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MONEY TALKS!

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75 Pairs of Ladies' French Kid Hand Turn Shoes Worth \$5 a Pair.

I now Offer them at \$3.00 a Pair. These are Great Bargains and you Cannot Afford to Miss Them.

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We have just received a large stock of Plain and Extension

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Ranging in Price from \$4 to \$30. Please call and examine our guns. No trouble to show goods. YOURS FOR GUNS.

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Every Garment Guaranteed.

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If you are going to purchase a Grain Drill Don't Forget the latest SUPERIOR.

Great Sales of the LITTLE GIANT BEAN PULLER, the Best in the Market.

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PEACHES AND APPLES.

See Him Before You Sell,

NO MATTER WHAT YOU HAVE—ANYTHING A FARMER RAISES.

HE WORE A STAR.

How the Boys Did Up a Fresh Freeport Detective.

A COLLISION ON THE D., C. H. & M.

The Improvements of the Lowell Water and Light Company.

WILL OF THE LATE ADAM VAN DUSEN.

Has Just Settled a March Spree for \$16.35.

DID THE TRAMP STEAL THE MONEY?

Press Comment on the Noss Jollities Company.

A FREEPORT DETECTIVE.

Freeport has a full blown detective, that is he was full blown the other night. It was thus and so. Lewis Krumback is his name. He secured an "appointment from the Cincinnati Detective Agency," and with a star on his breast, courage in his heart and blood in his eye he started out to out-do Old King Brady, Sixteen String Jack and all the rest of the dime novel heroes. After he had swelled around awhile some of the "boys" put up a job on him. The information was given out that Moor's hardware had been burglarized and a quantity of knives, revolvers, etc., stolen. Report located the plunder in an out of the way shanty on the Thornapple river, where the bank was high and steep. The services of the detective were engaged to capture the thieves. He was advised to take a couple of good sandy men with him, and two of the "boys" were recommended to him, and their help secured. It was dark when they started out, and two more of the "boys" lay in wait at the shanty to play burglar. Krumback was armed with two revolvers and a dark lantern. The "boys" induced him to give them the revolvers and keep the lantern and hand cuffs. Arrived at the shanty the detective ordered the burglars to throw up their hands. No. 1 held his hands up and Mr. Krumback rushed up to hand cuff him, when down came the hands and down went the detective with a bloody nose. No. 2 stood on the river bank, and the detective jumped up and rushed at him, giving him a hard clip on the head with his lantern. No. 2 was Frank Herrick, who not seeing any fun in the lantern act, lauded a stunner with his right in Krumback's neck, and the detective was knocked through a barbed wire fence, down a fifteen foot embankment, calling: "Help!" and "Murder!" at the top of his lungs. Krumback had got all the detective business he wanted for one night and he "lit out" for the woods yelling at every jump with Herrick in hot pursuit. He was pretty well used up the next day, but was full of glory and big stories until some one told him that the "boys" had been fooling him. Krumback still thinks he is a born detective, and proposes to join the Pinkertons.

THE RACES.

There was a large crowd in attendance at the races last Saturday. Lady Murphy won the trotting race. In the run, Duster, owned by a Grattan man, tried to leave the track and his rider, Van Wormer, fell off and received slight injury. The race was given to R. P., owned by Dell Krum, of Vergennes. The same horses will run again next Saturday. Stakes \$25 a side.

A COLLISION.

What might have been a serious accident occurred at Ada Wednesday morning on the D., G. H. & M. railway. The west bound train which runs on a side track to allow the east bound train to pass without stopping was a little slow in getting off the track, and the engine of the east bound train brushed the rear end of the other, damaging the engine so badly that one had to be sent on from Grand Rapids before the train could proceed, and making our morning mail some two hours late. Fortunately no one was injured.

THE WATER AND LIGHT COMPANY

Are pushing their numerous improvements. Work is progressing on their big twenty-four feet in diameter well, after a preliminary test well had been sunk and the water analyzed. Analysis proved the water first class in every respect, and Lowell will be supplied with water second to none in the state. A great deal of solid work has been done on the dam and a ponderous mason work base erected for the electrical machinery and next year it is proposed to put up a brick building in place of the present wooden structure. About twenty men have been employed all summer.

