

APRIL 1912

April 4, 1912

Result of Elections

Considerable interest was shown in the election Monday. The fight seemed to be centered on supervisor, and Mr. Davis won out by a small majority, Mr. Dwelle reducing Davis's majority from a year ago. The following is the vote:

Supervisor: Norman Davis 202 Adelbert W. Dwelle 190
Township Clerk: Timothy Marrinane 247 Walter C. Clark 142
Treasurer: Eugene Hoofnagle 233 Jacob Walz 151
Highway Commissioner: Edmund Detlor 232 Wm. Robinson 155
Overseer of Highways: Nathaniel Reynolds 231 Arthur J. Bagg 149
Justice of Peace, full term: John Seid 230 Milburn A. Taylor 153
Justice of Peace, 3 years: Eugene Close 233 Henry Bohne 121
Board of Review: Henry Mellencamp 223 Menzo Conklin 160
Constables: Wm. Campbell 221, Sumner Fisk 162, James Kendall 230,
 Wm. Miller 152, John Weber 232, Herman Bohne 150, John Benter 227,
 David Curtis 155.

The good roads proposition was defeated in this township, but was carried in the county by a majority of about 1,300. The vote in the city was overwhelming in its favor.

Local and Personal Items, Correspondence (4/4/1912)

- *J.R. Lemm of Sharon is very low at this writing. Old age seems to be the cause, being 82.
- *Prof. Scott of Evanston, says if your feet are cold, you are displeased with something. Maybe the weather.
- *Cap Hobson should cheer up—the Panama Canal may be blown up by the volcano before the Japs decide to take it.
- *The Ladies' Reading Circle will meet next Monday evening with Mrs. Helen Hickok. Quotations suitable for Easter are requested.
- *C.E. Hookway purchased a fine 40 horse power Cutting Touring car of the Jackson Cutting Automobile Co. this week. Charley intends to go some this summer.
- *Miss Alma Zick resigned her position at Cook & Fielder's, and left Monday for Kalamazoo where she has accepted a position with Gilmore Bros.' of that place.
- *Give spring chances enough and she will be here in all of her splendid glory.
- *A woman never thinks her husband so unreasonable as when he expects her to be reasonable.
- *It will be observed that a great many candidates who come in like a lion go out like a lamb.
- *Rev. H.W. Hicks, former pastor of the M.E. church here in 1903-05, died in the Sanitarium at Pinckney last Monday and was buried at that place Wednesday. He leaves a wife and one son.

*Last Thursday Geo. Blake, Jr. met with a slight accident while doing a little rifle target shooting. A shell did not explode when it should and Mr. Blake removed it from the gun and began investigation when the shell exploded, blowing the cap into the palm of the left hand, causing a bad wound. Dr. Lyon dressed the wound.

*Mrs. Ordish, who was visiting her daughter, Mrs. Fred Sager, fell on the ice just outside her daughter's home and sustained a bad fracture of the forearm. Dr. Lake was called and with the aid of an X-Ray machine, which the doctor possesses, the broken bones were set and with the exception of the severe pain, Mrs. Ordish is reported in very good condition.

Leoni: Mrs. Jay Winfield visited her sister, who is very ill at the White Cross sanitarium in Jackson.

Norvell: The Farmers' Club held a profitable session with the president, C.P. Holmes, last Saturday. There was a good attendance and the annual election of officers was held. The program consisted of current events for roll call; a recitation by Rev. Heaton; a select reading with comments by T.B. Halladay; and a discussion on the county road system; the growing of cow peas, woman suffrage, and other questions of present day interest.

Waterloo: The Swastika club met with Ed Cooper and wife last Friday evening.

Munith: The nine-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Sutton of Jackson died of tuberculosis of the liver following an operation.

Sharon: On account of bad roads there was no preaching at the Irwin schoolhouse last Sunday. Richard Curtis purchased a fine saddle pony of Jackson parties last week for his little daughter, Dorothy. C.J. Haselschwardt bought a span of roan horses off Sid Williams which were brought from South Dakota.

South Fishville: Mrs. A.A. Curtis, who has been confined to the house several weeks with rheumatism, is slowly improving.

