917.

The Echo Will Change Ownership.

After having owned and published this paper for a period of fourteen years and one month, on February first the present editor and publisher will turn the property over to new owners, an agreement having been made with the Vermontville Realty Co. to sell The Echo to them on that date.

It is with a great deal of regret, in one sense, that we make this announcement as the past years have been most pleasant to the writer. However it has always been our idea that when a

person had a piece of property, he should always have an idea of what it was worth to him and in case some one else was of the same opinion and was willing to pay the price, that was the time to sell the article. In this case these conditions existed and consequently on the above date the transfer will be made to the aforesaid company which is composed of Dr. C. L. D. McLaughlin, president; K. L. Barber, vice president and L. W. Loveland, secretary and treasurer.

JAN. 31, 1917.

THOMAS CAMPBELL

In the passing from this life of Thomas Campbell, another one of the old settlers of Vermontville has gone to his reward. A man of quiet and retiring disposition, he will be missed by those who knew him best. A good citizen has passed on and we shall know him no more.

In a personal letter to the editor, Alton J. Hager, a former Vermontville boy, now a resident of Lansing, is enjoying the beauties of the southern climate along with his family down in Louisiana. He is taking a short vacation after two years of big success in the lumber business at Lansing where he moved from Bellevue. He was recently honored by being appointed as one of the fire and police commissioners of the Capital City.

M. H. Hammond, son of C. E. Hammond leaves first of the month for Buenos Aires, Argentina, S. A., where he will be in charge of a big cement company property for the next two years.

FEB. 7, 1917.

Dr. H. W. Davis was at home from Jackson to spend Sunday with his family.

Mrs. Will Rogers of Charlotte is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dikeman.

Calvin Gehman is confined to his home northeast of town with a severe attack of pneumonia.

Philip Barber was at home from Charlotte Sunday to spend the day at the parental home.

FEB. 14, 1917.

Fox Barber Shop Changes Hands.

A business change which occasioned considerable surprise and carried with it many expressions of regret when the announcement was made public took place on Thursday last, when negotiations which had been under way for several days were brought to a close, resulting in the retirement of Greely I. Fox from active connection with the barber shop which for so many years has borne his name. Mr. Fox has disposed of his interest in the business to Cleo Rawson, who took possession Monday morning and will hereafter be found extending his broadest smile and glad hand to the former patrons. Mr. Rawson will continue the business under his own management, retaining the services of Harley Fox and Chas. Warner.

FEB. 21, 1917.

F. F. Ambrose and E. J. Loveland attended the Grand Rapids automobile show Tuesday.

Mrs. Maggie Bale of Fennville returned home Tuesday after spending a week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Ambrose.

Misses Gertrude and Helen Loveland spent Friday with friends in Hastings, attending a party in the evening.

Pearl Hawkins of Chicago is spending a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Hawkins, north of town.

Card of Thanks—Mere words fail to express the gratitude the wife and relatives of the late C. L. Gehman feel toward all who so lovingly assisted us in our sad bereavement. To the neighbors, especially Byron Campbell and wife, to the pastor for his comforting and cheering words, to the singers and all who sent flowers we especially desire to express our most heartfelt gratitude. The people of this vicinity have truly endeared themselves to us for all time. Oda Gehman, Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Gehman and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Boyles.

Mrs. Jennie Sargent, of Portland, Maine, who is spending a portion of the winter with her sister, Mrs. (Dr.) Snell, accompanied Norena to Grand Rapids Saturday for an over Sunday visit with Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Snell.