

Mrs. Nina Hill of Yackama, Wash., came Monday evening for an extended stay with her sister, Mrs. F. F. Ambrose.

Mrs. Barber's Playing Pleases.

In a clipping from one of the papers published at Berwyn, a fashionable suburb of Chicago, they speak of Mrs. Vance Barber's playing of the violin at a musical given by the Baptist church on a recent Sunday evening, as follows:

"Mrs. Vance Barber of Vermontville, Mich., a violinist of great merit, rendered Nassanet's "Meditation" in an artistic manner. Mrs. Willis also sang a beautiful solo, accompanied by Mrs. Barber on the violin, and the offeratory was a violin and organ serenade by Mrs. Barber and Miss Coykendall.

It was excellently given and deeply appreciated by the congregation which filled the church. The entire service was one of harmony and beauty and it is to be regretted that Mrs. Barber is but a guest in our city, and that we may not often enjoy her artistic and melodious music.

NOVEMBER 8, 1911.

L. W. Snell came down Saturday evening from Grand Rapids and Mrs. Snell and daughter accompanied him back to the city Monday, their household goods having arrived from the South.

Have you noticed the sprightly step and broad smile with which Dr. Harry W. Davis moves about now days? It's all on account of the arrival at his home on last Thursday of William Harry Davis, weight eight pounds. Doc says he is a wonderful youngster for he can stretch and yawn and go to sleep just like any other person.

Dwight Davis received a telegram Friday evening to come to Chicago and on arrival there Saturday morning was given a position in the engineering department of the Pennsylvania railroad company and started at work Saturday morning. He was given the place on the strength of his being a U. of M. graduate as graduates from Michigan's great university are always in demand.

Well Known Resident Dies.

Saturday morning the many friends of Mrs. P. W. Sprague were shocked and pained to learn that the previous night her lamp of life had snuffed out. For several years Mrs. Sprague had been in failing health but the past few months had been feeling better than usual until a few days before her demise.

The funeral services were held from her late home northeast of the village Monday afternoon at one o'clock. F. E. Leamon, pastor of the Methodist church officiating, and interment was made at Woodlawn cemetery in the family lot. The floral offerings were profuse, the casket being completely covered with beautiful flowers sent as tokens of love and sympathy.

Lucy Adele Steyers was born at

Deer, Michigan, on November 15, 1860, and had reached the age of fifty years, eleven months and eighteen days. She was united in marriage to P. W. Sprague Nov. 24, 1881. To their union was born three daughters, Mrs. Walter Wright of Grand Rapids, Miss Irma Sprague, who is teaching at Rocky Ford, Colo., and Mrs. Howard Hay of this place, who with their father survive her. For many years she was an earnest christian worker and was known in her home as a faithful wife, a loving mother and a kind and true neighbor.

NOVEMBER 15, 1911.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ira Smith of Charlotte last week, an eight pound son, which causes Ira to step livelier than ever in waiting on customers at the L. & S. store.

Mail Finely Delivered.

On December 19th, 1884, nearly twenty-seven years ago, Wm. H. Benedict had occasion to drop a postal card to W. J. Wood, the fur buyer located at Athens, regarding a sale of fur which the former had bought of local trappers. On Wednesday, November 8th, of last week, Mr. Wood received the card from the post office at Athens. He enclosed it in an envelope to Mr. Benedict as a souvenir and to let him know that at last the card had been received. Just where that card had been for the past 27 years is a mystery, but it goes to show that Uncle Sam is bound to do business some time, sooner or later.

NOVEMBER 22, 1911.

Ernest Beck of Holland visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Beck, over Sunday.

Rev. St. Clare Parsons Tenders His Resignation.

At the morning service Sunday Rev. St. Clare Parsons, pastor of the Congregational church, tendered his resignation to the church, stating that he has received a call to Greenville, Michigan, to take the pastorate of the First Congregational church of that city and that he was to take up the duties there on the first of next January. He therefore offered his resignation as pastor of the local church to take effect at that time, stipulating that for the balance of the year he would see that the local pulpit was supplied with a minister to fill the pulpit for Sunday services with the exception of two or three Sundays when he would be here to fill the pulpit on those dates.

The church accepted Mr. Parsons' resignation with a great deal of reluctance as there is no doubt that he has been the most popular man filling the pastorate of this church for many years. He gave the society to understand when his year was up that he would only remain here temporarily.

Mr. Parsons came here four years ago last October first and he soon won for himself a warm spot in the heart of every person in the community, regardless of whether that person was affiliated with the Congregation church.