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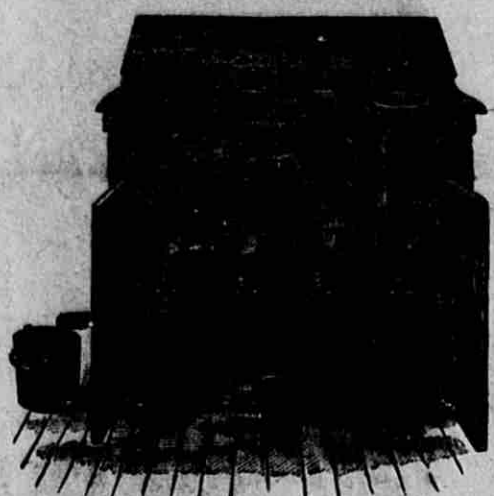
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Annual School Meeting--Reports of Officers.

LOWELL'S BEAUTIFUL ISLAND PARK.

The Marriage of Mrs. Lizzie White.

ABOUT PEOPLE AND PLACES WE KNOW

A Singular Accident to a Load of New Hay.

AN AGREABLE SURPRISE.

Last Monday evening twelve of Lowell's Fellowship, in search of a good time, drove out into the neighboring town of Vergennes, to the home of George Crosby and wife. The party was composed of the following, all of whom were in possession of grips and signs and passwords: Chas. McCarty, M. C. Griswold, A. B. Hunter, C. G. Stone, Jas. McPherson, Marks Rubens, A. B. Boylan, H. A. Hawk, John McNaughton, Will Clark, Geo. Winegar and Chas. Althen. On the way over Peter McPherson gave the grand hailing sign of distress, and was taken to the west, where all approached the house of brother Crosby in due and ancient form. Mr. Crosby had retired, and when the brethren walked in upon him, he was not attired according to the ritual—did not even have his apron on. He soon rallied from the surprise; and the party spent a pleasant evening playing cards. At the proper time Dame Crosby served a bountiful and royal repast to which the party did ample justice, after which in a feeling speech Brother C. G. Stone reminded Mr. Crosby that he was fifty-five years old that day, and that his brother Masons had not forgotten it, concluding by presenting to the host an elegant upholstered chair that had been kept in the background up to that time. Mr. and Mrs. Crosby appreciated the visit and gift of their friends; and the party came home feeling well repaid for their trip, and wishing the good couple many happy returns of the day.

"LOWELL"

"Lowell" is a book of over two hundred original photographs of our town, made and published by Milan D. Wilson. It contains pictures of ninety of our business men and women, all the business blocks, thirty of our finest residences, our ministers, all the mills, factories, hotels, glee club, school-houses, churches, L. & H. railroad bridge, upper and lower bridges, musicians, Lowell light and power company, new electric power plant, depots, banks, park, village officers, clerks and bookkeepers, base ball club, officers of the Lowell lodge F. & A. M., the Chapter, G. A. R., fire department, W. C. T. U., A. O. U. W., R. A., Modern Woodmen, Maccabees, Eastern Star, Forresters, I. O. O. F., United Friends, with names of full membership of each, etc. These were engraved by the Moss Engraving company, of New York city, are printed on enameled paper and bound in leather. It is a valuable and beautiful book of 100 pages. It is now in the hands of the printer and will be completed in a short time. It is sold at a low figure and for cash only.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLY.

Fred Gibbs, of Keene, was arrested in Lowell last Sunday, for being drunk. Taken before Justice Hicks, he pleaded guilty, and was fined \$7.20 with \$2.80 taxable costs, making a total of \$10.00.

ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING.

There was but a slim attendance at the school meeting of District No. 1, last Monday evening and about half of those present were ladies. E. R. Collar and S. D. Marsh were re-elected school trustees. The director's report showed \$315.86 in the hands of the treasurer, of which \$134.81 belongs to the teacher's fund, \$92.18 to library fund, and \$88.87 to incidental fund. The librarian reported 12,156 books loaned during the year, in classes as follows: History, 1,333; biography, 954; travels, 667; poetry, 246; literature, 656; science, 545; fiction, 5,375; and juvenile fiction, 2,311. The meeting voted \$200 librarian's salary, \$100 for director's salary and \$100 for the purchase of new books for library. The district has reason to be proud of its magnificent library, which for size and quality cannot be excelled, we believe, by any place of Lowell's size in the state.

