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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

—We had hoped that it would not be necessary for the JOURNAL to again refer to anything said or done by Gov. Begole. In a few days, by virtue of a decree from a kind and merciful Providence, warmly endorsed by the Republican party of Michigan, His Incompetency will step down and out, never more to disgrace the State, it is hoped, in any official capacity. Before retiring, however—before going back to the quiet of a secluded life for which he is so well fitted, it occurred to him that he must do something in a sensational way to add fresh lustre to his great name. He has done it. Last Wednesday he once more adjusted the crank to his "pardon mill" and pardoned Cardeman Deo and Jos. Roare of Genesee county, under conviction of abducting a girl for purposes of prostitution; also Calvin Slough of Hillsdale, arson, and Thomas Taylor of Genesee county, robbery. He also commuted the sentence of Wm. Ross, assault with intent to murder, Mecosta county; James Marly, Kalamazoo county, robbery; Frank W. Penny, Detroit, larceny, and lastly the notorious young desperado, Dan Van Waggoner, who was sent from Kalamazoo in May, 1877, for 45 years on conviction of assault with intent to murder. Dan is to be turned loose Jan. 1, 1886, in commuting the sentence of this bloody villain Gov. Begole has once more outraged justice and winked at crime. To place the pardoning power in the hands of such a weak minded and spineless old man as Begole is in fact a crime which the laws of the State should make impossible. The abuse of this power is a crime which Gov. Begole is guilty of. It is not so much in the number as in the character of the criminals he has turned loose that he has so wickedly erred. We hope to see the time come when the pardoning power will be vested in the Governor and state judiciary jointly. The responsibility is too great and too grave to be vested in one man, even if he be a good man; when vested in one mentally incompetent and politically unscrupulous it is simply outrageous.

—The bill to admit Dakota as a State readily passed the Senate but the democratic House will never pass it. Purely for political reasons the democratic congressmen say to Dakota, "You can't come in." Such is democratic statesmanship. Dakota is by every honorable and decent consideration entitled to admission into the Union of states, and it is a gross outrage upon her rights to keep her out.

—Will somebody hold a tin pan under the eyes of that Free Press editor who so copiously weeps for the late lamented St. John? Democratic sympathy with political prohibition will soon have to be reorganized if this crocodile continues.

—The Michigan exhibits at the New Orleans exposition are said to be very creditable. If creditable now, think of the prizes that will be sent when the Lowell delegation gets there.

—Expert testimony in the Millard murder case goes to show that arsenic, taken in fatal doses, is a deadly poison. Science clears up a great many hitherto impenetrable mysteries.

—It is to be hoped that the Salvation Army will not leave Detroit until the newspapers of that city shall have ceased talking about their circulation.

WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY.

We must insist upon prompt payment of all past due subscriptions. Please do not wait for further notice but be kind enough to respond to this without further delay.

And oblige,
PUBLISHER JOURNAL,
Lowell, Dec. 10, 1884.

JOURNAL JOTTINGS.

Dr. A. Peck is still seriously ill.
Lent begins Feb. 18 and ends April 5. Several articles crowded out this week. See our big offer—THE AMERICAN FARMER and LOWELL JOURNAL—both papers one year for \$1.95.

Christmas at the churches this evening.
Masquerade at the Rink New Year's Eve.

Christmas party at the Rink to-morrow night.
Earl Shaw is home from Ann Arbor for a few days.

Will the ladies of Lowell "receive" on New Year's day?
Our market reports will reappear next week in new form.

John Wingler is selling groceries again at the old stand.
To Mrs. Martin Jones, Vergennes, Dec. 20, a ten pound boy.

Rev. Father McManus officiated at the Catholic church here last Sunday.
D. C. Sayles went west some days or weeks ago leaving sundry unpaid bills.

The Grand Rapids Post is now a daily paper; reduced in size to a six column folio.
Miss Cynthia Lucia, of Lexington, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. T. Husted, of this village.

Third lecture on "reasons for belief in a God," by Rev. J. T. Husted next Sunday evening.
Albert Misner's house, south of Ada, was burned a few days ago, including most of its contents.

We make the best offer yet made—THE AMERICAN FARMER and LOWELL JOURNAL one year for \$1.95.
The Lowell Postoffice Company have ordered a Yale outfit for the new postoffice. It will be fine.

Somebody entered the house of Wm. Cannon in Keene one night last week and stole some money and notes.
Mrs. Clare Tucker, of North Indianapolis, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hunter, Jr., of this village.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Alger, who recently came from their Dakota home, will spend the winter at L. J. Robinson's.
Milo J. Cannon, alias Johnson, is under arrest for forging a \$25 note on the Lowell National Bank. More later about this.

There were several lady contestants for the handsome prize at the Rink Wednesday night. It was awarded to Miss Jessie Stone.
The Ionia National says N. B. Hayes of that county recently sold a 3-year-old heifer that weighed 1,800 lbs. Did you hear her hear the like of that?

Congressman Houseman, of Grand Rapids, had a narrow escape from serious injury in a street car smash-up at Washington Thursday night.
Ex-Sheriff Peck says he knows nothing about receiving a postal appointment in Texas. Hasn't applied for such a position and doesn't want it.

Rickert, the candy maker, is making some of the best confectionery ever seen in this market. He will soon beat the great Gunther of Chicago if he keeps on.
In commuting the sentence of the notorious Dan Van Waggoner Gov. Begole has evoked from his own party press some very harsh but deserved criticisms.

