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THREE STATE CONVENTIONS TO DAY.

It may be mentioned, not as a remarkable coincidence, but as suggestive fact, perhaps, that there are three State Conventions in session to-day viz. the democratic state convention at Bay City, the greenback state convention at Lansing and the prohibition state convention at o'clock. Lansing. It is claimed by some and denied by others that the three conventions will unite upon a state ticket for the sole purpose of beating the Republicans. There must, certainly be some good reason for holding all these conventions on the same day. Of course the democrats and greenbackers will fuse, but should the prohibitionists also enter into the combination, the situation would be rather surprising to the rank and file of that party. That there has been a strong desire among certain ambitious leaders of the prohibition party to fuse with the democrats and greenbackers for the sake of sharing the spoils, we have had reason to believe for sometime, but whether these ambitious leaders will be able to carry their point or not remains to be seen. They were evidently successful in their efforts to have their state convention held at the same time the democrats and greenbackers hold their conventions and it was of course for a purpose. Pending the result, which will be known in a few hours after we go to press, we venture the opinion that an attempt will be made to unite the three parties on one ticket. But we hardly

## think it will succeed this time. SUBMIT THE AMENDMENT.

The joint resolution to subm.t a prohibitory amendment to the voters of Michigan passed the House at Lansing, receiving just the required two-thirds vote-67. Now let the Senate without unnecessary delay agree to submit the amendment and that body will then have done its duty in that direction for the present. There are eighteen Republican members of the Senate and it is reported that every one of them will vote in favor of submission. We certainly hope no republican senator will vote against it or dodge the question. Meet it fairly and squarely. Let the voters of Michigan decide this question for themselves. In the House only two republican members voted against submis state returned last Friday night. alon. Those two were Messrs. Egan and John Luyenkyk of Grand Rapids has McCletand, of Detroit, who were elected by the Labor and Republican vote of that city. Having passed the House let the Senate now promptly take up the joint resolution and pass it if possible It will require 22 affirmative votes in she Senate, or four more votes than the Republicans number, to carry it through. Those four votes ought to be found on the fusion side of the Senate, there being fourteen fusion members of that body. And those fusionists are the very o ies who have yelled themselves hoarse in behalf of the right of petition. Of course, then, they ought to be the last to deny the petitioners. Submit the amendment, gentlemen of the Senate.

## SAY THEY MUST PAY.

in reply to a letter from Secretary Coleman of the Union Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Kent, Ionia and Barry counties, State Insurance Commis-loner Eugene Pringle submits a vol uminous opinion to the effect that "all Adams and Kellogg's band. policies that were in force when the louses were incurred" are properly and legally assessable. This means that those policy holders in this company who have had their policies canceled since paying up in full their assessments, are legally bound to pay subsequent assessments to make up any deficienc remaining by reason of losses incurred when their policies were in force; the sum realized from previous assesement was being insufficient to pay such losses. The commissioner quotes the decision in the case of Russell vs. Berry to back his opinion.

## GRAND SUCCESS.

The JOURNAL is now speaking of the New Orleans exposition. Perhaps to call it a grand success may be a trifle too unqualifiedly declaratory, as it were, o' Perry Camp Monday eve. next. An but it atter all, depends upon what standpoint we waze from. We think the Macon (Ga.) Telegraph hits it about right when it says that the biggest thing on exhibition there is the enormous deficit constructed by the managers. Barnum has never been able to produce a fat woman balf the size of that deficit

## JOURNAL JURGINGS.

Whose paper are you reading now? Who ever thought mercury would get so low?

Mrs. Geo. Wilson is visiting friends at Mother Hubbard masquerade at the

English sparrows have fallen in great

numbers this winter. At O. A. Robinson's: Miss Jennie Darl-

ing, of Grand Rapids. Will Wright captured the turkey at the rink Wednesday night.

On Monday Senator Curtiss introduced a bill to amend Lowell's charter. At Mrs. A. Peck's: Mrs. J. D. Lacey and Miss Henderson of Grand Rapids, and Miss Nellie Blake of Rockford.

Miss Etla Briggs is a notary public at

Our Bowne letter came too late week, owing to the snow blockade.

Miss Hattie Riford has been commissioned post-mistress at Benton Harbor. Charley Boyce and Geo. Stone of Grand Rapids came here to see "Led Astray."

Republican township caucus at S. P.

To-day is the last day for introducing bills at this session of the Michigan legislature.

Mrs. J. W. Hine and daughter Kittle are visiting Mrs. H.'s parents at Wauseon. Ohio.

Mrs. Eliza Ramsdell was stricken with

paralysis Monday night and is in a criti cal condition Progressive euchre parties were re-

cently entertained at Mrs. F. T. King's and Mrs. R. G. Bostwick's. "Bostwick" is the name of a new post-

office established in Cannon township. Marcus Johnson, post-master. E. P. Dana, representing the Grand

Rapids Telegram, was in Lowell yester-

day. Mr. Dana represents a good pa-Being ill, Gen. Booth did not come to Lowell last week, consequently the Salvation Army council of war was not

Miss Lou Treglown, of Syracuse, N. Y., who arrived here sometime ago, will spend the winter with her brother, H. T. M. Treglown.

The Lowell Band of Hope will meet at the M. E. Church, March 1st at three o'clock P. M. All the members are re-

quested to be present. Orders for "Nursery Stock," neatly bound (100 orders in a book), for sale at burned. the JOURNAL office. Will close out the

lot at very low figures.

APPOINTED ZYLSTRA.-Mr. S. D. Zylstra of Grand Rapids has been appointed deputy oil inspector for this district, the district being Kent county.

GET TEN YEARS .- Two of the Grandville robbers, Richard Sligh and Wm. Madden, were sentenced to ten years' imprisonment as Jackson.

Mr. Edmund Lee, who was very ill last week, is improving. His wife who has been visiting friends in New York

sued the Democrat for libel and wants \$10,000 in cold cash. He will probably Luy en kyk a good while before he gets

Lowell delegates to the democratic county convention were John M. Mathewson and Jas. A. Lyon; to the green back convention, F. King, H. Nash, C.

