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LOWELL MARKETS.

Corrected on Monday of each week by MITCHELL and DONOVAN, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL GROCERS. Apples dried per lb. 4 Beef, per lb. 46.5 Hams, per lb. 1.00 to 1.10 Bran, per lb. 12.00 Butter, per lb. 16-18 Hockwheat per bu. 50c Cheese, per lb. 12.50 Corn, per bu. 45 Calfskins, dry, 15c Calfskins, green, 5.00 Eggs, per doz. 20 Flour, per cwt. \$3.25 Hay, per ton. \$6.00 to 8.00 Hides, dry, 9 to 10 Hides, green, 6 Lard, per lb. 10 Onions, 25 Pork, salt, per lb. 8 Potatoes, per bu. 7 Tallow, per lb. 7 Sheep pelts 25 to 1.25 Wheat No. 1 do. \$1.25 Wheat, red, per bu. 1.20 Wheat, No. 2 do. 1.00 Clover Seed 8.50 Cranberries, 3.00 Chickens, 4c Blackhead Flour, 3.00.

Jottings & Jimcrax.

Throw out your Pickett lyn'. Events, of thee I'm fondly dreaming. Are we to be bulldozed by a Maddox? The Detroit News calls them "saloon-atics." Peach buds are reported Hale and hearty. Compliment Yours. —G. R. Times, Yes, Yes. Another rick vein discovered at Black Hills! Jugular vein. Abram Hewitt has no little hatchet. But he has a little Hewitt. It is said that the Detroit Post and Tribune will consolidate. The Grand Rapids Post has been bulldozing the supervisors. Those exuberant dispatches afford no relief. We sigh for the verdict. J. P. Stevenson is now sole proprietor of the Ionis Standard. U. Kluck is a Detroit man. There's a chance for a hen-lous pun. The Grand Rapids bar doesn't want the Superior Court abolished. The Ionis Standard speaks to us encouraging words for the future. Signor Blitt, the great magician is dead. His hand has lost its cunning. When right comes to compromise with wrong she generally gets laid out. When one juror brings eleven jurors over to him, that "seven's the whole lump." The Democrats' Maddox will be sufficiently gored before he gets out of that. Mrs. C. D. Pease arrived here last Thursday "from the land of the Dakotas." Congressional social at the residence of cashier Clark this Wednesday evening. Water must be plentiful in Georgia. A cow in that State gives 40 quarts of milk daily. Don't confound Littlefield with Judge Field. Yes, you may too. Confound them both. Prof. Swing is an excellent skater but he gets an ortholox bump occasionally. The Ionis Standard wants a live correspondent. One live one is worth three dead ones. Avery the fast walker, walks so fast that he gets out of town without paying his bills. They are already talking about garden seeds and the hens are cackling accordingly. "Kismet" is the name of a new novel. We suppose the t is silent. If so, we'll think about it. Dr. Ford of Vergennes gets rid of your by shutting himself up with the influenza rheumatism. Jas. Hyatt of Grand Rapids has been arrested, charged with a serious crime, and is liable to be hanged. Stocking and Clavin full furth at Train's Hall this Wednesday evening. This is No. 2. of their hop series. This is a progressive age. A greater number of railroad accidents occurred last year than during any previous year. The old cry, "fish-ladders in Grand Rapids," is renewed. Fish can't scale those dams without ladders, that's certain. Those buildings on the bridge have been elevated and now let the sidewalk be raised accordingly and without delay. A man who wears a red ribbon nowadays is supposed to be a temperance reformer. The red ribbon trade in Lowell is not very brisk. Hewitt said "way back in December that Tilden had 183 including one from Oregon. Now the Republicans are trying to put Hewitt in a lie. Ionis presents a rather deceptive front, we fear, with its three or four large, magnificent church edifices and one little old tumble-down jail. The Detroit News is the best paper to clip news items from that comes to our table. Page 4 of the JOURNAL contains a goodly number of the juiciest. Some democratic papers are trying hard to find something mean to say about Senator Ferry but the individual searching for the needle that was lost in the hay-mow will shout "Zorloo!" first.

