

DEATH OF MR. J. D. BRUIN.—For several days past our community has been much agitated by wild and exaggerated rumors concerning the death of this young man. We have been at considerable pains to learn the facts from the family, and from the attending physician, Dr. Bailey, and think our statement can be implicitly relied upon by the public. On Monday of last week, Mr. Bruin, who was about 23 or 24 years old, was taken seriously ill of inflammation of the lungs, while at Wacousta, about 12 miles from this city. He grew gradually worse, when on Thursday evening at eight o'clock, he apparently expired. The physician with him, Dr. Bailey, not being present, noticed that his heart kept beating after he ceased to breathe, for, perhaps, half an hour, and cautioned the family not to bury him until they had unmistakable evidence that he was dead. His countenance looked strangely natural, his eyes were not sunken, his color was life-like and his lips were rosy as life. This appearance continued. On Friday afternoon, the body was placed in a coffin and brought to this city: ice was used on Saturday to permit the funeral to be postponed, to await the arrival of a brother from Kalamazoo. On Sunday preparations were made for the burial; services were held at the Franklin Street Church, and the body taken to the cemetery. There some consultation was held between the family, physician and officiating clergyman, Rev. C. S. Armstrong. This strangely natural appearance still continued, and the body had not yet become rigid. It was finally determined to convey the body back to the house of the family, and to more perfectly satisfy themselves in regard to its somewhat anomalous appearance. This was done: it was put in bed in a warm room; hot irons and stimulants were used; and during the night a marked change came over the countenance; and on Monday morning it was evident at a glance that there was no longer the slightest hope, which a doting mother and fond sister could indulge, of lingering life. Decomposition began immediately, and the body was buried Monday noon. These are the facts; all else is idle, unfounded rumor. The somewhat strange death, the life-like appearance of the countenance and the non-rigidity of the body, are the only facts at all peculiar in the case. The family have not the slightest doubt but their son and brother died on Thursday, at 8 o'clock in the evening.

Death of an Old Man.

Patrick Corcoran, of Woodhull, Shiawassee county, died on the 29th of December, 1866, aged 101 years, 9 months and 12 days. Mr. Corcoran was born in Londonderry county, Ireland, on the 17th of March, 1764, and followed the occupation of a farmer until 1831, when, at the age of 67, he emigrated to the United States, first settling in Saratoga county, New York. He remained there six years, and emigrated to Michigan, in 1837, and settled in Woodhull, where he purchased 1000 acres of land in a body, which has been divided into farms, and is now occupied by his children. He was the fortunate possessor of both health and strength, which he retained until three days before his death. He was taken with a choking sensation in the throat, which rendered him unable to swallow, and from which he died. Thirty years before his death he took the total abstinence pledge, which he never violated. He leaves five children, and twenty-five grand children.

Elder, Thomas, 1808-1867, Lansing Republican,
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DEATHS.

On Wednesday, Jan. 23d, Thomas Elder, of
Lansing, aged 59 years and nine days.

DEATH OF CHARLES FOX.—Our community were greatly shocked to hear that Charles Fox, one of the oldest and most respectable citizens of Lansing, had committed suicide this morning, by cutting his throat with a razor. He was married, but a few weeks since, to a second wife, his first having died several years since, and everything in his family relations was of the most pleasant character. No motive can be given for the rash act. It had been observed that he had seemed abstracted and depressed for some days. The full particulars of the tragedy have not reached us.

Mr. Fox has been one of the leading members of the Methodist Church, in this city, for many years, and was well known as a kind, liberal-minded citizen. He has raised a family of children, some of whom are married, and reside elsewhere. His age was about fifty-five years.

THE LATE DEACON FOX.—The mystery which enshrouds the probable cause of the suicide of Deacon Fox remains unsolved. No light has been thrown upon it affording more than a mere conjecture in regard to it. No cause of trouble, at least to a healthy mind, is known, or can be devised. But it is probable that indifferent health and a disease peculiarly disposing to depression of spirits, had produced a settled melancholy, which greatly exaggerated slight difficulties, and created unreal ones, which seemed formidable to a mind not naturally buoyant and hopeful, resulting in temporary insanity, in a paroxysm of which he so sadly destroyed his own life. Deacon Fox was one of our most respected and worthy citizens, whose sorrowful death will be sincerely mourned by a large circle of friends, and will be seriously felt by the Methodist Church, of which he was long an exemplary and devoted member. He was buried on Saturday last; the funeral services, conducted by Rev. Mr. Spencer, being particularly impressive and solemn.

OKEMOS, Jan. 28.—We were called to mourn the loss of our beloved and worthy sister Marrah Hoag, wife of Rev. A. L. Hoag, on the 20th of this month.

She was a member of the Good Templars, her remains were conducted to the cars at Lansing by that order, whence they were to be conveyed to Marshall for interment.