The Western Michigan Press Association propose to take a trip to New Orleans on or about March 1st., provided a sufficient number of its members respond to the call.
Some of our merchants are determined to do business strictly on a cash down basis the coming year. It is a safe basis. The credit system is a curse to both seller and buyer.

The Ionia Standard says the Kalamazoo and Hastings Railroad must come to Ionia. It says "it would be suicide to let it go to Lowell." Well, it hasn't got to Hastings yet.
Is money close? Then save money by paying \$1.25 for two good papers instead of paying \$1.50 or \$2.00 for only one. For \$1.25 we will send you the JOURNAL and American Farmer one year.

The W. C. T. U., will convene with Mrs. M. C. Barber, Friday afternoon, Dec. 28 at the usual hour. Members please come and make the meeting entertaining and profitable. Rec. Sec.
The musical and literary entertainment at Music Hall Monday evening given by Mrs. Strong and Miss Carr, assisted by others, was fairly well attended. It was a very pleasant affair.

To-morrow is Merry Christmas—the JOURNAL so wishes it to all its readers. Make the most of it. It will be the only Christmas you'll have this year—and perhaps you may never see another.

Congratulations are extended by their many friends to Mr. M. O. Smith and his new bride, Lieut. Teachout, who was lately in command of the Salvation Army corps here. May they live long and prosper.
Sheriff Kinney and deputy sheriffs Saunders, Platte, Boyland and Pulver attended the funeral of the late deputy sheriff Fred Snyder last Friday. Sheriff Kinney said Mr. Snyder was one of the best deputies he ever had.

A circular received from the Advent Church of Woodhull, Ill. informs us that this world will come to an end Jan. 4, 1885. Delinquent subscribers desiring to have their past records pass a satisfactory inspection will please call and settle before that date.

The Arctic Zephyr arrived here on schedule time last week. Thursday morning thermometers in Lowell registered from 7° to 14° below zero, and Friday morning from 14° to 20° below—the latter at 4 a. m. Friday was a good day to get up an excursion to New Orleans.

Mrs. W. T. Remington of Bowne was elected "Pomona" of the State Grange at its recent annual meeting. Mrs. Remington is a very capable and deserving lady, whose efficient services in the Grange, in temperance work and in social and literary circles prove her ability and worth.

Chas. R. Perry Camp, S. O. V. held their annual election at the G. A. R. hall Thursday eve., Dec. 18. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Captain, F. D. Eddy; First Lieut., J. A. Ma rra; Second Lieut., F. R. Ecker; Camp Council, F. W. Avery, C. Corbin A. L. Peck; Representative, A. L. Peck; Alternates, F. W. Avery.

This item, intended for last week's JOURNAL, was inadvertently omitted: Frank W. Hine, of the law firm of Holmes & Hine, Grand Rapids, has been appointed Register of Probate by Mr. Follet, the new Judge of Probate. Frank will fill the position admirably and his many friends in Lowell and elsewhere congratulate him heartily.

Program for L. L. C. Jan. 24, 1885, to meet with Mrs. Dougall. Members respond to roll call with quotation from Tennyson; Reading from Chautauquan, Glimpses of Ancient Greek Life, Mrs. M. N. Hine; The Laureate poets, Mrs. Barber; Christmas Hints and Christmas Dangers, Mrs. J. A. Lyon; Poem, The spell of the Halcyon, Mrs. J. W. Hine.

Onion socials are all the rage, and this is how they are worked: "Six ladies take an onion with them into a room and one of them takes a bite of it. Then a young gentleman is admitted to the game, and if, after kissing them all, he fails to tell which of them bit the onion, why, then all the girls are to kiss him."—Fort Gratiot Sun.

But there isn't a young man in Lowell who could begin to tell which girl bit the onion.
Now is the time to select your reading matter for 1885. We are prepared to offer such inducements to the public as will be appreciated. By special arrangement with the publisher of the "AMERICAN FARMER" we are enabled to furnish that excellent magazine and the JOURNAL both one year for \$1.25, to all subscribers to the JOURNAL who pay in advance. This is a special offer for limited time only. Both papers for a trifle more than the price of one.

Undoubtedly a large majority of our citizens keep "sun time" instead of "standard time," which is twenty-eight minutes slower than sun time. Would it not be well if all would keep sun time inasmuch as our factories, schools, churches and business places generally run by sun time? Let us have one time be it "standard" or "sun." The railroads of course run on standard time but this need make no difference in town, keeping in mind the difference of 33 minutes. It is very annoying to be invited out to a sun time dinner and get there at a standard time hour. It is equally annoying to be compelled to ask "is yours sun or standard time?" every day. We move that the citizens of Lowell unanimously adopt sun time and hope that every clock will strike for it at once.

At the M. E. Church.
Centenary services will be held in the M. E. Church during Christmas week: Wednesday eve. Christmas Tree; Thursday eve. Prayer for laborers; Friday eve. Theme—Faith; Saturday evening Prayer meeting for God's blessing on the services of the Sabbath. Sunday, 9 a. m. Love Feast, 10:30, Centenary sermon, Theme—"Christian Education." J. W. DAVIDS, Pastor.

Double Wedding.
At the residence of Mrs. Jennie Baird in Saranac, Dec. 16th, Mr. John A. Robertson to Miss Katie Jackman, and Mr. George Hardy to Miss Mary Jackman, grand daughters of Mrs. Baird. The wedding was a brilliant affair, about forty guests being present, and gifts amounting in value to two or three hundred dollars. The brides were sisters and the grooms were own cousins.