ISLAND PARK

Is a favorite resort these hot days and pleasant evenings. If any city or town in Michigan can boast a pleasanter spot, natural features alone considered, we have failed to see or hear of it. The effort to improve it begun last summer should be commenced again and pushed to completion.

MATRIMONIAL.

Married, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Ball, in Lowell, on Wednesday, July 12, their daughter, Lizzie M. White to Rev. L. D. Perkins, of West Kendall, N. Y. Rev. H. D. F. Gaffin, of Coopersville, performed the ceremony. Only a few guests, aside from the immediate friends and relatives, were present. Mr. and Mrs. Parker leave for their home in New York state, next week.

A SINGULAR OCCURRENCE

Mr. Schneider drove into Lowell Thursday with a load of new hay. When opposite Train's hotel fire broke out in the hay over a wheel and for a moment threatened to envelope the whole load to the imminent danger of the horses and driver. Some quick witted individual turned on water from a neighboring hydrant and quenched the flames before much mischief was done. The fire was caused by the friction of overhanging hay with the wheels, was the verdict.



Read the description of "Lowell." Are your water rates paid in advance?

Ort Hill and wife left Saturday, for the World's fair.

Ed. Crow has moved into a house on Washington street.

Mrs. Albert Ryder is visiting relatives in Isabella county.

Edwin Lee and wife are taking in the sights at the big fair.

The LEDGER requests its friends to hand in items of interest.

Birth, in Lowell, July 11, '93, a son to Frank Eddy and wife.

Will M. Hine was among Monday's list of World's fair visitors.

"Lowell" is a valuable book; read the description on first page.

R. D. Stocking and wife are spending a week at the World's fair.

Miss Lizzie Hardy is making a two months visit in Isabella county.

A good dining room girl can find employment at the Davis house.

Miss Mina Leece is spending the week with her parents in Bowne.

"Lowell" is a valuable book of the town; read about it in this paper.

Mr. Farlin, who is afflicted with a cancer, is losing strength rapidly.

The L. & H. report business picking up nicely, in spite of dull times.

The bridge over Flat river on Bridge street is undergoing repairs.

Outside buyers took a drove of sixteen horses out of Lowell this week.

Mrs. Chas. McCarty has been ill for several days, but is improving now.

Give your water rates attention. Payable in advance at Church's bank.

Miss Ella Hoover, of Saranac, visited with Miss Anna Gibson last week.

Kisor & Ayers are setting up some elegant work in Lyons cemetery this week.

Kittie Clark is spending the week with friends and relatives at Grand Rapids.

Miss Estella Ranney met her sister Daisy, a Colorado teacher, in Chicago Monday.

Misses Maggie Shook and Jessie Noyes are guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Spring.

After reading this week's LEDGER, hand it to your neighbor and ask him to subscribe.

A Bee from Grand Rapids was drilling the Lowell L. O. T. M. Thursday evening.

R. W. Graham and family of six are on a three weeks visit to the World's fair.

Will Price and wife returned, Thursday, from a ten days visit at the World's fair.

Charles Naysmith, of Grand Rapids, was the guest of Will M. Clark over Sunday.

Walter F. Rice and family, of Grand Rapids, visited at David Flanagan's over Sunday.

Mrs. A. L. Reed and children are spending a week or so with relatives in the country.

Mrs. Mary Crans, of Grand Rapids, is spending a week with the family of Chas. McCarty.

B. E. Quick and wife, of Freeport, attended the M. E. social here, Wednesday evening.

E. Myers has been assisting I. A. Anderson at the L. & H., during Mrs. Clark's absence.

Edith McPherson, of Pontiac, is visiting her uncle, James McPherson, the bazaar man.

A. A. Dennis and wife, of Grand Rapids, visited last week with E. S. Burdick and family.

Robert Hardy and family will spend a few weeks on the old farm, beginning this week.

J. S. Parmlee and wife, of Walker township, were guests of Lowell friends over Sunday.

E. B. Moffat, who has been visiting friends in Grand Rapids for a few days, has returned home.

Mrs. E. Crow and daughter Emma, and Maggie Tate go to Chicago and the big fair next Monday.

