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HARRASSED HOUSEMAN.

The Grand Rapids Democrat, the organ of Western Michigan Democracy, and the hitherto warm admirer and ardent supporter of the Hon. Julius Houseman, takes occasion to crack the party whip in close proximity to the unhappy congressman's ears, in the following suggestive manner:

Congressman Houseman draws the tariff reform line at free lumber, according to the statements made by the Washington correspondent of the Detroit News, reproduced in another column. When Mr. Houseman was here during the holidays he stated distinctly that he was in favor of putting lumber on the free list, and according to the statement of this and other Washington correspondents he has become convinced, against his own judgment, that a large majority of his constituents in this congressional district demand that he shall oppose it. If this supposition is correct, Mr. Houseman has been woefully deceived as to the temper of the Democracy of western Michigan on the tariff reform issue. When he is undecided, as he can be very easily, The Democrat believes he will act with his colleagues who favor putting lumber on the free list, in accordance with the spirit and letter of the state platform, and his own, on which he was elected.

This word of warning from Mr. Houseman's chief mouth piece is quite threatening. The Democrat, however, professes to believe that Mr. Houseman will vote to put lumber on the free list, notwithstanding his recent declarations to the contrary. Should Mr. Houseman again change his mind and vote as the Democrat believes he will, what will the Democrat then think of its congressman, who has no opinions of his own on this, the greatest issue of the day? Indeed, the question may be asked now, without waiting for further light. Doesn't it look like a struggle between Mr. Houseman's personal and party interests in which Mr. H. has decided to side with the former? "Free trade" is pleasant to talk about but the practical application of the theory makes even our good congressman shudder.

An appeal "to Michigan Republicans" comes from the bosses of the so-called Union Party. It asks the Republicans to leave the Republican party and join the Union party. A very modest request, but we trust the bosses of the Union party will not be offended if the Republicans don't comply. If the Michigan Republicans desire to turn Michigan over to the democratic party they will probably vote the straight democratic ticket instead of taking the indirect course recommended by the aforesaid bosses of the Union party.

The Republican state convention to choose delegates to the Chicago Convention will be held at Grand Rapids April 24. The committee selected the right place. Grand Rapids has ample hotel and hall accommodations and it will do them up more on that same issue.

The greenbackers, who assembled in solemn conclave at Ionia Friday, voted to endorse an anti-monopoly movement when properly presented and also voted almost unanimously to endorse fusion and Begole. In other words they are ready to endorse the democratic platform if it suits them, and no doubt expect the democrats to endorse the greenback ticket as a return compliment. It would take a powerful politician to draw their numerous schemes to a head, we reckon.

At a conference of prominent greenbackers held at Ionia Friday it was decided to continue the old greenback party organization, "but to stand ready to endorse an anti-monopoly movement when properly presented." A dispatch to a Detroit paper says that the meeting was almost unanimously anti-fusion and anti-Begole. This, too, right in the face of W. D. Fuller, Begole's right bower and joker, who was present at the conference. It begins to look as if Fuller had dropped the lines and his tandem team was jogging on to the crack of Ben Colvin's whip.

Predicted that 1884 will see more cyclones than 1883 saw. Hang the prophet.

—It takes four men and two women to do the work in the Insurance Commissioner's office at Lansing now, under the "economy and reform" administration, that three men used to do under the Republican Commissioner's administration. This means an added expense to the state of \$155 a month. As we have hitherto observed, reform comes high but we must have it regardless of expense. Wonder if the fusionists are so anxious to "look over the books at Lansing" as they were?

—It is now said that Mr. Villard will be able to settle up and have \$1,000,000 left. That will, with care and good management, keep him out of the poorhouse. A great many people get along in comparative comfort and support small families with not more than half a million of dollars.—Stanton Herald.

When an assertion like that is made we want to see the proof. Mention one, just one small family that lives comfortably on that paltry sum.

"Anti-monopoly must be a bold plank in the democratic platform," says a democratic paper, and in another column the same paper says Ohio's new Senator, H. B. Payne, will be a strong candidate for the presidency. To nominate Mr. Payne on an anti-monopoly platform would be about as appropriate as spiking a pawn broker's sign to a church door.

—Houseman's arguments in favor of protection to lumber apply with equal force to other industries. Julius is perhaps aware of this, although he is not personally interested in other industries that need protection as he is in lumber. Mr. Houseman can't please both sides by straddling a pine board.

