

NOVEMBER & December 1912 GRASS LAKE NEWS

Modern Electric Car, November 14, 1912

A new car, just placed in service on the Jackson Lansing division of the M.U.T. electric railroad, is equipped with every known safety device, and there are four distinct ways of applying the brakes—automatically, compressed air, electric and hand. When the car is in motion, if the motorman releases his hand from the knob on the control lever, the automatic brakes set. With this feature, if a motorman should be stricken at his post, all danger would be eliminated. The heating and ventilating plant combine every feature tending towards the comfort and health of the passengers. Fresh air is drawn in from under the car, warmed, and sent through the pipes by means of an electric fan device, while automatic ventilators suck the foul air out of the car. There is a separate 120 horsepower motor for each axle of the car and four motors to a car.

The Aim of Early Education, November 14, 1912

The aim of early education ought to be sound intellectual and moral discipline rather than much learning of any sort; to fill a child's mind with details of knowledge in order to make it a prodigy of learning is likely enough to prepare for it an early death or an imbecile manhood; but nothing can be better than the careful fashioning of its intellect into a trained instrument by which knowledge may be acquired readily, and with habits of accuracy, and the formation of a stable character, which, through the constant practice of self-denial, obedience, self control, shall embody those lessons of a good moral experience which the events of later life will not fail to enforce rudely". Maudsley's "Pathology of the Mind".

Freckle Faces

Have you ever seen so many careless people with sallow rough faces, scraggy hollow cheeks, pimply blotchy skin, walking the streets, in the street cars, in the stores, and at social gatherings? They ought to know that their own friends turn from them with disgust. Freckles and coarse pores are an ugly sight in society and business life. Refined folks usually avoid meeting those with such repulsive looks. The very worse cases of pimples, blackheads and blotchy rash, freckles and coarse pores, can positively be got rid of with Yaak. It is a wonderful product, and makes the face smoothly plump, fresh and extremely young looking; the greatest preparation in the world for quick results. Yaak is delicate, harmless and fascinating to the skin, absolutely free from dangerous drugs. Yaak is purely vegetable herbs, oils of nuts, lily-bulb juice, cerasine, olive oils and coconut chips, which give the face a healthful glowing appearance. Apply a little at night and every morning you will see a surprising change.

Local and Personal, November 21, 1912

Last Thursday evening as train No. 11, known as the Grand Rapids train, was loading its baggage, train No. 26, eastbound which does not stop in Grass Lake, came through and ran into some baggage trucks, smashing them into splinters. A number of trunks were also smashed scattering the contents along the track. No one was hurt.

Jay Swadling returned Tuesday from his hunting trip and reports hunting very dangerous and as there are so many hunters, game is driven into the large swamps, where it is impossible to get it. Harry Redding, who was with him, stopped off at West Branch to visit his sister for a few days.

Gov. Osborn brands the attempts to throw out the vote on the suffrage amendment as an outrage. "The people of the state have spoken and by a decisive vote have declared that the women of Michigan shall have the ballot. The intent was plain and the efforts of the liquor dealers or other forces that are fighting the suffrage amendment will act as a boomerang."

Chased by Bear, West Branch

William G. Gray of this city had a narrow escape while hunting deer 15 miles north of here. He was on the track of a big buck and got between a mother bear and her two cubs. Gray was taken by surprise and his first shot wounded the bear just enough to make it vicious. She was on him before he could recover. He knocked the bear back, using his rifle as a club and then shot. The shot did the business, and Gray came out of it with only his clothes torn and a few scratches.

Too Much Social Life in Colleges, November 28, 1912

Pertinent criticisms made by President E. G. Lancaster of Olivet College: Playing base ball on Sunday is the trick of 12 year olds. I was shocked to find 40 Olivet college students playing base ball on the athletic field on Sunday. Many young women go to college purely for the social side it offers—to be taken to dinners and to dances. Too many students in our educational institutions are like a boy's windmill in a back yard—that have tremendous activity but never accomplish anything. Later in life they will be the riff raff. College is no place to learn to make beds or to make bread. It is a place to develop power. Students who don't know any better than to play base ball on Sunday or who think they must go walking with members of the other sex had better be home making butter or husking corn. College is a place where one should strengthen his character, learn to control himself, and develop power.

Of Course, He Kicks, December 5, 1912

My father says the paper somehow ain't got up just right,
He finds a lot of fault with it when he reads it at night.
He says there ain't a gol dum thing in it worth while to read
And that it doesn't print the kind of news the people need.
He tosses it aside and says it's strictly "on the bum—"
But you ought to hear him holler when the paper doesn't come!

Train Problems, December 5, 1912

Wednesday was a busy day for the Michigan Central in the line of trouble. About noon a freight train going west derailed at Chelsea, throwing out three cars. No sooner had the wrecking train returned to Jackson when it received a call to go to Ann Arbor where the switch engine had upset the steam shovel on the main track. Before the crew could leave Ann Arbor the air brakes on the local pick up west failed to work, breaking one car in

two and telescoping two others. The next call was at Grass Lake. The engine that picks up the stock cars, spread the rails and went down into the dirt near the stockyard. This happened about 4 p.m. and it was after 9:30 p.m. before this wreck could be cleaned up. From here the wrecking crew went to the Michigan Center side track where an engine had left the rails. Considering all the trouble there was very little damage done and no one hurt.