C. T. Woodring intends to start for Oregon next week.

Mrs. Addie Look of Grand Rapids is visiting her Lowell friends. Next Wednesday if anybody wants to borrow your umbrella, tell them it's Lent. Messrs. Hunt & Davis of Grand Rapids make an announcement in to-day's JOURNAL. Read it. The next L. W. C. party will occur on Friday evening at Train's Hall. This will be a "wristlet party." Manifesto is demoralized. No money in the treasury, no city officials, and fire department closed up. Dodge that town. A colored female in Grand Rapids, recently arrested and tried for assault and battery, rejoices in the poetical cognomen of Dora Dante. C. A. Kinsman fell through a hole in the upper floor of Sweetland's barn the other day, to the first floor and was seriously injured. Slowly mending. Col. Ed. Pierce of Grand Rapids has sold his block to Mr. James McDonald of Rochester N. Y., receiving in cash therefor the sum of \$75,000. As will be seen elsewhere in this paper, the firm of Belmont & Strong has dissolved. Mr. Strong having purchased his partner's interest will continue the same business at the same place. How's London Circus is stopping with a South Carolina sheriff. If it is to be sold at auction, we'd like to see who gets that girl who slings chairs over her head with her teeth. George Francis Train says he fears neither man nor devil, but hates both. He has a queer way of showing his dislike for the latter but we suppose "familarity breeds contempt." The report so industriously circulated that Senator Christianity's young wife is the mother of a beautiful babe is authoritatively denied. We trust it won't be necessary to go behind the census returns to settle this question. Pete Donahoe of New York telegraphed to John Grover: "Be jabbers, Grover, yer her done a blazed foine thing puttin' ur Cawwin in that way"—or words to that effect, and Grover sent back word that he "appreciated the sentiments expressed." The President recommends immediate resumption of specie payments. This will be a conundrum to those who have thought that to resume in 1879 would be impossible. Why, "man alive" resumption doesn't mean an earthquake! There will be no shock. PERSONAL.—Rev. and Mrs. Geo. Barnum, of Waukegan, Ohio, are in town visiting their daughters, Mrs. E. R. Craw and Mrs. Jas. W. Hine. ENGAGED.—Bon Ton Standish has engaged rooms east of Train's hall for the season and will furnish suppers to parties held there at reasonable rates. BIO PUB.—L. J. Robinson, of Vergennes recently sold a 16-months old pig that weighed 5300 pounds. If anybody owns a pig 16 months old that beats this one we'd like to have him shoot. MISTAKEN.—The report that the Saranac Reporter was no more was incorrect. It came out in new form last week check full of spice and grit. Saranac business men can't afford to lose their paper. CORRECT.—The Stanton Journal says: "Prof. S. P. Hicks, of the Lowell schools, will enter upon the study of law, at the close of the present school year. The Prof. possesses about as good material for a first-class lawyer as they make now days. FIREMEN'S PARTY.—The birth-day of the boy who had a hatchet and curly hair and could cut down his father's cherry tree without any mental reservation or prevarication whatever, will be observed in Lowell by the firemen. They will give a party at Train's Hall on Friday eve, Feb. 22. A PROGRESSIVE PAPER.—The Grand Rapids Eagle has a new and handsome dress and is now one of the brightest looking papers in the State. It has always been a prosperous sheet and the present signs indicate a steady stepping onward and upward. Long may the Eagle flourish. UNDESIRABLE OMISSION.—In our notice of the L. W. C. entertainment last week mention of an important part of the programme was inadvertently omitted, viz. those charming duets by Mrs. Clara Hall and Miss Hosford. They were enthusiastically applauded, and deservedly so. EVERY GRANGE SHOULD HAVE A HALL OF THEIR OWN, if they expect to prosper they must have one I believe, and more than this they must have a purchasing fund, also readings, discussions and some intellectual entertainments, something educational at every meeting so much so that no member can be absent without feeling that he or she has lost a rich feast they never will be able to avail themselves of again. And any member who does not take part in one or more of the above, and who has no money in a purchasing fund or in a good hall, fails to receive the benefits he should. Of all the benefits we receive from the patron movement, the educational is of the greatest importance, consequently should receive our careful attention to that extent that we will look forward to the time of our meetings with interest, and our children will look forward to them with anxious expectations. Very latest—No decision.