Married.
Dec. 9, at the residence of the bride, Lowell, Mich., Mrs. Lucy N. Graham of Lowell, and Mr. Irving O. Stevens, of Keene. Rev. J. J. Martin officiating.
At the residence of the bride's mother in Bowne, Dec. 11, 1884, by Rev. J. A. Weyant, Mr. Wm. D. Chatterton of Lowell and Miss Lizzie Nellins. A large number of friends and relatives joined in the festivities of the occasion, indulging in turkey, chicken, etc., and bringing presents and good wishes for the happy couple who then started for the south part of the state. May prosperity attend them.

So. Boston Breezes.
Tax money scarce and news scarcer. The N. B. School is taking two weeks vacation.
Rev. D. L. Eaton officiated at the funeral services of Mrs. Harriet Story.

The regular meeting of the Lowell District Council at So. Boston Grange Hall on the second Saturday in January. Centennial services at the M. E. church

next Sunday.
It is reported that the average condition of the health of those who went to Florida is not any better.

Cannon Boar.
Merry Christmas.
C. Annon is not dead but has been sleeping.
A party will be given at the hall Jan. 1st. Bill \$1.50.
Oyster suppers and a Christmas tree are on the program this week.
Revival services are being conducted by the Free Methodists at the Congregational church.

C. A. Provin has moved into town.
Visit the school and thus encourage both teacher and pupil. C. ANNON.
Alton Atoms.

The cold wave has passed by we hope. George Goble had his fingers badly frosted.
The boys still keep at work graveling the road south of Prin. Westbrook's. Mrs. Bedford of Fallsburg is to be buried at the Alton cemetery, Tuesday. She was over 80 years old.

Mrs. Hendrick, mother of D. M. Hendrick is very low. She is 83 years old. Her son Gideon and wife from Stanton are with her.
Mrs. Charles B. Francisco, it is thought can not live. She has a babe some two weeks old.

The Messrs. Frost are just closing up their apple drying for the season. Our taxes are considerably less than they have been for a number of years and I suppose it is all owing to "Free-press" Begole. May his ashes rest in peace.

I suppose that Cleveland will pay our taxes for us for the next four years. 'Rah for Prohibitionary.
Question for discussion at the Alton Lyceum next Friday evening: Resolved that women have more influence over mankind than money. X.

Grattan Gatherings.
Grattan Church will have a Christmas tree Dec. 24 evening.
Mrs. Freeman Smith is sick, and Mrs. David Tower no better.

To Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Francisco Dec. 12, a son.
Rev. Mr. Van Kleef of New York, assisted in the services at Ashley church Dec. 21.

Miss Mattie Byrne, attending school at Windsor, Ont., is home for the holidays.
Miss Olive Miller teaching at Gowen is also home for vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Dimick and Mr. L. B. Hall of Luther, all formerly residents here are in town.
The next monthly social of the Second Baptist church of Oakfield, will be held with Rev. and Mrs. Teall at the Ashley parsonage Dec. 26, 11 o'clock A. M. The Ashley society and all friends cordially invited also.

The following officers were elected in Grattan Grange, Dec. 18, for 1885: Master, O. I. Watkins; Overseer, J. A. Lester; Lecturer, Mrs. Orville Green; Steward, Mr. Austin Slayton; Chaplain, John Cowan; Treasurer, Lawrence Purly; Secretary, C. M. Slayton; Ceres, Flora and Pomona, Mrs. Mansel Slayton, Miss Dora Scranton and Miss Iva Bliss; Asst Steward, Luther Elkins; Lady Steward, Mrs. Luther; Gate Keeper, Mr. Edward Bliss. MAUD.

Fierce Flames.
Last week was a bad week for fires in Michigan. On Wednesday Greenville was severely scorched, fire destroying the Exchange hotel barn, and the entire wooden roof south of the Potter block. Two horses and four hogs were burned to death in the Exchange barn. Losses estimated \$10,000.

Thursday night fire broke out in the Central House at Stanton, destroying the hotel, Turner's Opera House block and a saloon building. Loss over \$20,000, well insured.
Early Friday morning the elegant \$30,000 residence of Col. W. B. McCreery at Flint was burned to the ground including most of its valuable contents. Insured for \$11,000.

The Laneer poor house burned Thursday night including all the household effects. There were forty inmates in the building; all rescued save one, Mrs. Harriet Lockwood, an aged insane person. The escaped suffered much from the cold before they found protection.

GOLDEN GEORGIA.
Interesting Items from Irwell.
From a private letter addressed to us by Irwell E. Strong, who is gold seeking in the Georgia mountains, we publish a few extracts of interest to the general reader. Mr. Strong's letter is dated Ellijay, Ga., Dec. 14. He arrived there (after his visit here) Nov. 20 and found warm and pleasant weather. He says: "I found the people here rejoicing over election. Last week they had a big time at Atlanta and I hope now they feel better. * * * The people here live very differently from Michigan folks. The dwellings are mostly log houses and very open, so that one suffers as much from cold weather here as you do in a colder climate. The land, mountainous and rocky and agriculture very backward. They use the single shovel plow, about four inches wide, called the "bull-tongue"—always with one mule or steer, and often the women do the plowing. Corn is planted in rows marked one way, one kernel to the hill. I have seen corn stalks fifteen feet high

grown from this planting. The women do the planting and in fact most of the outdoor as well as indoor work. One would suppose they would be healthy. Very likely they would if they didn't use so much "tobacker" (as they call it) and snuff. Every woman and young lady has her "chew" or everlasting snuff brush or stick in her mouth, at home, in the street, or on the cars—always the snuff stick, which is generally a black gum stick four or five inches long, "broomed up" at one end by rubbing against the teeth. This stick they dip into the snuff and then suck it by the end and seem to enjoy it. No doubt the practice is very injurious for the women all look very sallow. I have hardly seen a good looking woman since I came here. I have seen little girls of six and seven years chewing snuff and even tobacco.

