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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.

—Senator Hampton's bill making it unlawful for senators or representatives to recommend or solicit appointments to office, appears to us to be a penny wise and pound foolish measure. The senators and representatives are sent to Washington to represent the people and they should be allowed to speak for the people in the matter of appointments as in other matters. The recommendation of a member of congress ought to have more weight, too, with the appointing power than the endorsement of a ward politician who could never come within forty rods of apple trees of securing the nomination for congress. When the people elect a man to congress they do it with the understanding that he is to represent them and that his recommendations to the appointing power are to be considered in preference to those who represent nothing except selfish interests. There is a vast amount of sentimental slush being spattered over the public just now and it smells as sweet as new mown hay to a certain class of party-hair-in-the-middle mugwumps who seem to think they own all the reserved seats in this world and hold a first mortgage on the big white throne in the next.

—There is not a more uncompromising democrat in the state than our young friend Rowley of the Lansing Journal. His editorials are always vigorous and to the point. In the last issue of his paper he devotes a column to the subject of official appointments, from which we clip the following significant paragraph as a sample of his energetic utterances: "It is high time that a halt was called in the disgusting business of Democratic wrangling over the distribution of the federal 'spoils' in this state. We are affording a spectacle calculated to excite the ridicule and contempt of decent men everywhere."

—Henry Lovell, of Ionia, writes to the Free Press that the appointment by the President of A. E. Tower as postmaster at Ionia has created general dissatisfaction. Mr. Lovell further says: "More than three-fourths of the democracy are disgusted with the appointment." We don't know how that is but we have never heard any bad reports concerning Mr. Tower. Guess he is quoted about as high as the other chaps who got left, isn't he?

—A large number of early appointments made by the present administration have recently been revoked, it having appeared that the parties appointed are unfit for positions of trust. And yet when these men were appointed they were recommended to be but little lower than the angels. It remains to be seen whether the new appointees are more worthy than those who have so suddenly received the grand bouce.

—Dakota knocks loudly for admission as a state into the Union and if congress refuses the petition it will be because the administration party prefers partisanship to justice. There is absolutely no reason to urge against the admission of Dakota and it will be an act of grossest injustice to deny the request. Dakota is all ready to come in and is only waiting to have congress pass upon her state constitution recently adopted.

—A reporter for the Grand Rapids Leader wrote up a column of very entertaining fiction a few days ago, purporting to be a detailed account of what was said and done at an informal meeting of a few Republicans held in that city about two months ago. The inaccuracy of his report may be due to its belated appearance; we will be charitable and presume that to be the case.

—Senator Beck (dem.) of Kentucky pitched into the silver question Monday like a mad bull after a pair of red stockings, and the way he warped it to President Cleveland and Secretary Manning was "a caution." Nevertheless the President will not heed Kentucky's Beck.

—Chief Justice Morse has been severely as well as justly criticized by a large portion of the state press for stepping down from his exalted position to mingle in a local political fight. Judge Cooley's successor, too! How do you like it?

—Senator Logan has introduced a bill to place on the pension rolls the names of all soldiers and sailors who, while in the service of the United States, were taken prisoners. He has also introduced a bill to equalize bounties.

—Gen. Bob Toombs died an unrepentant rebel. He was a man of great ability and hated the stars and stripes to the very best of his ability. That is about all that need be said of him.

—Congress will have a holiday lay-off and reassemble Jan. 5. The country is safe for a week or two, yet.

—Washington dispatches indicate that nearly all, if not all, the Michigan appointments will be confirmed.

### JOURNAL JOTTINGS.

To the Little Boy.  
Sitting on your father's knee,  
Please ask your kind paternal  
Proprietor if he  
Has "paid up" for the JOURNAL.

The silver question—who plugged that quarter?

An honest man will not refuse to pay an honest debt.

Subscriptions to the masonic home fund over \$4,000.

Baptist social at Mrs. Barkley's next Wednesday evening.

Charley McCarty has killed his bear and sold its remains.

Grand time at the rink Christmas afternoon and evening.

Mrs. Helmer started for her home at Aldrich, Minn. on Monday.