Married-at the residence of the bride's parents, by Rav. G. Lloyd, Mr. John Wesley Nelson, of Clarksville, to Mrs. Caroline Benson, of South Boston, Feb. 22, 1885.

Editor Hallack of the Saturday Evening Post and Attorney Grove of Grand Rapids, called on the JOURNAL last Thursday. They attended the Good Templars' convention here.

A Social party will be given at Train's Hotel Parlors ou Friday evening, Febru. Rapids last Saturday, was presided over ary 27, to which you are invited. The bill to dance is 75 cents. Music by Carl S. Weatherwax & Co. lost about \$1,500 by the Stanton fire, said to be ful-

ly covered by insurance. Capt. J. M. Weatherwax lost \$1,500; insurance \$1,000. Total losses about \$30,000. Two years ago all the party prohibitionists asked was to have a prohibitory amendment submitted. Now it is said

t'sey don't want it submitted. What has happened? Would Othello's occu pation be gone? Rev. J. T. Husted was called to Watertown, Clinton Co., last week by a tel- of the paper, and we believe all readers the public. Now this column can b

on the 16th inst, aged 77 years. The funeral occurred on Thursday. I B. Richardson Camp, No. 14, S. O. V. of Grand Rapids, will be the guests informal reception will be held at the

G. A. R. hall from 5:30 to 6 o'clock p. m. of that day. All G. A. R. members invited to be present. "I don't 'zackly approve of horse racin'," says a Kent county deacon, "but ".I W. R", Mr. Hancorne and "lchawhen a member of my church gits so weridly minded as to try to get by my

puttin' too much trust in earthly things," GREENBACK DELEGATES .- The greenback county convention elected 'he folowing delegates to the greenback state convention from this representative district:-John Ross, James Cox, C. S. Co-

burn, Francis King. A WIDE-AWARE JOURNAL -- The Detroit Evening Journal is certainly entitled to recognition as a wide-awake, clean, progressive newspaper. Its columns contain the cream of domestic and foreign news, and a full and attractive unmary of state affairs, which, with its sparkling editorial page and handsome typographical appearance, leaves little to be desired in a cheap daily pa-

EXHIBITION.-There will be an exhibition at the Grange Hall in South Bos ton Wednesday eyéning, March 4, given by the school in the North Bell district. assisted by a few others. An interest ing program is prepared, consisting of dialogues, recitations, songs, and a farce

entitled "The Dutchman's Ghost."

DEATH OF JEROME B. STOCKING .-Some days ago Mr. F. D. Stocking re-Hicks' office Friday afternoon at 3 ceived sad news announcing the death of his brother Jerome, who lived near Elk Rapids. He died on the night of the 2d inst. very suddenly. He went to bed that night apparently as well as usual. Death came with but little warning, heart disease being the cause.

> REPUBLICAN CAUCUS .- A Republican Caucus will be held at the office of S. P. Hicks, on Friday, Feb. 27th, 1885, at 3 oclock P. M. for the purpose of choosing three delegates to attend the county convention to be held in Grand Rapids, March 5th, and transact such other business as may properly come before it. BY ORDER OF COM.

GIVE THE BOYS A BENEFIT. - Chas. R. Perry Camp No. 9, 'Sons of Veterans, will give an oyster supper Monday eve. March 2d in the vacant store of Pullen's Block. A cordial invitation is extended to all. Supper will be served from 8 to 10 p. m. standard time. Tickets 25c. The proceeds will be used in equipping a "Drum Corps." Music by the Lowell

ANOTHER STANTON FIRE - Fire broke out in Holland's bakery at Stanton Sunday morning and burned the entire square-sixteen buildings. The loss is heavy. The burned district is in the Slade-Weatherwax block, north side of Main street. Slade & Co., the Weatherwax store. Holland's bakery and Moss' millinery store were among those

GOOD TEMPLARS .- The Kent county lodge of Good Templars held a convendelegates present representing 18 lodges reporting a membership of about 1,000. The delegates and visitors were handsomely entertained by the Lowell Templars. In the evening Rev. J. H. Maynard of Sparta delivered a temperance address at Music Hall.

HE GETS FIVE YEARS .- Milo Johnson, who was recently convicted of forging the signature of Edwin Pettis to a note for \$25, and uttering the same to the ed to five years imprisonment at Jack son. When brought before Judge Mont gomery to receive his sentence he was very penitent and "took on" terribly. He was sent up once before for forgery.

REMEMBER THE POOR .- We earnestly request every one in the village, or country, interested in the welfare of the or bushel or more of provision, or cloth- form! ing and bedding at the Shoe Store of Robertson & Son. Please bring in as soon as convenient as there are many among us very much in need of help. and it will be thankfully received and distributed by the Benevolent Society.

DEMOCRATIC DELEGATES. - The democratic county convention held at Grand by J. M. Mathewson Esq. of L. well. The attendance of delegates was light. The following were chosen delegates to the democratic state convention from this representative district: - John W. DeWolf, Thomas Walker, Geo. W. Chadwick, John H. Withey, Frank Boyland, Return P. Strong, Geo. P. Stark, Aaron Brewer, Lawrence Burns. At large, John M. Mathewson.

made an interesting and instructive fea- thing which will benefit themselves of egram announcing the death of his fath- of the JOURNAL will read it with pleas- the means of accomplishing much good. er-in-law, Mr. John Taylor, who died ure and profit. Contributions solicited and if it does not it surely isn't the Edstraight to the point. Contributors should always write their real names on their manuscript, for the information of the editor Their names need not appear in print unless they so desire. The latch string is out. Come in.