Fleas are "powerful" numerous and are addicted to the bad habit of calling at all times of night. Bed-bugs, chiggers, seed-ticks, wood-ticks and snakes are neighboring and now and then a scorpion comes along to vary the program. But with all these drawbacks, this is a beautiful country, fine climate, with pure water and grand scenery. I believe the time will soon come when this part of our country will be called the Switzerland of America. Almost every mineral is found here and with northern industry and capital great developments may be expected. Every crop properly planted and cultivated grows vigorously. What do we live on? Corn bread and bacon is the staple diet, with sweet potatoes. The Irish potato is raised but not much eaten here. Sweet potatoes are much better here than north. Some of them weigh eight pounds and over, and are of the finest flavor. The mountain people are lazy and shiftless; they seem to care only for enough to eat and wear and never lay up a cent for improvements, but jog along in the same old rut their ancestors grooved out before the flood. Cotton is an extensive crop a little south of here. Cotton, corn and rye are the staples. Some northern men are engaged quite extensively in peach culture south of Atlanta and are doing well.

Education is below par—very few schools and only three months of schooling during the year. The school houses have no windows or doors; simply "holes." The mountain people are poor but very hospitable, generally. Most of them are faithful church goers; you can travel day after day among them without hearing any profane language. The great trouble with the people here is "no enterprise." I will close by saying we are finding the precious metal and prospects are good. I. E. S.

JOURNAL JIMCRAX.
The credit system is the business man's Canada thistle.
In Milwaukee last week Mr. Alex J. Rose was married to Miss Belle Thorn. We cannot let the opportunity pass. There is no Rose without its Thorn.

The man who is engaged every summer to write up the sea serpent stories is now evidently writing up the circulation of certain city newspapers.

The old, old idea that "it isn't healthy to go just before going to bed" has had a long, uninterrupted run. Suppose we switch it off and say it isn't healthy to go to bed just after eating.

The honey you eat the bee makes for itself. Then don't complain if you occasionally get stung.
There are many good laws on our statute books waiting patiently for public sentiment to catch up with them.

We may never know positively whether it was Jefferson Davis's intention to set up a dictatorship in the southern confederacy or not, but there is one thing we do know. We know he did all in his power to convert the Goddess of Liberty into a grass widow.

The Albert Combination.
Mr. Chandler Johnson, manager of Music Hall, has made an engagement with the above company to appear at said Hall, Thursday evening Jan. 1. Concerning Albert the Ionia Mail of Dec. 5 says:

Albert is now an inmate at the prison in this city from which he will be liberated on the 19th inst., after having satisfied a four years' sentence. By good conduct and a conviction on the part of the prison officials that he had reformed, he was made discharging clerk. The spare time that was allotted him he devoted to perfecting himself in feats of legendariness and magic. So that now, those who have seen his performances say his illusions are perfectly wonderful. Friends of his anxious to see him succeed after his liberation, have invested \$3,000 in the finest magical apparatus manufactured, with which he is to be put upon the road, under the management of Mr. Sadler, an old theatrical manager. In addition to his magical entertainment, he will present some novel and original illusions in electric light, showing to what a large extent that element can be used to practice on the credulity of people. Furthermore, a novel feature will be added to his program, being simply an expose of crime and the methods resorted to by criminals. This will include the breaking open of a safe, picking pockets, turning locks, cutting panels, and all practical tricks of criminals, in sight of the audience for their benefit and amusement.

Other attractions are announced—Frank Osborn, ventriloquist; Fanny Delano in songs &c. Reserved seats at Eddy's.

The Land of Flowers.
Will have thousands of visitors this winter by tourists who take advantage of the excursion rates to the World's Fair at New Orleans just opened. The best rate yet advertised is by the Ionia Light Guard excursion committee, being \$25 from Ionia to New Orleans. Tickets are now on sale and should be purchased before January 2nd in order to have your berths in the sleeper reserved.

A CARNIVAL

For Bargain Hunters.

A GENUINE SENSATION IN THE CLOTHING TRADE.

HOWARD, PEASE & CO.'S

Entire Stock to be Slaughtered!

Don't delay for every day will close many of the Bargains. Remember that visitors incur no obligations to purchase. This great sale is entitled to the intelligent consideration of all who desire valuable

READYMADE CLOTHING.

AT PRICES LOWER THAN WAS EVER NAMED IN LOWELL.

Fix the Place in your Mind.

Some goods at cost, some below cost. Men's Overcoats, All Grades and Prices. Ely-ton Corsets, Hawthorne Cheviots, Tweeds and Cassimeres all colors and 20 different prices to select from. Youths' and Boys' in all prices. Call and see the Children's \$2.50, \$3, \$4, \$5, \$6, \$7, \$8, \$10 Overcoats, Sold at \$3 to \$5 Higher elsewhere.

KEEP READING: THERE IS MONEY IN IT.

Oh, The Suits we Shall Offer You.

Dark Mixed Empire suits \$5. Sold for \$8, Hamilton Victory & Ward Bred \$7 50; others ask \$10, Our \$8 50 suits are same you will see elsewhere at 12, See our 10, 12 and 15 suits.

YOUTHS', BOYS' and CHILDRENS' SUITS, ALL PRICES.