"Michigan cannot compete with Canadian lumbermen on even grounds; labor is cheaper in Canada and the laws there give the Canadians an immense advantage over us," says Congressman Houseman, whose recent conversion so surprises his supporters.

"Granger," in the Ionia Sentinel, makes some very damaging statements in regard to the management of the Ionia prison, which, if true, place Warden Waters in a very unenviable position. Investigate and remove the rot if any be found.

A State Convention of the colored voters of Michigan will be held at Battle Creek March 25, to elect delegates to the national convention of colored voters at Richmond, Va. and to transact other important business.

The Grand Rapids Radical (radically democratic) says if Mr. Houseman votes against putting lumber on the free list the 5th congressional district will have no further need of him after his present term expires. Hard blows, be these.

—Dennis of the Hastings Journal speaks about "dying at the top." For a man who was born dead at the top it is a big subject to tackle. He'd better get some boy to help him.

—The boom for Mr. Edmunds seems to be about as loud as any boom yet boomed. The echo is rather pleasant, too, and is heard very distinctly out as far as Oregon.

—The Democratic National Convention will be held in Chicago July 8. This will give the country a chance to celebrate the "glorious fourth" once more without apologizing.

—Said for a fact that Washington's monument will be completed early in December next. We may be able, however, to trace this report back to Eli Perkins.

—Gen. John McDonald has written a book, whose pages, he thinks, will surely hurl Gen. Grant from his high pedestal of fame. It must be a regular collar and elbow work.

—No more fusion, eh? Well, now, when you come to pull this political capsule apart what becomes of the stuff in it?

—Salmi Morse, author of the "Passion Play," was found dead in East river Friday morning. A life of disappointment ended in suicide.

—Ben Butler may never be president but if he will keep on trying we think it will be safe to promise him a situation in some fine museum before long.

—The Detroit News says six of the eleven Michigan congressmen were chosen on a free trade issue. Well, try it once more on that same issue.

—Never elect an incompetent man to office." [Advice from the Ovid Union wasted on the fusionists who elected their candidate for Governor.]

—When the daily press gets so hard up for dramatic news as to mention the "Alvin Joslin" company in its dramatic columns it is time to begin to shoot.

—"Houseman's desertion," is what his democratic colleagues call his new departure on the tariff question. Quite a compliment to Houseman, after all.

—Gov. Hoadly, of Ohio, is getting nervous, too, and wants the wool out restored. See 'em shake in their boots.

—Thousands of people danced attendance to Washington's birthday.

JOURNAL JOTTINGS.

D. Oliver is recovering from a severe attack of lung fever.

Baptist social to-night at the house of Mr. Harris in Keene.

Mrs. Wm. McWilliams is very ill with rheumatic fever.

The Old Third reunion at Grand Rapids Friday was a good one.

To Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Lee, on Sunday, the 24th, a fine 8 lb. boy.

Rev. J. A. McKay, formerly of Saranac, is practicing medicine in Dakota.

Simon Valentine of Stanton was sent up for 30 days for disturbing a religious meeting.

Reported seriously ill with pneumonia are Miss Mary Peck and Miss Hattie Bancroft.

The Ovid Union is one of our exchanges that we generally look through more than once.

Mrs. J. W. Vanderhule was treated to a birthday surprise party last Wednesday night.

The Grand Rapids Radical is a new democratic weekly, good looking, new and spunky.

The advertisement of A. W. Hine, jewelry store, &c., will be seen in this week's JOURNAL.

Cooms & McNaughton and A. D. Oliver will occupy the Enos & Bradford store in Bank Block.

Ward Johnson, former editor of the Saranac Local, is publishing a paper at Lake Park, Minn.

Mrs. C. C. Becknell, of Cedar Springs, has been spending a few days at Rev. Mr. Oldfield's.

Chas. Behrens, the defaulting Michigan Central railroad cashier at Saginaw City, is in New Mexico.

The Hon. M. S. Brewer, United States consul general at Berlin, expects to come home on a visit this summer.

DeMolay Commandery K. T. will pay a return visit to the Detroit Commandery March 14. Don't blame them a bit.

Miss Mary Owen, Miss Addie Barkley and H. G. Smith and wife of Grand Rapids were in Lowell Sunday.

