

100 Years Ago

December 27, 1893

The Rev. Alfred Cornell was born in Eaton, Madison County, N. Y., July 7, 1813. ... He came to Ionia with them in 1833, the fall after the Dexter colony came. Dr. Cornell united with the Baptist Church in 1841, returned to N. Y. to study for the ministry the following December. He received his education at Madison University, and after leaving there he was ordained to the ministry and for two years was pastor of a church in Wayne County, N. Y.

Elder Cornell ... settled in Ionia permanently in 1845, at which time he became pastor of the Baptist Church of Ionia, which pulpit he occupied for 17 years. He then accepted a pastorate in Norwalk, Ohio, which he held for four years, when he was again called to the Ionia Baptist Church and was its pastor for two years, when he resigned to take charge of the Smyrna Baptist Church. At the end of 3 years there he went to Portland where he remained for 5½ years, when he accepted the appointment of chaplain in [Michigan Reformatory]. He held this position and was pastor of the Palo Baptist Church. He then went to Carson City for 3½ years. ...

He was married in December 1836 to Amanda, daughter of Judge Erastus Yeomans. She died in 1862. ... Mr. Cornell was again married in 1863 to Katie Mason of Ripley, N. Y., who survives him. ... **Editor's Note: Cornell also served with the Sanitary Commission, a Civil War predecessor of the Red Cross.]**

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The case of Louisa Bertrow vs. Henry Clark, drain commissioner of the Township of North Plains, and Hiram Little, also a defendant, to recover damages claimed by a drain running through her property, is occupying the attention of Justice Nesbitt's court before a jury this afternoon. John Nichol is attorney for plaintiff and Chaddock & Scully for defendants.

MUIR — The Muir Washing Machine Company is making about one hundred washers per week for which they have a ready and increasing sale.

H. A. Cornell & Son announce today tht from Jan. 2 to Feb. 1 their store will be closed on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 6 p.m. standard time, and on Wednesday and Saturday at 8 p.m.

The funeral services of the late Alfred Cornell were held at the Baptist Church this afternoon and so large an attendance at a weekday funeral has not been seen for many years. The church was filled not with pioneers only, either, showing the very great esteem in which the deceased was held in the community where for more than sixty years he had been an active factor for good. An appropriate ceremony was preached by the pastor of the church, the Rev. F. O. Dickey. The bearers were C. A. Cornell, H. A. Cornell, Stanley Cornell, and Frank Cornell. The interment was in Oak Hill Cemetery. ...