A SUCCESS. -Our FARMERS' COLUMN is easily filled (and more too) this week. bod" throw out valuable suggestions. Come again friends. We think we can sorrel on the road home from meetin', I safely say the FARMER'S COLUMN will be feel it sorter my duty to let out on the a regular feature of the Journal hereeathers a little just to keep him from after and a very interesting feature, too. The Journal, we believe, is the first local paper in the state to open a FARM-ERS' COLUMN for original contributions. It is a new experiment in local journalism which we believe will be a success simply because it will be of direct benefit to at least three-fourths of our readers. Send in your contributions. The JOURNAL will do its best to take care of

> "LED ASTRAY."-This popular drama was quite acceptably presented at Music Hall Monday night-and repeated last night-by the Lowell Dramatic Club, to expected that an amateur company, ience in the woods, sans stage experience, sans accessories, &c, can, after a few rehearsals, bring out the full, fine details of a drama kota last week. A wedding trip we un-&c, can, after a few rehearsals, bring daughter, Lettie, took a Tripp from Da-

which professionals have studied hard derstand; also a wedded Tripp. Congrat to master, but it is due to the L. D. C. ulations, Mrs. Tripp.-TRUTHFUL TIM. to say that they performed well their respective parts, without falling inte the common error with amsteurs of "overdoing." There were very few halts and no tedious delays between scenes, which spoke well for Manager Quick as well as the balance of the company. Excellent music was furnished by Mrs. Strong and Mr. Rickert-piano and cornet.

### Canuon's Roar. Since communication is open with the outside world we learn that Mr. and

Mrs. James Heffron, Mr. and Mrs. Geo.

Foster each have an heir. A small child of Mr R. Clark was severely burned about the face by hot grease from the spider. It may recover but it is said to be doubtful whether the eyesight can be preserved or not. At Cottonwood Falls, Kansas, Feb. 7. 1885, Mr. C. F. Shipman of Elmdale. Kansas, was married to Miss Jennie A.

## South Lowell Items.

Thomas, of Cannonsburg, Mich.

The M. E. held their 2d quarterly meeting in the U. B. Church Feb. 21 and 22. The M. E, are holding a series of meetings at the Sweet School House; we hope and trust much good may be done ere they close.

Born-to Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Adair, Feb. 21st a 11lb girl.

The Sweet school closes Friday of this

Mrs. G. Rittenger is on the sick list. Mr. J. Sayles is preparing to build brick house this Spring. Mrs. D. Adair is slowly improving.

Alton Atoms. Warren Ford, who had an eye taken out a few weeks ago, at Ann Arbor, will have a new eye put in.

Alton Literary Society have the question "Resolved, that a protective tariff is for the best interest of the U.S." The tion here last Thursday. There were 116 discussion is to continue for two even-

> The society had a lunch social last week and cleared the nice little sum of

Mr. Frost has just shipped five tons of evaporated apples, the last of his crep of last fall. They celebrated the event by a dance Friday night. Fourth degree work at the Alton

Grange Saturday evening if the thermometer will permit. of Dawn, Mo. writes that the thermom-

eter crawled down to 28° below a few I hear that out of a number of aspi rants for the honors-there is no money

in it-it has been decided who is to be our new P. M. Mrs. Church, you know has been an active politician (?) and has poor this cold weather, to leave a pound got to step down and out. 'Rah for re-

### So. Boston Breezes. Mr and Mrs. C. C. Winegar spent few days last week with friends in

Meetings will be held at the M. E. church on Thursday and Friday evenings of this week and perhaps longer. The Lyceum last week was a success The critics report was loudly applaud-

ed. The take offs on the Pres't, and some others were appreciated by all. The N. B. School will give an entertainment at the Hall March 4th. It will be assisted by some parties outside of the school. We understand that "The Dutchman's Ghost" will be presented. as a part of the program. The admis-

sion is placed at the low price of 15c. and under the existing circumstances the Hall should be full. Installation of officers of Ionia Co OUR FARMERS' COLUMN .- Quick re . Grange at Orleans this week Saturday. ponses come to our offer to open a The editor of the JOURNAL has gener 'Farmers' Column" in the JOURNAL. To ously offered one column of his paper farmers this can and doubtless will be to farmers, if they will contribute any-

from farmers only, for this column, who itor's fault. It will be just what the will please study brevity and talk farmers make it. What town will be first to make its debut? Fallassburg Facts.

## A lunch social held at the home of Mrs. H. W. Lewis last Wednesday eve for the benefit of Rev. J. Marzoff prov-

ed enjoyable and profitable. Our farmers join in the universal erv of "hard times," nevertheless proceed to make themselves happy and comfortable by enlarging and beautifying their

W. H. Moon's new house progresses despite unpropitious weather, as does the addition to Mrs. Beckwith's residence. Mrs. Converse is making active preparations to build next season. The family of Aifred Sayles contem-

plate going to Nebraska in the early The W. F. M. S. meets with Mrs. Lewis next week.

We are informed that E. Coon and Son new proprietors of the grist mill, take possession this morning. Miss Ramsdell's school at "The Val-

ley" closed last Friday. Our winter term will be finished in two weeks, Hoop cutters and shavers are not rushing business now-a days. Too much fair sized audiences. Of course it is not snow to work with comfort or conven-

Mr. Augustus Weekes' youngest

Grattan Gatherings. Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Jones of Oakfield staid over Saturday with friends here. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Cook were at Portland last week to visit their sister Mrs. S. Cornell

All were pleased to see Mr. and Mrs . C. Stockholm, and their granddaugh er, Helen, at Ashley Church Feb. 15. The Union school at the Center was losed two days last week on account of Prof. Cornell having a severe cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Eddy have re noved to Petoskey, and Mr. S. Randall and family will remove to their fine nouse at the Center next month. Very many friends regret their departure. Prof. Church of Greenville got through he snowdrifts, to Ashley Church, Friday evening, and the receipts of the so-

Ashley Church Feb. 27. Snow drifted six feet high in places still snowing. Mail only twice last week | would give you a call. Am I welcome?

cial were \$7.45. Both societies will

unite in having an oyster supper at

LATER-Mrs. C. Close took a severe cold and for a few days the case looked serious. Improving now.

The Grattan members of the Washington Club, held at Greenville Feb. 30, got home all safe-Saturday, the 21st. W. H. H. Davis. putting in a cement

well on Frank Dewey's farm, struck water at a depth of 130 feet. This well will supply John Ashley's farm opposite by means of pipes laid under ground if it works as expected. Roller skating has commenced at

Grattan Center, and every skate brought from Rockford was let for the evening. February 20.