In these gun chewing days what poet are you reminded of? Chaucer.

Earl Shaw is home from Ann Arbor to Santa Claus with his friends.

Peek-a-boo Club's New Year party at Music Hall Friday evening, Jan. 1.

Mustering officer F.D. Eddy mustered Camp No. 26 S. O. V. at Leslie, Dec. 16.

"Bijah" of the Detroit Free Press died in Harper Hospital Monday night.

A little child of Daniel Weaver, of Bowne, died of diphtheria Monday night.

Matinee at the Rink Christmas afternoon, and grand masque carnival in the evening.

Rickert's Orchestra will play at the Congregational church next Sunday morning.

A woman 80 years of age was arrested for drunkenness in Grand Rapids the other day.

"Liberty enlightens the world" through the JOURNAL this week. See her fling her flambeau.

Wm. Delaney succeeds Will Laughlin in the corner saloon under Althen's clothing store.

Show us a man who prays and never pays and we'll show you a hypocrite from the ground up.

One dollar pays for the JOURNAL one year. Two cents a week isn't much to pay for a newspaper.

A nice party of young ladies and gentlemen from Ada visited the Lowell Rink Saturday evening.

The JOURNAL editor was in Detroit yesterday to purchase New Year cards and other office supplies.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Hunter Jr. will spend the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. Clare Tucker, at Indianapolis.

The Vergennes W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. W.L. Merriman on Thursday, Dec. 31st, p. m. All are invited. Sec.

How many of the men who rail against the church would be willing to live in a town where there is no church? Huh?

Major Anderson, the railroad maker, says it is a great misfortune to let the Kalamazoo and Hastings project die out.

Mr. and Mrs. Philo Goddard of Kalamazoo and Mrs. Teeple of Pinckney were recent visitors at I. W. Halstead's.

The "Big Bonanza" having ended in Owen Favett's engagement here Wednesday night was necessarily cancelled.

C. T. Scofield is Alton's new miller. He exchanged his farm (the Olin place) for the mill, miller Orvis taking the farm.

Geo. Keeler of this township cut a knee joint open with a drawshave last Friday and will probably be laid up for a long time.

Pronouncing schools are needed quite as much as spelling schools. No doubt more mistakes are made in pronouncing than in spelling.

C. R. Perry Camp No. 9 was inspected Dec. 15, by Col. F. W. Rowison. A number of Grand Rapids "Sons" accompanied him here.

Chas. Althen started for Rochester, N. Y. last Saturday to attend the funeral of his sister's husband, Mr. Martin Youck, which occurred on Sunday.

"The village of Alger has 30 inhabitants and two saloons," says the Lansing Republican. And yet, we believe local option reigns at Alger.

The "Ionia and Clinton Union" is a new paper published at Pewamo by W. B. Harrison. The editor starts out with vigor that smacks of success.

The Rochester Lamp can be procured at H. B. Church's store this week and next. If you want one now is the time to buy, before the stock is removed.

On Friday, the 18th Mr. and Mrs. Erastus McIntyre of this village, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Well may they be proud of the event.

Lawyer Greece of Detroit has sued the Detroit Tribune for "defamation of character;" price \$10,000. After soap, Greece?

A dollar's worth of groceries will be a more acceptable Christmas present to almost any poor family than a two dollar book entitled—"How to get Rich."

There were comparatively few elopements during the month of November. A great many coachmen must have been discharged about the last of October.

We knew a man once who said "d—n the preachers!" and in less than a week this same man asked a preacher to come and preach a funeral sermon in his own house.

The insane man (a stranger) who was sent from Lowell to the county poor house and who recently attacked Keeper Guild, has been taken to the Kalamazoo asylum.

F. T. King, R. J. Enos and S. C. Bradford returned home the last of last week from their prospecting tour south. They found large quantities of excellent timber.

A young lady in Lowell thought 1886 was leap year and had made her arrangements accordingly. This is a world of more disappointments than leap years.

The Mansfield Machine Works (vs. Village of Lowell Common Council) have been granted an extension of thirty days in which to settle bill of exceptions.

