

#### Settled in Their New Home.

The Barber State Bank moved last week and Vermontville may well be proud of that solid old institution and its fine new building.

Its handsome offices on the corner have improved the appearance of the entire street. The banking rooms are finished in solid golden oak with bronze trimmings.

A strikingly life-like portrait of the late Homer G. Barber, founder of the bank, hangs in the lobby, and his kindly, genial face seems to beam with satisfaction upon the surroundings and express a cordial welcome to his old friends.

The officers of the bank assure us that Mr. Barber's ideas and methods will be continued, which means a safe, conservative bank and a square deal for all.

#### Exciting Run-away.

Mrs. Art Lake and her daughter, Miss Hazel, had an exciting experience Saturday as they were driving to town in order for Miss Hazel to take the noon train to Grand Rapids.

The cold weather had made the horse feel pretty good and she started out of the yard on the run and the united efforts of the ladies failed to stop it, they, therefore, decided to jump out in the snow bank before reaching town rather than to run the risk of being thrown out on the cement walks. The horse came on and when reaching the corner by the church

turned upon the walk and ran until the cutter struck the iron railing in front of the Alsover building breaking the box into kindling wood. The horse was caught near the hotel and put in the Dean livery barn apparently none the worse for the run.

These ladies walked into town and Miss Hazel went to Grand Rapids as she had planned neither of them being hurt. It was fortunate they were not in the cutter when it was broken as they might have been seriously injured.

Joe Griswold has resigned his position with the Toby Furniture Co. of Chicago, and has accepted a position with a Grand Rapids Furniture Co. He will spend most of his time in that city from now on and twice a year will make a trip to the western coast in the interest of the company.

Miss Ruby Green entertained her pupils with a sleigh ride after which they were taken to her home where a Christmas tree bearing a gift for each child and a Santa Claus was waiting. After the tree had been enjoyed the children gave an appropriate program and were then given a sleigh ride to their homes.

Charlotte was the victim of another fire in the business section Monday night. About one o'clock fire was noticed in the building occupied by the V. C. Roblin & Co. shoe store when the fire department thought they had the fire under control it was discovered that it had worked its way into the dry goods store of R. C. Jones & Co. The fire spread so rapidly that their stock is also a total loss. It is thought that the fire was caused by defective light wiring. Both firms carried insurance.

Will Predmore of Ann Arbor, was the guest of his sister, Mrs. Robert Griswold last week.

Mrs. Geo. Moss and daughter Beulah is spending a couple of weeks with his husband in Stockbridge.

Mrs. Frank Remalie and children of Portland, are visiting Mrs. and Mrs. John Remalie and Mrs. Sarah Norton.

Mrs. Flossie Lennon came home from Detroit yesterday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Bailey.

Miss Irma Sprague is spending the holiday vacation at home from Ypsilanti with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Sprague.

Miss Edith Martin, who teaches in Mt. Pleasant, is at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Martin for the Xmas vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Inwood came up from Chicago Saturday to spend their holiday vacation with Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Hammond.

Miss Evelyn Sprague who is attending college at Olivet is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Sprague.

Miss Ora Hallenbeck who is attending college at Kalamazoo is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hallenbeck.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Griswold leave to-morrow to spend a week with his mother and sisters in Chicago and with her brother in Joliet.

Miss Blanche Jones came home from the state normal at Ypsilanti to spend the holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Jones.

Lewis Kidder spent Sunday in Nashville.

Miss Myrta Tyler is spending her vacation at home.

Miss Hazel Lake is in Grand Rapids for a short time.

J. N. Hawkins was in Charlotte Saturday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Sprague were in Charlotte Tuesday.

Mrs. Lillian Campbell and son Dale were in Nashville yesterday.

Frank Walsh is spending his Xmas vacation at home with his parents.

Miss Hilah Eddy is spending her vacation in Stockbridge and Eagle.

M. J. Dikeman of Joliet, Ill., is expected home to spend the holidays.

Mrs. J. D. Dancer and daughter Miss Bertha were in Charlotte yesterday.

Miss E. Louise Bates is spending her vacation in Charlotte with her parents.

Mikie Mahar is at home from the Kalamazoo college to spend the holiday vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Pitt Pugh are expected Friday to spend a week with Mrs. Edith Willett.

Mrs. C. F. Brooks and Mrs. Lee Mathews of Hastings, and Mrs. M. Mahar of Jackson were guests of Mrs. M. Mahar Thursday and Friday.

Miss Laura Church, who is studying Domestic Science at Kalamazoo, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Church.

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