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### Balance the Books!

The publisher of the JOURNAL respectfully but earnestly requests that every subscriber in arrears and every person indebted to this office shall without further delay make full payment of his or her indebtedness. Our patrons—many of them—know full well that owing to the stringency of the times in the past we have, at our own expense and personal sacrifice, given them time on accounts that ought to have been paid long ago. The time has now come when a settlement of such accounts will be insisted upon and we hope and trust that no delinquent will make it necessary, by putting off the matter longer, for us to place his account in the hands of an attorney for collection. A prompt response to this call will render such a procedure unnecessary and save the delinquent extra cost. This notice will be published for a short time only.

### EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Judge A. B. Morse has been spending a few days in Washington. A special to the Free Press announced his arrival there and emphasized the statement that he was not there on a political mission. Other dispatches of the same date said Judge Morse was in Washington in the interest of Mr. Tower, a candidate for the Iowa post-office. Later information received proves the latter statement to be true. It is probably the first instance on record of a Chief Justice of the Michigan supreme court throwing off his ermine and donning the garb of a lobbyist. May it please your honor—it doesn't add to the dignity of the supreme bench to step down from that high perch and wade into a local political fight. It would have been all right for Ben Morse to have jerked his coat and waded into that kind of a fight, but for Judge Morse—for Chief Justice Morse to mix up in such a fracas is too bad. Ben, what made you do so?

The President's message is worthy of note on account of its length. It has more length than breadth, by far, and yet it reads fairly well. The President adheres to his previously promulgated ideas of civil service reform, while giving very little attention to its practical operation. The message was written to catch public approval. It is not by any means the document of a statesman.

Republicans make no plea for the retention of Republican office holders but when all such are removed for "offensive partisanship" it looks as though the civil service reform child had already become an orphan. If the President would come right out and say "to the victors belong the spoils" he would please his party better than he is now doing by playing the hypocrite.

The President, in his message, favors the suspension of silver coinage; denounces mormonism; lifts up his voice for civil service reform; and advises Congress to go slow in the reduction of tariff duties. He is not a free trader. On these main points he seems to be more in accord with the Republican than the Democratic sentiment of the country.

Alexander Copland succeeds Postmaster Codd of Detroit. Mr. Codd was an "offensive partisan." He never took an active part in politics but he sometimes went out and voted, and it having been ascertained that he once voted for Lincoln, he was at once branded and removed. Mr. Codd has not apologized up to present writing.

Congress assembled on the 7th. Senator John Sherman was elected President pro tem of the Senate and Hon. John G. Carlisle was chosen speaker of the House. But little will be done before the holidays and it is our opinion that very little will be done after the holidays. Mr. Doolittle has the floor.

The Mormon rebellion in Utah is a little one but it may yet be a big one. Enforcing the law against polygamy is what makes the Mormon blood boil. Now is the time for Uncle Sam to Hamletize—"Out! damned spot!" and then rub out the spot.

Jerome Eddy, the long neglected chairman of the democratic state central committee, has at last received his reward. He has been appointed storekeeper at Chatham, Ont. and will break his back drawing his salary of \$3,000 a year.

The campaign of the opposition against the Republicans last fall was made largely on that big surplus in the treasury. We are patiently waiting to see what this mighty wise administration is going to do with that surplus.

Senator John A. Logan was unanimously nominated by the Republicans for the office of President pro tem. of the U. S. Senate, but declined to accept. He will remain on the floor of the Senate and the JOURNAL is glad of it.

Canon Farrar took a sail over here just to look around a little at his own expense. He went home \$25,000 ahead. That's the way this country pays tribute to brains—especially if the brains are English, you know.

—Wm. H. Vanderbilt, the great multiplied millionaire, dropped dead at his residence in New York City Tuesday afternoon. Death caused by apoplexy. He was born in 1821.

—Of course the papers are full of "lake disasters." Wrecked vessels are not quite so numerous as the sands of the sea but the list is increasing wonderfully fast.

—Fellow exchanges, let's go to work and make a clean thousand dollars each this winter and talk about the state ticket next spring.

### JOURNAL JOTTINGS.

Balance the books.

Now select your reading for 1886.

Is your chimney in good condition?

To Mrs. Mark Warner Dec. 8, a girl.

Almost time to turn over a new leaf.

Get your holiday advertising ready.

Santa Claus will carry a big pack this time.

Council proceedings too late for this week.

