

## BUSINESS OUTLOOK.

### The Situation Throughout the Country Is Not Hopeful.

#### Wheat, Silver, Coke and Manufactured Articles Reach the Lowest Figures Ever Known—More Factories Close Than Resume.

#### RELIEF NOT IN SIGHT.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: "This has been a week of record-breaking. In wheat, in silver, in some forms of iron and steel, in Connellsville coke and in well-known cotton and woolen goods the lowest prices ever known have been made and it is gratifying that failures of importance have not resulted. "While no action especially affecting business prospects was taken at Washington, the continued discussion of revenue and monetary measures and the uncertainty regarding them have a constant unfavorable influence, and indifferent markets have caused sudden fluctuations in prices.

#### Lowest in Seventy-Seven Years.

"Wheat at 63 cents is not only lower by 14 cents than it was for a single day last year, but lower by 34 cents than it has ever been in the previous seventy-seven years. A visible supply of over 70,000,000 bushels February 10, with sales and receipts from farms continuing large, has completely destroyed faith in the official reports of the yield last year and caused enormous liquidation. Receipts last week were but 1,810,314 bushels, against 2,901,085 for the same week last year, but Atlantic exports were only 659,992 bushels against 1,013,015 last year, and the recent decrease in foreign demand has been an important factor. Some trust companies have arranged to advance money against wheat as collateral security, but with results not as yet encouraging.

#### Iron Still Going Down.

"The slight recovery in prices of iron products has not been maintained. Bessemer pig has declined at Pittsburgh to \$10.65 and gray forge to \$9.65, and steel billets are sold below \$16 there, while at Philadelphia most rolling-mill products are lower than ever. The decline is the more noteworthy because an increase in the demand is reported, both in eastern and western markets, especially in structural forms at the west and here, where several large buildings are projected. The demand for wire rods, rails and fence continues remarkably large and sustains prices, but rails are stagnant.

#### More Factories Close Than Resume.

"Textile industries do not seem to have gained within the last week, for as many works have closed as have resumed work, and in woolen and cotton manufacture rather more. There has been a sharp break in print cloths to 24 cents, some of the best known cottons have been put at the lowest prices ever made, and there is more talk of general closing of mills. The demand for woolen goods does not improve, and sales of wool decreased sharply after the brisk activity two weeks ago, being only 4,114,391 pounds for the week, against 4,829,300 pounds last year. Though some grades are scarce and prices relatively higher west than here, the markets do not advance.

#### Failures for the Week.

"Failures for the week have been 323 in the United States, against 197 last year, and 53 in Canada against 26 last year. Though several were of some magnitude, the aggregate of liabilities were apparently below the weekly average for January.

#### Business in January.

"Telegraphic advices from leading trade centers make it plain that the volume of general business since the beginning of the month shows a decrease as compared with the corresponding portions of January this year, and it is difficult, of course, to determine at this writing how much it is due to a natural recession of the wave of the incoming tide. There is a disposition to continue disposing of stocks and buy for immediate wants until after the tariff question is disposed of. This, evidently, is having some effect. Commercial travelers for dry goods, clothing, hardware, shoe and other houses in a number of instances are on their way home or have arrived home, and report many orders of those secured dependent on the passage or otherwise of the tariff bill.

#### Over 400 Banks Still Closed.

"The report of embarrassed banks, by classes and states, for the calendar year 1893 shows a total of 598 (exclusive of South Dakota) owing \$170,000,000 and having \$184,000,000 assets. Nearly one-third, or 193, have resumed business and assets \$95,000,000. The remaining banks, whose doors are still closed, number 405, the aggregate debts being \$104,000,000 and assets \$89,000,000."

#### SIX MORE DIE AT KIEL.

#### Death List of Brandenburg Explosion Victims is Increased.

KIEL, Feb. 19.—Six of the men who were injured by the explosion on the cruiser Brandenburg died Saturday morning at the military hospital. This makes forty-five deaths from the accident. It is learned that the main pipe of the starboard engine burst while the indicators were showing that the engines were developing only 7,300 horsepower. It is said a much higher pressure had previously been used.

#### National L. A. W.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 20.—The National Assembly League of American Wheelmen met at the Galt house at 10:35 a. m. Monday. There were ninety-five representatives present and eighty-three proxies, making a total of 178 out of 184 in the assembly.

#### Death Found Her at Prayer.

MOBILE, Ala., Feb. 19.—Miss Augusta Parker, daughter of ex-Mayor G. M. Parker, was burned to death Friday night. While kneeling in prayer by her bedside a kerosene lamp near her upset, exploded and burned her to a crisp.

#### Tin Can Factory Burned.

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—The immense tin can and japanned ware factory of Norton Bros. was burned last night, the loss being \$600,000. Six hundred employees were thrown out of work.

#### Three Idaho Miners Killed.

WARNER, Idaho, Feb. 19.—A cave-in occurred in the Bunker Hill mine by which Pat Curran, shift boss, and two other miners were killed and two others severely injured.