Southeast Grass Lake: A.J. Clark and wife of Leoni passed Tuesday with B.Coppernoll.

East Napoleon: H.C. Dunton of Albion visited his mother and sister Saturday. He has accepted a call to go to Manistee to take charge of the American express office at that place.

District 6 and Vicinity: Elmer Klumpp sold a horse to his father Tuesday and purchased a fine three-year old colt of Lewis Walz near Francisco. Several from around here were in Jackson to see Roosevelt.

Napoleon: Much sympathy has been felt and expressed for the young widow who is left with five small children to care for. On Wednesday this sympathy took a practical turn, and four teams were sent out into the surrounding community to gather what might be given by generous friends. The result was a donation of over \$50, \$26.50 was in cash and the remainder in potatoes, flour, meat, eggs, fruit, clothing, etc.

Stony Lake: John Weeks sold his crop of wheat to Toledo parties last week. Bliss Charles is assisting John in delivering his wheat to the car at Napoleon.

West Napoleon: Only eight pupils are enrolled in district No. 3 this spring. Claude Cole has a fine new cornet.

West Leoni: A large number of young people attended the dance at the Wild Cat Mill Friday evening.

Francisco: The Cavanaugh Lake Grange will hold their next meeting in the evening at the home of C. Kalmbach and wife, April 9th.

April 11, 1912

Notices—Strictly Private

Notice is hereby given to my husband, Charles Sawyer, that he may return home now any time his urgent business in Ohio may permit. The house cleaning is all finished except eating the three lemon pies that were left from Monday's baking.

Wanted—Any information that will lead to the location of the whereabouts of Lemuel Snodgrass Potts, who left his bed and board last Saturday, saying he was going to Canada to visit relatives. If he does not return by Friday I will be obliged to beat the carpet myself. His wife, Miranda

Where is my wandering boy? I will give a liberal reward for the return of my son, 9 years old, who was sent down town to buy a new carpet beater last Saturday. He may have gone away with the Uncle Tom's Cabin troupe, as he was last seen carrying a flag in the parade. I need him for house cleaning. His mother

Hear Me—If I get my hands on that good for nothing husband of mine, who said he had to go over to Hillsdale on business, and hasn't returned. I will let him know what it means to desert during house cleaning. His fishing tackle is missing and I suspect he may be found along the banks of the lakes. His wife

Final Notice—I will pay no more debts contracted by my husband. He went to the grocery Saturday to get some soap for house cleaning, and has not returned.

Obituary – Mrs. David Rowe

Carrie Ward was born in Spring Arbor where she lived until the time of her marriage in 1874 to David Rowe of Grass Lake. She leaves her husband and two sons, Walter who with his family resides on the old farm, and Eugene of California. Being instructed by Christian parents, she early became interested in the church and Sunday school work. Upon coming to Grass Lake she transferred her allegiance to Grass Lake Congregational church and always was interested in all its activities. After a long illness she passed peacefully into rest.

Local and Personal Items, Correspondence

Sharon: Miss Lila Uphouse is telephone operator at Sharon Hollow. Miss Phoebe Burtch has accepted a position at the Telephone exchange at Chelsea.

*In Lansing an act was passed closing the quail season until 1915.

*Mme. Woodlif of Jackson demonstrated the LaBelto and LaJona corsets at Walker's millinery store on Saturday.

*Jacob J. Siegrist has decided to go to California to locate and will sell at auction his farm tools and household goods on Friday, April 19. Everything goes.

*Mrs. Mary Capron has returned from an extended visit in Lake Odessa, Woodland, Lansing and Eaton Rapids and reports much more snow there than here.

*President Craft wishes all to clean the street and gutter in front of their places of business, so that it can be taken away by Friday. This is house cleaning time so let all turn out and help clean the streets.

*Fire started in the east part of Joe Kunyack's house Tuesday noon. It is supposed that it caught from the chimney but was under control before the department arrived. Had it started from the west side owing to the high wind it would have been serious.