NEW ARR.—E. A. Forman has a new advertisement in the Journal, this week.

Forman is now established in the harness making business and "has come to stay." His ad. tells what he is prepared to offer. L. C. B.—Since its reorganization, the Lowell Cornet Band is doing nobly. The new members all take a deep interest in their work and are rapidly becoming masters of their instruments. Prof. Hicks is a good leader. PRESENTATION.—The Lowell Firemen, last Wednesday evening presented the Lowell Cornet Band with a new set of band books. President Stone made the presentation on behalf of the department and Prof. Hicks responded for the band. CARD OF THANKS.—For the services at our entertainment on Friday evening we are indebted materially to Mrs. Mitchell, Dr. Smith and the Band. Mr. J. W. Hine charged us nothing for printing, Mr. Train donated the use of his hall. We tender these gentlemen our thanks. We also are under obligation to the public for their very generous patronage. THE YOUNG LADIES OF THE PRINCIPAL DEP'T. THE INEVITABLE INELEGIBLES.—And now it is asserted that Jacob Denton is one of the inelegibles—the assertion being based on the belief that he is not a citizen of the United States. Denton and others have been summoned to Washington to find out what's going to be done about it. E. P. Perry, brother of Senator Perry, passed this place Monday, enroute to Washington. He thinks there is no cause for alarm in the Denton case. BIRTHDAY SURPRISE.—Miss Kate Dake of this village was honored with a birthday surprise party at Miss Fanny Boyce's on Thursday evening, Feb. 1. A large number of young people were present when Miss Dake was invited in, much to the astonishment of that young lady who had received not the slightest intimation of the affair. It took some time for her to recover herself, but when she did she found herself possessed of a handsome silver butter dish and knife, and surrounded by many warm friends who hope she has only just commenced having birthdays. The occasion was one that will long be remembered. A MERRY TIME.—A large number of friends were handsomely entertained at the residence of Capt. and Mrs. J. M. Weatheras, Monday evening. It was one of those social gatherings where all partake alike of the spirit of sociability, so to speak. Mirth and music flowed freely, the feast was all that heart could wish, and the evening throughout was delightfully spent. At a moderately late hour the Capt. announced that Train's Hall was open and in readiness for those who desired "to attend." Stocking, Clavin & Robinson were there with their instruments and a goodly number of guests were there, also. GRANGE MEETING AT GRATTA.—C. M. Slayton of Grattan sends us the following notice: "There will be a 'Farmers' Institute' or open grange meeting at the Grange Hall at Grattan Center, on Thursday, February 15th, inst., commencing at ten o'clock A. M., and continuing through the day and evening. All are invited to attend free of charge, and to contribute to the entertainment in the shape of addresses, essays or questions for discussion, should time permit. Shed room or stable free. Now, farmers, turn out and see if we cannot learn something from each other that will be of use to us, or, at least increase our sociability a little. Special invitation to the editor." Who would be pleased to attend, thank you. A SUCCESS.—The entertainment and supper given by the young ladies of the Union School, on Friday evening was a very enjoyable affair. The hall was well filled and all present were abundantly rewarded. The entertainment, aside from the social feature, consisted of singing, recitations, music by the cornet band, etc., and it may be said that all acquitted themselves with much credit. The tables were laden with "the choicest and best," great care being taken in the artistic arrangement thereof. Regardless of the next day's headache, special justice was done to this part of the entertainment by a large majority of those present. The proceeds amounted to \$60, which sum is put in the "school organ fund." The young ladies of the school are entitled to a long credit mark. WELL SAID.—Mr. J. C. English of So. Boston has an interesting letter in the last number of the Grange Visitor, from which we clip the following extract: "In point of education, Maine is no match for Michigan; not having only about three-fifths as many weeks school in a year as the latter state; yet, as much money is given the cause of education as the inhabitants can reasonably afford. With the exception of a few, the inhabitants are generally poor. If 'Michiganers' who sometimes have the 'western fever,' were obliged to farm it here on this rocky, sterile soil one or two years, they would go back to Michigan and be perfectly contented. Nine-tenths of the farmers here in Maine do not raise enough to support their families. More than one-half of the farms in this vicinity are mortgaged for all they are worth to a man named Butterfield. No more at present. Yours Truly, JOHN W. LOWE.