Following is the analytical report from the University of Michigan of the sanitary condition of water sent by Lowell Water and Light company:

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES.

Color, clear.
Odor, none.
Reaction, neutral.
Hardness, 8°.

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS—Parts per million.

Total residue obtained by evaporation at 110° C., 25.
Residue after ignition, or inorganic matter in residue, 23.
Organic residue, or loss on ignition, 5.
Amount of earthy bases, calculated as oxides, none.
Amount of chlorine calculated as sodium chloride, 0.3.
Amount of sulphates calculated as SO3, none.
Parts of potassium permanganate reduced by the organic matter in the water, 1.5.
Amount of free ammonia, trace.
Amount of albuminoid ammonia, 0.4.
Amount of nitrates, calculated as N2O5, none.
Amount of nitrates calculated as N2N3, none.

Conclusions—This water in its present condition is certainly a safe drinking water.
[Signed] V. C. VAUGHN,
Director of the Michigan State Laboratory of Hygiene.

ANN ARBOR, July 17th, 1893.

ADAM VAN DUSEN'S WILL.

The Grand Rapids Democrat has the following: The will of Adam Van Dusen, one of the oldest farmers in the vicinity of Lowell, was filed for probate yesterday afternoon. He leaves his real estate to his wife, and to his daughter Clarissa and to his son Austin he leaves \$1,000 each. To his son Arthur, daughter Margaret and daughter Christie he leaves \$5 each. He also directs that each of his grand children be presented with a copy of the Holy Bible, to cost not less than \$3 each. October 9 was assigned for the hearing of the will.

ANOTHER UNFORTUNATE.

Warren Davis sometime last March engaged in a noisy row. The village officers, deeming themselves aggrieved, have been watching their opportunity for securing a fine ever since. On Monday Davis was brought back from Grand Rapids, and on Wednesday plead guilty, and Justice Hicks fined him \$5 and \$11.35 cost. Verily it doth not profit a man to put a thing in his mouth to steal his brains away.

ANOTHER EXCURSION.

The D., G. H. & M. will give a 10 day excursion to Chicago to-day, fare \$4.50 for the round trip.

WATCH OUT.

These are bad times for leaving money lying around loose. Mrs. H. Silsby left her purse containing about \$3 on the organ, near the front door. Some one looked in, took the money but kindly left the purse—very considerate. A tramp was seen in the vicinity that morning, and the theft is laid to him. "Alas, for the poor old tramp."

MUSIC AND MIRTH.

Those merry makers, the Noss Jollities company, in their musical comedy, "A Quick Match," were the attraction at the opera house last night. When the same company appeared here last year, they were considered the greatest musical company on the road, but as time will always make changes, and sometimes for the worse, we are glad not to report it so with this company. They have improved, using several new and novel objects to get "harmony of sounds" out of. Between the comedy and music, the audience was kept busy, either listening or trying to restrain boisterous laughter, and the consequence was that all were on a broad grin. Misses Bertha and May were excellent singers and went through a military drill to perfection. Ferd Noss was also a fine singer.—[Ashbury Park (N. J.) Evening News.

The Game of "Fly Loo" as Played by Colonel Brown.

Dr. George H. Brown entertained the boys in Charley Hueber's drug store the other day with an amusing story wherein he was the victim:

"I was several years younger than I am now," said the doctor, "and somewhat more guileless and innocent of the ways of the world when I had to wait for a train some hours at Metamora. It isn't much of a village—a couple of houses, a store, blacksmith shop and tavern. There were a couple of commercial travelers at the tavern and, time being heavy on our hands, one of the commercial men proposed a game of 'fly loo.' I had never heard of the game, but I was in for anything and the game was easily explained. 'You see,' said one of the travelers, 'there are three of us—now, I'll get some sugar and put it in three separate piles on the counter, and then if the first fly lights on my pile I treat or on yours you treat, see? Simple as rolling off a log and perfectly fair.' I was just dead anxious to try that game and the traveler that proposed it went into the kitchen and got the sugar. He arranged it in three little piles and then he waited for the flies to do the rest. The first fly that was hovering about made a bee line for my pile, and of course, I set 'em up; then another fly dropped down on my sugar and I set 'em up again; then another and then another and I was kept pretty busy settin' 'em up for the boys, all of whom seemed to enjoy the game hugely. Pretty soon I began to wonder what there was about my pile of sugar that made the flies take to it so, and I wet my finger and stuck it into the other two piles and tasted them. Their piles were salt, but mine was sugar sure enough and the flies knew the difference. I set 'em up again for the joke was a good one, and those two commercial men were doubled up with laughing four hours afterwards when I left the village. 'Fly loo' is a nice game when you learn how to play it."—[Port Huron Herald.

Both the Same.

About fifty years ago a hatter in the south of England had a sign hung outside his door with "J. Dodging" printed on it. There was a young clerk who was in the habit of passing by the shop every morning. One day he went in to buy himself a new hat and left his old one to be done up, promising to call for it in two days time and then pay for his new one.

Day after day went on, and he never turned up. He went to his business another way. So the hatter, becoming tired of waiting for his money, went one morning at the usual hour in search of him, and meeting him he exclaimed:

"Now, then, young man, I've got you. I am Dodging, the hatter."

The young man then coolly exclaimed: "Oh, how strange! I am doing the very same thing."—[Tit-Bits.

SUBSCRIPTIONS DUE.

Those who subscribed for the LEDGER, and have not paid for the same, are reminded that subscriptions were to be paid immediately after the first issue. This was necessary or it would not have been asked. Please comply at once.

Towell Ledger.

E. M. JOHNSON, Publisher.

LITTLE. MICH.

THAT plot to reinstate monarchy in Hawaii was a desperate one. There is still a second-hand throne for sale in Honolulu, but it must not be used on the premises.

The financial distress in New York has reached a pass that almost baffles comprehension. A pawnbroker failed the other day, and people are even looking with suspicion on the most prominent faro banks.

SEVERAL persons have of late laid stress on the point that ministers work Sundays for the benefit of their flock. This sort of preaching fur and raising rates on the midweek prayer meeting.

It is not true that a reward has been offered for a woman who scrap book that does not contain the poem that begins

"Beautiful faces and those that wear—"
but, if it were, the chances are that the reward would never have to be paid.

They figure in Europe that the world's production of wheat this year will be 2,279,000,000 bushels, and yet Europe will need all that can be produced to provide the needed food supply. There is a goodish number of mouths to feed in one country or another.

ENGLISHMEN have long accused Americans of being too careless of human life. The fearful railroad catastrophes which so frequently happen in this country very seldom happen in England. If they can be avoided there, can they not be avoided here?

The bankruptcy of the Nicaragua Canal company should stimulate the effort to have the canal constructed as a government enterprise. Now that the company is in the hands of a receiver it can hardly set a very high figure on its vested rights. The government should be able to buy out its concessions on reasonable terms and carry the enterprise through.

FRANCE is playing the roll of a swash-buckler, and if she doesn't have a care some nation with a big army and a big navy will be ready to book. With her high-handed usurpation in Siam, her killing 100 Italians through the agency of a French mob, and her recent open defiance to Great Britain by further Siam encroachments she may be able to go where she does not want. It looks much as if it were played out only theoretically.

THE folding bed can be robbed of all its terrors by the simple process of secretly fastening it open when it is not in use. A simple device, which is a nicely adjusted weight on a spring that operate with a touch, even though the touch is inadvertent will answer. If folding bed manufacturers were as responsible as sleeping car companies one case of death on the road would be averted. The solution of a device which would have prevented effectively any second catastrophe from the unexpected closing of this usual economizer of household space.

