

into the world and made good. He is one of the leading Portland cement experts of the country and at present spends a portion of his time in Cuba looking after the construction of a big plant being erected there by his company. When this job is completed it will make the fifth one he has planned and supervised the building of in the past few years.

AUGUST 12, 1914.

The Montrose Opens

The people of Vermontville may well feel proud of their new hotel which opens for business Thursday evening. When Wm. Kemp purchased the old hotel property a few weeks ago he promised to completely change the appearance of the interior of the old hotel and when he opened it up no one would have any complaint whatever. The building has been all torn to pieces on the inside, rooms changed and many important improvements made. All the old plaster was torn off and newly plastered throughout. The walls have all been tinted, new furniture installed all through the building and the floors all covered with new linoleum and rugs, new dishes bought for the dining-room, in fact everything done to make a strictly up-to-date hotel. Steam heat will be installed throughout the building and room will be heated. New and screens also make the place a homelike look.

Afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Kemp will be the citizens to call and see the building throughout and see

what a transformation has taken place. It will pay every one to drop in and look the place over. The hotel will be thrown open that night to the travelling public. Here is hoping "The Montrose" will meet with the success it deserves.

Some family down at S. A. Fuller's home last week. Mr. and Mrs. Fuller entertained all of their children and grandchildren with the exception of Mrs. Edson Fuller and one child, who were unable to be present. Hal Fuller and family of Battle Creek were over, Ben Fuller and family of Grand Rapids came down to meet with Edson Fuller and two sons from Detroit and Charles A. Fuller from New York. There were eleven grandchildren right there, all of them looking for grandpa to hand each and every one a wish bone and as a result the poultry population of the south end of town is somewhat depleted at the present time.

AUGUST 26, 1914.

ORSON WORDEN

Orson Worden was born in Kalamo township, Eaton county, Michigan, December 31st, 1853, and died August 20th, 1914 at his home in Vermontville after an extended illness from apoplexy aged 60 years, seven months and twenty days.

He was united in marriage November, 16, 1874, to Allie R. Benedict of Vermontville. To this union three children were born, one son, Floyd, now of Detroit, and two daughters, Mrs. Grace Maude Barnes and Laila Agatha, of Vermontville, all of whom were at their father's bedside when he passed away.

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Hawkins Family Reunion.

Saturday a happy family gathering occurred at the spacious home of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Hawkins northeast of town when all the children with their families gathered for a family reunion, the first time since the marriage of their children that all had been together for such an event. Those there were: Prof. and Mrs. Victor D. Hawkins and their three children from Cleveland, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Snell and daughter from Kalamazoo, Miss Pearl Hawkins from Knoxville, Tenn., and Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Curtis and daughter of Vermontville. The day was a delightful one and a sumptuous dinner was enjoyed by all.

On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Curtis entertained the whole bunch and Dr. Snell, wife and daughter at their home in town. Landlord Kemp of the Montrose served a special dinner shortly after two o'clock and all did justice to the good things provided. It had been nearly twenty years since all had gathered at the old home and every moment of the time was filled with enjoyment by the entire family.

SEPT. 2, 1914.

Miss Zella Allen, who has been making an extensive tour of the continent, arrived in Vermontville Tuesday afternoon for a few days' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Allen. Miss Allen was one of the unfortunate American travellers to be caught in the European war zone and recites some interesting experiences, an account of which we hope to publish next week.

SEPT. 16, 1914.

Joseph Beck was born in Fremont, Ohio, Nov. 24th, 1841, and died at the home of his eldest son, Allen, at Hastings, Mich., Sept. 12th, 1914. His early life was spent near Fremont where he was united in marriage Nov. 13th, 1866, to Catherine Gschwindt. To this union eight children were born, all of whom survive with the exception of one daughter, Nettie, who died in infancy. In 1878 they moved to Michigan, locating on the farm one and one-half miles east of Vermontville, where they remained over a quarter of a century. After disposing of the old homestead they removed to a farm a mile and one-half west of Vermontville, where they remained for three years and then moved to town to spend their declining days.

The children were all with him during his last illness and were present at the funeral. They are: Allen J. Beck and Clair N. Beck of Hastings, Ernest W. Beck of Holland, Wilbur C. Beck of St. Joseph, Louise E. Near of Charlotte, Frank O. Beck and Leroy Beck of Vermontville.

H. H. Church left Saturday night for Palm City, Florida to resume operations on his ranch land there. Mr. Church shipped down several cars of hay and grain which he also handles there on a retail way. Mrs. Church and daughter Edna will follow a few weeks later. Mrs. LaDue of Lisbon, N. D. is visiting Mrs. H. H. Church and numerous other old time friends of this place. She will be better remembered as Flora Squier, daughter of Mrs. Martin L. Squire.