L. L. C.—The next regular meeting of the Ladies' Literary Club will be held at the rooms of Mrs. N. Stone, Feb. 19.

The programme of exercises will be as follows: Second paper on English History, Mrs. Blaine; recitation, Miss Ella Trask; recitation, Miss Ella Trask; recitation of Gulf Stream, Mrs. J. W. Hine. The three following questions to be answered by Mrs. H. M. Clark. When, where and by whom was the thermometer invented? How large an area do the Pictured Rocks of Lake Superior cover? What are the three highest points of architecture on the face of the globe, and their heights respectively? Life sketch of Mrs. Sigourney, by Mrs. Scott. What was the cause of the Franco-Prussian war, by Mrs. Parker. When, where and by whom was the first railroad engine run in the United States? Mrs. Althen. Political and Personal Paragraphs.—Littlefield, clerk of the Louisiana returning board, testified that he was a rascal and we don't see how anybody can go behind that. For \$1,000,000 they said Louisiana would be returned for Tilden, eh? Why wasn't it so returned, then? Expecting every day now to hear that — is to be our next President. Whatever may be the result of this election middle, let us all behave like little men and big patriots. The old dog is still there. What we want is to know that we can be down and take a nap on the parapet of Fort Santer and feel just as safe as though we were in our little beds. We may never want to do it but if we should we want to know that we can sprawl out with impunity. In quoting the noble utterances of great statesmen who have gone before, Congress seldom quotes Buchanan. After looking the thing all over we have come to the conclusion that they have no politics in Heaven. (The compositor made it read "politicians") but the amendment was laid on the table for the present.) The commission is now struggling with Florida and the Alligator State will be the center of attraction until disposed of. Should the vote of Florida be declared for Tilden the Republican goose will drop from his altitudinous height at once. If the state is found for Hayes as we believe it will be, the fight over Louisiana's vote will be exciting. Justice Davis is reported as having said that Congress has no right whatever to go behind the returns of the States; also that Grover had no right to give Cronin a certificate, but that he should have declared a vacancy. The Democrats generally are glad Justice Davis was not chosen as the 15th member of the commission. The New York Sun, since Justice Bradley's appointment on the commission, has suddenly discovered that the compromise is an outrageous piece of business, knocking the constitution all out of plumb. It takes a good while for the Sun to get out sometimes, but when it gets ready it scorches things terribly. THE MICHIGAN GRANGERS, and the Plaster Battle. Next to the Presidential question the subject which engrosses the attention of farmers, especially the grangers of Michigan, is plaster. Messrs. Day & Taylor contracted to furnish plaster to grangers for 3.00 per ton, at a time when other companies were holding it much higher. If we understand the matter, this contract was binding to both Day & Taylor and the grangers of Michigan for a series of years to come. In other words the grangers were to buy all of their plaster of Day and Taylor at reasonable rates, and the price agreed upon for the present was \$3.00 per ton. Since this arrangement was entered into the anti-grange plaster companies put plaster down to two dollars per ton, and sent circulars announcing this sudden and immense reduction in plaster to all the granges in the state, thereby hoping and no doubt confidently expecting to send Messrs. Day & Taylor where the wool-bine twine in the twinkling of an eye, so to speak. 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If we agree to buy all the maple wood we may want of John Smith at \$1.50 per cord, and the next day John Jones should find it out and offer us maple wood for \$1.00 per cord, on condition that we go back on our contract with Smith, it would be our duty to kick Jones down stairs for presuming us to be that kind of a man. He would not only show a disposition to "sit down" on Smith but he would take it for granted that we were a fool or a knave or a happy combination of both. As we understand it this illustrates "about the size of it" in this plaster fight. If so, the grangers have done just what any individual or association is at least morally bound to do—nothing more and nothing less. We are not a granger but we've got the symptoms strong enough to side with them in this plaster fight. LIST OF LETTERS remaining in the Post-office at Lowell, Kent Co., Mich., Feb. 7, 1877. LADIES' LIST.—Mrs. Frank Doty, Mrs. Alma Morris, Miss Lydia Spicher. GENTS' LIST.—Hugh Beady, Dr. Baker, Isaac Custer, Reverend Father Demers, Steven Gunning, Benjamin Gish, H. C. Jader, John Miller, Mr. Right, K. V. Richardson, Aaron Vanderwerker, H. G. Ward. Persons calling for these letters will please say "Advartiser" and give the date of this notice. JAS. W. HINE, P. M.

