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THE STAR CLOTHING HOUSE has a new ad. in this week's JOURNAL. You will undoubtedly see it.

We are not yet able to announce the exact date of Victoria Woodhull's lecture in Lowell but she will probably be here before the holidays.

TRUTH is stranger than a dime novel. One day last week a Lowell boy found a silver quarter on the street crossing in front of Graham's block.

DR. A. PECK was principal in the Ragan post mortem examination, and was assisted by Drs. McDannell, Smith, and Ford.

DIKEMAN, the young shepherd who stole Beckwith's sheep and had them sheltered on the premises of Mr. Beach of Ada, and who afterward entered complaint against Mr. Beach for harboring stolen property, has been sent up for three months.

IT seems that Welch was the only one dissatisfied with the Ragan post mortem examination and inquest. He tried to have others believe that John Giles was also dissatisfied, but Mr. Giles informs us that Mr. Welch was greatly mistaken.

At the meeting of the Congregational Association, held Monday evening, Rev. L. F. Waldo was elected President and E. Hatch Clerk for the ensuing year.

THE GRAND RAPIDS TIMES, like all other journals, sometimes makes sorry mistakes. An article relative to the Ragan post mortem examination and inquest, recently published in that paper, contains numerous misrepresentations.

AN inquest was held over the body of Ragan, and the jury rendered the following verdict: "Died of inflammation of the lungs."

ALL of Ragan's friends were positive that he died from the effects of Snyder's brutal treatment, and consider the inquest as almost farcical in its conduct.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY Burlingame did not come to Lowell as stated by the Times, which breaks out again as follows: "After he reached home, Drs. Wood and Brady were despatched to Lowell to make another and a thorough examination into the case."

THE doctors agree with the TIMES in its previously published opinion on the subject, judging from all the evidence, that Snyder killed the other.

DANCE at Train's Hall, Thursday evening. Bill, 50 cents. Music by Stocking and Clafin.

ADJOURNED meeting of the Lowell Horse and Agricultural Association at J. M. Mathewson's office next Friday at 1 o'clock p. m.

A PRECIOUS four year old boy was so well pleased with the appearance of a farmer who brought his pa a load of wood the other day, that he asked him to come again "if his ma would let him."

THE Michigan Almanac for 1874 is received. It is completely filled with just such information as we are always searching for, and contains only one objectionable feature.

ONE of the easiest things in the world is to review Presidents' messages editorially. But we don't claim to be the first discoverer of this truth.

ON Friday evening, Dec. 19th, our citizens will have an opportunity of hearing friend Holden's lecture of "Mammoth Cave, or Fifty Miles under the Sod."

MR. H. H. JENCKS, one of the injured in the railroad accident near this place in September, and who for several weeks was cared for at the Franklin House in this village, is at his home near Providence R. I. in a very feeble condition.

THE early riser who walks down town just as the sun is gilding the tops of the western wood, catches the redolence of buckwheat cakes which permeates the morning air.

AT THE regular annual Convocation of Hooker Chapter No. 73, R. A. M., held Wednesday evening Dec. 3d, the following were elected officers for the ensuing year.

DEC. 1.—First day of winter. Snow three to four inches deep. Sleighting fair. Everybody said "nice day."

DEC. 2.—Warmer. Commenced raining in the morning, and continued to patter feebly on the roof until evening, when, just as the shades of night were falling fast the clouds sprung a new leak.

DEC. 3.—The rain last night cleared the sidewalks and there was no beautiful snow on the ground this morning. Nice men rolled up their pants and waded through the mud as if stepping on chestnut burs.

DEC. 4.—The wind "shifted" last night. It shifted a part of the roof from Music Hall block. It tore things generally, and this morning was what the oldest inhabitant denominated a "snifter."

DEC. 5.—Clear and cold. Beautiful day. No blood relation to yesterday. Strawberries not in bloom yet by a jug full.

DEC. 6th.—Beautiful day; hens cackled cheerfully.

DEC. 7th.—This is Sunday. As indications are favorable for rain to-morrow, a great many people have decided not to go to church to-day; discretion being the better part of these things you know.

WE are all liable to be perplexed and deceived. But should there be trade and traffic in the future world (we mean in the better world than this) dry goods clerks will have much less to contend with than they do now.

THE clerk was pleased to think that he was going to sell the rest of the clerks blind that day and flung down the calicos. After looking at the prints until she was satisfied, she walked up to a pile of sheetings and examined them closely.

THE clerk took those pretty sleeve buttons out of the show case, and she inquired the price. Then she asked, "What's them?" pointing her finger toward the other end of the show case.

"Hair pins," replied the clerk taking out a little round box to assure the lady that they were hair pins. "Cute, 'aint they?" she asked and next proceeded to examine an undershirt which was hanging over the counter.

"How much is this?" she inquired. The clerk got a long stick, took the skirt down, examined the mark, and told her it was two dollars. "O my, that's awful!" remarked the lady.

"Very low at that figure madam," replied the clerk. After bantering sometime the lady offered fourteen shillings for the skirt. The clerk took the garment to his employer and asked him if he could sell it for fourteen shillings.