#### Says She Wasn't Bounced.

JACKSON, Feb. 15.—Mrs. Harriet P. Morrison, an old lady alleged in Philadelphia dispatches to have been swindled out of \$6,000 by a gold brick sharper, has returned to this city. She says she wasn't swindled and that she brought the money back with her.

## CHASKA ELOPES.

### He Deserts His White Wife, Who Was Cora Bell Fellows.

YANKTON, S. D., Feb. 20.—Mrs. Chaska, who was Cora Bell Fellows, who was married at Cheyenne River agency three years ago to a Santee Sioux named Chaska, or Samuel Campbell, has found life with her dusky spouse unbearable and is now living apart from him in a small town in southern Nebraska. Several months ago Chaska and his family went to reside on the Santee reservation, a short distance up the river from Yankton, that they might enjoy the fruits of Chaska's Indianhood. Chaska is a Santee Indian, and, in company with children, receives a fat government subsidy every three months. After two months of life on the reservation Chaska suddenly disappeared, and it was discovered he had eloped with a young and buxom squaw, Mrs. Chaska, after waiting for his return for weeks, left the reservation with her half-breed children, vowing she would never live with Chaska again, and two weeks after she left Chaska returned to the agency and is now living there with the woman who accompanied him in the elopement. He says he is happy and wants no more to do with his white wife.

#### MANY TOPICS DISCUSSED.

#### Ideas of the Trans-Mississippi Congress Expressed in Resolutions.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 17.—When the Trans-Mississippi congress resumed its session Friday morning it proceeded at once to the consideration of a resolution providing for the construction and ownership by the United States government of the Nicaragua canal. The resolution was adopted. A resolution favoring free coinage of silver was also adopted. After a spirited debate the convention declared in favor of the annexation of Hawaii. Other resolutions adopted were as follows:

Demanded the opening to settlement of all Indian reservations; favoring government control of the Central and Union Pacific railroads; memorializing congress to take such action as will secure to the people mineral lands lying within the limits of land grants previously made to the railroads; asking congress to enact appropriate forestry laws for the care of forestry reservations; for the increase of such reservations and for the establishment of a complete forestry system; favoring the admission as states of New Mexico, Utah and Arizona; asking the creation of a new cabinet position to be known as the department of mining, and favoring the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people.

#### Sentenced to Sing Sing.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—John Y. McKane, the "boss" of Gravesend, was sentenced yesterday by Judge Bartlett to six years' imprisonment because of election frauds committed last November.

#### Morton Hanged in Emery.

OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 17.—Secretary of Agriculture J. Sterling Morton was hanged in effigy at his home town in Nebraska City Thursday night. The perpetrators are not known.

#### Indicted for Murder.

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—Lieut. Maney, U. S. A., has been indicted by the federal grand jury for the murder of Capt. Hedburg at Fort Sheridan.

#### Thirty-Seven Found Guilty.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 18.—Thirty-seven of the fifty-eight coal miners charged with riot in this city were found guilty yesterday.

#### She Has the Grip.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 18.—Mrs. Lease claims to be a mason and says she will organize lodges of women throughout this country.

#### STONE IS HANGED.

The Murderer of an Entire Family in Indiana Pays the Penalty.

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., Feb. 18.—James E. Stone, commonly known as "Red" Stone, was executed at 12:08 o'clock a. m. in the state prison south by Warden J. B. Patten for the murder of the Wratten family September 18, 1893. The victims included Denison Wratten, his wife, three children, a boy 7 years of age and two girls, one 11 and the other 12 years old, and also Mrs. Wratten, aged 63 years, mother of Mr. Wratten. The scene of the crime was the Wratten farm, 12 miles from Washington, Ind.

#### Two Asphyxiated by Gas.

KENOSHA, Wis., Feb. 19.—Fred Meyers, aged about 24 years, the son of ex-Sheriff Meyers, of this city, and Anton Skinhof, a Dane of about the same age, went to bed at the Grant house late Saturday night. At 8 o'clock Sunday morning they were found dead and the room full of gas. It is supposed the Dane, who retired last, blew out the gas.

#### A Family Drowned.

PRISDO, Mexico, Feb. 18.—Frank Randall and his wife and three children were drowned in the Rio Grande near here yesterday while attempting to ford the river.

#### Man and Woman Drowned.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20.—Mrs. F. J. Adge and Mr. McDonaldson were fording a small stream near Colfax, Cal., when the wagon overturned. They were drowned.

#### Death of a Rich Cobbler.

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—Christopher Thilmout, who got his start twenty-five years ago pegging shoes, died Thursday, and leaves an estate worth \$150,000.

#### NEW YORK HAS 300 FEMALE PHYSICIANS.

Ten of them are reported to receive about \$10,000 each per year.

#### The biggest sawmill in America, just sold at Tupper Lake, N. Y., contains \$150,000 worth of machinery.

#### In Franklin county, Nebraska, the authorities have rigged up a jail out of a disused creamery, and it works first rate.

## REPLY FROM WILLIS.

### The Hawaiian Minister's Answer to President Dole.

#### He Declares That Uncle Sam Has Not Assumed a Hostile Attitude Toward the Provisional Government—Willis and the Queen.