It is customary for English newspapers and magazines to refer to what they are pleased to term the recklessness of American newspapers in their statement of fact. These things may be warranted in some instances, but no American newspaper has made a mistake so gross as that which could be avoided by looking into a gazette or an atlas. The last number of the Pall Mall Budget, a cheap, popular illustrated London weekly, speaking of the yacht *Naraboo*, which has been participating in the Cowes regatta, declares that the name *Naraboo* is that of an American state. This is nothing unusual, however, for the Budget, which a few months ago announced that Utah was the only one of the American states that had refused to issue paper money!

The beautiful city of Charleston seems to have apportioned to it more than an ordinary share of misfortune. It is but a few years since a devastating earthquake has laid it waste that the generous people of the whole nation came to its citizens' relief. And now the fearful cyclone that swept upward from the Gulf, carrying destruction along the Atlantic coast, seems to have swept its utmost fury upon the same spot. Hundreds of lives and millions of dollars have disappeared before the breath of the storm, and again a brave-hearted people must be set to work to repair their shattered fortunes. Their injuries this time are less severe and lasting, for the worst of the tempest was concentrated upon the shores and low-lying islands, distant from the heart of industry and the store houses of capital.

SOME TEXAS CURIOS.

TRAVELS ACROSS THE PRAIRIES AND NATURAL HISTORY.

The Red Ant of Forge Ant as a Menad Builder—Insects and Serpents Give Hints—A Wide Berth—Some Ant Mounds.

(San Antonio Correspondence.)

IN WANDERING over the wild fields near San Antonio my attention was directed to irregular circular elevations of denuded soil, from 6 inches to 2 feet in height, and from 3 feet in diameter even to 30 feet in favorably active. A clayey position. These mounds had irregular and broken surfaces, consisting of white or gray clay, or of yellow or red sand or gravel, which were subsequently learned were brought up from depths of from 6 feet to 20 feet. Scattered irregularly over these surfaces, were many orifices, from half an inch to 1 inch in diameter, which afforded ingress or egress to hordes of ants, as their multifarious occupations had demanded.

These are the cities of the forage ants, one of the farmers' greatest enemies in this country. The ants dig and carry up soil, which they deposit in mounds, and in the process of their work they bring up from depths of from 6 feet to 20 feet. Scattered irregularly over these surfaces, were many orifices, from half an inch to 1 inch in diameter, which afforded ingress or egress to hordes of ants, as their multifarious occupations had demanded.

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THE FARM AND HOME.

CLOVER ALTERNATED WITH WHEAT AT A PROFIT.

It Does Not Pay to Plow the Clover Under—Scales Legs—Take Off the Team's Shoes—Sows for Breeding—Farm Notes and Some Hints.

Growing Wheat Cheaply.

We do not believe that the low price of wheat is to be permanent. In nearly all wheat-growing countries this grain is now only produced at a loss. The laborer is worthy of his hire. In the long run every staple necessary food must give an average profit to the producer equal to what his labor can secure by the production of something else. What cheap wheat has doubtless had the effect of inclining wheat growers to means of economizing so as to produce wheat at the smallest cost per bushel. In most places cheap wheat has been grown only on new land that held the stored-up fertility of countries, and this has been exhausted such lands have been thrown aside, and successive areas of virgin soil have been brought under wheat cultivation.

This process cannot be continued. If there are regions in British Columbia and elsewhere where wheat growing can be found, the difficulty of transportation will prevent their being brought under cultivation, except very slowly. Practically the wheat growing of the next twenty years or thirty years will be on land that has borne some crops of wheat, and will need some care to restore its lost fertility. Wheat in close succession is much more exhaustive than are most other crops. Wheat requires phosphoric acid and nitrogen, neither can it get except from the soil. Nitrogen for Indian corn is developed in the growing season by cultivation, hastening the fermentation of vegetable matter in the soil. With wheat the only thing possible is harrowing in the spring. Probably the greatest benefit of this is to open the soil to light and air, and hasten the nitrification of that vegetable matter it contains. A fall or winter top dressing of stable manure greatly adds to the benefits of the spring harrowing, and it makes a good clover catch almost a certainty. It is by growing clover alternately with wheat that the requisite fertility needed to produce a good crop may be best maintained. But the competition in wheat growing is now so close, and prices are so low, that it nowhere pays to plow under clover for the wheat crop. It was always a wasteful practice, using the land two years for one crop. The farmer who will grow the clover well here after must grow and feed his clover crop so as to get a profit from that also.

