

JANUARY 13, 1909

Mrs. Laura M. Briggs.

In the passing of Mrs. Laura M. Briggs, one of the well known and highly respected residents of this community is taken from our midst. She had a wide circle of friends, who will miss her greatly.

Laura M. Benedict was born in Huron county, Ohio, November 12, 1860, and was at the time of her death, forty eight years, two months and twenty days old. She came with her parents to Hillsdale, this state, when three years old and after residing there five years came to Vermontville, where her home has been ever since. She was married to Alfred Briggs, in August 1879, and one son, Rex M. Briggs came to their home. Beside her husband and one son, she is survived by her aged father, Mr. Libbeus Benedict, who is 83 years of age, three sisters, Mesdames James Clapper, Orton Worden and Charles Cupples, two brothers, George and Charles Benedict.

Mrs. Briggs was taken sick a year ago, but supposed she had fully recovered, but was again taken sick and after five days illness passed away. The services were held from her late home, Rev. St. Clare Parsons officiating and interment was made in Woodlawn.

Mrs. Briggs was affiliated with the Eastern Star, being a member of Evening Star chapter and was also active in the work of the Christian Science church.

Will Ward was in Charlotte Tuesday.

A. B. Brown was in Detroit Saturday on business.

Mrs. Wm. Griswold spent a portion of last week in Grand Rapids.

J. N. Hawkins was in Charlotte on probate court business Tuesday.

Will Slout went to Ionia, Saturday for a few days visit with relatives.

Will Sacket of Grand Rapids, visited his brother, James a few days the past week.

Mrs. Fred B. Spaulding of Chicago visited at her cousins, Della and Robert Griswold, Thursday.

Mrs. Jay Ward returned Saturday, from her visit in Cleveland, where she has been for a couple of weeks visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Thompson, of Charlotte and Mrs. Mary Smith, of Schultz, visited at E. H. Tyler's and Frank Thompson's last week.

Hon. H. G. Barber was in Charlotte Tuesday attending the annual meetings of the Merchant's National and Eaton County Savings banks.

Mrs. R. H. Town and son Joe of Philadelphia, Penn., left Monday after a week's visit with their friends, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Edmonds.

S. C. Schram and Ernest Benedict, went to Detroit, this morning with Dr. J. D. McEachran where they will go to a hospital and have their appendix removed.

Misses Amy Wyble, Hazel Gayle Baker and Messers Bert Tan, Fred Briggs and Gaylen Cotterell were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baker, Sunday.

Rollan A. Dorman went to Lansing, for over Sunday, after spending a few days with his people here. He goes from Lansing to Detroit, where he will study vocal music.

Mrs. H. H. Warren and two sons, Charles and Wayne, returned Thursday, to her home in Boyne City, after spending the holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Snell.

The monthly meeting of the L. C. A. will be held at the chapel Thursday, Jan. 14th. A chicken pie supper will be served by Mesdames P. L. Green, E. D. Lake, H. H. Brown, W. E. Davis, Fred Wells, Fred Rickle, E. E. Sprague and A. J. Hawes. All are cordially invited.

The masquerade dance to be given at the opera house this week Friday evening promises to give the people plenty of enjoyment. Unmasking will take place at ten o'clock. Refreshments will be served and the good times of 1908 will be recalled.

Saturday saw one of the biggest crowds gathered in town that has been here for some time. Every available hitching post was in use and teams were tied everywhere. Every one reports a big business for the day. The auction sale at the implement store attracted a big crowd.

JANUARY 20, 1909

BOUGHT ANOTHER PAPER.

Publisher of The Echo Buys DuPage County News of Wheaton, Ill. Takes Possession This Week.

The publisher of THE ECHO is branching out somewhat in the newspaper line, having purchased the DuPage County News published at Wheaton, Illinois, taking possession of the property this week. After some weeks of correspondence and a couple of quiet trips over to Wheaton, a beautiful city about the size of Charlotte, located twenty-five miles west of Chicago, the deal was consummated last Saturday and possession given this week.

This new proposition however does not mean that the ECHO will be sold and that we will move at once to Wheaton. The next few months, however, will tell the story, we expect. The new property was bought as a business venture with the expectation of making the move; but should we find the new venture not agreeable to us the plant will be disposed of and Vermontville will again be given our undivided attention, as we know that this is a fine place to live, that the people are the best on earth, and we doubt if a more congenial locality can be found anywhere in the country.