#### MORE CORRESPONDENCE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—President Cleveland has sent to congress the dispatches which arrived February 10 at San Francisco from Hawaii. Among the papers is Minister Willis' reply to Provisional President Dole's letter in regard to the minister's attitude showing an intention to use force. In part it is:

"In view of the above a reply to your last communication may not be necessary, nor would one be made, except from the desire of my government to have the good will and friendship of the people for whom you speak, which result will, in my opinion, be advanced by an explanation of several matters herein referred to.

#### Rumors of an Attack.

"November 15 S. M. Damon, minister of finance, notified me in person that there were rumors of an attack that night or the ensuing night upon the executive building. I remarked: 'The Japanese consul general, the English minister and other foreign representatives have already called to say that their people are apprehensive of mob violence and asked me, as the only representative whose government has war vessels now in port, to protect their people. The friends of the queen are also apprehensive as to her safety. I do not wish to interfere in any way with your domestic affairs, except with your approval. If you do not object, however, I will publicly announce that the United States will cooperate to prevent mob violence. I will also state that there will be no communication to your government from the president of the United States for several weeks.'

#### Meant in the Interest of Peace.

"Mr. Damon replied thanking me for the offer and saying that he could see no objection whatever to such an announcement, would do very far toward allaying excitement and relieving general anxiety. The following morning he called at this location, and on being informed of the preceding facts you expressed your satisfaction and approval of what had occurred. The representatives of the foreign governments and many prominent citizens expressed themselves to the same effect. The action taken was meant and understood at the time as in the interest of peace, humanity and good order, and will after this explanation no longer, I hope, be considered an evidence of hostility.

#### American Officers Insulted.

"In this connection it may not be improper to mention the conduct of our naval forces during the trying circumstances succeeding the 4th of last November. The many rumors as to their purpose of landing and attacking your people, the feeling of resentment naturally resulting from the honest belief by a large part of the community that such was their intention, the opprobrious epithets that were freely employed brought about such a dangerous and critical condition that for a time, as Admiral Irwin states, it became necessary for all our officers going ashore to wear their service uniforms as a protection against insult and attack. During the whole of this unfortunate and regrettable situation the demeanor of both officers and men was one of forbearance and self-control.

"My government, one month prior to the time referred to, had given you information as to the idea of using force, and had authorized the publication of such information to allay any such apprehension; furthermore, as frankly admitted by you in this correspondence, 'your government did not itself entertain this apprehension.

#### Willis and the Queen.

"I desire to state that the only communications of a political character which I have had with the queen were limited to three occasions. The sole purpose of these negotiations were, as you know, to secure proper guarantees from the queen as to life and property of all connected with the overthrow of the monarchy. These were having been assured I then, under the instructions of the president of the United States, presented his decisions, setting forth the reasons therefor and submitting to your government for its voluntary action.

#### Other Matters Explained.

"Touching the statement that your government was refused permission to forward Hawaiian government dispatches by the dispatch boat Corwin, it is only necessary to remind you that the naval officers of the United States and the public generally were denied such privilege, and that no inference of unfriendly feeling should therefore be drawn. Moreover, at the time your letter was written you were aware of the fact that for the accommodation of your government the Corwin had been delayed over half a week.

"As to the requests of the British minister and Japanese consul general for permission to land troops, they were, I am informed, precautionary measures against possible mob violence. This permission is still outstanding, and is not now and was not then, in my judgment, proper evidence of a hostile purpose on the part of our government."

#### Death of a Millionaire.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Albert S. Rosenbaum, probably the wealthiest Hebrew in America, died very suddenly at 2:30 o'clock Saturday, after a brief illness, from asthma, which had developed into heart trouble, at his home, 44 Ninth street. He was 60 years of age. Mr. Rosenbaum was one of the largest tobacco importers in New York. His wealth is estimated to reach the huge sum of \$30,000,000.

#### Death of a Famous Cartoonist.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Joseph Keppler, whom the public knew as the great cartoonist of Puck, died at his home, No. 27 East Seventy-ninth street, Monday afternoon. He was stricken by an affection of the spine and for six months lay on a bed of agony. Surrounded by his wife and three children he passed away Monday afternoon.

#### Miss Anthony Re-elected.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The national women's suffrage convention on Monday elected the following officers: Susan B. Anthony, president; Rev. Anna B. Shaw, vice president at large; Rachel Foster Avery, of Philadelphia, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Harriet Taylor Upton, of Ohio, treasurer.

#### Found Four Kinds of Mineral Paint.

CHADRON, Neb., Feb. 19.—Much excitement was created over the discovery of a large deposit of mineral paint close to the city. There are four distinct colors and where the rock crops out is 15 inches thick. By combining the colors twenty-eight shades can be produced.

#### A Teacher Found Dead.

PORT HURON, Feb. 15.—Miss Alma Mitts, a teacher in the public schools here, was found dead in bed, the result of an overdose of chloroform.

