

Neal Benedict, of Chicago, is visiting his grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Benedict.

Miss Zylphia Parsons, of Cleveland is spending the week with her mother, Mrs. Lee Marsh.

Mrs. David Young and daughter Margaret were over Sunday visitors at Grand Rapids.

Miss Grace Way, of Grand Rapids visited her sister, Mrs. E. F. Edmonds, last week.

Mrs. M. L. Palmer, of Toledo, will visit her daughter, Mrs. Frank Thrun and other relatives.

Misses Della and Catherine Griswold went to Grand Rapids Thursday for a few days visit.

Max Loomis, of Jackson, is visiting his grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bale, and other relatives.

Miss Emma Flathau, of Battle Creek, spent Sunday and Monday here with her mother and sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Sherman, of Ionia, visited their nephew and niece, Will Slout and wife over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Whipple and children, of Flint, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Tyler.

R. A. Garber, of Charlotte, was in town Thursday in the interest of the interest of the county road system.

Mrs. E. V. Abell came over from Grand Rapids to visit with her sister, Mrs. Chamberlain at Mrs. E. Garrett's.

Dr. Geo. W. Snyder and Geo. Potter, of Mulliken, were in town Monday looking up the doctor's boom for judge of probate.

Mrs. H. W. Campbell and two children, and Miss Nina Flathau, of Cleveland, are visiting their mother, Mrs. Bertha Flathau.

W. H. Moore was called to his home at Gotham, Wis., on account of the serious illness of his sister. He expects to remain three or four weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Rawson have gone to Lansing and then to La-Grange, Ohio, for a visit, returning here for a few weeks stay before going South.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Sackett and daughter visited their parents over Sunday. Will now holds a fine position in Lansing, having recently moved there from Middleville.

Mrs. E. F. Edmonds gave a tea party Friday evening in honor of her sister, Miss Grace Way, to a dozen young ladies. A most enjoyable time was had by all.

The ladies of the W. R. C. paid their annual visit Tuesday to the home of Mrs. Clough and helped her celebrate her 92nd birthday. A fine time was enjoyed by all.

Last Friday, Lois and Bernice Gaut gave a lawn party in honor of their cousins, Pauline Abell, of Grand Rapids, and Vera and Carlton Chamberlain of Cleveland, Ohio.

Ira D. Savkey, the great evangelist and hymn composer, died at his Brooklyn, N. Y., home last Thursday night. He had been all over the world and was the greatest writer of gospel songs ever known. He was sixty-eight years old.

## SELLS THE ELEVATOR.

### W. H. Benedict Retires From Grain Business After Thirty-seven Years

On Monday, W. H. Benedict sold his elevator, coal, lime, cement and tile business to Messrs. Chas. A. Anderson, of Vermontville, and John H. Gearheart, of Lake Odessa. The new firm took possession at once and will continue the business which has been so successfully conducted by Mr. Benedict for the past thirty-seven years.

In addition to taking the present established industry, the new firm will at once build a large addition to the elevator for the purpose of handling beans and picking them. This will give employment to about thirty hands and will add materially to the welfare of Vermontville.

The new men are too well known to our community to need lengthy introduction. Mr. Anderson has been the agent of the M. C. R. R. for a number of years and has a wide acquaintance. Mr. Gearheart always resided near town until about four years ago he moved to Lake Odessa where he has been connected with the grain business ever since.

Mr. Benedict, since the earliest days, has been an active factor in the welfare of Vermontville, having been engaged in trade for years. Back in 1871, he purchased the elevator grounds of the Church family and erected a small building which was gradually added to until the fire destroyed the plant. The present fine

building was erected and the extensive coal sheds were built later. The elevator is conceded by all grain men to be one of the most complete plants in the state. Mr. Benedict will keep his office and continue the several lines of business he has conducted up town but has been anxious for some time to be relieved of the business at the depot. The farmers of this section will regret the retirement of Mr. Benedict from the work but they may well be pleased to know the business will be conducted by such competent men as the new firm will prove to be.

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## PERSONAL MENTION.

Miss Grace Haynes Sundayed at H. H. Church's.

John Scarvell came Friday for a few days visit.

Harley Dorman, of Detroit, spent Sunday at home.

Miss Hattie Raleigh, of Charlotte, Sundayed at S. G. Allen's.

Mrs. M. Mahar and son Mikie, spent Sunday at Lake Odessa.

H. E. Hale, of Charlotte, visited friends in the village, Sunday.

Louie Lentz and Glen Honsberger spent Sunday at Mrs. E. Lentz's.

Chas. Youngs, of Battle Creek, is visiting his uncle, James Youngs.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Cole, of Ainger, visited at Will Slout's Wednesday.

Miss Minnie Hoyt, of Olivet, is spending the week at Eugene Carey's.