George Sayre, of Des Moines, Iowa, is in town.

Capt. Allen at Music Hall to-night. Hear him.

Fred Misner was a recent visitor at W. P. Perrin's.

Mrs. Joseph Anderson of Bowne died on the 8th inst.

Mrs. Dewitt Thomas, of Cascade, died a few days ago.

New type for fine printing at the JOURNAL office.

Make some friend a Christmas present of the JOURNAL.

We trust the snow plow will do its duty this winter.

O, thou gum chewer, thou chewer of gum! O gum off.

If the JOURNAL isn't worth a dollar a year don't take it.

Rink open to-morrow night. Music by Rickert's band.

Miss Lelia Farlin has been visiting friends in Detroit.

The man who predicted an open winter has gone south.

The sand road south of the depot will be put in good shape.

Call at McPherson's Bazar and see a genuine Santa Claus.

Miss Louisa Wickham, of Windsor, Ont. is at Sweetland's.

Mrs. A. Pilen was taken to the Kalamazoo asylum this week.

Mrs. J. M. Babcock and family have removed to Grand Haven.

The State Grange had a grand meeting in Grand Rapids this week.

Miss Anna Booth went to Chicago this week to enter a convent.

Jacob Layer has returned from Waterman, Ill. to his father's home.

G. Kopf is sinking an artesian well. Good prospects for much water.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Eggleston of Wilson, N. Y. are at Jno. Eggleston's.

W. E. Nelson is a partner with J. C. Hare of the Lowell marble works.

Go and see the celebrated Robinson brothers at the rink next Wed. Eve.

Mrs. Frank Irons has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Daniels.

Miss Carrie Shaw of Saranac has joined the Hubbard voice culture company.

Delinquents will please read our short story this week entitled "Balance the books."

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Look are keeping house in their new residence on Hudson street.

G. A. R. election of officers Wednesday evening Dec. 23. All comrades be present.

Miss Jennie Powlison is home from Edmore to spend a few weeks with Lowell friends.

The Jackson Star, one of Michigan's best weekly papers, has a new head and a very pretty one.

The Rochester Lamp surpasses all other lamps. Just the thing for a Christmas present.

Go to Music Hall to-night and hear the eloquent Capt. Allen on "The Bright Side of Army Life." Admission only ten cents.

Do we take wood on subscription? Yes, if the wood is delivered when the subscription is entered on the list. Otherwise, no.

There will be a social gathering and supper in G. A. R. hall to-night, (after Capt. Allen's lecture) of the G. A. R., W. R. C. and S. O. V.

The class in Modern Literature will meet with Mrs. J. W. Hine this week Saturday at 2.30 o'clock, sharp. Study: Bancroft, the historian.

The S. O. V. will elect new officers Monday night, Dec. 21. Their regular meetings hereafter will be Monday evening, once in two weeks.

Historical services at the M. E. Church next Sunday evening. Historians: O. W. Stone and J. C. Hare. Subject Sunday morning "Creation."

Miss Cora Belden, for three years teacher in the Northern Iowa University, will spend some time in Lowell, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. Quick.

The Allegan Gazette issued a musical supplement last week entitled "I dreamt

that I dwelt in marble Halls." What, under the present administration?

Hollis Daniels, son of A. T. Daniels, died of consumption Wednesday night, after a long illness patiently endured. The funeral occurs this afternoon.

There will be a Christmas party at the Ada Rink Christmas night and a New Years party at the Ada Hotel New Years night. All cordially invited.

Reported that Mrs. Josie Burch will soon marry a wealthy widower of Kalamazoo. She is now in Lowell, having resigned as teacher in the Allegan public school.

The JOURNAL is waiting to see the Grand Rapids Leader and other green-back party organs larup President Cleveland for favoring the suspension of silver coinage.

The regular annual communication of Lowell Lodge No. 90 F. & A. M. will be held at Masonic hall next Tuesday evening. Officers for the coming year will then be elected.

Mercury Monday morning: at J. D. Loop's and Dr. Young's, 16° below; at Dr. Malcolm's 12° below; at C. Althen's (7 a. m.) 10° below, &c. How vain are all things here below.

Mrs. Jennie L. Gibbs, of Grand Haven, inspecting officer of the W. R. C. inspected the Corps here Wednesday and said it was the best organized Corps of its age she had yet visited. That's good.

