

present and enjoy the company of relatives and friends.

A fine trout dinner was served by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bosworth of this place, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bosworth, Sunfield, and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bruyn of Whitefish, Montana. The table was beautifully decorated with cut flowers and loaded with every imaginable good thing to eat. In the center of the table directly in front of Mrs. Bark. Mr. and Mrs. McDowell and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bosworth, was placed a large white mountain cake inscribed "Bosworth 1910, and on the opposite side were seated Mrs. John Landis of Woodland, Mrs. Sarah Ridge of Chicago, mother and aunt of Mrs. Fred Bosworth. All were seated at the same table and a more jolly or happy crowd would be hard to find. At parting, best wishes for each and all were heard on every side and the only regret was that the day was far too short.—Lake Odessa Wave-Times.

Despondency, caused by continued ill health, was responsible for two suicides of residents in this vicinity on Monday. The first was that of Mrs. Jacob Summers, aged 55 years, wife of a prominent grocer of Chester, who took her life by throwing herself in front of an incoming Michigan Central train. Mrs. Summers had been suffering for some time with a nervous ailment and as she had oftentimes threatened to take her life had to be kept under close surveillance nearly all the time, but Monday night she eluded her guardians and as the 7:00 o'clock train came in she hurled herself in front of the engine and was in-

stantly killed. Her lifeless body was discovered a short time later lying beside the tracks by Station Agent Wilson who had gone out to get the mail bag.

The second case of self destruction was that of Homer Ehret, aged 38 years, who with his wife and three children, lived on a farm northwest of town just across the county line in Castleton township. Ehret had been in poor health for some time and has had considerable sickness in his family during the past winter, one little girl just having recovered from the effects of an operation performed a few weeks ago. He bought the farm on which he was living a short time ago and since taking hold of the property

had made a number of improvements and in consequence is said to have been quite heavily in debt. This, together with the sickness in the family, preyed heavily upon his mind and while temporarily deranged he committed the rash act. Friends and neighbors had noticed his peculiar actions of late and on the advice of a physician he accompanied his wife to Levering, Manistee county, last Friday, where it was thought a change of scene would benefit his health. On Monday he went down town with his brother-in-law and while the latter was engaged in installing a furnace in a building there Ehret entered a nearby drug store and procured a bottle of carbolic acid. Before anyone could prevent it he raised the vial to his lips and swallowing the contents expired immediately. The body was brought back from Levering on Tuesday and the funeral will be held

from the United Brethren church at Castleton on Thursday.

Ehret is well known in Vermontville and is very highly spoken of, having the reputation of being a jovial, big-hearted fellow and has always been considered one of the last persons in the world to think of taking his own life.

The sympathy of the community goes out to the grief stricken widow and three children.

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The Rev. David Beaton will be installed next Thursday as pastor of a Congregational church at Janesville, Wis., by the Rev. Dr. Frank W. Gausaulus. Dr. Beaton is a native of Scotland and was educated at the University of Edinburgh. He was pastor of Lincoln Park Congregational church in Chicago from 1891 until a few years ago when he resigned to become a university extension lecturer. Rev. Beaton was pastor of the Congregational church here several years ago.

The Millinery and Dress-making parlors of Briggs & Hull in the Martin building will be open to the public on Saturday, March 19. They have been in Grand Rapids for some time purchasing a new line of goods. Miss Gladys Pettijohn, of Alma, an experienced trimmer will be with them during the season. A sitting room has been arranged by them for the benefit of ladies from out of town who are invited to make their store their stopping place whenever they wish.

Deaths of the Week.

JAMES FLEMING.

James Fleming, one of Vermontville's old residents, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Wm. Bale, at Fennville Saturday evening. His death came suddenly after an illness of about an hour with an attack of acute indigestion. The remains were brought here Monday night by Mr. and Mrs. Will Bale, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Bale and Mrs. (Dr.) Snyder and son. The funeral was held at the Congregational church yesterday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, interment at Woodlawn.

HENRY SLOUT.

Henry Slout died at his home Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Slout came here from Chicago at Thanksgiving time on the advice of his physicians in the hopes of benefiting his health but has grown steadily worse. The sympathy of the entire community goes out to his wife and children. Funeral will be held at his home on Maple street at 10 a. m. Friday, burial in the Kalamo cemetery.

The annual meeting of the L. C. A. will be held at the chapel to-morrow. A full attendance is desired. All will be cordially welcomed to tea at the usual hour. The hostesses will be Mesdames F. F. Ambrose, Frank Hay, W. C. Alsoyer, E. D. Barber, E. G. Bowman and Miss Eva Kelley.

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