





LOWELL JOURNAL.

LOWELL!

A History of Our Pleasant Village, from the time of its Location to the present Day.

A Complete List of its Manufactories, with the number of Employees and amount of Business done during the Past Year.

A full and complete Business Directory of the Town.

COMPILED BY N. A. COLE.

Lowell is one of the most beautiful and thriving villages of Michigan. It is surrounded by some of the finest scenery that eye ever dwelt on.

REMINISCENCES OF SETTLEMENT. In the year 1829 a small band of Ottawas had their village on the west side of Flat river.

The first burial ground was the old Indian battle field, half a mile west of Lowell, on the Ada road. In early days the first settlers remember the burial of a chief here.

THE FIRST MARRIAGE. In connection with this first school the name of Caleb Page must be associated. He was a native of Windsor, Vt.

ILLNESS WAS, HOWEVER, THE PRIMARY ENEMY OF THE SETTLERS. It has been truly said of Michigan, that it could never be settled without the aid of quinine.

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Even Cobmoosa's "devil," an ill-looking, quarrelsome Indian, of Cobmoosa's band, said to be the son of the chief, was subdued. On one occasion a large thorn entered his hand which resulted in inflammation.

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grouped under the same title in 1855, and thus the beginning of "Lowell of the West" was made.

Since 1855 the addition known as Fox's, surveyed by A. C. Smith, July 24, 1868, a tract of 53 acres; lying north of Wickham and Richards, was laid off.

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EDWARD HINE—Hardware. Business was established in 1868, by Adams & Fuller, who were succeeded in 1872 by P. J. Coppens, and in January 1878, C. H. Hine & Son (E. B. Hine, son).

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F. D. EDDY—News Dealer and Stationer. Established in 1881, Mr. Eddy is a young but thorough business man.

The house is well situated in the business center of the town. Its proprietor, Mr. C. D. Hodges, is one of the notable men in Michigan, and is very popular with the traveling fraternity.

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near very few people are now living in or near Lowell who are not acquainted with him. His store is handsomely patronized by people visiting the town, and we doubt if the receipts of any other store in Lowell block east side.

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SNOW & BRADFIELD—Buggies, Harnesses, etc. Both members of this firm commenced clerking in 1866, the store of F. King, who at that time was running a hardware store.

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LOWELL NATIONAL BANK.—As shown by the amount of business done in Lowell we publish the following:

Table with columns: Name, Amount. Includes items like Cash on hand, Loans, Deposits, etc.

J. W. CROthers—Dry Goods. Mr. Crothers, though recently established in Lowell, has won many friends, and is rapidly increasing his business.

JOHN WINGLER—Grocery. Established in 1875, in making our rounds of the town we find no house more worthy of mention than this one.

LANAN & McINTOSH—Furniture and Undertaking. Established in 1878, by J. Lanan and J. McIntosh.

L. W. ALDRICH—Meat Market. Established in 1878, as this is one of the leading enterprises of its kind in Lowell.

A. B. JOHNSON—Grocery. Established in 1880, Mr. Johnson has a very fine store, well stocked with staple and fancy groceries.

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THE SERRANO Young Woman. Inevitable though the giggling, gushing girl, she is a new enterprise compared with her sister's sister.

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