*James Brown, a well known resident of Munith, took his life Thursday by draining the contents of a two ounce bottle of carbolic acid, and had been dead for some time when discovered by his nephew, Benjamin Archer, in a cottage at Portage lake, where the pair had gone hunting several days before. Brown and his nephew had been out hunting Thursday and afternoon went to the cottage which belong to the men. The younger man went out to shoot ducks in the afternoon, leaving his uncle alone in the shack and when he returned found the man dead on the floor, the empty acid bottle at his side while his mouth was burned by the poison. Mr. Brown had no known financial difficulties and was in good health, but was addicted to the liquor habit, which he often deplored.

*The cold weather was a disappointment to a number of our ladies. It wasn't a first class day to show Easter millinery.

*The Ladies' Aid Society of the German Lutheran church of Francisco will hold a box social at the school house on April 18th. All come.

*Easter exercises were held in the Baptist and Congregation churches Sunday. Owing to repairs being made to the church the M.E. society did not hold special Easter services.

*The team belonging to Jacob Lutz of Tristran away with him Wednesday, throwing Mr. Lutz out and breaking his arm at the elbow. Dr. McColgan took him to Ann Arbor to have the bones wired together, and reports that he is now on his way to recovery.

*A farmer who was the father of twelve children and rocked each one in the same cradle was rocking the latest arrival when his wife remarked: "William, that cradle is nearly worn out. I'm afraid it will fall to pieces." "It's about used up," replied the husband, then, handing her a ten dollar bill he remarked: "The next time you go to town get a new one, a good one, one that will last."

Wreck on the Railway (April 18, 1912)

A misunderstanding of orders, a field of burning grass at the foot of a long hill, and the setting sun shining into the eyes of the motorman of a west bound car combined, caused a collision of two Detroit Ypsilanti and Jackson Interurban cars Monday evening, bringing the death to two and probably fatal injuries to one more and more or less serious injury to 35 others, ten of whom were women. The wreck occurred seven miles west of Ann Arbor. There were 90 passengers on the cars, the majority being U of M students returning from spring vacation.

The cars met at the foot of a long hill and near the center of a wide, clear curve. However, dry grass in the field inside the curve was burning, the smoke blowing across the track. The setting sun, shining on the floating smoke blinded the motorman of the larger car and it was not until the eastbound car had topped the hill and started swiftly down the curve that either crew saw the danger. The crews of both cars jumped and escaped injury. The

passengers were caught without warning and thrown into a grinding, twisting mass of humanity, steel and wood.

The collision occurred in front of the farm house of Theodore Covert and his home was turned into a hospital until a relief car from Chelsea, bearing doctors, and the wrecking outfit from Ypsilanti with an Ann Arbor doctor, reached the scene and began to transfer the injured to Ann Arbor. Half of the injured reached Ann Arbor on the first relief car and the second was held until the others could be gathered from nearby farm houses, where they had been given first aid. Within two hours after the accident claim agents of the D.U.R. flocked into the city, besieged the hospital, and sought the less seriously injured about town, making settlements.

Advertisement from Gallup & Lewis, Jackson

Shears & Saw Buck Company takes hundreds of thousands of dollars from our Michigan people and they are worth so many million that they hardly know what to do with the money. We purchased 400 bushels of oats, 20 tons of hay. Our firm and our help consumed hundreds of bushels of potatoes, apples, berries, cherries, vegetables, flour, etc. All most every pennies worth came from the acres owned by our neighboring farmers. How much did Shears & Saw Buck buy from you? Can you show any checks or cash sent you for the products you produce? Dozens of similar questions could be asked and all would have to be answered in the same way. Turn over a new leaf, see if you please, what they have to offer, but insist that your home merchants get your dollars for the same or better merchandise. We take no back seat for any mail order house and we positively promise you that every dollar you pay us will come right back to you for the products you raise. GALLUP & LEWIS, Jackson.

Correspondence (April 18, 1912)

Sharon: John Haselschwardt, who went to Buffalo with a carload of fat cattle, returned home Tuesday. Millard Drake will start the grocery wagon from Sharon Hollow this week.

District No. 6: W. D. Alber had the misfortune to lose one of his work horses Thursday. Albert Cook buzzed wood for the farmers around here last week. E. W. Hobart and family are enjoying a fine new automobile.

South Fishville: Harry Kimball went to Jackson Saturday to help his father, Lee Kimball, move back to their farm in Sharon.