John A. Rier and Almida A. Hodge were united in marriage Saturday night by Rev. C. Oldfield at the latter's residence.

The month of March stares you hard in the face and you are wishing you could trade it off for a week in June. O yes you are.

It didn't look like dull times in Lowell Saturday afternoon when at one time there were over 100 teams on our principal business street.

Turn your tongue seven times before speaking.—Ovid Union.

That won't always work, Fitz, when you want to hail an omnibus.

The Grand Rapids street cars syndicate does not like the new street car line ordinance and refuses to operate under it.

J. C. Train has decided to put up a two story brick building on his water lot and spiles are being driven for the foundation. We understand spiles will soon be driven for the new post-office building.

Hodges & Morse of this village have bought what is known as the "big Granger barn" in Grand Rapids, which they will run as a livery, feed and sale stable. "Chet" and Frank Hodges and their families, we understand, will soon remove to the city.

The Grand Rapids Democrat publishes several columns of "interviews" with leading democrats of that city who don't like Congressman Houseman's new departure on the tariff question. While they are talking Houseman does the voting.

A birthday surprise party to Josh Ribble last Wednesday night was admirably planned by his good wife and successfully carried out. The house was filled with friends and Josh was fairly overcome when the presents (which were fine and numerous) were brought forth. An elegant supper and a "splendid good time" was enjoyed by all present.

Mr. Merritt Moore has heretofore had considerable to say about "partisans," "paid agents of parties," etc., which he may now have to swallow himself, he having become a partisan of the new union party, and doubtless one of its paid agents, for he is its state organizer.—Hubbardston Advertiser.

Hine's reputation for gallantry and courtesy to the ladies has never before, to our knowledge been called in question, and we are very loth to attempt it, but when he allows himself to so far transgress the rules of propriety, as to call a young lady a "sleaz," we cannot pass it by untinged. The action for libel will not be commenced if a retraction appears in the next issue of the JOURNAL.—Sparta Sentinel.

In distraction the retraction is made—although the item referred to was not penned by the party referred to. As to the "gallantry" part of the item—well, the Sentinel now owes us a retraction.

The following Patents were granted to citizens of Michigan bearing date Feb. 19. Reported expressly for this paper by Louis Bagger & Co. Mechanical Experts and Solicitors of Patents, Washington, D. C.: Backus, A. J., Detroit, Boiler furnace; Hoag, A. J., Battle Creek, Threshing machine; Hosler, W. W., Petoskey, Machine for boring tenons; Martin, Bruno, East Saginaw, Hydrocarbon burner; Maynard, F. T., Detroit, Pillow shaver holder; Park, J. A., Lansing, Buckle; Pearsons, H. C., Ferrysburg, Screw propeller; Sampson, W. J., Marcellus, Cloth measuring device; Smith, E. S., Ovid, Vehicle spring; Smith, J. S., Jackson, Tile machine; Tinsley, C. G., Grand Rapids, Lane indicator for type writing machines.

Frank L. Wright, Lowell, died Saturday of consumption. Funeral yesterday.

C. R. Hine is away on a business trip and will visit several states before returning.

Born—to Mrs. Eugene Lee Feb. 24, an 8 lb. boy. To Mrs. A. Rosbach, Feb. 25, a 9 lb. boy.

Married—Monday evening, by Rev. C. Oldfield, Mr. Ed. Robinson and Miss Myra Ball.

M. N. Hine, assignee, has disposed of the remaining hardware stock of Coleman & Thomas to Mr. C. P. Somers, of Peewawa.

The next meeting of the Good Templars lodge will be in the old Royal Temple parlors over Collar & Weekes' store, Monday evening.

Happer's for March contains a portrait of Will Carlton, the Michigan poet, and an interesting article about his literary productions.

Band of Hope meeting at the Baptist Church next Sunday afternoon, at 3 o'clock. All the children and others interested are invited to attend.

Mr. G. W. Hunt, the pianist, who is still at Erie, Pa., sends us a handsome program of his ninth musical soiree, which occurred Feb. 22.

Capt. Wm. A. Hull, who during the war was an officer of the Ninth Michigan infantry, died in the Branch county poorhouse a few days ago. He had relatives at Port Huron.

Dr. A. B. Grant is ordered to Portland this week by the Pension Department to examine Thos. H. Hitchcock, an invalid pensioner, who is unable to appear before the Board of Surgeons, at Ionia, of which Dr. G. is the President.