## Bowne Zephyrs.

The weather is moderating some; only 10° below zero and roads are getting passable again. The club dance Friday evening, called

out a large crowd as usual. There will be a party at Odd Fellows hall Friday evening, March 6, for the benefit of the Rev. Wyant. A good time is expected. Good music will be

in attendance for those who wish to dance in the upper hall. The play, (Tne turn of the tide) given by the Band Boys of Freeport Thursday and Friday evenings, was well attended and deserving of liberal patronage.

Freeport has a good deal of enter but they don't like to shovel snow, we road leading into town.

(Last week's letter ) Friday we ventured beyond the narrow confines of the door-yard, but soon returned and after scooping the snow out of our "pistol pocket," we remarked, "this is a blank fine open winter," (or words to that effect.)

The mail carriers were unable to make their regular trips the past week. Miss Fannie Dagert is dangerously itl Dr. Pressy attending physician. Miss Mary Warner spent Sunday at A.

McDairmid's. J M. Nash and wife were snow-bound at Waterville for nearly a week.

The residence of H. W. Myers was discovered in flames Saturday but prompt action of the family and neighbors prevented any serious damage being done. The candy social held at A. McDairmid's Friday evening was I. rgely attended, notwithstanding the drifted condition of the roads. Only one couple re ported meeting with an accident. They tried to measure the depth of the "beau-

tifut," caused by the upsetting of the cutter. Mrs. Squires, mother of Mrs Lewis Kelly, died at the residence of the latter Tuesday. Her remains were taken to

the state of N. Y. for burial. Benjamin Wright, one of Bowne's oldest citizens, died Friday morning, from the effects of a stroke of paralysis. from which he had suffered only two

Mrs. Headworth is reported better. At a meeting of Bowne Center Grange No. 219, P. of H., Saturday evening, the has too long occupied viz: the "housefollowing officers were installed for the ensuing year:-W. M., Wilder McDiarmid; O., Fred Aldrich; L., Mrs. Chas. Coppens; S., Warren McDiarmid; A.S., E. A. Bunker Jr.; Treas., A. McDair mid; Sec., M. H. Gardner; Chap., E. A. Bunker; G. K., R. Dulcy; P., Mrs. A. McDiarmid; F., Mrs. Jas. Aldrich; S., Mrs. E. A. Bunker; L. A. S , Miss Grace Aldrich.

## Schoolroom Notes. School now opens at 9 a. m. aud closes

The Ancient History class didn't expect to relish the "Diet of Worms" but

The essay "On Girls," of the first part of the term is bringing in a large production of essays "On Boys," for the last part of the term. The girls are getting even with the "big nuisances."

The final examination in Physiology

The class in Rhetoric will begin next

will be next Monday. Z. Y. X. Valley View Nursery. 88.888 Price \$14 and up or and per 100.

## FARMERS' COLUMN.

(N. B.,—1st—This column is open to original contributions from farme s; subjects; such as per that to farming and the interests of the farm and he farmer. 2d—5; rictly non-politicat. 31—2on-th tores should always write their r-ad names on their manus rippt in order that the editor make now why they are, 4th—Numes of countributor need not appear in print unless they so designed in the cities, however, would prefer the real name again are so a nom deplane, as would undoubtedly most railers. Sth—Write plane, on one a definet, and do your best at composition. Sth—Her your contributions at this office not later has your contributions at this office not later. H iv- your contributi

I was much pleased to read in the lournal of last week an off-rgiving the farmers a column in the JOURNAL. think if the farmers would take hold of the opportunity we could make it in teresting. You must not let it deter ou, farmers, from writing because you are not all grammarians. I think the IOURNAL keeps one of those cloven foot ed feilows on purpose to fix up our writings, so go in and make this col

umn the most interesting of the paper except the home news columns. How do you do, friends? Are you nearly frozen up? I am not quite, but the next thing to it. There has not any and the roads almost impassable, and one inquired for me but I thought I

> I hope so. This is a good time to be a-thinking. What shall be our spring and summer plans for business? The first thing to be done with many farmers will be the care of fences for protecting crops from stock. I say stock, a great many are leaving grain for stock. My experience this winter with stock is that we want more roots, such as turnips, beets and carrots. sult? Hogs as well will relish beets. Potatoes are very good cooked or uncooked. My experience with various kinds of potatoes has been with Beauty of Hebron and Early Peachblow. They yield well

and cook very dry. The best heet is the Yellow Tankard Mangle, Long Red Mangle and Long Red Sugar beet. Carrots, the long orange, and the coreless variety. These varieties of root mentioned keep stock in a healthy condition with corn fodder uncut and other kin s of coarse fodder, and especially, with one pint or quart of corn meal, twice daily. With calves, plenty of hay, roots, and corn meal,

nixed with bran. Labor conquers all things and it will conquer all difficulties under which farmers are now suffering from the present low prices. Under our present system we are spreading our labor over too much land. Crops yield only one-third orone-fourth as much as they should. Instead of 10 or 12 bushels of wheat to the acre we should get 30 or 40. Instead should judge, by the appearance of the of 20 bushels of corn we should get 80. It is so with all other crops. Weeds give us too much trouble and lessen our products too much. If we were to concentrate our work and fertilizers on one acre instead of on four, as we now do, we could increase the yield tour times and add a very little more to our work,

> J. W. R. The editor of the LOWELL JOURNAL has given an invitation to farmers that has given an invitation to farmers that should be seized with avidity, giving us a chance to exchange views and thus gain knowledge, which is a prime fac-

for in advancing us socially. The subject I will say a few words upon (for we must remember to be brief) is the necessity of organization to far-

mers. Our occupation is admitted on every hand to be most useful and noble of all. but the farmer himself is at the bottom of the social ladder. To improve mentally he must come in contact with other minds, hence the benefit of meeting together, and exchanging ideas and we soon learn what is beneficial to one, is in like manner to all, and thus learn to act together for the common good.