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BUSINESS LOCALS.

Rickett still sells those large loaves of bread for 5 cents. Oysters 25 cents a dish at Rickett's. Money to loan in sums of \$500 and upwards on real estate security. 507 O. H. Look, Lowell, Mich. Sea Side the best Five Cent Cigar in town for sale at Standish's. Fresh Home-made Candy for 20 cts, a pound at Rickett's. Buy men's, youth's and boy's clothing at Chas. Althen's, Corner Store, Train's Block. This is the only exclusive clothing house in Lowell. West siders will find my bread at Mitchell & Donovans same price as at shop. The boss Rye and Graham bread at Rickett's. The best place in town to get a meal for 25 cts is at Rickett's. What other preparations fail to do, Hall's Hair Renewer surely accomplishes. It renews the hair and especially its color when gray and faded. As a dressing, it is unsurpassed, making the hair moist, soft and glossy. The most economical preparation ever offered, its effects remain a long time, and those who have once made a trial of it will never use any other—Advertiser and Union, Providence, N. J. True Merit Will Win. A few years since the proprietors of Dr. Morris' Syrup of Tar, Wild Cherry and Horse-bone introduced it here. It was not pulled out until it was reliable, and already it has become the most staple and popular pulmonary remedy in market. It quickly cures the worst coughs, colds, croup, bronchitis, asthma and incipient consumption. Nothing acts so nicely in whooping cough, and it is pleasant to children readily taken in. Contains no opium, or other dangerous drugs. It is as safe as it is sure. Trial size, 10 cts; large size, 50 cts. and One Dollar. Sold by J. C. West, also agent, Lowell. Also Agent for Prof. Parkers Pleasant Worm Syrup, which never fails. Pleasant to take, and requires no physic. Price 25 cts Wonderful in its Results. There is no medicine that has accomplished so much as SHILOH'S CONSUMPTION CURE. It has established the fact that Consumption can be cured, while for Asthma, Bronchitis, Croup, Hoarseness, Whooping Cough, and all Lung diseases it has no equal. No medicine was ever sold on such favorable terms. If it were unreliable it would be the greatest folly to guarantee it. It costs nothing to try it as it can be returned if it does not give satisfaction after using two bottles. Call at my store and get a sample bottle for 10c, or a regular size for 50c, or \$1.00. If your lungs are sore or Gleet, or Black Head, use Shilo's Balm. Plaster which seldom fails to give relief. J. C. West Lowell, Mich. Elsewhere by dealers generally. "HAGMETACK" a new and delightful perfume sold by J. C. West, Lowell, Mich. Elsewhere by dealers generally. Remember This. Now is the time of the year for pneumonia, Lung Fever, Coughs, Colds, and fatal results of Pre-disposition to Consumption and other Throat and Lung Disease. Boies's German Syrup has been used in this neighborhood for the past two or three years without a single failure to cure. If you have not used this medicine yourself, go to your druggist, and ask him of its wonderful success among his customers. Two doses will relieve the worst case. If you have no faith in any medicine, just buy a Sample bottle of Boies's German Syrup for 10c, and try it, regular size Bottle, 75 cts. Don't neglect a cough to save 75 cts. MONEY! \$20,000 to loan on improved farms in Kent county, in sums of \$500 and upwards, on three to five years time. HUNT & DAVIS, Rooms 12 and 13 Pierce Block, Grand Rapids, Michigan. REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Lowell National Bank, at Lowell, in the State of Michigan, at the close of business, Jan. 20, 1877. RESOURCES. Loans and Discounts \$167,742.47 Overdrafts 2,063.21 U. S. Bonds to secure Circulation 100,000.00 Other stocks, bonds, and mortgages 19,974.24 Due from approved banks 11,812.26 Due from other National banks 1,629.50 Due from State Banks and Bankers 125.11 Real estate, furniture, and fixtures 23,877.10 Current accounts and taxes paid 92.23 Premiums paid 1,246.00 Checks and other cash items 242.12 Bills of other Banks 4,271.90 Fractional Currency (including Nickels), Coins (including gold Treasury certificates) 748.00 National Bank notes and U. S. Treasury (5 per cent circulation) 4,500.00 Due from U. S. Treasurer, other than 5 per cent circulation 313.02 Total 446,537.00 LIABILITIES. Capital Stock paid in \$100,000.00 Undivided profits 16,000.00 National Bank notes outstanding 96,000.00 Dividends unpaid 1,700.00 Individual deposits subject to check 94,200.63 Due to State Banks and Bankers 5,411.10 Notes and bills re-issued 2,125.34 Total 346,537.00 State of Michigan, County of Kent—J. Henry Clark, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of his knowledge and belief. HENRY M. CLARK, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of Jan. 1877. E. A. ROSSWELL, Notary Public. Correct—Attest: E. N. HINE, WM. W. HATCH, C. T. WOODRING, Directors. Forman's Harness SHOP! In the U. B. Williams Building, West Side, LOWELL, MICH. E. A. FORMAN, PRDP. Light and Draft Harness, made to order and warranted. Robes, Blankets, Whips, Collars, Etc., a good stock on hand, for sale at low figures. TRIMMING AND UPHOLSTERING Done in first-class style. The patronage of the public is respectfully solicited. E. A. FORMAN. J. W. HINE, P. M.