Will the ladies of Lowell receive New Year calls? If so the JOURNAL will on Christmas day publish the names of all who will "receive" if the list be furnished this office in time. What say you ladies?

Township treasurer A. J. Howk receives tax money at the store of Howk and Bostwick. Mrs. R. G. Bostwick presides at the desk and exchanges tax receipts for cash with promptness and dispatch.

The next social of the Baptist society will be held at the residence of Rev. H. W. Powell (corner of High and Division Sts.) next Wednesday evening. Refreshments will be served. A general invitation extended to all.

Mrs. Holt, mother of Mrs. Wm. Parker of Vergennes, died Dec. 4, 1885, aged nearly 75 years. A sketch of her life has been received, but owing to limited space this week cannot be published until next week.

Program of L. L. C. Dec. 18. Quotations from the writing of Alice Cary; Alice Cary, the woman, Mrs. Sumner. The writer, Mrs. M. N. Hine; Last days, Mrs. Craw; Poems, Mrs. Pease, and Mrs. Douglass.

Mr. Isaac Corman, formerly of this township, now of Stoney Creek, Ont. was some weeks ago seriously injured by being crushed by the front wheels of his stage. He has been quite helpless since the accident occurred—over a month ago.

Emerson Bailey arrived here from Grotton, Dakota last Saturday. He will return in a few days accompanied by his mother-in-law, Mrs. Cuykendall. Mr. Bailey has many warm friends in Lowell who are glad to hear of his prosperity.

A novel attraction at the rink to-morrow night, "Jupiter," a Rocky Mountain Black Bear, will appear on roller skates and perform many wonderful tricks. Admission 15 cents. Use of Rink skates 10 cents. Skating before and after the bear dance.

Died—in this village Dec. 3. Alonzo Lang, son of Mrs. M. A. Lang. Funeral from the house Sunday afternoon, Rev. J. W. Davids officiating. On Monday the remains were taken to Reading, Hillsdale Co., for interment.

The best show that has visited Lowell in a long time is the Alha Heywood combination. They performed to light houses here last week but should they come to Lowell again they would draw a crowd. We understand an effort will be made to have them return here soon.

A lady correspondent doesn't like to see big advertisements in the JOURNAL. She would though, if she were publishing the JOURNAL, or had goods to sell. Makes a big difference whether we look from this standpoint or that. Always read the ads., lone; they talk straight business and show an enterprising spirit.

Mr. J. C. Post, of Vergennes, is about to enter the lecture field. His subject will be the Christian religion. He offers \$25 to any orthodox preacher that will come to Lowell and hold a fair discussion with him on religious subjects. Here is a good chance for some orthodox preacher to make \$25 without losing much time.

The late blizzard was very numerous and of long duration. As for us, give us balmy spring with its picnics in God's first temples—the groves. O, sweet memory! 'Tis now we do poke thee with a sharp stick and go back, back, 'way back to the time when the birds did sing and the green grass did grow and ice cream clothes were in style.

The appointment of Eugene Campbell as postmaster at Alton does not seem to give general satisfaction among the patrons of that office. Some of the leading democrats in that neighborhood strenuously opposed him, we are told, for reasons which they considered good and sufficient. Inquiry is made in regard to the new postmaster's real name. It is claimed that Mr. Campbell (or Camp-

ell) was once known as Mr. Corey. The JOURNAL doesn't know the man and can't answer the question.

Tuesday's Grand Rapids Telegram: Keeper Guild, of the County Farm, had a lively set-to yesterday morning with an insane man at the farm. The man was sent to the county house from Lowell township the first of last July and, on account of the crowded condition of the State asylums, has been there ever since. The man attacked Keeper Guild with a grub hoe, but his blow was warded off and his enkindled rage was cooled by his being twice thrown to the ground, and by receiving a well directed blow in the face from the muscular keeper. The man manifested no further symptoms of madness.

When the spring time comes, gentle Annie, we shall have another town meeting. In addition to electing township officers for the ensuing year the voters will vote appropriations for highway purposes, etc. Now, the point we wish to approximate is this. We desire to more than approximate—we desire to make the point very clear and drive it straight home, if possible. When the voters assemble next spring we hope they will vote intelligently upon all propositions submitted. We want them to vote large enough appropriations to put the highways in good condition. We want the taxpayers to vote these appropriations and then pay them in the regular way. Every now and then we hear that the amount voted to repair this or that piece of road in town was insufficient and every now and then a subscription paper is circulated to procure funds for completing the work. (We are now speaking of our own township highways.) Perhaps more money is raised by subscription than by tax to repair a certain road. This isn't right. This township ought to build and repair its highways and not go out as a beggar to make up by subscription its deficiencies. Give us good roads but don't make them by subscription. As to contributing for the improvement of highways out of town where taxpayers are few and heavily burdened, that is all right, but the highways in the township of Lowell should be improved by the taxpayers, each paying his just share.