The Impromptu Club's *bal masque* was a very pleasant and successful affair. There were some very pretty costumes and some very weird ones. The "dude" took the bakery.

The new Peninsula Club House, Grand Rapids, was duly dedicated Monday night. The JOURNAL acknowledges the receipt of a very gilt-edged invitation to the reception—but it was too far to walk after a hard day's work.

The W. F. M. Society of the M. E. Church will meet with Mrs. G. Weekes Tuesday March 4, at 3 p. m. All members with their husbands or gentlemen friends are cordially invited to tea at 6:30. Signed by Mrs. Wittrup, secy.

A portion of the Ionia House of Correction was destroyed by fire Friday night—the building used for dining room, kitchen, hospital, &c. The loss is estimated \$12,000 to \$15,000. No prisoners escaped and no body hurt except the State.

Mrs. E. A. Chapman has gone to Big Rapids where her husband went some time ago to open a photograph gallery. They will find Big Rapids a lively town and pleasant home. Mr. Chapman sold his house and lot here to Mr. Treglown.

A dispatch to the Detroit Journal from Flint says that during the performance of "The Spy of Shiloh" in that city, Thursday evening, a heavy pine bench fell from the bridge in the flies, a distance of 20 feet, and struck the principal character, Frank Howard, on the side of the head. Although suffering considerable inconvenience, he was able to finish his part in the three remaining acts after the accident.

The marriageable young ladies of a western town recently held a convention, and among the resolutions passed was the following: "That we will not marry any one who is not a patron of his home newspaper, for it is not only a strong evidence of want of intelligence, but that he will prove too stingy to provide for his family, educate his children or encourage institutions of learning in his community." Now is the time to subscribe—and yet, this item doesn't apply to many young men in Lowell.

The following item from the Corning (N. Y.) Journal of Feb. 21, shows what a sensible young man of that place is up to:

"Martin J. Jones, son of I. P. Jones, went to Lowell, Michigan, yesterday to be married to Miss M. Robinson, only daughter of William Robinson, a prosperous farmer residing near Lowell. Mr. Jones learned the trade of a tinner of James Austin, and for several years since has been in his employ. Mr. Austin and wife have presented him a handsome silver tea-set, of several pieces, forks, knives and solid silver spoons large and small, the whole value of which is nearly one hundred dollars. Mr. Jones is one of the most exemplary and worthy young men in Corning. He has the congratulations and best wishes of many friends. He expects to make his residence upon the farm, and thus does not intend to return here. The marriage will take place on Thursday, February 22th."

And the Journal will line a Good word for his Miss; Being positivelyartin; She's worthy of Martin; Or any other man.

A Dancing School.

All ladies and gentlemen who desire to have a dancing class organized here are requested to meet at Music Hall at 8 o'clock to-morrow (Thursday) evening.

Mrs. C. P. Tanner, of Grand Rapids, an accomplished teacher, will be present and if a sufficient number of names are obtained, a class will be formed and instructed by her. Terms and conditions made known to-morrow evening at the meeting. Mrs. Tanner has been very successful in organizing and conducting classes elsewhere.

Jackson's Big Fire.

Jackson was visited by a terribly disastrous fire Sunday morning, resulting in the loss of several lives and about \$350,000 worth of property. The Union hotel block and many other buildings

were burned. Several charred bodies of men were found in the ruins and a number of persons were seriously hurt by jumping from the burning buildings. Origin of fire not known at this writing.

Would be bad for Bob.

It will be new life for "Pope Bob" to find himself astraddle a mustang and swinging a lasso above his head as he goes tearing across the Colorado plains after a wild Texas steer. If that mustang should happen to step in a gopher hole, Bob will find it worse than one of the "Mistakes of Moses."—Chicago Inter Ocean.

That's the way the papers gopher Ingersoll.

A Leading Dry Goods Firm.

On account of limited room where now located Messrs. Collar & Weekes, a leading dry goods firm of this village, will on or about March 15, remove their stock of goods to the new Lyon block on the west side. Messrs. Collar & Weekes are young men full of push and pluck and have by strict attention to business built up a large and very desirable trade. With the increase of room in their new store they will no doubt largely increase their stock.

Righteous Judgment.