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The grain-heavers on the Brooklyn docks are on a strike.

Paris has now 70 homoeopathic physicians.

That famous whale in the New York aquarium is dead.

The work of trying to convert the Wall Street bankers goes bravely on.

Successful revival meetings are now being held at Omaha.

Persia hopes to get a slice of Turkey in the event of a partition of that realm.

A Virginia lady has not tasted water for thirty-seven years. Tea totally is her beverage.

It is said that scarlet fever and diphtheria have occasioned 8,000 deaths in Chicago within the past three months.

President Grant, it is reported, has lately been speculating in bonanza stocks with good results. He has sold out, and is wisely content with his gains.

Judge Settle, of North Carolina, who presided over the Republican National Convention of 1872, and made the canvass for Governor last fall, has been appointed District Judge of Florida.

A German life insurance company called Der Lebensversicherungs-gesellschaft complains of the irregularity of the mails.

The drug stores and saloons at Cresco, Iowa, were recently raided by the woman's temperance league and cleared of liquor valued at \$4,000.

The lowest rates for coal ever known in that city is now prevailing in New York. They are as follows: Grate, \$2.75; egg, \$2.90; stove, \$3.60; chestnut, \$5.50.

The building occupied by the New York Commercial Advertiser, Thurlow Weed's paper, has been condemned as unsafe and the occupants notified to move out.

The announcement that there is to be a convention of doctors at the eternal city leads the New York Graphic to twist a good old maxim into "Allpaths go to Rome."

The charter of the Penikese school founded by Prof. Agaziz is to be surrendered and the island given back to Mr. Anderson, of "Solace tobacco" fame, who gave it to the school.