Mrs. M. L. Shearer, of N. Y. State, arrived here a few days ago. Her husband, who has been here for some time, is one of the directors of the Lowell Manufacturing Co.

The Christmas edition of the Gratiot County Journal was immense. Bob Smith is only about five feet high in his stockings, but as a journalist he stands up about twelve feet six.

The young man who winds up 1885 with a big drunk is not the young man that will be in demand in 1886. The market quotations on that kind of a chap are very low, very.

Mr. J. Kepner recently visited Mr. Louis Willey's Shropshire flock near Pewamo and says it was the finest flock he ever saw. He purchased a fine male Shropshire of Mr. Willey.

Snap-and-catch 'em socials are still popular in some places. This announcement will probably bring a crowd of young men to this office: each armed with the question—"where?"

Mr. Lewis Kelley, of Bowne, informs us that the party from Lowell that proposed to come to this place to put in a mill last fall, have concluded to put their mill at his place.—Freeport Herald.

Barry, charged with the murder of an Indian at Charlevoix last summer, was found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to the Ionia H. of C. for three years. Just think of it—three whole years!

The Detroit Tribune thinks that Presidential messages will never be generally read until some man is elected President who will understand that a column of sense goes further than twenty columns of sound.

The Fell-Kinnaird glove contest is announced to take place in Lowell, Tuesday evening, Dec. 29—probably at Train's Hall. If it is to be a beastly bruising affair it ought to be indefinitely postponed.

Dennis Hanberry was seriously injured at Taft's mill last Friday. His right leg got caught by the cable and was badly broken just above the ankle. Dr. McDannell put him in as comfortable condition as possible.

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

All right. Wood wanted on subscription.—Nashville News.

Among the numerous callers on the JOURNAL Monday was Rev. J. L. Andrus of Otisco, it being his first visit to Lowell. He seemed to be very favorably impressed, especially with the business appearance of our village.

Daniel McCarthy of Grand Rapids married Sarah Hossler of Jackson. It is in the near subsequent leaked out that Sarah had another husband. Whereupon Mr. McCarthy gave her \$50 and bade her go. He has no Hossler now.

"Laverna" is the nom de plume of a lady correspondent of one of our bright exchanges. If she will turn to her myological dictionary she will perhaps be surprised to find that "Laverna" is the goddess of thieves. What's in a name?

The JOURNAL finds it necessary to omit the publication of several "rolls of honor" received, on account of limited space. Sorry, but there are so many schools in this bailiwick that it is impossible to accommodate them all in this regard.

Mrs. Charles Buttrick Jr. who was thrown from a buggy and seriously injured while on a visit at Victory Mills, N. Y. August 10th last, died at her home on Saturday, the 19th. She was a patient sufferer and will be sadly missed by her many friends.

The Smiths" is the name of a novel departure in journalism, just issued by The Smiths Publishing Co., at Richmond Mich. It contains eight pages, is printed on fine book paper, and every item

and article relates to persons bearing the numerous name Smith. Send two one-cent stamps and get a sample copy. It will interest you.

The Alba Heywood Combination played to a large and enthusiastic audience at Music Hall Tuesday evening. This company rightfully "takes the cake"—aye, they hold the first mortgage on the entire bakery. They must be seen and heard to be appreciated. Come again, Alba, and bring your folks.

Sam Clay of Grand Rapids, one of the best known lawyers in Western Michigan, has brought suit against Enos Putman of that city for alienating the affections of his (Clay's) wife. Clay wants \$50,000 damages. Clay's wife was formerly Mrs. Dr. Hatherford. If she would employ Sam to defend her the plaintiff would probably lose his case.

The fall term of the Lowell Union School closes this week. The attendance has been very large; the central building having been overcrowded. In each of the departments excellent work has been done and many good reports came to us showing that our public schools are well and wisely conducted. The winter term begins on Monday Jan. 4.

A Saranac young man wanted to get married, but he didn't want to pay too much for the job, hence he got bids from the preachers, one of whom demanded \$3 for the job, while the second was willing to tie the knot for \$2. The Saranac young man chose the latter, and he is well married and \$1 richer than he would have been had no competition existed.—Detroit Journal.