Humorous Sayings, December 5, 1912

- *Kissing spreads microbes. Well, give the microbes a chance.
- *Love is blind—that is why it gets along just as well without a light.
- *There is only a transposition of two letters between the words “united” and “untied”.
- *Women may be the wine of life, but they would strenuously object to being put on the shelf until properly aged.
- *It does not sound reasonable to say that matches are made in heaven when all the sulphur is in the other place.
- *There should be some method devised for conserving the energy wasted by some people in keeping away from work.
- *A Nevada woman has married a newspaper man on a bet. Women take some awful chances when they gamble.
- *An Iowa girl secured a husband by a message written on an egg. Even matrimony is becoming somewhat of a shell game.
- *Your political enemies are seldom as bad as you make them out to be—and never as good as their friends say they are.
- *A man feels uncomfortable in a new hat that he feels everyone is looking at—but a woman is in her glory under the same conditions.
- *New York girls spend 60 per cent of their time in making themselves attractive. Out this way Nature has done that work for them.
- *A Kansas preacher says women wear halos in heaven instead of hats. There is no longer any doubt among men folks about heaven being an ideal place.

Kalamazoo Man Kills Badger, December 12, 1912

Not for years has a badger been killed in this county, but the deed was accomplished by John Dustin, after a battle of nearly an hour's duration. Dustin was hunting in Texas Township and was armed with a rifle, and accompanied by a large shepherd dog. He ran across the badger and wounded it the first shot. Fourteen times he fired, the animal being hit each time, but not in a vulnerable spot. Thinking the badger incapacitated, Dustin let his dog loose, and says the way the badger whipped that dog was a caution. He then showed signs of attacking the man, but Dustin secured a club and by well directed blows dispatched the foe. The badger weighed 90 pounds, was 41 inches long and 14 inches across the back. Local sportsmen say it is one of the rarest animals found in this section of Michigan.

Local and Personal, December 12, 1912

*Dr. Lake has placed a solid plaster partition between his office and the NEWS office. This prevents us from hearing your troubles when you tell them to the doctor. Darn.

*Several teams are busy drawing dirt, filling in around the little depot on East Main street. In course of time this will be a beauty spot and a credit to that end of town. But the question is, when will this depot be used?

*Dr. Ainsley Smith of Royal Oak will address a meeting at Michigan Center church on Sunday. Subject: Some Phrase of the Drink Problem. He will also address a similar meeting at Leoni M. E. church the same day. Everyone is invited to hear an excellent speaker.

*There is one thing that should be looked after by parents of this village and that is the frightening of horses that are tied to the hitching posts and railings, by the school children. School children have been seen to strike and poke at horses until they would break their harness or back a rig into another near by or breaking posts or railings down. Many a valuable horse has been spoiled and made hauler pullers of in this way. A word to the children may prevent much of this annoying trouble.

*Mr. and Mrs. Ben Barber and little daughter of Waterloo were poisoned Saturday night by some milk toast, which they ate for supper. Fortunately, all recovered, although Mr. Barber, in particular, was very sick for a time.

*Harry Serviss, who went to California a short time ago, returned to Grass Lake Saturday evening. Harry is not particularly stuck on that state and thinks Michigan good enough for him. Well, Harry, we are glad to welcome you back.

*Last Saturday night a passing train set fire to the grass back of Geo. Horton's house. A haystack was burned and Mr. Horton and a few of the neighbors had hard work to save the barn. The trains also set three other fires along the track Monday night. Those, however, were not serious.

*A couple of boys found a drunken man in the water on the marsh north of here (Leoni) last Sunday afternoon. He was quite badly chilled and probably wouldn't have lived had he stayed there much longer.

*A debate was held at the High School Friday afternoon. The topic was "Resolved that Women in Michigan Should Vote". The Seniors were on the affirmative side and the Juniors on the negative. The Juniors won by twelve points.

*Mrs. Albert Dorr, Miss Edna Dorr and Miss Kenyon entertained the Thimble Club at the home of the former Tuesday evening. The occasion was a surprise in honor of Miss Hazel Crafts in the form of a miscellaneous shower. She is to be married to Alfred E. Campbell of Wyoming. Dainty refreshments were served and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed.

Boy Fell Through Ice, December 1912

About 4:30 Monday afternoon cries of "Come here" were heard by people living adjacent to the Michigan Center mill pond. No one thought, however, it was the appeal for help, although the voice was plainly that of a boy. Later when it was noised about the neighborhood that little Paul Wasson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wirt Lockwood, was missing those who had heard the summons realized for the first time it was the cry of little Paul struggling in the water and ice trying to keep from drowning. So many children play out on the ice that their yells attract little or no attention. Those who heard him yell "Come here" supposed it was one of the children calling to another in fun.

It became dark so soon after he fell through the ice that nearly three hours were spent in finding him. With boats and lanterns neighbors proceeded cautiously over the ice,

pushing boats ahead of them for protection. Time and again they passed within a few feet of where Paul's body laid just underneath the ice, but with dim light they had they did not see him. Finally someone brought an automobile lamp, which threw a stronger ray, and with the aid of this his body was discovered. They first saw his red stocking cap in the water where the ice had given way with him. As the man approached nearer with the boat they saw him under the ice. A part of his coat laid up on the ice and frozen to it. This appeared to hold the body fast. It was right in the channel where the water was about fifteen feet deep, and where there is quite a current. The body was taken to the Smith home a short distance away. Loomis' ambulance came with the Jackson Gas company's pulmotor and an effort was made to resuscitate him, but to no avail. There was no water in his lungs. It is thought he either died from suffocation or exposure. The boy was the son of Evard Wasson, deceased, and a grandson of the late Charles F. Wasson. He was Mrs. Lockwood's only child.