A curious case is on trial at Des Moines, Ia., it involves the validity of a mortgage given on a large crop of corn a year before it was planted. It is said that a like case is unknown in the United States.

They are using in one of the class rooms of Dartmouth college, an electric battery once owned and used by Dr. Franklin, and since then in the possession of Dr. Priestley, the discoverer of oxygen gas.

The fruit raisers of Bloomington, Ill., report probably serious damage to the fruit buds by the recent cold weather—notably the buds of cherry, peach and apricot. The extent of the damage is not yet fully known but it is thought to be very great.

The New York Evening Post claims to have first suggested the idea of heating cities by steam just as gas is supplied. It has great confidence in the scheme and urges the laying down of mains in New York without waiting to note the success of the experiment at Lockport.

A man in Philadelphia a few days ago hid a roll of bills worth \$2,000 in some lead lining taken from tea boxes, which lay in his cellar. Another family who lives in the same house, and last Thursday, when a ragman came around, one of this family sold the lead and with it the money, which has not yet been recovered.

Moody and Sankey will work in Boston for almost three months.

Bigger-man-than-old-Grant Fitzhugh now keeps a boarding-house in Washington.

W. T. Adams (Oliver Optic) has been chosen a member of the Boston school board.

Mr. Conkling's great speech in the senate on the electoral bill occupied four hours, during which time he held the crowded Senate in rapt attention.

Mr. Tilton is going to Texas to lecture. He is making money this season.

The Italian Government has forbidden Henri Rochefort to live in Italy.

At Detroit, Marius Smith, the murderer of young McKeon, was sentenced to twenty-five years at hard labor in the State Prison.

Over \$2,000,000 in coin and bullion passed through London, Ont., January 30, en route for the Treasury department at Washington.

Mr. W. C. Paww, of New Albany, Ind., employed a veterinary surgeon to cure a sick horse, and in payment for his services gave the fellow \$30 and the horse.

The official organ of the German empire publishes the population of Germany as now 42,727,620.

A recent census places the population of Paris at 1,936,730, a gain of 84,976 since 1872. That of Marcellus is 418,842.

Disraeli is still reported verbatim for the London Times by the same stenographer who took down his maiden speech forty years ago.

There is a woman in Sibley county, Minn., 28 years old with fourteen children and not a twin.

The total rainfall for the season at San Jose, Cal., has been only 2.73 inches.

Mr. Charles Blase of Paris has discovered a mode of giving plaster the consistency of marble, and of brozing it.

Thomas Wickard, a dairyman of Greenfield, Ind., has fallen heir to \$5,000 by the death of an uncle in Cincinnati.

# Free Ride to Grand Rapids

## And Return!

During the Months of January and February.

We will pay the Railroad fare to Grand Rapids and back again of anyone buying \$25.00 worth of Goods at our store. Or if only \$15.00 is bought we will pay the Fare one way.

We do this because we want to sell off our Winter Stock.

We Have Only One Price,

Remember, and we guarantee to sell goods lower than any store in the City.

We are selling Men's heavy Overcoats, \$3.50, 4, 5.  
" " " " fine " \$9, 10, 12, 15.

Men's business suits \$4.50 to 8.50.  
Men's fine all wool suits \$10, and 12.

EXTRA LOW PRICES ON FINE OVERCOATS AND SUITS.

Boys Overcoats and Suits \$2.75, 3.50, 4, 5, and up.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS CHANCE TO SAVE MONEY BY BUYING OF US BESIDES COSTING YOU NOTHING TO SEE GRAND RAPIDS.

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# Whining Never Pays! The Grumbler's Voice Is Poison!

It Intimidates The Young, Frightens The Aged, AND REACTING DIGS THE AUTHOR'S GRAVE!

When we announced last fall that we proposed to ignore panics and all other disturbing elements, and to buy largely with cash whenever goods were sold at a big sacrifice, and then in turn give them to people at a trifling profit, we little thought it would fairly overwhelm us with customers and create the heaviest fall business we have ever done.