One common error in regard to the or ganization of P. of H. is that the main feature is a financial one. The grand feature is to so improve ourselves mentally that we may take the position that our calling entitles us to. All the finance we have or need is "to pay as we go." If we do this the rest will regulate itself. This mental feature, applies to woman as well as to the farmer himself and lifts her out of the place she hold drudge." Then let us organize; if you will soon find your interest as farmers are identical. If the editor ad-

### this perhaps I shall call again. E. HANCORNE.

Brother farmers, the editor of the President!al candidate. JOURNAL has kindly offered us a column in his paper. Let us use it, fill it and keep it full. The idea is a practical one, The last part of the final examination by the cartload, from papers published in U. S. History took place on Friday.

The Append Mark and all other sores, wounds and all other sores. Will positively cure piles, texter and all other sores, wounds and all other sores, wounds and all other sores. but ninety-nine hundredths of it is about as applicable to the vicinity of as the "Worms" were foreign it was all Lowell, as it would be, if the writers were inhabitants of the moon. The proposed Farmers' Column will be worth more to the farmers of this vicinity than any Agricultural periodical published in the country.

Taking it for granted that many will write articles for this column who are not in the habit of writing for publication. I will take the liberty of offering a few suggestions. First in regard to the subject of your communication.

Some branch of your vocation is more corn, or potatoes, or hay, your garden, Lowell, Mich.

or some branch of frust culture, or your cattle, or horses, or sheep, or poultry, or bees-whichever it may be-in that which you have succeeded you can help others to succeed. Call to mind some thing which you have learned from obervation or experiment, which has been a stepping stone to success, and

your subject is ready. Take plenty of time to arrange your deas before you undertake to write, Think about it when you are alone. You will probably think of enough which you would like to say upon the subject

to fill a quarto volume. In writing, confine yourself to bare facts, and use as few words as possible to express them. Never mind poor spelling, bad grammar or imperfect punctuation. The editor will attend to hose matters providing your communication is one which will practically interest the readers of his paper.

Be sure to end your communication with a query or two to call forth something from others.

I will set the example:

Will some reader of the Journal who has used the 'insect powder' sold by ruggists, to destroy cabbage worms, be kind enough to inform me through the Farmers' Column, how they applied it and with what success? Also, for destroying current worms?

Has any farmer sown rye and plowed it under as a fertilizer ou land too badly worn out, or too light to insure a catch of clove? If so what was the re-ICHABOD.

## JUST RECEIVED.

Celluloid Collars and Cuffs at Howard Pease & Co's.

Don't buy stale candies when you can get them fresh every day at Rickert's. Twenty five boxes Matches for 25c. JNO. GILES & CO.

Fresh Roll Butter.....14c per lb Nice Leaf Lard ....... 8c ".
At Jno. Giles & Co. The finest candies to be fount are made by Rickert. All kinds-1. o n every day. Go and see. Rickert beats

## JUST RECEIVED. Celluloid Collars and Cuffs at Howard, Pease & Co's.

VERY REMARKABLE RECOVERY. Mr. Geo. V. Willing, of Manchester, Mich., writes: "my wife has been al-most helpless for for year, so helpless that she could not turn over in bed alone. She used two bottles of Electric she is able now to do her own work. Electric Bitters will do all that is claimed for them. Hundreds of testimonia attest their great curative powers. Only 50 cents a bottle at Hudt & Hunter's.

The Prince of Naples has a passion for

JUST AS GOOD. Many unscrupulous dealers may tell you they have remedies for Coughs and Col is equal in merit and in every respect just as good as the old reliable Dr. Bo-sanko Cougn and Lung Syrup, unless

Ella Wheeler Wilcox is passionately

fond of roller skating. J. Q. Look the druggist who is always looking after the interests of his customers, has new secured the sale of Dr. Bosanko's Cough and Lung Syrup, a remedy that never fans to cure Colds, Pains in the Chest and all Lung Affections. For proof, try a free sample bot-tle. Regular size 50 cents and \$1.00.

Gen. George B. McClellan is writing up the battle of Antietam.

This extreme tired feeling we have in the sp ing. fall and during summer de-notes torpid liver; we have no appetite and ambition. Take Dr. Jone's Red Clover Tonic; it corrects these troubles, restores good spirits. It speedly cures dyspepsia, bad breath, piles, pimples, ague and malaria diseases. A perfect tonic, appetizer and bloodpurifier. Can be taken by the most delicate. Price 50 cents of J. Q. Look.

President Arthur's state dinmers cost an average of \$500 each.

"Opinions are but ntue thing," said John Wesley 136 years ago. We think that opinions which are backed by experience are substantial. The masses who use Dr. Bigelows' Positive Cure all prejudice keeps you from joining the speak highly of it for coughs colds, Grange, start a farmers' club, but meet together, take your family with you; asthma, influenza, and all throat and lung diseases. Its cure is safe, speedy you will soon find your interest as farand permanent. Price 50 cents and dollar: trial bottles free of J. Q. Look.

Gen. Hancock has a double in Georgia that is frequently mistaken for the ex-

The best on earth can truly be said of Griggs' Glycerine Salve, which is a sure cure for cuts, bruises, scalds, burns, ey refunded. Only 25 cents. For sale by J. Q. Look.

For FIFTY DAYS LONGER.

Great Rush at the Bankrupt Dry Goods Store. Goods must be closed out in a very short time. You can buy at your owr prices all kinds of Goods. Call early and avoid the Rush. Price our interesting and successful to you than Goods before you buy elsewhere. Store any of the others. The raising of wheat or opposite Hunt and Hunter's Drug Store,

ance and courage and fortitude, but pa- kestory covering his military life and civil

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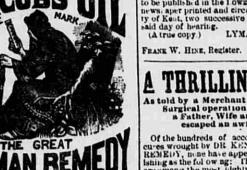
THREE FOUND GUILTY. End of the Chicago Fraud Trial—Mackin, and pledges.

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ALBANY, N. Y., F-b. 23.—Governor convicted J. C. Mackin, W. J. Gallagher ion to all who will accept.

of cards of all kinds; Christmas, New

Years, birthday, temperance, also badges



OUR NATIONAL SOLONS. A NATION'S TRIBUTE

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CALLEGATOR (1994). A CONTROL OF WORKER OF WORK

CLEVELAND SPEAKS.

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Several boys were playing in the per mill at Flint. They throw a carridge was loaded. One of the boys named Pettingill, will save all of neatridge was loaded. One of the boys named Pettingill, will save all of his left hand and the stump of his right.

