

MAY 1912

Obituary – Michael Sager (May 2, 1912)

Michael Sager, who has been ill for several months past, died Thursday evening, April 25. He was born in Germany and when a young man came to America, married and settled near Francisco where he has since lived. Deceased was 79 years of age. His first wife was Miss Notton. To them were born eleven children, all of whom are living. Three are residents of Jackson, four of Grass Lake, one at Hudson, and two of Springport. Death took from him his devoted wife and a few years later he married Mrs. Anna O'Brien, who survives. The funeral will be held Monday at 1 o'clock at the German M.E. church, Rev. Nothdurft officiating.

Obituary – Jonas Wolfinger (May 2, 1912)

Jonas Wolfinger was born Jan. 23, 1839 in the state of New Jersey and departed this life April 24 at 5:30 a.m. of Bright's disease, after an illness of two weeks. He moved to Michigan with his parents when fourteen years of age and settled in St. Joseph county. He was married to Miss Angeline E. Cole July 4, 1865 and moved to Grass Lake with his family to reside in 1880. Six children were born to this union. A son, Irwin, and daughter, Cora, who have been called home and were waiting beyond to welcome their father. Mr. Wolfinger was long a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Grass Lake and died in Christian faith.

Correspondence (May 2, 1912)

Sharon: J.W. Dresselhaus purchased a new overland car of Chelsea parties last week.

District No. 6 and Vicinity: Art Strahle is driving a fine rig he purchased one day last week. Now girls!! Jefferson Lemm, who has been quite feeble for the past few weeks, is reported about the same.

Mt. Pleasant: M. J. Stoker delivered two loads of sheep to Grass Lake parties.

Leoni: Mrs. E.J. Schuyler, Mrs. Reeve, Mrs. Frances Shaw, Mrs. A. Green, Miss Beth Cain, Mrs. S. Chappell, Miss Florence Reeve and Miss Grace Schuyler attended the W.C.T.U. convention at the Ganson street Baptist church in Jackson last week.

Waterloo: Nina Beeman, Florence Guinan and Loyal Broesamle are having a week's vacation as the Chelsea high is closed on account of diphtheria. Geo. Rentschler delivered a load of hogs to Chelsea parties Wednesday.

Brown & Portage: Mrs. May Hutchinson of Detroit spent Sunday with her little son, Harold.

Stony Lake: Clarence Geiger attended the teachers' examination in Jackson last week.

Napoleon: A medicine show held forth at the Town Hall each evening last week, extracting money and teeth from our townspeople.

West Napoleon: Wilen Myers of Clarklake sheared sheep for Erv. McCready, Friday.

Long Island: Elmer Fransted has bought the north 40 acres of land of Frank Baker.

South Fishville: E.B. Slocum is building a new henhouse. C.L. Hall is doing the work. Mrs. L.D. Loomis received the sad news that her nephew's son, Tommy Hulbert, of Jackson, who was seriously hurt by the cars a short time ago, could not live as blood poison had set in.

Francisco: Friends from Ann Arbor, Jackson, Chelsea, Munith, Springport, Hudson, Dexter and Grass Lake attended the funeral of M. Sager, Monday afternoon.

Norvell: The Farmer's club spent a pleasant afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. James Pierce, Saturday. Owing to the busy season, the attendance of members was not large. Several new families were received into the membership of the club. The May meeting will be with L.D. Watkins or Daniel Fuller

Prospect Hill: There was no school here Friday as the teacher, Miss Mabel O. Harper, attended the teachers' examination in Jackson that day.

Hold End of the World Is Near

Battle Creek, Mich., April 29, 1912—That the cyclones in Illinois and Indiana, the floods in the south and the Titanic disaster (April 15) are calamities showing that the wrath of God, unmingled with mercy, will soon be poured upon the earth, was the statement made before the Seventh Day Adventist conference of the lake union district by Allen Moon of South Bend, president. Not only did he emphasize his belief in the nearness of Christ's second coming, but other speakers talked in the same strain. The belief was expressed that the end will come when the Gospel is finally preached in all the world. Therefore more missionary zeal was recommended.

Grass Lake Local and Personal Items (5/2/12)

*Now is the time for gasoline and oil stoves. I have a complete line. E. J. Foster

*The strong winds of last Friday demolished a large silo on the Barnes farm, three miles southwest of Grass Lake.

*Milton W. Dwelle, one of Grass Lake's most prominent business men, is confined at home by a serious illness. He is troubled with enlargement of the heart.

*Miss Ruby Craft entertained the Thimble club at her home Tuesday evening.

*C.S. Avery returned from Saginaw where he went to visit his son, Willis, who is attending the school for the blind. Willis is getting along fine and progressing nicely.