This didn't happen in Lowell. It was 'way out west: "A man had met a girl in a lonely place and forcibly kissed her. She was terribly indignant, and had him arrested. She gave an account on the witness stand of how he gazed at her intently, and suddenly throwing his arms around her, imprinted a kiss upon her lips. The prisoner made no defense, and the jury was expected to promptly convict him of assault. They returned to the court-room. "The ju-ju-jury w-w-would like to ask the young lady two questions," said the foreman.

The judge consented and she went on the stand. "D-d-did you wear the j-j-jersey that you've got on now?" "Yes, sir," was the demure reply. "And w-w-was your h-h hair b-b-banged like that?" "Yes, sir," Then, your Honor, we acquit the p-p-prisoner on the ground of emo-mo-motional insanity."

County Grange Meeting.

The next regular meeting of this grange will be held at Red Men's Hall, Grand Rapids, on Wednesday March 12. The following program will be presented:

Song led by E. M. Manly; Discussion, Resolved That it is to the husband's advantage for the wife to carry the purse. Aff. sisters I. D. Davis, W. T. Adams and Remington; Neg. sisters John Porter, Russell Edison and J. Preston; Song by H. G. Holt; Discussion, Resolved that farmers should demand a high protective tariff on wool. Aff. H. G. Holt, Wm. T. Adams, Neg. A. W. Meech and John Preston; Original poem by E. G. D. Holden; Question, the one best breed of cattle for all farm purposes, John Preston; Recitation, Nelson Graham; Question, what shall we do with our fair grounds? general discussion led by Wm. Livingston and I. D. Davis; Recitation by Mr. DeCou; How to purchase farm machinery, by Geo. M. Edison; Original or select reading by Mrs. Millie E. Holden; Song, led by E. M. Manly.

Fatal Accident.

A terrible accident occurred late Saturday afternoon resulting in the death of Walter A. Hunter, son of Mr. Mathew Hunter of this township. Walter was coming from Cedar Springs with a load of shingles and when descending a hill a few miles the other side of Ada, the load pitched forward and off crushing Walter beneath its weight. When found he was still conscious and was taken to a house near by. Dr. Williams of Ada, Dr. Elsworth and R. Hunter, Jr., of Lowell, and Walter's parents were present at once, but Walter was beyond the reach of human aid. He was fatally injured, several ribs being crushed in. He died of internal hemorrhage. The accident occurred, we are told, about 4:30 p. m. Walter died about eight hours later. His parents and the doctors arrived before he died but could not save him. It is a terrible blow to the family, of which Walter was a promising son. His age was 19 years. The funeral services, held at the Baptist Church here yesterday afternoon, were largely attended; Rev. C. Oldfield officiating. Truly there is but one step betwixt life and death.

Later.—Since the above was put in type we learn that the load of shingles that fell upon and crushed Walter also fell upon one of the horses, holding him to the ground and seriously injuring him. A Mr. Harrington and one or two other men extricated Walter and did all they could for his comfort. Walter realized that he must die, saying so, in pitiful tones, to Mr. Harrington.

The Once Bleeding Kansas Now Flowing with Milk and Honey.

Miltonvale, Kan., Feb. 18, 1884. Ed. Journal.—As I have now been living in Kansas one summer and nearly two winters and having traveled considerable I am able to form a pretty correct judgment of Kansas and its resources. We are very much pleased with the country. It has a fine climate and good water mostly; around here it is excellent, a good deal better than in the southern parts, though the land is not so heavy. I saw a letter from the pen of Dr. Grant in the JOURNAL and I can endorse all he says about the country. Kansas is the land of corn. The estimate this year is about 180,000,000 bushels. Wheat was not as large a crop