Here is the Place to get Good Goods cheap.

Herald the news far AND near.

Men's Pantaloon and Old Coats.
\$1 25 will buy Men's steel mix pants; usual price \$2.
\$1 50 will buy Men's Korseys. Sold by others at \$2.
\$2 00 will buy Men's Fancy Cassimeres.
Fine goods \$3 \$3 50 and \$4.

READ ABOUT THE UNDERWEAR!

White, Scarlet and Mixed, 20c, 30c, 37c, 40c, 50c, 63c, 75c. Don't purchase till you examine our Stock. See the Overshirt sold for less than the Flannel cost. Buy these goods ready made and save the work. All grades and prices for men and Boys.

Don't Tire of Reading This.

Ready Made Clothing, Hats, Caps & Furnishing Goods, Buffalo & Goat Robes, Blankets, Trunks, &c. &c.

See our Fur Caps, with Visor and Without, Turbans, Sugar top, etc. Scotch Caps in Endless Variety, Hats of all shapes and grades.

Horse Blankets 1 & 2 Strap, Cheap.

Buffalo & Plush Robes Reduced in price.

You Must Come and see the Great Big Bargains.

Howard Pease & Co.

Died.
On Wednesday, Dec. 17, 1884, Mr. Fred Snyder, aged 39 years. Funeral occurred Friday. Deceased was ill only a few days and his death was a surprise to all and a severe blow to his family and many sorrowing friends.

At St. Louis, Mich., Dec. 12th of diabetes, Mellitus Mason Easterby, in the 14th year of his age. The remains were brought home for interment. He had been an invalid for about a year, and with heroic patience had battled with the insidious disease. About a month before his death he went to St. Louis for treatment at the mineral springs and for a short time seemed better; but suddenly his parents were summoned to his bedside, and during the last few days of his life, were obliged to witness sufferings so intense that they and the kind friends, at whose house he was sick, were relieved when the spirit was released and his bodily sufferings were over. A. E.

Other attractions are announced—Frank Osborn, ventriloquist; Fanny Delano in songs &c. Reserved seats at Eddy's.

Grand Christmas Party.
At the Rink, Lowell, Christmas Night.

A grand Christmas party will be given at the Lowell Rink, Thursday night, December 25. Music by Decker and Sharpsteen's orchestra of Ionia. Bill \$1.00. The managers are preparing for a grand time.

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THE NEWS IN BRIEF
Tuesday, December 16.
Seventy-five men were killed by an explosion in a colliery in north Hungary today.

Miss Columbus is serving fortnightly suppers for the widows of "Warrior" sailors.
There are 187 convicts in Georgia. All but fifty of them have postponed their execution dates.

Telegraph operators are said to be organizing protective unions throughout the country.
Gen. Sheridan has accepted the position of major general in the United States Army.

Harry A. Garfield, one of the late president's aides, is reported to be in the hands of the marshall on the same occasion.
Mayor Edson of New York city announced that he would not run for re-election.

Queen Victoria has the first set of plates in the world. It cost \$100,000.
Five persons were killed in a fire at Newport, Ark., Tuesday morning.

On a fight with lightning bolts in Hall county, Georgia, Tuesday night, three manufacturers of "moonshiners" whiskey were killed.
The district around Laconia, N. H., was shaken by an earthquake early Wednesday morning.

John B. Lynch, once a member of Congress and more recently the temporary chairman of the Republican national convention, is to be married soon to Miss Somerville, a teacher in the schools for colored children in Washington.

Police Lieutenant Mullen pleaded guilty, Friday, at Cincinnati, to violating the United States election law.
A telegraphic dispatch was limited from Kansas City to Detroit, and an answer returned in forty minutes.

About 30,000 persons were held on Sunday, a band from Mexico gave a half concert in the city.
It is said that the newly-patented metallic sound-board makes the organ play as well as the piano.

A milk against the Illinois central has been commenced by the Chicago and North Western, for carrying bulk in boxes by the carload through Chicago.
The cigar-makers of Iowa are in many places agitating the question of preventing the export of cigars to Mexico.

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The velocity of the wind on Monday afternoon Friday night exceeded 100 miles an hour and the mercury was down.

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William Pitt Pelong has informed Mr. Gray that he will contest his right to a seat from Louisiana.
The Russian minister of the interior has arranged open government publishing office in all the leading towns of New York.

It is said that this book will be one of the most interesting books lately published, and will give a full and complete history of the country, as it will give a full and complete history of the country, as it will give a full and complete history of the country.

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DINGS OF OUR NATIONAL SOLONS AT THE CAPITAL.
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can only be cured by a thorough purification of the blood. It is a sure cure for all urinary ailments, and I have cured many cases of it. It is a sure cure for all urinary ailments, and I have cured many cases of it.

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BAPTIST CHURCH—Corner Bridge and Jackson streets. Rev. C. Oldfield, pastor. Preaching every Sabbath at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m.

Methodist Episcopal Church—Corner Bridge and Division streets. Rev. W. W. BORK, pastor. Preaching every Sabbath at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m.

W. C. T. U.
For God and Home and Native Land.
We the undersigned, for our own good, and the good of the world in which we live, do hereby promise and engage, with the help of Almighty God, to abstain from using, selling or using Alcoholic or Malt Beverages, Wine and Cider included.

Old Rye makes a Speech.
BY EDWARD CARSWELL.
I was made to be eaten
And not to be drunk:
To be thrashed in a barn,
Not soaked in a tank.

Among other questions propounded to Rev. Joseph Cook at one of his lectures was the following:
"Ought a triple pledge of total abstinence from intoxicating beverages, tobacco and profanity to be generally introduced into Sunday school?"

