

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Snell and daughter, Marion, came down Saturday night for a week's stay while he is recovering from an attack of the grip.

Harley Dorman has resigned his position at the Jackson state prison and returned to Detroit to take up his civil engineering work there. Mrs. Dorman is spending a few days here with her people before going to Detroit.

Dr. C. S. Snell has sold his office building to Dr. C. L. D. McLaughlin and has moved his office into the room adjoining Hawkins Bros.' barber shop. Dr. McLaughlin is moving his office into the new location, where he may be found in the future.

A Stormy Week.

The past week has certainly broken all records for years past, yea, even beyond the recollection of the oldest inhabitant, and new records have been set for future generations to figure from. Along about 1975 one may expect to hear some of the youngsters of today telling their grandchildren about the big storm of February 1912 when for several days no trains arrived or departed from Vermontville and that all business was suspended and nothing was done on account of the storm and impassable condition of the roads.

Beginning with last week Tuesday night the weather has never been equalled in Michigan and in fact all over the length and breadth of the land. The last trains to leave Vermontville were the morning trains of

Wednesday and the first trains to get through were Thursday night about eight o'clock when traffic was resumed in fairly good shape till the storm of Monday tied up traffic again for a number of hours.

School children were obliged to stay at farm houses adjacent to the school house as they could not get home while those at home were unable to get to school. In the Barnes district southwest of town the entire school and teacher were sheltered at the home of Andrew Lundstrom, he taking his team and several men and breaking the way to the school and taking them to his spacious home. In other districts equally strenuous times were had but fortunately no fatalities occurred though there were several close calls.

The rural carriers made the most of their routes on Wednesday and finally succeeded in reaching home only after a most strenuous time and did not attempt to go out till Friday when short trips were undertaken but with little success. Monday the carriers covered a portion of their territory and likewise on Tuesday but it was impossible to reach all on account of the condition of the roads.

Thursday morning Dr. McLaughlin received a hurry up call to go to Phil Granger's home to attend Mrs. Granger whom he, with others, had operated upon the day before for appendicitis. The roads were impassable but Lee got a hustle on and Overseer of Highways Andrew Green secured four teams and a crew of men to shovel and break the road out and after a strenuous effort the road was opened and the doctor reached his patient in

due time. This was the hardest piece of work attempted and was accomplished only after hard work and as a result Mrs. Granger will without doubt pull through from the operation.

Reports of numerous horses having their eyes frozen shut during the storm have been received. Royal Cronk on his return trip from Lake Odessa on the milk route was obliged to abandon his rig several miles from home. The horses lost the road in the drifting snow as a result of which they and Royal rolled over a high bank and landed in the snow at the foot of the hill. It has been necessary to have gangs of shovelers clearing the walks and roads as the snow has been so heavy that the plows would not budge it.

Right on top of this comes numerous reports of robins and numerous other signs of spring, so cheer up.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 13,

Charles Dorman has sold his South Main street residence to W. J. Helm and will move onto the farm within a few days. He has sold his coal and tile business to the Vermontville Lumber company who will look after his customers in the future. Mr. Dorman has been a resident of Vermontville for many years but has concluded that since he cannot stand the hard work of the blacksmith shop he will rejuvenate his system by getting back to the soil and in touch with good old Mother Nature again.

SERIOUS FIRE SUNDAY NIGHT.

Norton's Building and Contents Entirely Destroyed and Lamb's Hardware Store Damaged.

Shortly after 10 o'clock Sunday evening the residents of Vermontville were startled by the alarm of fire and soon everyone was on the run toward the business portion of the village where it was discovered that H. M. Norton's building was being rapidly devastated by the flames which had enveloped the entire building within a very short time.

The fire was discovered by Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Alsover as they were on their way home from the bank, where he had stopped to look after the coal stove. On crossing the street they were startled by seeing the flames light up the sky and he at once gave the alarm while Mrs. Alsover walked over to the building to see what condition things were in. On reaching the block she was startled to see Mr. Norton lying upon the floor with the fire and smoke fast creeping upon him. Mrs. Alsover broke the window in and called to him to get his head to the window where he could get the fresh air, but on receiving no response she broke the front door in, using a sign board which he had standing in front of his place of business. She rushed into the room and with super-human strength succeeded in dragging Mr. Norton across the room and across the sidewalk before she reached her. By this time men arrived upon the scene.

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