John McHattie of Cedar Springs, the well known miller at that place, while engaged in making repairs about his mill, Monday morning, had the misfortune to have his clothing caught in the line shaft and was badly injured. His remarkable presence of mind enabled him to unbutton his coat, and this act, undoubtedly, saved him from instant death. As it was he escaped with a broken shoulder and severe bodily bruises.

Gen. Beauregard will give a history of the Shiloh Campaign in the January number of the North American Review. He claims that Gen. Algonson Sydney Johnson acted only as a corps commander at Shiloh. Gen. Beauregard emphatically asserts (contrary to the common belief) that he was the sole commander on both days, and, without naming them, controverts the reports of Grant and Sherman as to the nation's forces being taken by surprise.

The ladies of the M. E. Church will give a social and entertainment next Wednesday eve, Dec. 30, at the home of Mr. & Mrs. R. Quick. The program will consist of music, literary exercises and an art gallery consisting of collections from every country. Among them are "The Parting Toast," "Companions of the Great," "Eve's Temptation," "Sweet Sixteen," "The Woman's Club," "Bonaparte Crossing the Rhine," "The Cause of Revolution," "The Red Sea," "Plains Beyond" and very many more. Admission to the art gallery, 5 cents extra. Cake and coffee will be served. A cordial invitation is extended to all. COM.

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Go Thou and Do Likewise.

Mr. John McConnell of Bowne, after looking over Chicago, Grand Rapids and several other small places, concluded he could do no better than to go to A. D. Oliver's jewelry store and purchase himself a Christmas present in the shape of a fine gold watch. 27w1

Lessons in Oil Painting.

An excellent opportunity is now offered to those who desire to receive instruction in painting. Miss Mate Althen of this village, whose work has been much admired, has opened a studio and is giving instruction to a few already. That she is abundantly qualified to teach "the young idea" how to paint is very evident to those who have seen her artistic work. A few of her samples on exhibition in the postoffice have been highly spoken of by competent judges of the art.

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**PINCHER'S CHRISTMAS.**  
BY "ZINCRAK."

[The following sketch written by the editor of the Journal a few years ago and published in the Detroit Post and Tribune, is reproduced here by request.]  
Mr. Pincham was a village merchant. He "kept store." His stock consisted of a general assortment of dry goods, salt pork, ribbons, fish, perfumery, vegetables, hair oils, tar, kerosene, kerosene, cordwood, boots and shoes, flour and meal, hats and caps, and shingles. And so forth. He employed one clerk at a salary of \$10 a month and board. The clerk had nothing to do except open the store before daylight, build the fires, sweep out, clean the lamps, dust the counters and shelves, split wood, do the chores at the house and wait on customers at the store. He would have done more but he was not a very strong and healthy young man, and his employer generally permitted him to close the store at 10 o'clock at night, and after putting up the goods, go to bed. We let him rest. He needs it.

Mr. Pincham was a man of strong individuality. He had it very bad. He never imitated anybody. (A mule is nobody, and so is a hog.) As we just remarked, he imitated nobody. He had his own way of doing business and his own way, anyway. He gave more advice to others in one day than he ever took from others in a month. He never saw anything good in anybody except Pincham. He never gave a cent to any public or charitable enterprise unless he saw ten cents coming back from the investment. He never gave his wife a new dress without making her believe it cost about four times what it did. He never gave her fifty cents without making her feel as though she ought to take in washing and pay it back to him with interest. He never got on the cars to go anywhere without dropping right off to sleep until the conductor came along and shook him up. He seldom took a lunch at a station without walking off with an extra piece of pie that he hadn't paid for. And he seldom did this without getting the worst of it. We can all vouch for it. We have a good notion to go on and show up some of his mean traits, but it would do no good. You all know him. And we are not here to introduce him to anybody that doesn't know him. We are here simply to tell how he spent Christmas. He had been heard to say the day before that he wouldn't close his store an hour on Christmas day to please anybody. It would be a dull day, no doubt, but Johnny (Johnny was his high salaried clerk) could wait on all the customers and he would post his books and make out his accounts against the debtor class. All the other stores had agreed to close during a portion of the day—or rather the proprietors had consented to an agreement of that kind—but Pincham never consented.