Terrible Figures.—The statement that \$2,000,000 worth of alcoholic drinks is daily used in this country, is said to be based on careful calculations.

Influence of Example.
The eloquent Dr. Guthrie used to tell how the example of a poor, ragged carrier made him a teetotaler. "In a journey to Ireland, in 1840, in an open car, the weather was cold, with a lashing rain. By the time we reached a small inn we were soaking with water outside, and as those were days of tea and toast, but of today drinking, we thought the best way was to seek ourselves with whisky inside. Accordingly, we rushed into the inn, ordered warm water, and got our tumblers of today. Out of kindness to our carrier-driver we called him in. He was not very well clothed; indeed he rather belonged in that respect to the order of my ragged school in Edinburgh. He was soaking with wet, and we offered a good rummer of today. We thought that what was sauce for the goose was sauce for the gander, but the car-driver was not such a gander as we, like geese, took him for. He would not taste it. 'Why,' we asked, 'what objection have you?' Said he: 'Please your reverence, I am a teetotaler, and won't taste a drop of it.' Well, that stuck in my throat, and went to my heart, and (in another sense than drink, thought,) to my head. He was a humble, uncultivated, uneducated carman, and I said: 'If that man can deny himself that indulgence, why should not I, a Christian minister?' I remembered that; and I have ever remembered it to the honor of Ireland. I have often told the story, and thought of the example set by the poor Irishman for our people to follow. I carried home the remembrance of it with me to Edinburgh. That circumstance, along the scenes in which I was called to labor daily for years, made me a teetotaler."—[Youth's Companion.

Hon. Gerrit Smith's Opinion.—A correspondent encloses us the following printed letter, which speaks for itself:
MY DEAR GEORGE,—I could have wept, the other day, when I saw you smoking a cigar. Only fourteen years old, and already at work to poison your body and soul with tobacco! Oh, this is sad indeed! My dear boy, you see not what is before you. If you did, you would be appalled, and you would fall on your knees, and entreat your Heavenly Father to save you from the wretched, filthy, wicked practice of using tobacco.

Do not excuse yourself by saying that some great and good men use tobacco. The great and good men who do so are

in danger of sinking to be very little and very wicked men, before they die.
Tobacco and Rum! What twin brothers! What mighty agents of Satan! What a large share of the American people they are destroying? I love my children, and because I love them, I had rather bury them than see them defile themselves with rum or tobacco.
As Paul said to Timothy, so say I to you: "Keep thyself pure." Be clean in your person, and be clean in your heart. But, depend upon it, you can be neither if you use tobacco. GERRIT SMITH.
—[Exchange.

The Use of Tobacco by Boys.
The use of tobacco by growing boys is so generally recognized as pernicious that it is extraordinary that more energetic measures are not urged upon those having the care of youth to prevent the habit. Already it has been prohibited in the United States Naval Academy, at Annapolis; in the United States Military Academy at West Point; in the Phillips Exeter Academy, New Hampshire, and in various other enlightened educational institutions. This was not the result of prejudice or hobbyism. If any set of men are free from these vices of learning, it is the naval surgeons, and it was especially from them, and particularly from Dr. A. L. Gihon, United States Navy, that this attack on the weed began. The indictment laid against it charged: That it leads to impaired nutrition of the nerve centres; that it is a fertile cause of neuralgia, vertigo, and indigestion; that it irritates the mouth and throat, and thus destroys the purity of the voice; that, by excitation of the optic nerve, it produces amaurosis and other defects of vision; that it causes a tremulous hand and an intermittent pulse; that one of its conspicuous effects is to develop irritability of the heart; that it retards the cell change on which the development of the adolescent depends. This is a formidable bill of particulars, and yet each of these charges is preferred by the best modern authority, and, what is more, each is substantiated by an abundance of clinical evidence. Testimony is also adduced from the class records of schools and colleges, which indicate very positively that the effect of tobacco on the mental faculties is deteriorating. The best scholars are not tobacco-users; non-smokers take the higher rank in every grade; and whether we look at the exceptionally brilliant students, or compare the average of those who use and those who refrain from tobacco, the result shows the same.—[Medical and Surgical Reporter.

MICHIGAN MATTERS.
Collected and Condensed by the Journal's Committee on "State Affairs."
Owosso factories are tanning six hours per day.
A Grand Army Post will be established at Lakeside.
Coruna is to have a mammoth poultry hatchery.
Ionia's creamery will yield 500 pounds of butter per day.
Grand Rapids makes from 8,000 to 10,000 pounds of candy per day.
One Richmond firm has spent more than \$80,000 for eggs during the past season.
During the past season \$123,300 have been expended in Jackson for new buildings.
The Caledonia depot was entered and \$60 worth of money and other valuables stolen.
The Saginaw Courier will put up one of the best newspaper buildings in the State next year.
Manistee complains that times are so hard that even burglars can't find anything to do.
During the past season 157 shipwrecks occurred on the lakes, all of which resulted in losses above \$500.
Albert J. Fisher, of Niles, has been charged with duplicating in the matter of wives, and he languishes in prison.
Ten Buchanan patriots are willing, eye, almost anxious to preside over the destinies of the postoffice in that town.
Michael Dexter was caught by a belt in the Muskegon Car Works receiving injuries from which he died a few hours later.
John L. Smythe, Treasurer of Roscommon township, who was recently charged with financial crookedness, has shown his books and accounts to be all right, and is again in charge of the office.
Wednesday Ed. R. Wood, at the Union Mills, Grand Rapids, had his clothing caught in the machinery, and, as the shaft was making 300 revolutions per minute, Ed's clothes were considerably demoralized, though he himself escaped injury.
Petoskey people are inquiring for F. E. Williams, the soap man; F. W. Benjamin, the fruit peddler; Dr. Clark, the specialist, and B. F. Nelson, the "Indian" physician. The Record says it wants to hear from them all, living or dead,—especially dead.
While a party of Indians were camping in the woods near Bradley last week one of the women named Tunas Mackey, aged 20 years, was engaged in preparing dinner, when her clothing caught from the fire and she was so badly burned she cannot recover. Her parents live in Athens Mich.
B. F. Priest, of Big Rapids, recently pumped from his cistern a gasterosteus, and the whole city is excited over the phenomenon. A gasterosteus is supposed to be a fish, with quadruple spines, and its appearance in Michigan water cannot be accounted for. It is a peculiar phase of the disease that presents fish to the vision of the victims. Usually nothing less hideous than toads are seen.