## BLOWN TO PIECES.

### Robbers Use Dynamite on an Express Car in California.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 17.—Passenger train No. 20 on the Southern Pacific road, which left this city at 11:30 o'clock Thursday night, was wrecked by train robbers at Roscoe station, 13 miles north of here, at 1 a. m. Friday. The highwaymen blew open the express car with dynamite and fired several shots at the trainmen who attempted to escape.

The robbers made their escape with several strong boxes belonging to the Wells-Fargo Express company, containing currency and half a dozen sacks of gold. None of the passengers, so far as known, were injured. The robbery was the most daring and cruel piece of work done in the west in years, and it is believed that Chris Evans and Morrell, the outlaws for whom California officers have been searching for months, planned and executed the crime. It is impossible to tell at present how much money the robbers secured, but as the express shipments were unusually large it is certain the gang got away with a rich haul. Posses of officers are scouring the country for the highwaymen.

#### RETURNED THE VISIT.

#### Emperor William Calls on Prince Bismarck at Friedrichsruhe.

FRIEDRICHSRUHE, Feb. 20.—Another link has been forged in the chain of reconciliation between Emperor William and Prince Bismarck. Emperor William left Berlin at 2:20 Monday afternoon, and arrived here shortly after 5 o'clock. In spite of the request by the emperor that there should be no demonstration upon the occasion of his arrival here the railway station and the village were gayly decorated.

At 9 o'clock his majesty took his departure. The ex-chancellor accompanied him back to the station and he and the emperor shook hands several times before parting. On the way to the station from the Bismarck residence the cheering of the crowds was incessant and the emperor repeatedly saluted.

The reconciliation is now complete and Bismarck's influence will soon be felt again. But he never again will be chancellor, although he could be tomorrow if he wished to. The emperor will probably create an entirely new office for him at an early date.

#### DIED OF HIS INJURIES.

#### A Blow Struck in a Sparring Match Proves Fatal.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Feb. 19.—The Harvard student, Alfred Hosmer Linder, died Sunday afternoon. He did not recover consciousness after falling to the floor of the gymnasium last Tuesday night during a boxing match. In a friendly bout with Arthur Foster, a student from Jacksonville, Fla., using seven ounce gloves, he was struck a blow on the neck under the jaw. Linder stood for a moment and congratulated Foster on making such a hit. Then the unfortunate young man turned and fell unconscious to the floor. Concussion of the brain is supposed to have been the primary cause of his death. Linder was 19 years old, a member of the class of '95 and a resident of Newton, Mass. The students and faculty of the university are greatly affected by the fatal accident, and the bereaved family, who came to the bedside, attach no blame to Foster.

#### Sixty Deaths Daily.

RIO JANEIRO, Feb. 20.—The deaths from yellow fever now average sixty daily. The government dynamite cruiser Niteroy, which was reported outside the harbor, sailed south Sunday night. The United States cruiser Detroit has returned to the harbor. The United States cruisers New York and Charleston are cruising outside the harbor.

#### Banks Robbed in Iowa.

AFTON, Ia., Feb. 20.—The Afton bank and the Citizens' bank of Afton were robbed Sunday night. The burglar proof safes where the money was kept could not be opened. The only plunder secured was \$1,000 in postage stamps taken from the vault of the Afton bank.

#### Killed by Lightning.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 19.—W. R. Spearman, one of the oldest raftsmen on the Arkansas river, was struck by lightning Saturday afternoon and instantly killed. His head was torn open and his clothing torn to shreds.

#### Expires in Jail of Smallpox.

MADISON, Wis., Feb. 20.—Matthew Ashton, a convicted murderer, held in jail pending an appeal to the supreme court, died of smallpox. He was worth \$50,000. The crime with which Ashton was charged was the murder of his aunt, Mrs. Stone, at Janesville.

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SURRENDERED. Marvin, the Missing Detroit Bank Cashier, Gives Himself Up. He is called upon to give a bond of \$50,000 to answer to a charge of embezzling funds to the amount of \$10,000.

AROUND THE STATE. A sanitary convention will be held at Menominee April 6 and 7. In this state, during 1898, 45,000,000 pounds of butter were produced.

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THE PRICE OF WOOL. HOW THE FREE RAIL MATERIAL BILL HAS AFFECTED THE FARMER. A Clear Comparison of London and American Prices—The Change From Harrison to Cleveland Caused a Difference of 6 Cents Per Pound.

CONGRESSIONAL NEWS. Proceedings of the Fifty-Third National Assembly. Important Measures Under Consideration in the Senate and House—A Brief Review of the Daily Proceedings.

WATER LOCATION NEWS. The Strange Family Possessed by Some Reptiles Even When Deceased. Reptiles and batrachians usually possess what may be termed the water-location sense.

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AGAIN IN THE TOILA. Detroit, Feb. 19.—Fred Marvin, ex-cashier of the Detroit bank, for no longer than a week has been a fugitive from justice, appeared before United States Commissioner James M. McLaughlin on Friday afternoon and gave himself up.

THE TRIAL OF STONEWALL. The trial of Stonewall de France will begin at Kalamazoo on Monday, March 5.