This practically means that cheap wheat must hereafter be grown in a rotation, and perhaps as incidental to crops that will pay for themselves. We know farmers whose main crop is potatoes, because this winter grain gives better chance for seeding with clover than any spring crop would do. If they sowed clover with no other crop, as is often advised, weeds come in which the grains would check. Besides, clover the first summer yields very little. On rich land it may cut the second year, but this, though paying well for cutting, gives hardly any profit. It is better to grow wheat seed with clover and take the grain and straw as clear profit, as the late clover will be as good as if sown alone.

This necessity of growing wheat in rotation is an advantage in securing greater economy of labor. It is, indeed, the only way in which wheat can be grown without the cost part of the profit. The prices of field hands in harvesting are excessive, \$4 and even \$5 per day being paid to able-bodied, skilled men. It is, except for plowing and sowing the crop, the only time in the year when those who grow wheat to the exclusion of all other crops have any work to offer. It can only be supplied by outsiders who come for the purpose, and must be paid wages, high enough to attract them.

In the far West there are bands of tramp harvesters who begin on the southern belt of wheat growing and travel northward, helping in the harvest of grain till they stop in the Red River region of North Dakota or Canada. They demand and get a high price for their services. It is a mistake to suppose that the Western wheat grower gets the benefit of the improved machinery he buys. It goes to the help that he even with this advantage, is obliged to hire. The business of wheat growing must in future be an incident in im-

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LOWELL, 1893.

The Celebrated Work of Lowell is Now Complete.

History of Lowell from Over 200 Original Photographs.

It contains pictures of ninety of the business men, every business block, churches, school houses, all the mills and factories, Post Office, scenes on the Grand and Flat Rivers, park, L. & H. railroad bridge across Grand River, thirty of the finest residences, upper and lower bridges. It has also the officers of fifteen secret societies with names of full membership of each, the Women's Relief Corps, Glee Club, Young Ladies Social Club, and many other interesting features.

WHAT PEOPLE SAY ABOUT IT.

"Everybody in Lowell should have one."—L. H. Hunt.
 "The book is very well gotten up and is a fine work."—Dr. McDannell.
 "A souvenir that every person in Lowell should own."—J. H. Rickert.
 "Every member of every secret society should order a book."—Chas. Quick.
 "The book is a valuable one, and the older it gets the more valuable. Every family should have one."—C. J. Church.
 The book is now on sale at Wilson's gallery. Call and see them, *Farmers, Laborers, Merchants.*

ANOTHER ENTERPRISING WORK.

You can get a Life Size Picture, Frame and All, on payment of \$1.00.

This work is far ahead of crayons. Call and examine them and see my grand display of artistic work.
 I have a great line of new and original, cute, fancy and artistic positions for Children, Young Ladies and Gentlemen, and Groups.
 You could not spend 20 minutes better than in my studio. If you do not wish pictures come and see what I have.

M. D. WILSON, P. O. BUILDING.

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Just One Night,

THURS. EVE. SEP. 21.

Special Engagement

—OF THE—

Exponents of High Class Novelties.

The Noss Jollities

—IN—

A QUICK MATCH,

INTRODUCING

New Novelties, Songs and Dances, Musical Oddities, Sparkling Comedy

—AND A—

Company of Comedians.

PRICES: Children 25 cents, Adults 35 and 50 cents. Secure your Seats at Rickert's six days in advance.

HOME NEWS

"When may I sleep again?" he cried, As the baby began to squall; And a saucy echo answered back: "After the bowl."

Mrs. Fred Simpson has the typhoid fever.
 George Myers, of Ada, was in town Sunday.
 Miss Effie Potter has gone to Chicago.
 Mrs. M. Hilier left for the World's Tuesday.
 L. F. Severy has an advertisement in this issue.
 Dr. Sayles, of Freeport, was in town Wednesday.
 E. Ryder and wife are attending the World's fair.
 J. T. McAdams, of Detroit, was in town Thursday.
 W. F. Royce, of Owosso, was in town Monday.
 John Leger, of Freeport, was in town Thursday.
 B. C. Brayton, of Freeport, was in town Thursday.
 Ransom Woolcot, of Freeport, was in town Tuesday.