The Cutting Campaign of 1876 Carried into 1877.

January and February Must Not be Months of Idleness.

The masses of the people need Dry Goods more or less every day in the year and so we propose to keep buying whenever big sacrifices are offered us. All quotations given are for "Cash" only.

- Match This—A jobber's entire stock of Sprague prints for 6 cents a yard.
- Match This—25,000 yards yard-wide Percal, elegant style, only 8 cents a yard.
- Match This—Best Tycoon Repps 10 cents. 25 cents Dress Goods for 124 cents.
- Match This—Our prices on Carpets, Cloaks, Shawls, and Furs.

### AVOID "CREDIT" STORES.

Nice Cuttage Carpets 18, 20, 25, and up to 50c.  
Heavy Canton Flannels 9 to 12c. Felt Skirts 65c.  
Big lot of Mullins 4 and 5c.  
Extra heavy and wide Mullins 6 and 7c.  
Good Yard-wide Mullins 7 and 8c.  
Dress Goods 10c, formerly 12c.  
We retail Mullins at wholesale prices.  
Dress Goods 20c, formerly 30c.  
Black Alpaca 25c, formerly 35c.  
Big lot Heavy Blankets \$1.75 to \$2.00 a pair.

Black Silks, Black Alpaca, all kinds of Dress Goods, Shawls, Carpets, Nubias, Hosiery, Cloves, Waterproofs, Gasimerez, Table Linens, Ac., Ac., sold cheaper than ever before known in Grand Rapids. Come and see us.

## FOSTER BROTHERS,

Grand Rapids, Fort Wayne, New York & Terre Haute.

### Sail With the "Cash" Ship.

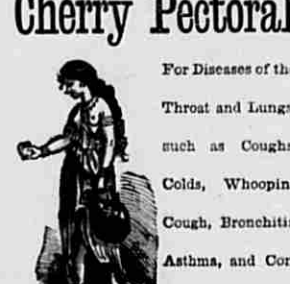
Big lot Waterproof Cloth 50c, formerly 75c.  
Heavy Beaver Shawls \$4, former price \$6.  
Handsome Striped Shawls \$1.50 and \$2.  
Heavy Beaver Cloaks \$3, former price \$5.  
Big lot of Jeans 18, 20, 25 and 30c.  
Heavy Factory Jeans 40 and 50c.  
Handsome acid Furs \$2, \$2.50 and \$3 a set.  
Fine Mink Furs reduced from \$5 to \$8 a set!  
Now is the time to buy Furs at your own prices!

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Grand Rapids	8:00	Grand Rapids	7:00
St. Louis	10:00	St. Louis	9:00
Chicago	12:00	Chicago	11:00
Indianapolis	2:00	Indianapolis	1:00
Washington	4:00	Washington	3:00
Baltimore	6:00	Baltimore	5:00
Philadelphia	8:00	Philadelphia	7:00
New York	10:00	New York	9:00

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For Diseases of the Throat and Lungs, such as Coughs, Colds, Whooping Cough, Bronchitis, Asthma, and Consumption.

The reputation it has attained, in consequence of the marvelous cures it has produced during the last half century, is a sufficient assurance to the public that it will continue to realize the happiest results that can be desired. In almost every section of country there are persons, publicly known, who have been restored from alarming and even desperate diseases of the lungs, by its use. All who have tried it recognize its superiority, and where its virtues are known, no one hesitates as to what medicine to employ to relieve the distress and suffering peculiar to pulmonary affections. CHERRY PECTORAL always affords instant relief, and performs rapid cures of the milder varieties of bronchial disorder, as well as the more formidable diseases of the lungs.

As a safeguard to children, and the distressing diseases which beset the Throat and Chest of Childhood, it is invaluable; for, by its timely use, multitudes are rescued and restored to health.

This medicine gains friends at every trial, as the cures it is constantly producing are too remarkable to be forgotten. No family should be without it, and those who have once used it never will.

Eminent Physicians throughout the country prescribe it, and Chirgmen often recommend it from their knowledge of its effects.

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