JOHN WHITER. Late of said county, deceased, and that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to the Probate Court of the County of Kent, Michigan, at the office of the Probate Court, in the city of Grand Rapids, for examination and allowance, on or before the 28th day of August next, and that all claims will be heard before said court on that day.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS. State of Michigan, County of Kent, ss. Notice is hereby given that by order of the Probate Court of the County of Kent, made on the 26th day of January A. D. 1898, six months from that date were allowed for creditors to present their claims against the estate of

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BRITISH TIN PLATE TRADE. In the Senate, the district bill procedure in connection with the abolition of the increased duties imposed on English produce imported by America is looked forward to with the very greatest interest.

THE HOUSE. The Hawaiian resolution was called up in the Senate yesterday, Feb. 18. In the House, the Hawaiian resolution was called up in the Senate yesterday, Feb. 18.

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GOT A JUDGMENT FOR SALARIES. Discharged Wayne County Employee Wins \$1000. Detroit, Feb. 17.—In April, 1891, the Wayne county board of auditors, which was then exclusively democratic, adopted a resolution providing that every republican employe in the county, seventeen in number, was incompetent and discharged them from their offices.

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### NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

All of our correspondents are requested to mail or send their items so they will reach us not later than Tuesday noon. This is a matter of importance to us, so please be prompt.

#### Alton.

Nina Brown is quite sick.  
Born to Mr and Mrs Geo. Ring, Feb. 14th, a son. Mother and son doing well. Congratulations.

Mrs Eliza Covert visited Aunt Anna Ford, at Lowell, Saturday and found her very ill with typhoid fever.  
Miss Fern Covert was on the sick list last week.

S. D. Godfrey is filling his ice house.  
R. B. Davis went to Milliken, Thursday.

Mrs Arthur Reid received, last week, from England, the sad news of her mother's death.

John Maloney caught three pickered whose combined weight was 35½ lbs.

W. B. Moon was in Alton, Saturday, to attend the grange and install the officers.

Francis Vandenberg and wife went to Pierston, Saturday, to visit her parents.

Eugene Campbell has a brother visiting him this week.

About twenty of the neighbors took dinner at Elmer Richmond's, Friday, and cut about 20 cd. of wood, for Mrs A. Reid.

Murray's Lake is spotted with fishermen.

Mrs Orrin Trumbull returned home from her visit with Oakfield relatives, Sunday.

A number of Bert Norton's friends surprised him, Thursday evening. A few of his Smyrna friends were present. They all voted the evening a success.

Stephen Trumbull, of New York state, visited his nephew, Maurice Trumbull, and mother last week.

C. E. Francisco is making arrangements to move to Lowell, next month.

Eugene Campbell is on the sick list.

Cyrus Ring and wife, of Smyrna, went to Lowell to see Mr and Mrs Geo. White, Wednesday.

Chris Krupp returned to Harrison last week.

Messers C. and A. Blasser were in Corral last week.

Will Heath and Merritt Scofield have a job cutting wood for Thomas Lally, Jr.

Mr and Mrs C. R. Porter, with about 30 others are witnesses in the McGee estate, which is being tried at Gd. Rapids this week.

Mrs Rhoda Moshier has sold her house and lot to Mr Reightsager.

Sam'l Krupp has sold 40 acres of his farm to his brother Chris, for \$2,000.

C. R. Porter and Ed Ring were at Smyrna, Sunday.

Wm. B. Aldrich killed three fat hogs, last week, one weighed 444 lbs.

Jim Brandenberg caught a pickered, Saturday, which weighed 15 lbs.

Will Hogan has rented and moved on the W. Old's farm in Otisco.

M. H. Walker, of Gd. Rapids, and Jno. McGee were in Alton one day last week.

Mrs W. H. Keech is in Grand Rapids this week.

Richard Harris' Auction Sale 2 miles east of Cascade March 2d,

For sale, house and two lots. Small payment down, balance long time.

JOHN DEVOZ.

### Vergennes Visitor.

Mrs John Krum is in Grand Rapids visiting friends for a few weeks.

Wm. Miller, of Grattan, visited at his cousin's, Mrs W. L. Merriman, last Saturday.

Mrs Pearl Nelson, of East Lowell, visited her uncle, Wm. Collins, part of last week.

Gene Lee and family, who have been living in Lowell township for the past few years, have moved back on the old farm.

Cornelius Krum has sold his farm to John Bergin. Thus another old time farm has changed hands for the first time in over half a century.

There was a very pleasant surprise last Friday evening, on Charley Merriman. A good time was enjoyed by all.

Monday G. W. Crosby went to Fallasburg to the feed mill. He says he either left one bag of feed at the mill or lost it on the way home. The finder will confer a favor and receive reward by letting him know where he can get it. It was in a nearly new bag without a name on.

Mrs A. Yerkes is slowly improving.

Mrs Fred Aldrich is visiting friends here this week.

Mr and Mrs Irving Bachelor have gone to Plainwell to visit friends.

L. N. Buttermore and wife, from near Ionia, visited Mr B's sister, Mrs Wm. Collins, and family, last week.

J. W. Webster and Mr Snyder, of Gd. Rapids, took dinner with G. W. Crosby last Friday.

John Ewens has gone to Portland to visit his daughter, Mrs Washburn.