O. S. Kibby, of Grand Rapids, was in town Monday.

Be sure and see the Noss Jollities in musical comedies.

George Winegar's folks continue to improve in health.

I will make ten life size pictures at one-half off. Wilson.

Mark Ruben and family went to Grand Rapids Tuesday.

R. B. Boyland and wife were in Grand Rapids Tuesday.

Ed Kinney, of Sault St. Marie, is in Lowell for the winter.

A. H. Tidd has taken out a license to marry Mrs. Ida Smith.

Mrs. John Devoe started for the World's fair on Tuesday.

Large numbers of entries are being made for the Lowell fair.

Wilson photographed a wedding group of six last Tuesday.

Birth in South Boston, Sunday, a son to Fred Kilgus and wife.

Twelve young gentlemen took tea with M. D. Wilson, recently.

V. A. Johnson, of Grand Rapids, was in the village Wednesday.

Austin Kaapp and son of Hastings, Minn., are visiting relatives here.

Lowell firemen's dance fair time, Train's opera house. 14

You can get a life size picture framed on payment of \$1. Wilson.

Remember the firemen's dance during the fair. 14

David Atwater and wife left for the World's fair Tuesday afternoon.

Attend the dance at Train's opera house fair week. Firemen's. 14

Miss Annie Hunter and Mrs. M. Hughson are visiting the World's fair.

The firemen will have a dance in Train's opera house during the fair. 14

Highway Commissioner Murphy started for the White city on Tuesday.

C. Wilson, Manley Jones, C. Clark, of Grand Rapids, were in Lowell Monday.

The male quartet dispensed music at Mrs. A. W. Weekes' Wednesday evening.

J. C. Moore will return to Yale to receive further treatment for his lung trouble.

The Noss Jollities are coming to Music hall Thursday evening, September 21.

Mrs. J. D. Kelly has been very sick for the past few days but is improving now.

Frank Dalton, of Grand Rapids, and J. A. Heath, of Detroit, were in town Tuesday.

Carl S. English started for Chicago Tuesday evening to further investigate electricity.

J. C. Wardell and wife, of Mackinaw City, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Eugene Lee.

Before buying a sewing machine call and examine the new Empress at R. D. Stocking's.

Several more persons expect to unite with the Congregational church in the near future.

B. G. Wilson has returned from the World's fair, where he met his brother from Connecticut.

Miss Libbie Gardner is at the Kent county fair this week acting as assistant secretary in art hall.

Will Trednick has rented the Fallsburg mill and will run the same after repairing the dam.

Secretary Hooker was down to the Kent county fair Tuesday in the interest of the Lowell association.

Parson Arney, of horse fame, has withdrawn from the Methodist church, and is now a Congregationalist.

Be sure your buttons are well sewed on before the arrival of Fitz Razzle in the Noss Jollities' "Quick Match."

W. S. Winegar, A. L. Peck, Dr. M. C. Greene and Dr. McQueen left for the World's fair last Saturday.

Mrs. Minnie Blakeslee, Eva Childs, Bessie and Bertha McCarty spent Sunday at Cascade Springs.

Worden's orchestra will stand on its own merits for giving nice and pleasant parties. 12

Rev. A. F. Luther, formerly pastor of the Lowell church, has been returned to his Lansing appointment.

Jimie Crawford is once more seen on our streets. He has been doing the cooking at the county poor farm.

Ed L. Hughes, William F. Smith, O. A. Wells, H. L. Braisted, of Grand Rapids, were in town Monday.

Edwin Hosken, E. Brudwaille, E. E. Taylor and M. Van Proogen, of Grand Rapids, were in town Thursday.

The Noss Jollities will take summer boarders and make "A Quick Match" at Music hall Thursday evening, September 21.