THE HON. PERRY HANNAH.  
To the Michigan and Western Michigan Press Associations.

Traverse City, Mich., Dec. 3d, 1885.  
MESSRS. J. W. HINE, et al.  
Com. for the Western Mich. Press Association.

Gentlemen: I have your very kind communication on behalf of the Mich. State Press and Western Mich. Press Associations, transmitting to me by express a most beautiful emblem of their friendship in commemoration of their pleasant visit to Traverse City in July last.

Allow me to say, gentlemen, that I receive this valuable present, on behalf of our citizens and myself, as one of the most pleasant events in our history; and I desire to thank you sincerely and assure you that we shall ever cherish it in remembrance as of one of the sunny days that come all too seldom in our busy lives and are so much needed to mould and elevate men to the position designed for them by "Him who doeth all things well." If we were instrumental in making your visit at Traverse City enjoyable, we are more than well repaid. I am proud to say that whatever success I have attained in life is very largely owing to the Michigan Press; and in my opinion there is no class who give more of honest labor, or, as much "value received" for services rendered them as your profession. I believe that next to the Common Schools the Journals of our country are the best educators, and are most necessary to the safety of Republican forms of government.

Whenever your air feel that recreation in the cool air of our north country would be pleasant, you have only to intimate the thought, for our latch strings will ever be out to you.

Very respectfully yours,  
PERRY HANNAH.

Go to the City Bakery for first-class meals; 35 cts.

Pekin Ducklings for Sale.  
Inquire of FRANK R. ECKER, Lowell.

A few of those beautiful China Tea sets left. Will close them out at cost.  
JOHN GILES & CO.

Myron H. Walker, over Fourth Nat'l. Bank, Grand Rapids, has money to loan on indorsed paper, in sums of \$100 and upwards. Telephone 407. 25w2.

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FARM FOR SALE.  
Located 14 miles east of Bowne Center, Mich. 100 acres good land, 20 acres good timber, new brick house and other buildings in good condition. Excellent water, plenty of fruit and in every way a desirable property. Will be sold cheap and on easy terms as I contemplate going west with my boys who need more land. Address or apply to  
JAMES HENRY,  
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Don't buy stale candies when you can get them fresh every day at Rickert's.

Tremendous Bargains are now offered at

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Let there be no misunderstanding,

NO SUCH VALUES EVER OFFERED IN LOWELL.

Our Winter Stock of Men's, Youth's & Boys Suits & Overcoats have just arrived, and can not be equaled in Styles, Quality & Cheapness.

Our Stock of Hats, Caps & Men's Underwear is now Larger than ever, and at prices lower than the lowest.

We have received an Elegant Stock of Sleigh Robes at Astonishingly Low Prices.

Do not mistake the place. Do not buy until you see

MARK. RUBEN & CO.'S  
Clothing Store.

East Side, Graham's Block, LOWELL, MICH.

Look out for Bargains

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CLOAKS, UNDERWEAR,  
FLANNELS, YARNS,  
DRESS GOODS, &  
SILKS!

Remember this is the only  
place you can buy  
the celebrated

Buffalo Flannels  
AND

STALEY YARNS.

COLLAR & WEEKES.

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In effect May 17, 1885.

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5 Through Mail	11:00 A.M.
6 Evening Express	4:15 P.M.
7 Atlantic Express	11:25 P.M.
16 Mixed	12:30 P.M.

**GOING WEST:**

1 Morning Express	12:30 P.M.
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7 Night Express	4:30 A.M.
11 Mixed	12:30 A.M.

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W. E. DAVIS,  
Lowell Agent. Asst. Gen. Pass. Agt.,  
Chicago, Ill.

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**Thanksgiving Day.**  
BY MISS ROSE A. WASSER.

Tis the night before Thanksgiving.  
The rooms are all dusted and bright,  
The supper is ready and waiting,  
They are all coming home to-night.

Tare father and I are waiting  
To welcome our children home.  
I hear them out there in the starlight  
With laughter and music they come.