It was Christmas day. The merry jingle of sleigh-bells was heard on every street and corner, and happiness in couples, closely tucked up, dashed along, wishing everybody a "Merry Christmas." The church bells pealed out their invitations to the good people to come together and "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." It was a day of family gatherings and reunions, of big dinners and merry music, of lovers' rides and ring engagements, of love to God and good-will to man, of gifts to the poor and comfort to the afflicted. Pincham didn't figure in any of these. He sat at his desk figuring the almighty dollar, while Johnny split wood at the back store door and "waited on customers." \* \* \* "Two and eight's ten and four's fourteen, twenty, twenty-nine"—"I say, Pincham," sang out a nice young man who had just entered the store—"Wish you Merry Christmas." Pincham placed his front finger on the last figure reached as though afraid it would get away, and, looking up, crustily replied, "Mer' Chris's." The young man remarked about the weather, the hard times, and, just as Pincham had got about half way up his column of figures, he again asked, "Well, Mr. Pincham, what do you think of Bob Ingersoll on hell?" Pincham put his finger there again—on the last figure arrived at in the column—and said he hadn't read it. Then he commenced at the foot of the column again. The young man passed out and sent in another young man. Pincham was just saying "and five's forty and three's forty-three, and"—"Hello, Pincham, how's business? Wish you Merry Christmas—Where's Johnny?" The storekeeper this time lost his place but witheringly replied that he guessed Johnny wasn't lost. The conjecture was a true one. Johnny wasn't out. He was splitting wood. Pincham continued to observe that "eight and four's twelve (dang the luck) and seven's nineteen—and (blasted idiot) five's twenty-four and"—"Pincham, did you know that this was a mighty fine day out?" "And five's twenty-nine," continued Pincham, jabbing his pencil through into the next leaf, "and eight—is—thirty-seven (darn his pater), and"—"Hello! a runaway!" cried the young man, starting for the front door and rushing out across the street in exceeding great haste. There is nothing that will bring a man to the front more speedily than the sudden announcement of a runaway. The first thought that flashes to a man's mind when he hears such a startling announcement is that somebody is liable to get hurt, perhaps get a leg twisted off or a head smashed. A man never stops to think much about it. He goes off on his impulse and gets in sight of the disturbance at once. So with Mr. Pincham. He kicked over his stool and rushed out and dropped his spectacles and stood on the sidewalk to see the runaway. He asked a small boy where the runaway was. The boy asked him "what runaway?" Mr. Pincham said

"the runaway just now." "O, go cod one o' your size," exclaimed the small boy, and the small boy struck up a whistle solo and moved on. The young man who conveyed the first information to Mr. Pincham respecting the runaway was not in sight. He was on an other street informing a bright little lad that Mr. Pincham wanted to see his father. Returning to his books, Mr. Pincham made a few desultory remarks, rich in expression but not at all indicative of a peaceful frame of mind. Then he looked for his spectacles and lost his temper. And when Johnny found them (the spectacles) Mr. Pincham asked him (why in thunder he wasn't all day about it. No answer. It was just as the storekeeper had finished the unit side of his long column of figures and carried the tens over to the next that the father of the little lad above mentioned came in and said: "At your service, Mr. Pincham." Edison ought to have been there to have seen the electricity Mr. Pincham put into his language. And to note the visible effect on the gentlemen so far recovered from the shock as to be able to arrange the alphabet into words of explanation he lost no time in explaining. It was Pincham's place to apologize, but it wouldn't have been Pincham if he had apologized. \* \* \* That column of figures was still unfooted. "Hang the bowling idiots—five and four is nine—I'll put a head on the next one—and six is fifteen—what do these fellows mean? Johnny lock that door and don't let another two-legged thing in here to-day. \* \* \* Mr. Pincham went home that night and told his wife that he hoped there wouldn't be another Christmas in a thousand years. And before he got through talking she felt that way herself. But it hasn't been so ordered. Christmas will come a thousand times in a thousand years—and if Pincham doesn't reform he won't need to read "Bob Ingersoll on Hell" to be able to say whether Bob's position is true or false. He'll put his experience against Ingersoll's "dictum" and make infidelity climb the first tree. Boys, we would rather you would put up a thousand jobs on Pincham than to have you grow up and be like him.