Waterloo: L.L. Gorton is round taking out switches and cutting wires that connects his line with the rural lines.

West Fishville: Nathen Fish, who has been suffering from nervousness, is somewhat improved at this writing.

Nineveh: Jay Knickerbocker spent last week in Marion visiting friends. He also had a carload of lumber shipped here preparatory to building a barn soon.

*Nelman F. Wing spent a couple of days in Grand Rapids last week in interest of the Home Telephone Co.

*The American Steel Fence Posts are the solution of the scarcity of wood posts, for sale at E.J. Fosters.

*We are now serving that famous ice cream. Come in and try a dish or take some home to the family. H.V. Worden

*Miss Gertrude Davis entertained twelve of her friends last Friday evening at her home on Main Street. Games and music were the principal features of the evening. Dainty refreshments were served.

*Complaint has been made that someone is in the habit of mutilating signs on the windows of the business places. Someone will get caught at this yet and serious trouble will follow.

*While hurrying to catch a car last Monday, Mrs. Sarah A. Taylor fell in front of the W.B. Murray store, striking on her head, cutting a gash just above the eye, and injuring her shoulder. She received bruises from which she is hardly able to move about.

*The council has at last decided that the walks are too low and will this summer raise a number of them out of the mud and water. No better work could be done and we hope they will push this project to completion.

*Dr. Olthouse is now a permanent fixture in our town. He returned last Thursday and has opened an office in the little shoe shop on Main street where he will be found ready to answer all calls day and night. Grass Lake can now boast of as good a veterinarian as there is anywhere. No need sending away, he can do your work.

*THE NEWS has secured the agency for the Oliver typewriter and anyone thinking of purchasing a typewriter will do well to investigate this machine. It is the best and most up to date machine on the market today. Come in and let us show you one of the latest. We have been looking for a machine for some time and the Oliver proved the winning one for us and will for you if you will investigate. A typewriter is something that you will use for years, so get the best.

*The annual meeting of the stockholders of Oakwood Cemetery Association will be held at the Town Hall in the village on April 20th. A large attendance is desired as there is important business to come before the meeting.

*Workmen have been busy for several weeks past on repairing and redecorating the M.E. Church and last week the work was completed. Sunday the church was re-opened to the public with appropriate exercises. In the morning Rev. Beatty preached a very able sermon on "God's House" which was both appropriate and highly appreciated by a large audience.

Girl Beaten

Battle Creek—Alice Bain, a 16-year old orphan girl, was held up and terribly beaten last Friday on the Division street crossing of the Michigan Central, in the very heart of the city. Two of her teeth were knocked out, her nose broken and her glasses smashed. What money she had was taken by her assailant. A Grand Truck employee who was recently discharged is suspected of robbing and beating the girl. Miss Bain has no known relatives, but lives in Hillsdale county and is dependent on her own earnings. The man grabbed her pocketbook, containing \$4.90 and struck her several times in the face when she started to scream. He fled down through the yards and tossed the empty pocketbook into a box car, where officers found it this morning.

Correspondence (April 25, 1912)

Leoni: Farmers are very busy trying to get their spring crops in and are still several weeks later than usual.

East Napoleon: C.C. Smith is very busy these days shearing sheep in the surrounding country.

Francisco: Martha Riemenschneider is having her house reshingled this week.

Sharon: Misses Florence and Lucy Renowere in Ann Arbor Thursday and Friday attending the teachers' examinations. J.W. Dresselhaus delivered 120 fat sheep to Mr. Kiebler at Manchester last week.

Waterloo: Geo. Beeman fell from the scaffold in his barn, a distance of about fifteen feet, Saturday morning, breaking three ribs and injuring his right arm and back.

Grass Lake Village:

*Will Shelly has just purchased a new auto and will be able to keep pace with the rest of the fast ones.

*Sidney Smith and wife, who reside on the Lewis Watkins farm, are the proud parents of twin boys born Thursday morning. Congratulations Sid.

*William H. Smalley, agent of the sugar beet factory in Lansing, has contracted with farmers at Chelsea and Grass Lake for 200 acres of sugar beets.

*Game Warden Farrand arrested Geo. D. Sceiffler at Michigan Center for shooting ducks. He pled guilty and was fined \$10.