Chas. Wisner, W. S. Winegar and S. P. Hicks intend to visit Chicago and the World's fair this week.

Mrs. Dr. Sayles returned to Kalamazoo Wednesday, after a visit with the family of Chas. McCarty.

Mrs. Chapman's band of the Congregational church met at Mrs. A. B. Johnson's, Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Alex. Tolbot, of Grand Rapids, returned home after a week's visit with her parents at the Farmers' hotel.

Mrs. L. D. Wood has returned to her home in Grand Rapids, after a visit with her parents in this place.

W. M. Chapman and Mrs. M. C. Greene are entertaining their mother, Mrs. M. S. Chapman, of Grand Rapids.

More Locals on Last Page!

HOME NEWS.

Mrs. Geo. Coppens, who has been confined to her bed by rheumatism for some five weeks, is slowly recovering.

See Smith's \$24 suits to order for \$20, and \$5 pants, first class goods, several choice patterns, before ordering.

Mrs. Carrie Worden and son, Charlie, of Grand Rapids, were guests of her parents, Charles Morse and wife.

J. H. Dumon and wife, of Centralia, Wash., were guests of the latter's sister, Mrs. B. C. Smith, the first of the week.

Lowell has a male quartet composed of Messrs. W. M. Chapman, I. A. Anderson, Harry Hunter, and Quincy Fisher.

Mrs. Fred Norton and two sons, Roy and Gaylord, of Lake City, are the guests of her sister, Mrs. Dr. Goodsell.

No services at the Baptist church next Sunday. Pastor Shanks is attending a religious convention at Indianapolis.

C. Waterman is nursing a sore hand, caused by getting it between the ice box and the cover. The box is doing well.

Mrs. E. J. Cole, Mrs. M. O. Bartley and D. G. Look, left on the D., G. & M. Monday morning for the World's fair.

Neuralgia has set in to complicate the case of Mrs. Fred Fallas, who otherwise would now be regaining health and strength.

Henry Mitchell, of Grand Rapids, formerly of this place, joined the LEDGER's rapidly growing list of subscribers this week.

Miss Annie Maynard is visiting her aunt, Mrs. L. Sabin at Traverse City, and will take in Petosky and other pleasure resorts.

Wm. R. Parks, of Saranac, has ordered a beautiful granite family monument of Kisor & Ayers to be set up in Saranac cemetery.

Frank McMahon, Frank Bergin, Charles Krum and Benj. Slade and wife left Lowell for the World's fair, Wednesday morning.

Elder Provan's sermon on Socialism Sunday evening was interesting, instructive and to the point. As usual, it was well delivered.

Henry Parker, of Kalkaska, made the LEDGER a call this week. He purchased five horses of his uncle, Geo. W. Parker, while here.

D. Easterbrook and wife, of Stanton, were in town Wednesday, on their way to Freeport, where they expect to remain for three months.

Surveyor Skeels, of Grand Rapids, was in town Tuesday and Wednesday making a preliminary survey for our future village drainage system.

Application has been made for the admission of Mrs. Elizabeth Coddington to an asylum, and the hearing was held before the Probate Judge, Thursday.

The LEDGER has a job printing office in connection, and is prepared to do commercial work at moderate rates. A fair share of the public patronage is solicited.

Messrs. Griswold and Rubens, wives and Mark's girls drove to Middleville Saturday evening. The gentlemen returned Sunday, leaving the ladies and children for a week's visit.

C. O. Lawrence furnished ice cream for two weddings this week. Mr. Lawrence understands his business, as the LEDGER gang can testify having been treated to an abundant supply of cream by that gentleman.

H. S. Schreiner has purchased a horse with a 2:26 1/2 record as a trotter. The animal is now breaking in as a pacer, and with five weeks drill has made a mile in 2:52. Henry says the rest of the boys must prepare to take the dust.

Evangelical meeting in Music hall block, second floor, next Sunday, at 3:30 p. m., local time, and each Sunday thereafter until further notice. Sunday school at noon. Services conducted by J. G. Mange. All are welcome.

Mr. Anderson, of the L. & H. informs us that quite a number of people intend going to the World's fair next week. But very few intend to take advantage of the excursion which leaves Monday on account of the seven days limit on the ticket.