Hal's Honey the great Cough cure, 25c, 50c & \$1.
Glenn's Sulphur Soap heals & beautifies, 25c.
German Corn Remover kills Corns & Bunions
Hill's Hair and Whisker Dye—Black and Brown, 50c.
Fleming's Toothache Brogue cure in 1 Minute, 25c.
Bean's Rheumatic Pills are a sure cure, 50c.

THE THIRD PARTY MOVEMENT.

[The following, from the Toledo Blade of the 11th inst, is republished in the JOURNAL by request of a prohibitionist who believes the third party movement to be hostile to the cause of temperance.—Ed.]
The following letter was sent the New York Witness for publication. "The crowded condition of their columns would not admit of its publication and answer."
The writer is a member of the firm of Morse Bros., a large manufacturing company of Canton, Mass. Mr. Morse is a strong prohibitionist and was in 1877 candidate for Lieutenant Governor, of Massachusetts, on the third party ticket, with Judge Pitman; but in the late election, like Neal Dow, he voted for Blaine as the best way to beat the Free Rum Democratic party.
We wish it understood, however that the Blade has no desire to continue controversy among prohibitionists. The past is dead, and the future is to be looked to. With Mr. Morse we deplore the action of the prohibitionists which defeated Blaine and gave the control of the government to the hostile element of the South, but it is done and cannot be helped. The defeat of the Republican party does not, however, affect the future of prohibition. That can be accomplished in the most of the states long before there is another President to elect, and the mistake of the nation in the election of a President this fall will be rectified as sure as fate, four years hence.
Mr. Morse's letter is, however, a dispassionate but very forcible statement of the situation, and will be read with interest:
EDITOR NEW YORK WITNESS: Being a friend to the cause of temperance and prohibition, and believing the same to have had a far better set back by the recent election, the question naturally arises. Were there any sufficient reasons to justify your recent course in opposing the Republican party, and indirectly assisting the free rum Democratic party, by advocating St. John?

First. Was the Republican candidate faultless? Were the charges of dishonesty in railroad stock dealing sustained; and a sufficient excuse to justify the defeat of the Republican party? Many eminent men and ministers of the Gospel like Rev. Dr. Webb, of Boston, who had known Mr. Blaine intimately for years, bore testimony to his moral purity and Christian character. The charges against him, if true, were twenty years old, and had long since been refuted by his own state and countrymen, and by the Senate of the United States, who have, since the charges were fully made known, elected him to some of the highest offices in the gift of the people.

Had the Witness no choice between the Republican and the Democratic candidates, Cleveland, a confessed seducer and libertine, as testified to by 40 clergymen of Buffalo, who knew of his immoralities of very recent date. In this letter I have made no reference to the great business interests of the country, which are now jeopardized and being paralyzed by the Democratic success and the Rebel yell that comes up from the "solid South," a Republican Senate being our only hope. Dissension or cloak it as you may, the great mass of the patriotic, Christian and temperance people, the friends of education, of the elevation of the colored people of the South, are Republicans, and voted the Republican ticket at the recent election. They rejoice and are glad in its success and bow their heads in sorrow, as they do now over its defeat. The difference between the two parties has been tersely stated as follows:

ON ONE SIDE.
Protection
Civil service reform
The home
Honest elections
Prosperity
A preserved Union
American interests
Equal rights for all
Anti-Mormonism
An American policy
Well-fed workmen
Patriotism honored
The loyal South
American industries fostered
A statesman
A war Democrat
A brave soldier
ON THE OTHER.
Free Trade
The spoils office
The saloon
Tissue ballots
Prosperity
State rights
The State of Utah
No policy
Starving workmen
Copperheads honored
The loyal South
English capitalists favored
A peace Democrat
A Copperhead

Had the Witness no choice? That St. John had any considerable Democratic following in the Northern states is the veriest nonsense. Nearly every vote for St. John in the Northern states was a Republican vote, and was a half vote for Grover Cleveland and the Bourbon Democracy. The Republicans entered the contest embarrassed, handicapped, and confronted by "Solid South," who, in the language of Wade Hampton in the Democratic convention of 1880, said: "Give us 50 votes." Actually the "Solid South" in this campaign had but 48 electoral votes in the Northern states to get, while the Republicans had 201 votes to get. To me it is a mournful fact that the New York Witness, however honestly or well-intended, struck hands with the slums of New York city and Brooklyn, and by a small majority secured the "Solid South" and the "Free Rum Democratic party" the coveted prize, and assisted in handing the government over to the party of free rum, to the enemies of the colored men of the South, and the old Bourbon Democracy. Indeed the Witness used its influence to take the command of the ship of state away from the officers and men who had safely piloted her through the fearful storm of secession into a safe harbor, and on the fourth of March next will turn her over to the men who sought to sink and scuttle her in the hour of danger.