*Last week Clayton McGee sold 1,100 clipped sheep on the Jersey City market at 9 cents per pound straight. They weighed about 80,000 pounds which means a little better than \$7,000 and he also clipped \$1,300 worth of wool from these same sheep.

*It is always a pleasure to note the progress made by our school. The fifth and sixth grades made an excellent showing in spelling for the month of April, and as this (spelling) branch of the schools has been sadly neglected, it shows that more time is put on this study.

Another Fatal Accident (5/2/12)

Charles Dowd, 35, and Mrs. Fred Niles, the same age, were both instantly killed Tuesday afternoon by a Michigan Central passenger train at the Francisco crossing. Dowd, who resides in Francisco had just come from the post office and meeting Mrs. Niles, a distant relative, stopped to visit. The meeting place was on one of the Michigan Central railroad tracks. A freight train passed by on the opposite track, which occasioned only a passing glance from the couple. A moment later, the through west bound passenger train bore down on them. The woman was first to realize the danger. She reached for the man, and both made a frantic effort to escape. The train was too fast, and they were too late.

Mrs. Niles resides in the country near the village. She had come to town to do some shopping, leaving her three small children in the care of her husband. Dowd was single, and the support of his aged parents. The remains were brought to the Foster undertaking room and the funerals will be held Friday a.m., and interment will be in the East Cemetery. A coroner's jury was called and investigation made and adjourned until next Wednesday.

Titanic Bodies Seen On Iceberg

Officers of the North German Lloyd liner Princess Irene told of a wireless message which they intercepted in which a ship—the name not learned—reported that in passing 50 miles from the scene of the Titanic disaster (sank April 15), she had sighted an iceberg on which were the bodies of more than a dozen men. All wore life belts and the bodies were huddled in groups at the base of the berg. It was the opinion of the officers of the ship that the men had climbed on the mass of ice and had frozen to death as they were swept southward. No attempt was made to take off the bodies.

Home Fire Dangers – Protect Your Home

Mother, you care for your home, because it holds all that is most precious to you. Will you protect it to the best of your ability? Will you use all possible precaution against fire? We know you will, if you realize the fire dangers in your home, and so we want to call your attention to the little careless things that cause fires and annually destroy many homes and cost many precious lives.

STOVES: Use a perfect stove. If the stove is cracked, fire is liable to fall on the floor. Have metal protection under the stove and back of it, if within two feet of the wall. Do not place kindling in the oven. Never leave wood in the oven over night. Do not hang clothing near the stove or stove-pipe. Never use kerosene to kindle the fire nor allow your help to do so.

CHIMNEY: Defective chimneys cause many fires. Have them examined by an expert and repaired, if necessary. Have them cleaned once a year at least.

MATCHES: Never use the parlor or crack head match; the safety match costs no more. Keep phosphorous matches in a metal receptacle with cover. Never allow children to play with matches. The hazard to their lives and to your home is too great. Do not throw matches in the wood box or receptacle containing papers.

KEROSENE: Keep kerosene in a metal can. Allow no filling of lamps or kerosene oil stove by artificial light.

GASOLINE: This is especially dangerous. Keep it in an air-tight metal can, marked "Gasoline". Never take gasoline from the can by lamp light, nor fill the gasoline stove when there is any fire around. Never use gasoline for cleaning near a fire or lamp. If you must use it, go out doors.

OIL and OILY RAGS: When painting or varnishing is done in your home, be sure that no oily rags are left lying around. Destroy them. This also applies to mops used on freshly varnished floors. Keep paint, oils and varnishes in closed receptacles.

GAS: If you have gas in the house make sure of an outside shut-off. Never allow swinging gas brackets to be installed. Gas brackets near windows are bad, as the window curtains are liable to flop against the jet, catch fire, and in turn set the house on fire.

ELECTRIC APPLIANCES: those have brought new dangers to the home. The electric iron should rest on a metal standard.

Local and Personal May 9, 1912

*Mr. W.A. Boland is spending a few days at Grey Tower.

*At a meeting of the Michigan Authors' association held in Detroit last week, M.G. Carleton of this village was elected an honorary member by a rising vote. The recipient of this compliment appreciates it highly, and all the more so as it came voluntarily and unsolicited.

*Saturday evening delegates from Grass Lake township to the democratic county convention were elected as follows: Milburn Taylor, Bernard Teufel, James Cadwell, Norman Davis, Jay Swadling, Sumner Fisk, Ben Taylor, Herbert Dewey, N.R. Lehman, E.J. Marrinan.

*Fred Lewis of Jackson met with a strange accident last Sunday in front of Wm Bostedor's residence on East Main street. Both front tires blew out at the same time. They party consisting of three ladies and three gentlemen were given a rest on the green grass for about three hours.