A house at Christian Bend, Ionia Co., is haunted. A spectral old man wearing boyong man with pallid face and long, a young man with

## GIVEN - AWAY

My Entire Stock of

# Crockery Lamps, Etc.

Will Be Given Away to my

Customers in the next

# 60 DAYS

A. B. Johnson.

Good Flour per Sack Smoked Ham per pound Smoked Shoulder per pound Columbus river Salmon per lb.

> No charge for Crockery and Glassware at Johnsons.

4 pounds new prunes 25 cents. 4 pounds new currants for 25 cents. 4 pounds corn starch for 25 cents. 4 pounds Gloss Starch for 25 cents. Glassware 4 Cans of Sardines for 2 Cans of French Peas for 25 cents. 25 oents. 20 Boxes Matches 25 cents. 4 1/2 pounds of best Crackers 25 cents.

Crockery for Nothing at Johnson's.

Tomatoes per can Corn per can Peas " " Lima Beans per can Cysters per can Best Raisins per pound Hub Plug Tobacco per pound Good Fine Cut Tobacco per lb

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44 cts.

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Early and Late Rose

## POTATOES

Wanted within Fifteen days for which I will pay the Highest Market Price.

A. B. Johnson.

## Lowell, Mich. FEB. 18, 1885.

M. E. Church—Corner Bridge and Division streets. Rev. J W. DAVIDS, pastor. Preaching every Sabbath at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p. m. Sabbath School after morning service. Class meeting after morning and evening service. Childesen's meeting, 3 o'clock Sabbath afternoon. Young Peoples prayer meeting Tuesday evening. Regular prayer meeting Thursday Evening. Cossessational Church Thursday Evening.
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Thursday evening at 7. o'clock. Seats free. CATEOLIC CHURCH—Services at 16:30 a. m. Nov. b, 1831 and on third Sunday of every alternate conth thereafter. Also first Tuesday after the aird Sunday, every alternate month, at 8:30 a.

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EAST AND WEST. In effect Nov 16 1884

EAST:

TRAINS LEAVE LOWELL GOING

GOING WEST Through tickets to all principal points East for sale at the Company's office, Lowell, Nos. 8 and 10 run daily; other train's daily,

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Bowne Then and Now.

in Kent County, Mr. B. H. Pratt has something interesting to say in the following historical sketch, which appeared in the Freeport paper last week: Bowne, thirty-five years ago was almost a wilderness, but few families having set- ship.

or three families from Grange Co., O., etc., etc. found their way here, and gave such a Now, large, rich, well-cultivated ter. glowing report of the richness of the soil farms, beautiful dwellings, spacious and the grand opening for poor indus- barns, blooded stock, fine horses, eletrious families in want of homes, that a gant carriages, silver-tipped harnesses, tide of emigration set in from Grange the best improved mowers and reapers, Co., mostly from Troy, and in a few steam threshers, sulky plows, springshort years, over twenty families had tooth harrows, and nearly all the modpurchased farms and settled upon them, ern inventions and labor-saving machinand commenced labor in earnest. These ery of the present age. may with propriety be called the real The township is almost iterally coverpioneers of the township, and of these I ed with wind-mills, three or four

Victor Burroughs, Harry Foster, Mar- of rich farmers.

LOWELL JOURNAL, tin Holcomb, Henry Packard, Cleury Jr., Llewellyn Colson, Maniey Colson, greenbackers and prohibitionists. Riley Brown, Randall Packard, Jas. Moffet, Albert Moffet, Stephen Norton, Lyman Carr, Luke Strickland and Rus- Michigan. It the hospitality of the famsell Smith.

> These all came with their wives except and they meant business.

short space of 80 years, twenty-three, whom I would gladly cast my lot. out of these forty-five brave pioneers have died, and only three are living in the town of Bowne, namely: Martin Holcomb, Russell Smith and Mrs. Ann Truly the hearts of the parents have my boy?" the third generation. I could give the destination of the nineteen who have THE OLD RELIABLE ROUTE TO ALL POINTS moved away but it would make this arti-

cle too lengthy. James Moffet has 53 living grand-chil- the boy. dren and 13 great-grand-children. Alden Nash has 23 living grand-children boy." said Yaple. and one great-grand-child.

A few years after this emigration from Dhio, the McConnell and Johnson famhes from Chautauqua Co., N. Y., relaives of Mrs. Ford, settled here and was great acquisition to the enterprise of means, they were enabled to strike out that followed. on a larger scale. For a few years past, the Germans, that indefatigable race of people, who are ever after the rich farmng lands, are crowding in here and buy-Concerning one of the best townships ly barns, and many of them are now to the A. B. Denise. be seen in most any part of the town-

tled here at that time. Among them I Then, the small clearing, the rude log recognize the names of McVean. Mc- cabins, the oxen and cart, the three Dairmid, Gibsons, Tylers, Thompson cornered 18 tooth harrow, the grain craand Foster. These, with perhaps a few dle, the flail, the little log school house tender sincere thanks to their neighbors others were the actual pioneers or first which also answered for a church, with, and friends for kind assistance and symsettlers. But a year or two later, two out a store, no fruit, the old well sweep, pathy during their late affliction, in the

wish to speak more particularly, they churches, large and comfortable school being my old friends and neighbors in buildings, a flouring mill, several steam warn all parties not to negotiate for the Ohio. Their names were Abijah Pool, saw mills, two flourishing stores, three same, payment having been stopped.

Levi Ford, Nelson Pratt, Alden Nash, post-offices and a thriving community 37wx. Mrs. F. Schwader,

It is a republican township, some Pool, Rufus Chaffee, Calvin Waterman, first class democrats, and a sprinking of

From Logan P. O. to Freeport, I think is as nice farming land as I have seen in ilies of Wayne Pardee, Jas. Nash, John McConnell, Martin Holcomb and a half Mr. Burroughs, who was a single man, a score of other families, given to me, is a specimen, they are a wonderfully Let me say right here, that in the good natured, hospitable people, with

What Yaple Knows Ab out Boys.

