

As to the management of THE ECHO, Mrs. Curtis will give her attention to the business and will be ably assisted by Mr. R. V. Neal, who will look after the mechanical end of the business. Mr. Neal comes to this office with fourteen years of experience in Detroit and Windsor, just across the river from Detroit, having been connected with the city papers and large printing offices of these and other cities for that length of time. He is fully posted in every branch of the printing business and all customers of this office will find that the service rendered will be right up-to-date in every respect. Mr. Neal was actively connected with the Western Newspaper Union, which furnishes the ready prints for country papers, and is therefore fully qualified to look after the details of everything in connection with a country office.

We trust that the many friends of this office will continue to extend the most liberal support to this paper that they have in the past and that all will continue to help make THE ECHO just what it has always been, the cleanest family paper that it is possible to give. Drop into the office at any time and the management will be glad to meet you and serve you in any way possible.

For some time the publisher of The Echo has been making plans that would materially improve the equipment of the office and which would greatly add to the facilities for giving the people of Vermontville and vicinity a better paper. We are now carrying out a portion of the plans, in fact the preliminary work was done.

The building was completely overhauled and placed in first-class condition for the contemplated changes. This week experts are here installing a fine new gasoline engine of the very latest type and repairs to the presses are being made so that when the work is completed this office will be second to none in Central Michigan as far as equipment goes.

The engine is made by the International Harvester company, who have one of the largest plants in the country for the building of gasoline and gas engines of all kinds, and was purchased thru N. E. McLaughlin, the local representative. It is one of their celebrated "Famous" engines and has all of the latest improvements known to the craft in the way of engine building of this type. This will give ample power for the running of both presses and we plan to get out more and better job work in the future than we have been able to do in the past. The landing of several large contracts the past few months has impressed upon us the importance of an up-to-date equipment, and when the improvements are completed we will be in a position to handle any and all classes of printing, both in the way of plain and fancy work of all descriptions.

Every One Enjoying Skating.

For a number of days past every man, woman and child who was able to secure a pair of skates and had the time to do so have been putting in their best licks on the river enjoying fine skating. It has been many

years since the ice has been as fine as it is at the present time and hundreds have been making the most of it. Even the staid business men of this community have been renewing their youth. Men who have not had a pair of runners on in over thirty years have been seen cutting the pigeon wing, figure eight and other fancy movements. Matronly ladies have been noticed sedately walking down the streets looking serious until they got well on their way down south Main street when they were seen to take on the elastic step of youth and make a grand hurry to get onto the ice. Mingled with the old ones were numerous youngsters who have been seen to stand back with awe as their elders went thru their fancy stunts. Take it all in all, the crowd has been a happy one and every one has come back from their trip determined that they will get there just a little sooner the next day.

George T. Griswold Dead.

Mr. Geo. T. Griswold a former well known resident of Vermontville died at his home in Oak Park just out of Chicago Sunday and was brought to Vermontville this morning for interment in the Woodlawn cemetery, the casket being placed in the vault. Mr. Griswold was well known here in the early days of the town, his father being the late Daniel Griswold and Mr. Isaac Griswold was his brother. He left here something over twenty-five years ago, going to Chicago to make his home. The remains were accompanied here by his only daughter and her husband Mr. and Mrs. A. H.

Ingham of Chicago and they were met at the depot by Edward Dwight Post which performed the last sad rites over their old comrade at the cemetery.

Mr. Griswold is survived by his daughter, a brother, Mr. Daniel Griswold of Battle Creek, two sisters, Mrs. Fannie Townsend of Washington D. C. and Mrs. Amelia Squire of Lisbon, N. D.

With the passing of Mr. Griswold there are but four of the nineteen members of Co. H. 6th Michigan who went out to fight for their country from this place. The four survivors are C. A. Hallenbeck, J. N. Hawkins, Alonzo Lake and W. H. Scott, the two last gentlemen being residents of the state.

Received Severe Burns.

What might have resulted in a very serious accident occurred on Sunday afternoon, when Mrs. Susan Knickerbocker received some very painful burns about the hands and face while in the act of lighting a fire with kerosene oil. The fire in the heating stove had burned quite low and Mrs. Knickerbocker poured oil in on the hot coals and as she was about to apply a match to the liquid a gas had formed and an explosion took place. The flames immediately shot out and she was quite badly burned about the hands and face. Assistance was immediately rendered her and the flame extinguished, but she will be confined to the house for some time.

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