**Alton Notes.**  
Mr. & Mrs. S. D. Godfrey were surprised last Wednesday, it being the 30th anniversary of their wedding. As yet correspondent was not invited, he can give no particulars.  
Next Sunday the Sunday School will close for the winter with appropriate exercises. X.

**Canoe Echoes.**  
Mr. J. C. Benton is now doing business in his new store.  
Mr. Jas. Abraham had four sheep killed and several others bitten by dogs Friday night.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lacy Dec. 12, a new boy.  
Mr. Frank Ladner is in town every Friday collecting taxes.  
Mr. Jas. Heffron is now able to visit his neighbors. ZITA.

**Keene Krums.**  
A little mistake in a name last week. The initials should have been Mrs. R. C. instead of B. C. Adams, she is gaining very slowly.  
A Christmas tree at the Church Christmas eve.  
Mr. James Parks, Mr. Dewy Parks and wife are staying with home friends this winter. They came from Dakota a few days ago and will return there in the spring. They like Dakota very much.  
Keene Grange will elect its officers next Saturday night. All members are requested to be present. COR.

**News from the Southeast.**  
Chas. Howe of Dakota is visiting his aunt Mrs. Chas. Lee.  
There have been two deaths in John Hick's family in the past week caused by diphtheria. They have the sympathy of their many friends.  
Chas. Lee was kicked by a horse last week seriously injuring him. The horse struck him near his forehead. Had the blow been a trifle higher it would have caused instant death.  
Nellie Harris has been very sick with diphtheria but is convalescing.  
Blanche Bedell while playing at school fell and broke her arm between her elbow and wrist. The arm is doing well. B. J.

**Bowen Zephyr.**  
Sleighing parties are becoming popular.  
D. M. Skidmore has purchased a new engine for his saw mill and feed mill. The party at the hall Friday night called out a large crowd as usual.  
Peter Thomas lost a child from diphtheria the 14th inst. There are more cases reported.  
Rev. Weyant called upon his old charge the 15th.  
Lewis Kelley is buying logs having made an addition to his mill. He will do a much larger business than usual.  
Chas. Coppins, who has been quite seriously ill for the past week is able to be about again.  
Wildor McDiarmid has purchased a new horse that promises some speed.  
"Wile" doesn't believe in riding in some one's else dust. DAVE.

**So, Boston Breezes.**  
Sleighing is numbered with those things that were, but it was thoroughly used in various ways. One party has delivered over \$147 worth of wood.  
Mr. Litchfield had a good house and gave good satisfaction, his impersonations of Widow Bedott and Leap Frog were exceptionally fine.  
Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Strong of Baxton Ill. are expected here to spend Xmas with relatives and friends.  
A subscription paper is being circulated to raise funds to remunerate C. Farnham for the loss of his horse and buggy which was stolen some time since over \$50 has already been secured.  
A pleasant time is expected at the Union church Thursday evening and at the Center school house Friday night in observing Xmas.  
The So. Boston Lyceum Association

will hold a Literary Entertainment at the Hall Tuesday Eve. Dec. 29th and will charge an admission fee of Ten (10) cents, funds to be used to defray the expenses of the association.

**Ada Locals.**  
A sudden change in the weather in this part of the country and sleighing gone.  
Miss Blanch Hayden of Decatur, Mich. is still the guest of her sister, Mrs. Dr. Williams.  
Mrs. Lamphere of Saranac, is in town, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Duff.  
Mr. Geo. Headley of Grand Rapids made our town a flying visit Tuesday.  
Frank Headley returned from the West Saturday last.  
Mr. Ross Knowles of Hart is in town visiting friends.  
The masquerade at the rink a few evenings since was a grand success; after which about fifty couples tripped the light fantastic toe until the "wee sma' hours." We noticed several from Lowell and Grand Rapids.