Washington Dispatch. A story is related of Congressman Yaple of Michigan, that must be worth Ford; the remaining nineteen having printing. A day or two ago a page reothers in the cities, but they have left a Fourth district to write his name in an host of children and grand-children who autograph album. As Mr. Yapie toyed give me a hearty welcome, as I come with his pen he thought he would enterto visit the remnant of the pioneers, after an absence of twenty five years. Said Mr. Yaple, "what is your name,

'Thomas Bagtey," was the reply. "What state are you from?"

"Why, don't you know my father?" Mr. Yaple confessed his ignorance. "He is a congressman from New York In speaking of the children and grand and I thought everyone knew him." An

children, permit me to say that Uncle inquiry was then made as to the age of "Eleven? that's about the age of my

> "Have you got a boy 11 years old?" asked the page increduously. "Yes, and I have five boys altogether."

My! you must know more about boys than anything else." The scratching of Mr. Yaple's pen was he township. With their abundant the only sound that disturbed the silence

Roll of Honor.

Month ending January 31st, 1885. Annie Easterby. Jennie E. Graham. ing out the early settlers, wherever they Carl P. Hull, Myrtie Hinyon, Fred can get a foot-hold, and this is the great Schwader, W. M. Yeiter, Abner S. reason why so few of the old pioneers Johnson, Fred Lowden, Elsie Oberly. are left. The Germans are good farmers Alice Graham, Mary Oberly, Alice Oband their great hobby is large and cost- erly, Lillie Bryant, Emma Graham, Hat-School district No. 8, South Lowell.

H. D. McDougal, Teacher. CARD OF THANKS.

Mr. and Mrs. George Raymond desire to sickness and death of their infant daugh-

SLAUGHTER, SLAUGHTER. Goods must be sold out. The great Bankrupt Dry Goods and Millinery store will, on account of their short stay here make another cut in prices of goods

LOST OR STOLEN. Last harvest time—one note of \$150 made to Frederika Schwader, by George Beehler; also one note of \$50 made to the same by Chris Klahn. These notes the same by Chris Klahn. These notes were either lost or stolen and this is to

LIST of LETTERS remaining in the postoffice at Lowell, Kent Co., Michigan, Ladies List-Mrs Jane A Gifford, Mrs

Gent's List-Wm Garley, H W Harker, Riley Hanecy, Otto Isaacson, E J Mosner, Charles Marvin, Frank Palmer. Foreign-Joseph Smith.

Persons calling for these letters will of this notice. M. M. PERRY, P. M.

and Millinery Store before you purchase sleeping usages of the country, the prisoner elsewhere. We will save you from 25 to 50 per cent. on every thing you buy. mats covering the floor. The mildness an Ford; the remaining nineteen having printing. A day or two ago a page resought other homes, some on farms, quested the representative from the Hunter's building, towell, Mich. 38w2 long and even the time sentence, are quit

Digestion and Assimilation. Many persons who suffer with indigestion dread food even though they prison-breaking frequent. On the contrar, feel its need. This impairment of the digestive functions is due in many inelements in the food, which is indispen sible for perfect digestion. Superfine flour, together with sugar and butter, supply fuel and fat only, but give very little nourishment to the brain and

nerves. Food rich in the phosphates feeds the entire system. The addition of the phosphatic element is supplied by

> A Boston Bean Story. [Boston Journal.]

size-gave them all the water they would hold, and then left them over night to the mercy of the brans. In the morning he found that they had increased in size from No. 5 to apparently No. 8, and that the uppers had raised up on one side, exposing a tactory for woodenware, painting on porcelain, and the manufacture of engines for exercise for escape for several feet around. The next time he will pare down his feet.

Harmony in the Church. [R. J. Burdette.] "Is there harmony in your church?" asked

the presiding elder.
"There is—there is," replied Deacon Ramsgate; "perfect harmony. We have dismissed the pastor, discharged the organist, compelled the choir to resign, discontinued the Sabbath and week-day meetings, discharged the sexton, and expelled about one half the members; and white-robed peace now broods softly within the walls of this branch of the earthly Zion. Harmony! I believe the very angels envy us."

A Greater Boon. [Chicago Times.] A London scientist is endeavoring to pro-duce cats without talls. This is certainly a noble phase of scientific experiment, but he might confer a greater boon upon humanity Hale's Honey the great Cough cure, 25c., 50c. & \$1

Glenn's Sulphur Soap heals & beautifies, 25c. GermanCornRemover kills Corns & Bunions opening, and after a glance at their contents, throwing into the fire. "Its abominable, abominable," be said. "Why I do nothing in Hill's Hair and Whisker Dye-Black and Brown, 50c. Pike's Toothache Brops cure in 1 Minute, 25c Bean's Rheumatic Pills are a sure cure, 50c. New York but open mail from people who want me to 'v something, or have my

JAPANESE PRISONS

7 cents.

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16 cents.

10 cents.

40 cents.

25 cents.

Interesting Report by a New York Cler

Rsv. Dr. T. M. Peters, rector of St. Michael's church, in his report to the Prison association of New York, of a visit to som of the prisons of Japan during his recent journey around the world, said:
"The three prisons to which I was taken are please say "advertised" and give the date all in the great capital city, Tokio, and, a they contain different classes of convicts, sufficed to give a good idea of the genera

Come all to the Bankrupt Dry Goods nal. In the Japanese prisons, after to lie thick togetaer in one-story buildings upor past our conception. One would support that, with such bodies of men confine together in a wooden builling, violent ou breaks would be chronic and attempts

thing like an insurrection one may say break fail in any years ago. when cholera made its appea ance in the Denzu prison. A panic amo the convicts resulted in an attempt to escape seven only succeeding. "The third, the largest and most interes ing of the prisons of Tokio, and call

the use of Professor Horsford's Phos phatic Baking Powder. Baking exhibitions given at A. B. Johnson's Thursday and Friday eve's and at John. Giles & Co.'s Saturday. Ladie's don't fail to see the total total to see the total tot mitted to prison, permitted to retain then up to the age of 3 years.

