

From Emma Siebel Hall  
who was with mother in Orion

[BLB Note above]

Mr L. G. Bates  
Elm  
Orion



(Amanda)  
Franklin Bates

operator for  
breast cancer  
in Orion, Mich

by "Plastic Treatment" "

a very painful affair  
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October 1907



Thursday Morning

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