Ta morning, each face beams with pleasure,  
The old house is filled with their noise,  
While we look on, and count them our treasures  
Our rickety joy and boys.

There seems to be joy and gladness  
As the hours move swiftly along;  
The party is filled with good things,  
The park with music and song.

I did say all was joy and gladness  
That all of our darlings were here;  
Not one was missed from the number  
The old home circle to cheer!

Oh, no, such unalloyed pleasures  
In this world can not be given,  
For two of our darling treasures  
Have gone to their home in heaven.

And away in the heart's deep corner  
There springs a silent tear,  
For those who have gone and left us  
A bright home to cheer.

When life's pleasures and sorrow have ended  
And no more Thanksgivings are given,  
May our Heavenly Father be waiting  
To welcome us home in heaven.

1886.  
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AN ILLUSTRATED WEEKLY.

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**NO PAIN!**

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It is perfectly harmless, and quicker in its action than ether or gas. Children, aged people, or persons suffering from heart or lung disease, can take it without fear.

**RICKERT'S.**  
Over Scott's Hardware Store.

**John Giles Co.,**  
The public are well aware,  
**SELL**  
A vast amount of Goods.

**GROCERIES**  
Every family must have. We not only carry a heavy stock of fresh groceries **AND PROVISIONS** but, having abandoned the credit system, we propose to sell and do sell **CHEAP**

It is to the buyer's as well as the seller's interest that we sell **FOR CASH**

The buyer saves money by paying cash down every time.

**TO PROVE IT COME, AND SEE**

For yourselves, to the cash grocery store of **JOHN GILES & CO.**

**THE BEST Rubber Overshoes**  
TO WEAR OVER YOUR WOOL BOOTS, are those now made by the "Candee" Rubber Co., expressly for Michigan trade for the season of 1885 and 6.

**EVERY PAIR WARRANTED** against coming apart in either sole or upper and guaranteed to give satisfaction in every respect.

Made for Reputation, giving the wearer more for his money than he can get in any other make of goods. **BEST BOOT STOCK**, and not of ordinary overshoe stock. The soles made the same as Rubber Boot Soles having a thick sole and then a top sole upon that.

This top sole is thickened in the middle, and is **DOUBLE THICK ON THE BALL.**

This is the great wearing point. The Double Thick Ball and the Boot Stock upper, give a shoe which will positively outwear any other shoe in the market even of the very best brand.

**NO HICHER IN PRICE.**

Thousands of dollars saved to Wool Boot wearers this season. Don't be afraid of the quality. **THE WARRANT SECURES YOU.**

Call for the "Candee Double Thick Ball goods." Warrant stamped on every shoe.

FOR SALE BY ALL DEALERS

The finest candies to be found are made by Rickert. All kinds—fresh every day. Go and see. Rickert beats them all.

**Magnolia Balm**  
is a secret aid to beauty. Many a lady owes her freshness to it, who would rather not tell, and you can't tell.

**Cascade Collings.**  
Mr. and Mrs. John Wooding start for Georgia this week.  
Elder Thomas will preach at the M. E. church in Ada next Sunday morning.  
Mr. and Mrs. James Gale are spending a few days at Mr. Strong's.  
One of Cascade's most worthy ladies, Mrs. Dewitt Thomas, died last week Wednesday morning. The remains were followed to the grave by a large concourse of friends who deeply sympathize with the afflicted family.  
Celia Brown is attending school in Wayland, Fla.

**News from the Southeast.**  
Mr. Nelson and son have returned from their hunting tour. They saw eleven deer and killed two.  
Mrs. Henry Harris has been very sick but is better.  
The party at the rink Thursday eve. was well attended.  
There are two mild cases of diphtheria at Mrs. Gribbe's.  
The Rosenberger school and also the Lake school commenced last Monday.  
Norman Chapel who has been at work for L. Townsend was carried to his home in Bowne last Friday, he being very sick with quinsy. C. J.

**Bowne Zephyrs.**  
The party at Odd Fellows hall was well attended notwithstanding the severity of the weather.  
The Misses Meadon, and other friends from Keene, visited at Dr. Haskins' Saturday.  
Edward Bunker has returned from Kansas, where he has been the past summer.  
J. M. Nash contemplates building an addition to his store building, and enlarging his already extensive business.  
Rev. Mr. White will open a series of meetings at Bowne Center this week, we are informed.  
At Fayette Youngs a fine boy. Fayette will have to enlarge his farm to accommodate his help. DAVE.