this last year as the preceding year, but what there was of good quality and harvested in good condition. The rains hardly ever hinder the harvesting here. Frank Sears, a former resident of South Boston, had this last year 20 bushels to the acre, and it was the fourth year the same ground had been in wheat. That kind of farming would not do for Michigan. Oats are a little crop here, they went last season from 50 to 90 bushels per acre. In fact we can raise anything here that you can raise in Michigan and a good many things that you cannot raise there. Sorghum is getting to be quite a crop here; almost everyone plants enough for their own use and some to sell. Sweet potatoes grow splendidly here. It is a fine country to raise garden truck but a poor place to sell it all everyone with a little trouble can raise all they want. Kansas is not what it was a few years ago. It has had a bad name but that time, I think, has gone by. The country is settling up fast. Men are coming in here from Illinois and other states and bringing with them from \$2,000 to \$5,000. They say they can make money faster here than in Illinois. Why? Because cattle and hogs bring a better price here than there, and feed of all kinds is lower. Spring calves eight months old sell here for \$15 per head; two year old heifers sell for \$25; fat hogs, live weight are worth here \$8 50 per cwt. right here at home. John Tate, your former townsman, told me that when he first came to Kansas he drew fifty six miles to market and sold it for fifty cents per bushel. Now I can haul my wheat to Miltonvale, 44 miles, and get eighty cents per bushel. The village is not two years old yet and there are nine stores, two banks, two livery stables, two hotels, two meat markets, a bakery, large grist and flouring mill and a lumber yard stocked with all kinds of lumber, shingles, lath, &c., one good sized church edifice and another in prospect, watchmaker, tin shop, blacksmith shops, &c. There is about 100,000 bushels of corn cribbed, waiting for cars to ship it out of the State. As I do not wish to be tedious I will stop just here, merely stating that if you think these few lines worth publishing I will send you other notes on Kansas.

Yours truly,

WM. R. BARBER.

C. Althen's clothing store in Train's Hall block is being repaired.

Owing to high water the water power mills here are not grinding at present.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Johnson of Greenville who have been visiting at G. W. Parker's have returned home.

Subject at the Congregational Church Sabbath morning: "The penitent thief." Lecture to young people in the evening about choosing a partner. [Gen. 2:13.]

John Kilgoose, a young man of Bowne aged 18 years, died yesterday of strangulated hernia produced while chopping, the day before, we are informed. He was a young man much respected.

Married, Feb. 11, '84, Mr. Sydney Weller to Eva Ann Pennington of Cannon, Rev. D. L. Eaton officiating. Feb. 22d, '84, by the same. Geo. Wilson, of Vergennes, to Hattie M. Braisted, of Lowell.

"Political Prohibition" was the subject of a talk given by Mr. Hunt, of Hillsdale County, at Music Hall Monday night to a small audience. We understand Mr. Hunt is laboring in behalf of the "Union" party.

"Our Boys" Mar. 4 & 5.

"Our Boys" will be presented at Train's Hall by the Lowell Dramatic Co. next Tuesday and Wednesday evenings the 4 & 5. It is a very popular and interesting play and will no doubt be well put on by the L. D. C.—the same company that performed "Esmeralda" here so acceptably. As it will be given by "home talent" a large attendance is expected each night.

The register of deeds of Montcalm Co. recently received a package from Saginaw containing 52 tax deeds, covering about 400 descriptions for record.

A miner named John Stegmiller fell 100 feet Wednesday into the Calumet mine, receiving internal injuries sufficient to make his recovery doubtful; also cutting his head badly and breaking his arm.

The bondsmen of Edwin Sheldon, defaulting town treasurer of Shiawassee (but now a resident of Canada), have been sued in the circuit court, but the jury were unable to agree. Chas. C. Hadden, under bonds to answer for forger, has absconded.

The "Col. Hunt, a Roscommon millionaire," who was reported a few days ago as having left by his wife \$2,000 each to Artemas Ward's mother, Josh Billings and Eli Perkins, doesn't materialize, so to speak. Roscommon doesn't know him, nor anybody else that anybody knows of.

A son of John Fitzgerald, a Port Huron teamster, stole \$400 from his father and invited a chum named Thomas Campbell, son of Dr. Campbell, of the same place, to take a trip west with him and grow up with the country. They were overhauled at Flint up to which time they had spent \$111.

Mrs. Patrick Ward, the daughter of wealthy parents, near Dublin, Ireland, secretly married a member of the police force in that city two years ago. They emigrated to this country and located last November at East Saginaw, where the scoreless deserted her. Two weeks

ago a child was born. Sunday she died at the house of a charitable person, with the prayer on her lips, "God forgive our Ward." She was a well-educated and refined lady, and but 20 years of age.

Card of Thanks.

I wish to extend my thanks to my kind neighbors and friends for their tokens of respect. I feel unworthy, and my surprise made it impossible for me to find words to express my feelings. I hope I may live, and you all may live to see me enjoy the presents that were so kind to add to my comfort.

Yours respectfully,
MRS. AND MRS. JOSH RIBBLE.

LIST of LETTERS remaining in the postoffice Lowell,