If the condition of affairs in the immediate vicinity of Grand Rapids is a fair index of the situation in other parts of the state, Michigan farmers will have magnificent crops this year. A few miles' trip in any direction shows that all kinds of grain promise immense yields.—[Democrat.

Dame Perry's band had a pleasant afternoon at the home of Mrs. Sherman, last Wednesday afternoon, with the ladies who assisted in the old folk's concert as guests.

R. W. Graham and family have gone for a two weeks visit to the World's fair. Two sons of the family are there; Ernest is assistant chief of construction of the building department.

A horse belonging to Horace Hatch started from the D., G. H. & M. depot and ran away with the buggy, Monday morning, and came down Bridge street at a rattling pace. Finally, the buggy met a post, and parted company with the horse. Harness and buggy are the worse for wear.

The M. E. social at the residence of R. Quick and wife, Wednesday evening, was a pleasant and successful affair. Tables were set on the lawn; Japanese lanterns and the arc light near by furnished light, and the broad verandas accommodated those who wished to enjoy their refreshing coolness.

The first issue of the Lowell LEDGER, F. M. Johnson's new paper, is on our table. It is a neatly printed 5-column quarto, containing lots of local news, and a good show of advertising for an initial number. It will advocate "the democracy of Grover Cleveland."—[Mayville Monitor.

FARMER RILEY'S SPOOKS
A Fine Assortment of Spirits Produced at Will.

Much has been said concerning the so-called spiritual manifestations occurring in the presence of James Riley, a respectable farmer living about three miles west of Marcellus. The writer being desirous of witnessing a few sundry "spooks" determined one Sunday evening recently to pay Mr. Riley a visit. I went to Mr. Riley's without any appointment to preclude the possibility of his inquiring as to my antecedents. I entered the "circle," let it be understood, a total stranger to Mr. Riley and unknown by the rest of the gathering. The circles are for materialization.

A circle for materialization can be reported in two ways—socially and scientifically, or phenomenally and philosophically. To adopt the first named exclusively would perhaps be most gratifying to those who attended; but it would simply be a body without a soul to the outsider—a Munchausen tale to the skeptic. The non-participant wants to know what evidence there is for accepting the reported phenomena as genuine. A test, therefore, is in order, to give the report scientific value or to lend verity to the whole.

To begin with, the cabinet consists of an ordinary bedroom and is adjoining a sitting room. There are two windows in the cabinet, both of which are pasted down by means of strips of gummed paper and are sealed by the skeptics of the circle. Entrance to the cabinet except by means of the door from the sitting-room was impossible. The guests were seated in a semicircle about five feet from the door spoken of, over which hung a black Canton flannel curtain. The curtain parted in the center, from which the spirits emerged, like McGinty, "dressed in their best suit a clo's."

Fifteen persons were present on the occasion of my visit and the writer was seated within three feet of the door of the cabinet, enabling him to see each spirit materialize and de-materialize, and also to see Mr. Riley (who was seated in a chair just back of the curtains) at the same time.

After a few moments of singing, the curtains were noticed to part and a slite was projected by a hand. Upon asking whom it was for, it was pointed to a lady present, and was found to contain a message from her deceased brother. When asked if he would materialize three raps were heard meaning an answer in the affirmative. A few moments later a form appeared at the door of the cabinet and was recognized by the lady as her brother. The spirit then disappeared but requested the lady, her daughter and husband, who were present, to place their hands upon the curtains. They did so and writing was heard on a slate inside and it was passed to the lady—the curtains again parted and she stood face to face with her brother, affording the best possible proof of identification. This phenomena occurred in good lamp light, not in the dark. Upon returning to her seat she found a message on the slate with his name attached. She affirmed that it was his handwriting, that she could prove it by letters in her possession, and that it was impossible for Riley to have been acquainted with her family history, as she had but recently moved to town from another state, and had never met Riley before.

Numerous other tests were given similar to the above, and equally as conclusive, but the messages I received clinched the matter, being impossible except upon the hypothesis that they emanated from disembodied spirits. It could not have been mind-reading, because they contained information of which I was not aware and knowledge that was absolutely not known outside my family. The name of a friend was spelled out by one of the circle pronouncing the syllables and spirit rapping at the proper letter.

The spirits came from the cabinet in such rapid rotation that it would have been impossible for Riley to have changed his costume in such incredibly short time, much less to personate female characters as unlike him in feature and form as a gessle

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