On Saturday evening the Good Templars met, at which time an election of officers took place, also the following resolutions were passed:

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God, to remove from our midst our worthy Sister Marrah K. Hoag by death,

Resolved, That we sincerely sympathize with our bereaved Brother on the sad loss he has sustained.

Resolved, That this Lodge deeply mourn the loss of our Sister and appreciate the worth of one who has always been an active worker in our good cause, being ever ready to do all in her power to promote the interests of Religion and Temperance.

Resolved, That we send a copy of these resolutions to the Lansing papers for publication, and that a copy be sent to the friends of the deceased.

The following officers were elected:

L. N. Walker, W. C. T; Miss Lilah Turner, W. V. T; Levi Soule, W. S; Charles Haner, W. T; Miss Kent, W. J. G; Auther Johnson, W. O. G.

The appointments have not yet been made.

G. N. W.

DEATHS.

HOLMES.—In the town of Delhi, Ingham Co., Michigan, on the 15th inst., Mrs. Louisa Marion Holmes, wife of W. I. Holmes, and daughter of W. H. and Almira North, aged 27 years.

Mrs. Holmes has left a husband and two little ones, as well as a large circle of friends to mourn her loss. Her funeral was attended on the following Sabbath by a large concourse of neighbors and sympathizing friends. O, how sad to us it seems, and mysterious; that one so young should be taken from her little ones. May Heaven shelter and sustain the bereaved, and the blessing of the God of the orphan rest upon the motherless.

Johnson, L Marie, 1849-1867, Lansing Republican,
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DEATHS.

JOHNSON—In this city, on the 11th inst., Mrs. L.
Maria Johnson, wife of Mr. Cephas W. Johnson
aged 18 years.

CEMETERY REPORT.—We have before us the report of G. Straub, City Sexton, of the number of interments in the Cemetery for 1865, 1866 and 1867. The whole number of interments in 1865, were 65; in 1866, 64; while the number for 1867 was only 36. He is not able to furnish us the ages of those interred in 1865. The detailed statistics for 1866 and 1867 are as follows, to which we invite a comparison:

| 1866. | | 1867. | |
|-------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|
| Under 5 years of age... | 21 | Under 5 years of age... | 9 |
| From 5 to 10..... | 7 | From 5 to 10..... | 3 |
| “ 10 “ 15..... | 3 | “ 10 “ 15..... | 1 |
| “ 15 “ 20..... | 4 | “ 15 “ 20..... | 2 |
| “ 20 “ 25..... | 4 | “ 20 “ 25..... | 3 |
| “ 25 “ 30..... | 7 | “ 25 “ 30..... | 3 |
| “ 30 “ 40..... | 6 | “ 30 “ 40..... | 1 |
| “ 40 “ 50..... | 6 | “ 40 “ 50..... | 2 |
| “ 50 “ 60..... | 4 | “ 50 “ 60..... | 2 |
| “ 60 “ 70..... | 1 | “ 60 “ 70..... | 7 |
| “ 70 “ 80..... | 1 | “ 70 “ 80..... | 4 |
| Total..... | 64 | Total..... | 36 |

By the above table it will be seen that ten of the deaths were of persons between the ages of sixty and eighty, or more than one-fourth had reached to about the age of 70. Twelve of the number were under ten years of age, and nine of them under five years. The whole number of persons who died between the ages of ten and sixty years of age, was only fourteen; while between the ages of 25 and 50 there were only six deaths. To this we may add the statement of the Sexton, that eight of the burials were from other places, the bodies being brought here to be placed in the family grounds of those who had formerly lived here. The actual deaths in the city and town, in a population of at least 6,000 were only 28, or less than one to 214.

We believe no other city in the State can show such a small ratio of mortality to the population, and we doubt if a like statement can be made by any city and town of 6,000 people in the United States.

It gives us great pleasure to place these statistics before our readers. It is an argument that must forever silence those, who have taken particular pleasure in the past in representing Lansing as one of the most unhealthy places in the State.

Let our Board of Health in the future be as unremitting in their efforts to promote cleanliness, and to abate all nuisances as in the past two years. Health and long life are the desire of all, and they are found in our city if any where.

DEATHS.

LORANGER.—In Williamston, Jan. 18th. 1867, Louisa
Loranger, aged 14 years and 9 months.

There is no death. The stars go down,
To rise again on some fairer shore;
And brighter in Heaven's jeweled crown,
They shine forever more.

And ever near us the unseen,
The dear immortal spirits tread,
For all the boundless universe
Is life,—there is no dead.

Phillips, Mr., 1867, Lansing Republican,
January 16 1867, p. 2

A Mr. Philips was killed near Ovid last Saturday, by a train of cars on the Detroit & Milwaukee R. R.