A Florida youth who bought a pair of shoes without trying them on foun I on reaching home that they were just an eighth of an inch too small all around. He thought, however, that he would enlarge them sufficiently by the "bean" process, so he filled each shoe to the top with large, white beans—the variety that swell nearly double their size—gave them all the water they would hold, and then left them over night to the heads of 3 years.

"A great variety of occupations are plied at the Tsukudazima prison, allowing the possibility of employing all the prisoners either for purposes connected with the possibility of employing all the prisoners. Some were engaged in making prison uniforms, others in preparing uniforms for the police. The rice used in the kitchen is cleaned by hand, or rather foot machinery, and ground in hand mills. There were also watering gardens and fields, supply work

for a portion of the men.
"The different trades here carried on engine department I understood to be under contract, the others not. Seventy-five boys, also under sentence, are distributed among the adult workmen with the object of giving them a trade which will be useful when their time is up. This disposition of the boys was thought to be an advantage to them. Each prisoner doing a good day's labor recieves, as I was imformed by the 7 cents more daily are credited to him, the accumulation being paid at his discharge. Prisoners distinguishing themselves by good behavior wear a badge as a mark of honor.

"Going Through" His Mail. [New York Tribune.]

They seem much pleased at being pointed out as they passed by." When John R. McLeau was here recently, I dropped in to see him for a few moments at the Fifth Avenue hotel. He had just come in, and the teble in his room was covered with letters, which he was rapidly

picture taken, or go somewhere. These are all advertisements in some form or other There ought to be some way in which guests could be protected from such pests." By this time the last letter had disappeared in

the fire, and we began another topic; but the other day, in the room of a prominent gentleman at an uptown hotel. I was given permission to "go through" his mail, which he told me I would find like Mr. McLean's in

every respect.

There were eighteen appeals. Three were from theatres, soliciting his presence (and cash) at the evening performance. Three were from merchant tailors, offering to make up English goods at half price or less. The miles of loss of the heart of the he writer of one begged the distinguished honor of pointing his camera at the distinguished gentleman, for whose photograph the whole world was said to be impatiently crying. world was said to be impatiently crying. Another offered to print his picture and blography in a book of biographical sketches for \$150. A newspaper reporter, whose card had been sent up and an interview refused, wrote to say that he had seen another re-porter go up to the honorable gentleman's room, and that he might look to be crushed to earth unless he accorded the same privilege to the writer. A summer hotel requested the recipient's attention to its salubrious location and advantages. These may serve as samples. The names to which to address such letters are obtained from the lists of prominent arrivals in the morning cine ever used.

> A Mania for Policy. New York Telegram.]

"I guess the old man must have spent over \$00,000 on policy," said a gentleman to a re orter, jointing to a gray-whiskered, stoop houldered, troubled-faced looking person who had just emerged from a suspicious looking "exchange office" on the Bowery New York. "I knew him in New Orleans," imself and was worth at least \$40,000. Today he is not worth a cent. He makes a precarious living as a copyist, and never get hold of a dollar but what he will invest portion of it in policy. In his palmy days he would invest hun ireds of dollars in lettery tickets; now he o ten plays a "gig" for it ents and upward. He never patronizes a gaming table, but policy playing has been a mania with him for the past thirty years, and of the thou ands he has squandered I do turn. I have often given him a dime or a quarter. I tell you, this gambling busine i -any way you may fix it-is worse on a man than drink.

Examination of Teachers. Schedule of Examinations for the spring Grand Rapids, Friday, March 6, 1885

Sat. April 4, Grand Rapids, Friday, " 17, " Teachers wishing First or Second Grade Certificates, are required to be present at the general public examina All examinations will promptly at 9 o'clock a. m.

By order of the County Board of

School Examiners. W. M. CHAPMAN, HEADQUARTERS FOR FISH. Trout 5c per lb
Whitefish 7c per lb
Boneless Codpish 6c per lb
i liberal discount off when a whole pack John Giles & Co. age is taken.

Choicest and best. What? Those confections made by Rickert. Drink our Tycoon Tea the fivest import ed into this country. They send from Grand Rapids for it. We are soleagents. John Giles & Co.

Meals 25 cts. at Chase's Bakery.

THE DAVIS HOUSE & FEED BARN. The Davis House, east side, is now in fine running order and has in connec-tion a Feed Stable for the accommodation of farmers teams. Try the New Davis House.

L. W. DAVIS, Prop'r. First Class Meals for 25c at the CITY BAKERY.

A WONDERFUL DISCOVERY. Consumptives and all, who suffer from my affection from the throat and Lungs an find a certain cure in Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption. Thousands of permanent cures varify the truth of this statement. No medicine can show such a record of wonderful cures. Thousands of once hopeless sufferers now greatfully proclaim they

The union school building at Howard City was burned last Thursday. Loss \$25.000; insurance \$10,000.

It is a good rule to accept only such, medicines as have, after long years of trial, proved worthy of confidence, Inis s a case where other people's experience, may be of great service, and it has been, the experience of thousands that Ayer's. Cherry Pectoral is the best cough medi-

FOR SALE. Several choice farms located in Ver-

gennes, Keene, Bowne and Boston. Also everal houses and lots in the village of Can suit all classes of custom-·rs. For further particulars inquire at he office of S. P. HICKS, over West & Co's drug store. FARM FOR SALE.

The S. W. 1 of S. E. 1 of Section 23, own of Vergennes, known as the Chas.

W. Beckwith place, will be sold very low and on reasonable terms, Good nouse, good orchard and well watered. on or address W. J. Dibble, Marshall, Mich. or J.C.FITZGERALD, Grand Rapids.

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Beware of Agents representing Foreign Nurseries. Buy you trees of Reliable Home Nurseries and Save Money.

Kent Co. Pomona Nurseries. Cascade, Kent Co. Mich. BUTTRICK & WATTERSON,

Lowell Markets. CORRECTED EVERY TUESDAY.

Our buyers are paying for Apples 20 to 40c per bu
Beans not hd pkd. 60 to 70c per bu
hd pkd. \$1 to 50c "

Butter fresh roll. 14c per lb
Clover seed, No 1. 4 85 per bu Oats..... Onions.....
Potatoes....
Pork (dressed).....
Wheat (white).....