*Out of 124 who took the teachers' examination held in Jackson last week, but 24 passed. Among the number who passed was Miss Alma Sova.

*The Home Telephone Company are very busy these days in building new lines and repairing whatever needed. The company has just received eight carloads of poles (1,350) and \$1,125.17 worth of wire. It will be seen that this company is growing and extending its lines to the counties south of us. It is expected that soon they will have a direct line through Napoleon, Clinton and on to Adrian and Morenci. Let the good work continue.

*On April 15th, the Titanic went down carrying with her 1,600 lives and \$15,000,000 worth of property—a sacrifice to modern methods and modern greed. Preachers may pray, newspapers may rave, statesmen may investigate, but their combined efforts will not bring back a single life nor a dollar of property given to this sacrifice. The demon fire is annually consuming millions of dollars and hundreds of lives, and today we are telling what we might have done yesterday. Make every day a clean up day. Protect your loved ones, your home, your business; beautify your surroundings and reduce the cost of your fire insurance. "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure!"

*See me about a horse corn planter. I handle some of the best makes. E.J. Foster

*A game of ball between the Jackson Business University and Grass Lake will be played here Saturday.

*The Detroit ball team is having a hard time breaking into the cellar, but if they play ball in the future as they have in the past they will soon succeed.

*Signal bells have been placed at the crossing on Church and Main streets by the D.J. & C Ry. Co. This will be a great convenience to the people and insures their safety.

*The riding of bicycles and coaster-wagons on the sidewalks are a misdemeanor and the authorities wish us to warn all to desist from this practice as the law will be enforced in the future. Also the law in the driving of automobiles must be lived up to. Better be careful or it may cost you \$10.00 for your neglect.

*The findings of the jury in the inquest Monday over the death of Mrs. Nettie Niles and Charles Dowd, who were killed at the crossing last week, was that they met death while standing on the public highway, by being struck by a passing Michigan Central train,

which line crosses the public highway at this point. As this is a dangerous crossing the jury recommended that a flagman be stationed there.

Strikers Standing Pat, Kalamazoo, Mich, May 13, 1912

There is little hope that the corset strike will be ended unless Dr. Puffer succeeds in securing more concessions from the Kalamazoo Corset company for the strikers. At a meeting the strike committee turned down the concessions that have so far been made. The strikers declare that everything they ask for must be granted. The company desired to have it put to a vote of the 800 people who are now working as to whether some of the strikers should return. This the union refused to consent to. Dr. Puffer is attempting to bring about another conference.

Bay City Brewers Strike, Bay City, Mich, May 14, 1912

All employees of Bay City's three breweries struck pending a settlement of a wage difference between the companies and the brewers. Employees of all departments recently demanded an increase of \$2 a week. The bottlers and wagon drivers compromised on a basis that would give a maximum of \$16 a week, an increase of from 50 cents to \$1.50, but the brewery workers refuse this compromise, demanding a higher wage and a reduction of working hours from 9 to 8. Deliveries of beer were made by bookkeepers and other members of the office forces.

Industries Leaving Jackson

Announcement was made Saturday that the Clark Motor Co. and the Lewis Spring and Axle Co., two of the largest plants in the city, are contemplating moving their factories to Detroit. Should the two plants leave Jackson it will prove a serious blow to the city, as more than 800 men are given employment in these industries. The plan of moving to Detroit is being given serious consideration because of the fact that a large part of the product of the factories is marketed in that city.

Village Council Proceedings, May 7, 1912

Communications: It was reported that several persons rode bicycles and coaster wagons on the sidewalks contrary to ordinance No. 18, which adopted Aug. 11, 1903, imposes a penalty of not less than \$1 or more than \$10 for each offense together with costs or prosecution or by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding ten days. After being discussed the sidewalk committee was instructed to enforce the ordinance. It was also reported that several persons ran their automobiles at a high rate of speed around the street corners in the village without giving due warning. After discussion the street and walk committees were instructed to make investigation.

Michigan State News, May 16, 1912

Mount Clemens – J.C. McGregor and R.E. Goss, aged twenty-two and twenty years respectively, of Chicago, went broke while playing at a theater near here and were obliged to put up their suit cases to get funds to return home. McGregor showed his mother's picture to make his argument strong. Both received the necessary car fare and left rejoicing.

Ypsilanti – Clawson Davis, who was arrested in this place April 19, pleaded guilty to being a habitual drunkard and was sentenced by Judge Kinne to six months to two years in Ionia. Davis claims he secured the liquor on Sunday here and as a result Charles Smith, a saloonkeeper, is under arrest and will be tried at the October term of the court.