Miss Audie Frazier, of Bowne, is visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr and Mrs Hiram Frazier.

Miss Mary Simmons, of Grand Rapids, is visiting her friend, Mrs Boynton.

Mr and Mrs John Pierce, of Portland, have been visiting Mr P's cousin, Chas. Gott, and family.

The Reading Circle will meet Feb. 24 with the President, Miss Cora Lee. Following is the program:

Singing—by Circle.  
Roll Call—Quotations from Carlton.  
Reading of Minutes.

#### HISTORY LESSONS.

Battle of Gettysburg—Orlando Odell.  
Sherman's March to the Sea—Cora Lee.

The Privateer Alabama—Clare Findlay.

Sheridan's Campaign—George Lee.  
Capture of Richmond—Bessie White.  
Close of the War—Ina Findlay.

Select Reading—Lottie Olmstead.  
Conundrum Contest.  
Recitation—Edith Aldrich.  
Music.

#### OLD NICK.

Nice dry maple wood at Lumber, Ice & Coal Co's.

Those \$15 Bedroom Suits can be bought now for \$13.50 at Kopf Bros. See them.

#### Grattan Gatherings.

Willie Ward has not been as well the past week.

Owen Magee, one of the old settlers, very sick with typhoid fever.

Mrs E. E. Lessiter has been with her grandmother, Mrs C. Close, the past two days, at Belding.

Walter LeClear, of Grand Rapids, visiting his parents here, was taken very sick at their home.

E. Allen is still alive, but is remarkable how he survives his extreme weakness.

Mrs C. Close is very sick at the home of her daughter, Mrs C. Eddy, at Belding.

Mrs Sarah Cornell, with her son, Fred and daughter, Katie, all of Portland, are visitors here. We regret that Miss Katie is not enjoying good health and could not attend the "box social" with the rest of her family.

H. W. Green, of Grand Rapids, was in town last week and enjoyed meeting many friends at the box social.

Mrs R. W. Graham, of Lowell, returned to her home Sunday night, after a three days visit with her father, W. S. Fuller, who reached his 78th birthday Feb. 19. Mrs F. was 75 years old Feb. 18. A few family friends ate chicken and other good things with them in remembrance of the same. We would like to have the record read: Mr F. is much better, but no, he is keeping his bed and is feeling very weak.

W. R. Mason, so long a sufferer from rheumatism, was able to ride to Lowell Monday.

Saturday the pedro club met with Mr and Mrs George Smith and that evening the regular communication of the F. & A. M. lodge went on just the same as if it didn't rain.

Our citizens had a gala day—rather evening—last Friday, as follows: A very large attendance at the box social, held with Mrs Lon Smith, twenty-five young friends met with Miss Eleanor Emmons; and a like number or more attended the Reading Circle, held with Mrs H. Watkins, all Feb. 16th. It was a lovely night. S. D. Norman, Mrs L. M. Carl and daughter, Evah, of Parnell, were among the visitors present.

Mr and Mrs Bert Lessiter went to Oakland county on a visit nearly two weeks ago and the only tidings from them to date is that they arrived safe. We think they must be so happy they have forgotten home friends.

#### MAUD.

You get paid for taking the JOURNAL, besides fifty-two papers filled each week with news you get fifty-two two cent coupons, good as cash, that is if you are a paid in advance subscriber. Pay up your arrears so you will get the benefit of the coupons.

#### Chapel.

The most severe storm of the season swept over here last Monday.

Mr and Mrs Sydney McNaughton, his brother Wilbur and sister Kittie Bell, of Freeport, visited friends in this place last week.

Shirley Brownell was having a sick spell but is better now.

John McMillan has commenced to draw water to the tie mill in John Turnbull's woods.

Mr Bocha was to bring a preacher from Grand Rapids last Sunday, but could not get across the river, the slush ice was running so thick. He will try it again next Sunday.

Emory Smith has had well-diggers driving a well on the farm he bought of Grandpa McNaughton, and after a great deal of labor, have found water at a depth of 144 feet.

Mrs Sam Beach has been at Grand Rapids nearly three weeks visiting her friends there.

The trips on the mail route from Chapel to Ada have been increased from two to three trips a week. The mail days are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Dr Fuller, of Grand Rapids, was called to see Mrs Wm. Grant. His opinion is that she has dropsy of the stomach, but thinks she will improve.

A few young people of this community were invited to take tea and spend the evening with Mr and Mrs A. Depew. All enjoyed themselves.

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#### Parnell Points.

Wm. Farrell has returned home after teaching a term of school at So. Grand Rapids.

Robert Kelly, of Grand Rapids, formerly a resident of this place, and a veteran in the late war, is visiting friends here.

Mrs Schreiner, of Lowell, was at church here Sunday.

Jas. Finn, of Ada, is on the sick list. The storm of last Monday blocked the roads badly in places, making it impossible to break through, until the banks of snow were removed with shovels.

The roads were very icy and slippery Sunday. If the devotion of the people would not have been such a good attendance at church.