LOWER TOWN ITEMS.—S. V. R. Reynolds, who lives near this part of the city, met with a severe accident a few days ago. He left his house as usual and went into the woods chopping. The indications from the appearance of things when he was found, were that he had cut one tree that lodged, and that in cutting the second tree, the falling of the one on the other struck him on the head fracturing the skull. When found he was on his feet holding to a tree in a state of unconsciousness. He had struggled in the snow and floundered several rods away from the locality whence he received the injury. By a surgical operation the pressure of the skull upon the brain was removed. Fragments of skull were also removed from the brain. At last accounts the patient was doing well.

Mr. Somerville, who is one day preaching, the next day fighting rebels and the next day employed to close up rum holes, is now in the harness business; and is making a harness, the tugs of which can be lengthened out or shortened up half an inch, or an inch, or more at a time with very great facility. It can be operated without taking off mittens—a great desideratum in a very cold day. The contrivance is called a tongueless buckle. It has corrugated jaws, a little like those of a shoemakers' pincers, and arms or levers over and under which the tugs pass, and bind in such a manner that the harder the

Renolds, S.V.R., 1867, Lansing Republican,
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throwing the driver out of the sleigh, and running over a footman and bruising him severely. Names of parties not known.

By a still later report we are informed that Mr. Reynolds died last Monday night, the 17th instant.



Mr. John L. A. Sawyer, an old resident of this township, died last evening. He had been sick some two months of a low order of fever. Three of his children have been very low of the same disease, just escaping with their lives. Every day for five months a doctor has visited the family, and now when the scene closes with him, leaves his three children, that for three months prior to his sickness, he had toiled night and day to save, just able to be about. His wife has with superhuman energy toiled through the whole five months, attending personally by day and most of the time by night, to their wants. Truly human endurance in her case is wonderful. Mr. Sawyer was a man about fifty years of age, a good farmer; he could tell how the improvements came upon his farm, counting the mature years of his life by their steady growth. He is to be buried to morrow at 10 o'clock.

GORDON.

Sears, Peter, 1787-1867, Lansing Republican,
January 30 1867, p. 7

Mr. Peter Sears, of Webster, aged 80 years, died on the 18th inst., at the home he has occupied for over 40 years. He was born in Ashfield, Mass., in August, 1787, and moved with his large family to his late home in 1820.

DANSVILLE, FEB. 11, 1867.—Donation visits are the order about these days, (or nights.) The Presbyterian society held one for the benefit of Rev. H. Kittridge, at the house of Mr. Crane, on Wednesday evening last, which realized them about \$80. The Baptist society hold one on Wednesday evening next, for the benefit of Rev. C. G. Purrett, at the Union Hotel. On Saturday a child of Jas. Segar, was buried here, it was sick but a few days. Some traveling auctioneers in the fine and dry-goods way, have been trying for the last week to raise a ripple in this village, but I fancy have not been run down with success; in fact the complaint is, not only in this village but all about this country, among men well established in business, that *money* has to be sought after, just now. Only lumbering is lively. Some Adrian men are now putting up a saw mill in the Chadwick neighborhood, (north-west corner of White Oak.) A better locality could not be found, as it is well supplied with white wood timber, heretofore out of the reach of mills.

Dansville is musical; we have a brass band and one of no inferior order, too. A family by the name of Sutton; lately from the State of New York, a father and five sons make up the band, they are ready upon all festive occasions, and if dancing music is wanted, they are equally as good upon stringed instruments.

Dansville has not got a railroad yet, but I learn that there is now money enough subscribed on this line to organize a company, under the general law, which will probably be done soon. The distance from Howell to Lansing by this route, has

WILLIAMSTON, Feb. 5th, 1867.—A gloom has been cast over our village, by the death of one of our prominent citizens L. L. Sigfried one of the Mill proprietors, after an illness of a few days. Mr. Sigfried was an enterprising and public spirited man, and the place can illy afford to lose so good a citizen. He leaves a wife and three children. Their loss is irreparable. Mr. Sigfried belonged to the Order of Good Templars, and was also a member of the Masonic Lodge. A large delegation of that order from this place attended his funeral at Waterloo in Jackson Co., where he was burried with the rites of that order.

PAINFUL ACCIDENT AT OKEMOS.—As the little son of Mr. George W. Stevens, of Okemos, was on his way to school this morning, he stepped up on a small pond of ice for the purpose of sliding, and stepping on a piece of broken ice, he was thrown down with such violence as to fracture his skull, causing his death in about two hours. The boy was nine years of age.

Ten, Eyck, Peter S, 1805-1867, Lansing Republican,
January 23 1867, p. 8

DEATHS.

TEN EYCK—In this city, on the 15th inst., of Lung
Fever, Mr. Peter S. TenEyck, aged 62 years.

Mr. TenEyck appears to have been a man of very
estimable qualities, though quite retired in his habits.
He leaves three living children, one of whom resides
in this city. One is in the Government employ at
Washington, after having faithfully served his country
during the late war; the other is in the Regular Army.