Remembered that several couples well known in society here will cease to be "couples" but will be known as "one" after Xmas.  
Union Christmas tree at the Baptist Church Xmas eve.  
The rink association give a party at the rink Xmas night. ADA L.

**Grattan Gatherings.**  
A Merry Christmas to each and all.  
"I love to fancy God in Paradise,  
Lifting a finger o'er the rhythmic swing  
Of chiming harp and song, with eager eyes  
Turned eastward, listening.  
The anthem swelled the angel's leaning there  
Above the golden walls the morning sun  
Of Christmas bursting flower-like with the  
"God bless us, every one."  
Mrs. H. D. Pond is still gaining slowly.

Miss Ellen Doyle visited her Grattan friends before returning to her N. Y. home. The best of wishes follow her.  
Mr. Andrew Anderson, and Vernie Stocking have returned from Dakota.  
Mr. and Mrs. Alonso Smith attend the annual reunion of the Watson family, which is held at Edmore Christmas.  
Rev. Mr. Bisby of Greenville will preach at Ashley Church Dec. 27.  
Mr. Wm. Spencer has returned from New York city to pass the winter with his family.

Nearly two weeks ago, Mrs. Day, a widow lady, and mother of Fred Day of Oakfield, fell against the stove, fracturing some bone connected with the left shoulder. We were unable to learn the extent of the injury. Saturday Drs. J. Avery of Greenville, and G. M. Spencer of Grattan were both in attendance. MAUD.

**No more trouble.**  
Telegrams have been received by the Chicago & Grand Trunk Railway Officers at Chicago, to the effect that the Health Officers have been withdrawn from the trains at the Niagara frontier. Inasmuch as the health department is always exceedingly vigilant in matters protecting the general public, this is the strongest possible evidence of the continuance of small-pox in Canada. The traveling public will be glad to know there is no longer anything to fear on this account, either from danger of infection or any inconveniences that might arise from a rigid application of quarantine rules at the Niagara frontier.

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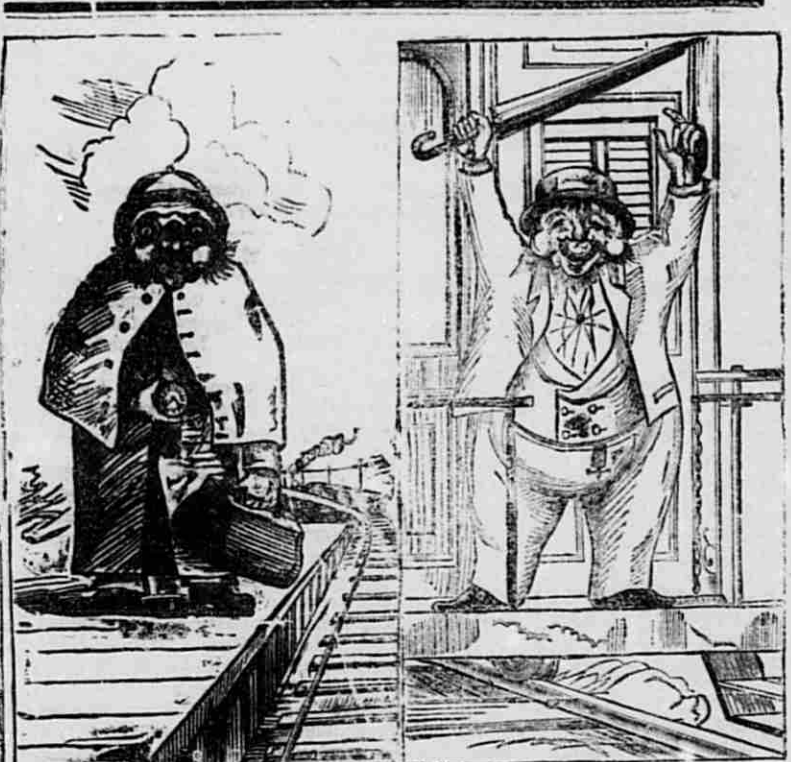
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