Mr and Mrs John Byrne spent Sunday with Mrs B's mother, who was celebrating her 75th birthday.

Willie, son of Mr and Mrs Patrick Murphy, is reported sick.

Lee Jakeway, while out skating Sunday, tripped on some soft ice, falling on his face and received such injuries as to require surgical interference.

#### Morse Lake.

Revival meetings are in progress at Morse Lake church and are announced to continue through this week. Rev. Westbrook failed to meet his appointment Sunday evening, presumably on account of illness. Rev. D. L. Sterling occupied the pulpit and delivered an excellent offhand discourse.

Mrs S. P. Curtis has gone to Lowell for a few days visit.

Jas. Morse, of Lowell visited his sister, Mrs Fairchild, last Sunday.

A. K. Denise has engaged Clarence Wheaton to work on his farm for one year.

Last Wednesday evening there was a surprise party for Albert and Clara Duell, by the pupils of the Merriman school.

The ladies of the South Lowell M. E. church held their Aid Society at the residence of Mrs C. L. Blakelee, last Wednesday. There was a very large attendance.

Lowell Dist. Council will meet at Keene Grange Hall March 1st. One subject for discussion will be, "The Effect of the Present Financial Depression on Our Interests as Farmers."

Again we wish to call the attention of farmers and fruit-growers to the black knot on plum and cherry trees. We are sorry to note that many are very negligent in this matter and that the pestiferous fungus is spreading so as to be a menace to every orchard in this vicinity.

Alger & Perry offer great inducements on Farm Insurance.

Richard Harris' Auction Sale 2 miles east of Cascade March 2d.

#### Bowne.

Claude Stark returned to his home in Chicago Monday evening, after a few months with his grandparents, W. M. Perkins and wife, of this place.

Born, to C. L. Morgan and wife, a 9 lb. boy.

John Porritt made a business trip to Gd. Rapids Monday.

W. H. Pardee and wife are visiting at John Porritt's.

Louisa Weaver has gone to Ada to work for Mrs Kate Brigham.

A young gentleman from Caledonia has started a singing school at this place Tuesday evening, in the school house.

Rev. Westbrook is holding revival meeting at West Lowell.

C. Porritt, who has been quite sick the past few days, is able to be around again.

Mrs Ann Sutherland departed Thursday for Montana, to make her future home with her grandson.

Alf Miller and wife, of Freeport, and Merton Nash spent the Sabbath with Wm. Stauffer and family.

Fred Hoxie and mother, of Easton, visited at V. D. Nash's last week.

#### Down The River.

Master Roy Dollaway is quite sick with the gripe.

John Engles made a business trip to Buffalo N. Y. last week.

Mr and Mrs H. Epley spent Sunday with L. J. Robinson and wife in Vergennes.

Mrs Hastings entertained Mr and Mrs F. D. Tarleton, last Friday evening.

Mrs A. W. Peacock is making an extended visit with relatives at Reed City.

Mr and Mrs L. A. Carter visited at C. Winegar's in Lowell, Thursday.

Mrs Batey and daughters, Lois and Stella, spent Sat. with Mr and Mrs Phil Krum in Lowell.

Geo. Broadbent has been hired to work the coming year for L. A. Carter and has moved into the tenant house on the farm.

Eugene Lee and family, who have lived in this vicinity the past five years, have moved to their home in Vergennes. They have many friends here who regret their departure. Hence no more River Road Rivals.

Geo. Messecar visited his cousin, Ernie Rolf, in W. Lowell, Sunday. We are very sorry to hear that Ernie is so very sick.

THE JOURNAL editor wants cash. If you owe him now is a good time to pay.

N. P. Husted & Co.'s plum, pear, cherry and apple trees and grape vines cannot be beaten.

#### East Lowell.

Charlie Hubbel has been spending a couple of weeks with his brother, Eugene.

Isaac Filkins has commenced work for F. M. Godfrey.

There will be an exhibition at the Dupree school house this week Saturday evening.

Mrs King is not improving.

F. M. Godfrey and son, Ora, were in Grand Rapids Wednesday.

C. Hendershott's team ran away one day last week. They were caught between his house and Eugene Hubbel's. One of the horses fell and was dragged a short distance, but no damage was done except breaking the sleigh tongue.

Misses Emma and Edith Weeks and Cora Godfrey and Orlo Weekes, of Alton, spent Sunday with Miss Lena Godfrey.

Mr and Mrs Holmes and daughter spent Thursday with Mr and Mrs John Cary.

We have some snow banks left to show for the storm we had.

Nice dry maple wood at Lumber, Ice & Coal Co's.

Call on Alger & Perry for Insurance.

#### Fallasburg Facts.

Arthur Read remains about the same very little change.

J. R. Lynn is on the sick list.

J. L. Naftzger has gone to Indiana, to visit his brother, who he has not seen in twenty five years.

Guy Gardner spent last week visiting friends in Berlin.

Late news from Dakota states that Will Sherrard is again suffering with the quincy.

Wilbur Burras, of South Lowell spent Saturday and Sunday with his sister, Mrs Elmer Richmond.