**Vergennes Visitor.**  
Mrs. S. Fuller is quite sick.  
Mr. Wm. Robinson has let his farm to Oscar Hogan, and intends to go to Millview, Florida in a few weeks, with his daughter and grandson to stay a few months.  
All members of Vergennes Grange are requested to be present at the next meeting, Wednesday afternoon at one o'clock sharp, and decide whether to keep up the Grange or disband. Remember we can't have any meetings if the members all stay at home.  
What has become of the Farmers Column? Farmers, wives, sisters, and cross old maids, write something, then perhaps the editor will practice the boiling down system and those big disagreeable looking advertisements will be condensed. (Don't tell the "ET" we said so.) JOSE.

**So. Boston Breezes.**  
Winter has boldly put in its appearance again.  
J. F. English made relatives at Ann Arbor a visit recently.  
The public meeting of the W. F. M. Society was a success. All of the exercises were by ladies and, considering the short time they had to prepare for it, each did justice to the part assigned her.  
Many inquiries are made about the time of holding the Early Settlers' meeting. Let us hear from those having the matter in charge.  
Somebody having an aching foot which they thought potatoes might fill, helped themselves to a pit full which Wesley Cilley had buried in the field.  
Relatives who have been visiting at Messrs. Remington's and Burr's returned home unexpectedly on account of sickness.  
Jacob Meyers has been laying a foundation to put a house on in the spring.  
Cases of hog cholera are reported near us uninvited.

**Ontario News.**  
The weather has been very cold here since Friday. At daybreak, Monday the thermometer stood ten degrees below zero.  
Mr. Payne Wait, an old resident of this vicinity, aged eighty three years, died at his home on Sunday, Nov. 29th. He had been for sixty years a member of the Baptist church in this place. He was buried from the church Wednesday Dec. 2d. Services conducted by Rev. J. L. Andrus.  
Last week Mr. Skellenger received a severe blow near the temple from a falling board. Some time elapsed before he suffered any serious inconvenience from it; but Thursday it developed into what he at first supposed to be a boil. Since when he has been confined to the house.  
The next social will be held at the home of Rev. J. L. Andrus, opposite the church, Thursday evening, Dec. 17th.

**Merchants.**  
The Chicago & Grand Trunk Railway and Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee Railway have arranged to sell special holiday excursion tickets at single fare between all stations on their lines under the following arrangement:  
Christmas tickets will be on sale from Dec. 24th to Dec. 25th, inclusive, and good to return up to and including Dec. 26th, 1885.  
New Year's tickets will be on sale from Dec. 31st, 1885 to Jan. 1st, 1886, inclusive, and good to return up to and including Jan. 2nd, 1886.  
The Detroit Division of the Grand Trunk Railway and the Michigan Air Line Railway will sell special return tickets on the above date and limit at single fare between all stations on these divisions.  
The custom of making holiday excursion rates was inaugurated some years ago by these lines, and each year has proved by an increase of sales that its patrons fully appreciate the concessions accorded them during the holiday season.  
**Reunion.**  
The reunion of the Early settlers association of Boston and vicinity will be held in the So. Boston Grange Hall on Wednesday, Jan. 13th 1886. Program later. A cordial invitation is given to all to attend. J. C. ENGLISH, Sec.

**Card of Thanks.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Parker, and Mrs. Parker's son, George Warwick, desire to thank their many friends who so kindly assisted them in their deep affliction in the sickness and death of a dear mother and grandmother.  
From J. M. V. W.  
**Editor Journal:** When we left Lowell a number said to us, "Cannot we hear you through the JOURNAL?" The trouble is, when I write I want to say something. I suppose you have read a great many articles and editorials and heard a good many sermons, which were highly commended, and yet the writers and speakers said nothing. You could not tell what they were driving at. Another trouble is, if you say something you are quite sure to hit somebody, and so it is quite difficult for me to write for the papers, though several papers gladly publish all that I write.  
We read the JOURNAL with a good deal of interest on account of its local and editorials, but have no disposition to intrude on its columns. Either the Editor or some other friend sends it to us gratuitously, and we have taken it to mean that we must send a short squib occasionally, but we may be mistaken. Sometimes we would sooner pay a man to keep his mouth shut. "One more remark and I am done," said the preacher. "Amen," said the hearer.  
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