"Why that is marked twenty shillings and can't be sold for a cent less," said the employer. The clerk waltzed back and broke the news gently to his customer.

"Mercy," was the response, followed by a painful suspense. Then she examined the skirt very carefully and offered two dollars for it. Can't do it madam; it cost fifty cents more than I thought it did," replied the clerk.

"I'll give you eighteen shillings and that's all I will give," said the customer very decidedly. Here the proprietor stepped up and informed her that he couldn't sell that skirt for one cent less than twenty shillings.

"The lady began to draw her shawl around her just as if she was going somewhere. "Will you take some of those prints?" politely asked the clerk. "No, I guess not," she replied moving towards the door.

"Some sheetings?" "No." "Sleeve buttons? hair pins?" "No." "Well I should really like to sell you —" the clerk didn't finish the remark for his customer had slammed the door against it, and was making for the next dry goods store to repeat the performance there.

A HUSBAND, wife and little child were among the passengers on the mail train west last Friday. The husband was a large man, and chewed tobacco. The wife was a slender being and she held the prodigy.

The babe was a puny thing, but it had struck the right key and was shouting in a manner that deserved applause. The husband bent his gaze upon that child and then expectorated. He looked again upon his offspring and expectorated.

He scowled once more upon the little bud and then expectorated. He continued this performance with increased agitation until he could no longer refrain from saying, "Gimme that young un."

He jerked the "young un" from its mother's lap, just as we would jerk one out of a bed of hot coals. The volume of that child's voice was by this time considerably increased.

"Shut up you," said the indignant father. No immediate compliance. "Do you hear?" asked the fond parent giving the child a vigorous shake.

The infantile wails grew louder and its tiny feet described semicircles in the air. The exasperated man covered another square foot of the floor with tobacco juice and told his wife to take the little brat, and she did. Just here a lady in the next seat found a piece of candy in her pocket and gave it to the babe.

There was a lull in the tempest and the mother looked as if she was ready to pray. The husband slid down in his seat, sprawled his legs out as far as he could, pulled his hat over his eyes, and while he thus sat and expectorated, you could see that the subject of his meditation was not a quotation from Paul's letter to the Corinthians.

Several exchanges, just received, favor the JOURNAL with very complimentary notices. Thank you.







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debted to us will please call and settle with money or  
etc. We must pay the company debts immediately.  
C. BROAD & LANGLEY.  
The business will be carried on by the undersigned  
and all the money due the company received.  
C. BROAD.

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Not tearing the wheel to pieces, not taking out bolts,  
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new holes, but simply taking the wheel from the axle,  
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tires.

Remember I warrant all  
tire set with this Machine.

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gards a new firm, but shall en-  
deavor to do as *clean work* after  
the *newness* has worn off  
Every shrewd business man  
can buy goods for Cash at about  
the same price, and no man can  
buy and sell goods without a  
profit. Hence, when a mer-  
chant advertises that he can sell  
his goods a great deal lower than  
his neighbors, every sensible  
person knows that he is promis-  
ing that which he is unable to  
perform.

We expect to buy our goods  
as

**CHEAP AS CASH CAN  
BUY THEM,  
and to sell them as cheap as they  
CAN BE AFFORDED,**

MAKING  
QUICK RETURNS,  
AND  
SMALL PROFITS,  
OUR MOTTO.

Put us to the test and see if  
we can perform what we adver-  
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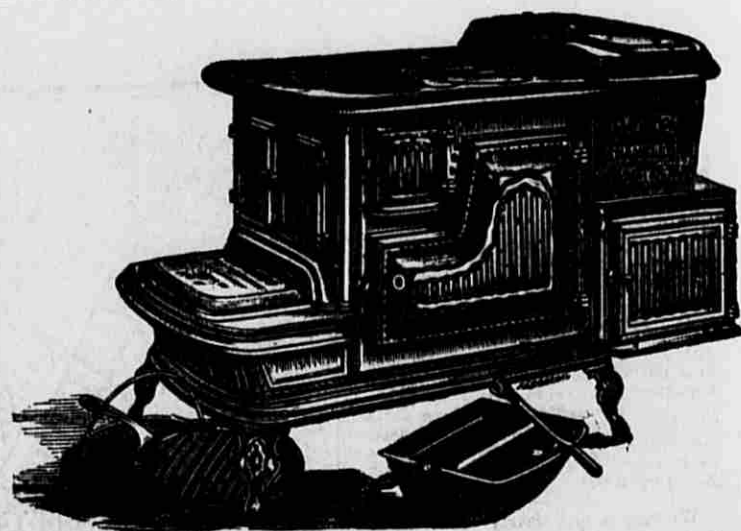
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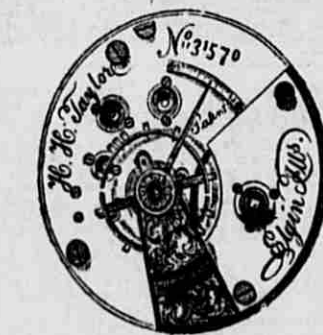
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