There were twenty five men came to cut wood for Arthur Read last Friday. They cut about twenty cord and drew about half of it to the house and split it up.

Call at the Furniture store of J. B. Yeiter and see that fine Bedroom Suit, the finest ever offered for sale in Lowell.

Cedar posts from 7 to 10 cents, of the Lumber, Ice & Coal Co.

#### Town Line Tidings.

Miss Edith Aldrich, of Vergennes, visited Mrs H. Westbrook and Mrs Levi Burras, from Saturday to Monday.

W. F. and Oscar Rector went to Gd. Rapids Monday.

Miss Hattie Sargent and Allie Fuller attended a party in Vergennes Friday night.

Earnie Rolf is quite sick; also two little ones of Mr and Mrs M. Parker.

Mrs Wm. Stapleton and son, Clay, are on the sick list.

Mrs Carrie Vanderhoof visited her mother, Mrs Stapleton, one day last week.

#### CLAY.

For Sale—light chestnut horse reliable for ladies to drive. Good looker and fine saddle horse.

H. S. SCHREINER.

PADEBREW'S wife died after they had been married one year. He has one child, a son, of whom he is very fond.

A new set of stamps are to be issued by the French government. Prices are offered for the most suitable designs.

The Berlin exhibition of 1896 is assuming proportions almost justifying the government to make it a national affair.

The Regent diamond, the property of the French government, weighs 108 carats, and is valued at 12,000,000 francs.

#### After Eleven Years.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 20.—Frank Cripe, who has served eleven years on a life sentence for murder in Indiana, was pardoned yesterday by Gov. Matthews.

#### THE MARKETS.

New York, Feb. 20  
LIVE STOCK—Cattle..... 12 50 @ 14 75  
Sheep..... 8 00 @ 8 35  
Hogs..... 6 00 @ 6 60  
FLOUR—Winter Patents..... 3 35 @ 3 50  
Minnesota Patents..... 3 40 @ 3 55  
WHEAT—No 2 Red..... 90 1/2 @ 91  
Ungraded Red..... 87 1/2 @ 87  
CORN—No 2..... 37 1/2 @ 37  
Ungraded Mixed..... 42 @ 42 1/2  
OATS—Track Mixed Western..... 27 1/2 @ 28  
RYE—Western..... 7 30 @ 7 40  
PORK—Mess, New..... 13 1/2 @ 14  
LARD—Western..... 7 30 @ 8 00  
BUTTER—Western Creamery..... 27 @ 27  
Western Dairy..... 18 1/2 @ 17

#### CHICAGO.

BEEVES—Shipping Steers..... 3 00 @ 3 00  
Cows..... 1 50 @ 2 35  
Stockers..... 2 30 @ 3 10  
Feeder..... 3 00 @ 3 30  
Butcher's Steers..... 2 75 @ 3 25  
Bulls..... 1 50 @ 2 50  
HOGS..... 4 50 @ 5 20  
SHEEP..... 4 50 @ 5 75  
BUTTER—Creamery..... 24 @ 25  
Dairy..... 22 @ 23  
EGGS—Fresh..... 16 @ 17

WHEAT (per ton)..... 30 00 @ 32 50  
Western Wheat..... 30 00 @ 32 50  
Illinois, Good to Choice..... 30 00 @ 32 50  
POTATOES (per bushel)..... 12 00 @ 13 25  
PORK—Mess..... 13 1/2 @ 14  
LARD—Steam..... 7 30 @ 8 10  
LARD—Spring Patents..... 14 1/2 @ 15  
FLOUR—Spring Patents..... 3 40 @ 3 55  
Spring Straights..... 2 35 @ 2 50  
Winter Patents..... 2 30 @ 2 45  
Winter Straights..... 2 20 @ 2 35  
GRAIN—Wheat, Cash..... 14 1/2 @ 15  
Corn, No 2..... 34 1/2 @ 35 1/2  
Oats, No 2..... 22 1/2 @ 23 1/2  
Rye, No 2..... 45 @ 46  
Barley Choice to Fancy..... 30 @ 34

ST. LOUIS.  
Siding..... 15 50 @ 22 50  
Flooring..... 55 00 @ 60 00  
Common Boards..... 11 00 @ 14 25  
Fencing..... 11 00 @ 14 50  
Lath, Dry..... 4 00 @ 4 50  
Shingles..... 2 25 @ 3 00

CATTLE—Shipping Steers..... 12 00 @ 13 00  
Stockers and Feeders..... 8 50 @ 9 00  
HOGS..... 4 50 @ 5 20  
SHEEP..... 4 50 @ 5 25

OMAHA.  
CATTLE—Steers..... 22 00 @ 24 00  
Feeders..... 2 25 @ 3 50  
HOGS..... 4 50 @ 5 25  
SHEEP..... 2 25 @ 3 25

BEWARE OF OINTMENTS FOR CATARRH OF THE BLADDER.

as mercury will surely destroy the sense and pierce the nerves of the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescription from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them.

Hall's Catarrh Cure manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally, and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.  
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