Holland – Louis O. Bannister, who was a watchman, was struck and instantly killed by a southbound passenger train while returning from a fishing trip near Waverly. Bannister was hurled fully twenty feet into the air and his body landed in the ditch. Both legs and his neck were broken. Bannister's hearing was defective.

Lansing – W.T. Huischer, who is a deputy state dairy and food commissioner, has begun a rigid inspection of all dairies, distributing points and other matters incidental to the delivery of pure milk.

Jackson – John W. Jackson, aged twenty-five years, was badly injured when he was caught in a cave-in while working in a sewer on Jay avenue. His collar-bone was broken and he was internally injured.

Grand Rapids – Brutally beating his wife insensible with a broken beer mug and fracturing her skull, then inflicting what may prove to be fatal injuries on the head of Clause Janiski, Gedro Tamaszaitis was arrested and charged with attempted murder. Both men are common laborers. The prisoner admits he returned home for dinner and found Janiski in his home with his wife. In rage he seized the mug and began the assault. Both wife and the visitor are in the local hospital. Physicians say they cannot live.

St. Joseph – Mrs. W.H. Kenover, who has been a prominent club woman, took her life by seating herself in her favorite rocking chair and turning on three jets in a gas heater. She was found three hours later by her husband. The woman's daughter died four months ago and she had brooded constantly over the loss.

Standish – Charley Colby, aged thirteen years, was instantly killed when a wagon loaded with stone ran over him. The boy was drawing stone for David Osborn. He had just completed his load and walked out on the wagon tongue to pick up a rein. As he did so the team started and he lost his balance and fell under the wheels.

Ann Arbor – The immense ten-ton steel truss, which has just been hoisted to place in the new Hill Memorial building, fell, destroying about \$2,000 worth of construction work on the building. The truss was hoisted by means of a giant hook, and without warning the hook snapped, letting the great truss fall. No one was injured.

Jackson – Strenuous efforts are being made by the police to learn the identity of a bold burglar who entered the home of Clyde J. Smith, and stole \$450 in money and \$33.50 in checks from a pair of trousers hanging in a closet. Entrance was gained through a kitchen window which had not been fastened when the family retired.

Local and Personal May 23, 1912

*Forty-eight Knights Templars from Jackson and six from here attended special service at the Congregational church last Sunday afternoon. The Knights came on a special train from Jackson.

*Mrs. Chris Hayes died at her home four miles southwest of the village last Thursday evening, aged 40 years. She leaves a husband and four boys, the youngest being two weeks old. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery in Jackson.

*Mrs. Hattie Giltner underwent an operation Sunday for cancer, and is improving nicely.

*All old soldiers are requested to meet at the G.A.R. Hall at 9:30, sharp, to attend services at the M.E. church, Sunday, May 26.

*The Jackson Business University and Grass Lake Sluggers played a one-sided game of ball here last Saturday and Grass Lake won by a score of 15 to 2. If lovers of the game would turn out and support the boys, a series of games could be arranged for. Dates wanted, address. Rex Door, Mgr.

Obituary – Jefferson Lemm

Mr. Jefferson Rouse Lemm, son of Rouse and Marie Cutler Lemm, and one of a family of eight children, was born in Bath, Steuben county, New York, Aug. 10, 1829, and passed to his heavenly rest in Sharon, Mich., May 11, 1912; aged 82 years, nine months and one day. Mr. Lemm came to Michigan with his father, brothers and sisters when nine years of age, locating for a short time in Sharon Hollow, and in the same summer removing to the farm upon which, for nearly 73 years, he lived, and during which time he saw it transformed into its present beauty and productiveness.

On the 16th of January, 1861, Jefferson Lemm and Miss Eliza Jane Faulkner were united in marriage by Rev. Wm. H. Shire, at Stockbridge, Mich. Ten children came to bless their home, Albert, of Riverside, California, Louis and Elizabeth of Detroit, John of Grass Lake, and Bertha, Lorena, Mabel, George and Robert, who reside at the farm home. They together with the wife and mother, are left to mourn their loss of a kind and loving husband and father.

He loved his home and family. He lived for them, cheerfully and gladly he bore the burdens and sacrifices of home life for the comfort and happiness of those he loved. No home had a larger hospitality, and it proved a generous haven to many who at times needed its shelter.

In his political affiliations he was a staunch Prohibitionist, temperance being a dominant note in his life. He was loyal to the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he had long been a member, and was a firm supporter of the things that were for the moral uplift of the community. He was a wise counselor, and one whose heart and hand were always ready to lend assistance to those in need. All feel a personal loss in the death of this good and just man.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. H. R. Beatty, assisted by Rev. D.C. Blunt of Grass Lake. Many friends gathered to pay the last tribute to one long loved. He rests from his labors, but his works do follow him.