I suppose you are aware that papers of great respectability, like the Toledo Blade, openly charge since election, that grave suspicion exists that men prominent in the third party movement were under pay of the Free Rum Democratic party, and it will now be in order for them to over their own signatures as men of honor, to deny the charges in the most emphatic manner.
I cannot agree with the recent issues of the Witness, that temperance and prohibition have been set forward by this movement. On the other hand the prohibitory party has fallen on its own sword and committed suicide in the house of its friends. I firmly believe that if the elections were to take place again to-morrow, in the light of the facts which the good people now realize, St. John would not poll one vote in five that he put on the fourth list. Once more we ask, has not the Witness made a mistake?
ELIJAH A. MORSE,
Canton, Mass., Nov. 28, 1884.

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How not to Sink.

We haven't seen any little boys bathing in Flat river lately but we haven't time to keep an eye constantly on the small boy and so will endeavor to instruct him without seeing him. An article in the Scientific American says "that any person of average structure and lung capacity will float securely on water if care is taken to keep the hands and arms submerged and the lungs full of air. Yet in most cases people who are not swimmers immediately raise their hands above their heads and scream the moment they find themselves in deep water. The folly of such action can be impressively illustrated by means of a half empty bottle and a couple of nails, and the experiment should be repeated in every household until all the members—particularly the women and children—realize that the only chance for safety in deep water lies in keeping the hands under and the mouth shut. Any short necked, square shouldered bottle will answer, and the nails can easily be kept in place by a rubber band or strings. First ballast the bottle with sand, so that it will just float, with the nails pointing downward, then by turning the nails upward the bottle will be either forced under the water at once or be tipped over so that the water will pour into the open mouth, and down it will go. To children the experiment is a very impressive one, and the moral of it is very easily understood. This lesson may prove to be as useful to some grown-up people as to boys. Remember it when you go out to swim.

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Common Council.
Lowell, Dec. 15, 1884.
Adjourned regular meeting of the Common Council, in pursuance of the Present, full board.

The report of the building inspectors was presented which was on motion, accepted.
Mr. King moved the adoption of the report excepting as to George Tempelars in Graham's block. Carried.

The following resolution was offered: Resolved That the attorney of the village be instructed to draft requisite notices for the different owners or occupants of the several buildings mentioned in the report of the building inspectors, this day adopted by the common Council, in pursuance of the recommendations therein, and to cause the same to be served on such persons in pursuance of the statute in such cases made and provided.

On motion the resolution was adopted. On motion the time for collecting the corporation tax was extended to Jan. 1, 1885.
The following resolution was offered: Resolved, That the Common Council of the village of Lowell be and is hereby instructed to construct a sidewalk on the north side of Bridge street from the new post-office building west to intersect with J. E. Lee's walk. The resolution was adopted.

The following resolution was offered: Resolved, That the street commissioner of the village of Lowell be and is hereby instructed and ordered to construct or be constructed such sidewalk in accordance with the ordinance and charter of the village of Lowell and to report specifically his doings thereupon and the expense thereof of each parcel. The resolution was adopted.

The following resolution was offered: Resolved, That the street commissioner be and is hereby instructed to lower or cause to be lowered the sidewalk in front of the new post-office building to the line of the established grade. The resolution was adopted.
On motion the council adjourned until Monday evening, Dec. 22, 1884.
E. A. SUNDERLIN, Recorder.

Bank Election.
The annual meeting of the stockholders of the LOWELL NATIONAL BANK, of Lowell, Mich., for the election of nine (9) directors, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before them, will be held at their Banking House, on Tuesday, Jan. 13, 1885, from one to three o'clock p. m.
E. A. SUNDERLIN, Cashier.

A Card of Thanks.
We wish, through the columns of the JOURNAL, to extend our sincere thanks to our friends and neighbors for their kindness during the sickness and burial of my wife, Harriet R. Story.
MR. W. S. STORY and family.

The Song Friend.
The December number of the Song Friend is before us. It closes its fifth year with this issue, and judging from its able articles on musical topics and its beautiful new music, it is destined to be popular among all musical people for many years to come. "Practical Suggestions in Reference to Singing" is the first of a series of editorials that promise to be very instructive to vocal students and teachers. "How to Practice," by the celebrated pianist and teacher, Miss Amy Fay, should be read by all piano pupils, and no doubt teachers would be benefited by a perusal of it. Dr. J. M. Stillman has contributed a new Christmas Anthem that will doubtless be largely utilized by choirs, as it is very beautiful and not difficult. Mr. S. W. Straub has in this issue his latest song and chorus, "When We Met," which is in this popular author's best vein. We cheerfully recommend this live musical journal to our musical people. The publisher makes the liberal offer of "three months free" to new subscribers. Subscription price, \$1.00. Sample copy 10 cts. Address S. W. Straub, Publisher, 236 State St., Chicago, Ill.

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Ladies List.—Mrs. C. H. Carls, Katie Duffie, Miss Paula Gross, Rachel Keeper Hattie Leese, Miss Lucretia Stevens, Mrs. Jennie Wicks.
Gents' List.—Fred Beckwith, August Mellenhill, W. L. Miller, R. H. Plummer, George Randall, H. B. Sinclair.
Foreign.—Henry Leonard.

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