R. E. Converse, Hillsdale; Charles D. Livingston, Bowne; Charles Scherott, Saranac, were in town Saturday last.

George Irons, who has been visiting relatives for the past three weeks started for his home in Kentucky Wednesday.

George Cronk, Ionia; H. C. Perkins, Detroit; D. D. Provin, Ionia, and B. Bailey, of Ada, were in town Wednesday.

Hiram Frazier, Clara Batey, Chas. Frazier, Mary Ritter, of Vergennes, Cora Aldrich, of Alton, attended the Kent county fair.

Chandler Johnson and wife are visiting their son N. F. Johnson at Long Island, Kansas. They will see the World's fair ere their return.

Every one that comes to Worden's orchestra party October 5 will go away well pleased. R. D. Stocking will officiate at the piano. 12

Bertha Robinson, Ella Wiley, Bruce Keister, Irve Young, Mary Davis, Agnes Wiley and Annetta Pullen are home from the World's fair.

Married, in Grattan, Tuesday, Michael McAndrews, of Hershey, to Miss Mary Delaney, of Grattan. They go to the World's fair on their wedding trip.

Marriage licenses are out for Winnie Painter to Edward Spencer, of Sunfield, Eaton county, and Carl S. English, of Lowell, to Betah Badway, of Elmdale.

Let every person who desires the prosperity of this paper send us one new subscription. "I will take but a slight individual effort and it will give the LEADER a boom."

Robert Hardy, Charles Morse and wife, Joseph Leider, Misses Sarah Jennings and Mable Moors and the Rev. A. P. Moors attended the Methodist convention at Grand Rapids.

Don't forget the annual fair dance given by Worden's orchestra October 5 in Music hall. This orchestra always has given the best of music and largest parties. 12

Everybody patronizes the Noss Jollities, because their performances are clean and full of wit and humor, and are the theme of praise everywhere. At Music hall Thursday evening, September 21.

Levi Hazen and daughter and J. H. Pratt, of West Hartford, Vt., visited with South Boston friends and their cousins, J. C. Train and wife, the first of the week and departed for the World's fair stopping at Grand Rapids to see other friends.

Don't fail to see the Noss Jollities in "A Quick Match." It is one of the brightest and most sparkling musical comedies. It is immensely funny. It is positively original, and is novel in conception.

The doctors report a considerable sickness, with distemper and dysentery predominating. Now is the time to be careful about diet and clothing. Beware of overripe fruits, draughts and sudden changes.

Counterfeit dollars are being freely circulated in Grattan county. Several persons are suspected of making the coins, which are very poor imitations of the genuine and the United States marshal is investigating.

B. C. Smith has a large number of orders on hand for suits and pantaloons and is working early and late to fill the same. He has a fine line of goods to select from, and is bound to please his customers. Give the old standby a call.

Those persons who receive a paper with this item marked are informed that their names have been handed to us by friends of theirs, with the request that we send them sample copies. The friends who gave us the names think you ought to take the LEADER. We think so, too; don't you?

The Michigan Methodist conference is over and the pastoral appointments have been made. Rev. A. P. Moors has been returned to Lowell, which will be pleasing to his many friends here. Other appointments are: Ada, J. M. Westover; Casnovia, W. D. Rowland; Cedar Springs, W. H. Spencer; Plainfield avenue, W. A. Frye; Second street, J. C. Floyd; Rockford, T. T. George; Sparta, F. N. Jones; Bowne, J. H. Westbrook; Freeport, W. H. Wright; Ionia, L. A. Lennox; Lake Odessa, Charles Nease; Saranac, L. B. Kenyon; Vergennes and Keene, A. H. Raven.

A sufficiently dexterous slight-of-hand fakir has been showing the women of Oakland county, or such of them as would permit him, how easy it is to deceive the eye. He peddles writing paper and envelopes, and "just to introduce it and start trade a moving" folds three new and taking five dollar bills, places them in one of a package of envelopes, and then offers to sell the whole for \$10. The victims "would a-swore" that the three bills were in the envelope, but they never have been yet. He is reported to have sold several packages of ten-cent envelopes for \$10 each.