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You are Cordially Invited to
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And make yourself and family
Perfectly at home.

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The Gold Coin Coal Stoves come out this season with
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The old reliable Round Oak Wood Heater stands without
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See Him Before You Sell,

NO MATTER WHAT YOU HAVE—ANYTHING A FARMER RAISES.

THE LOWELL FAIR.

SATURDAY A GOOD DAY FOR WINDUP.

Four Thousand People Attend
on Opening Day.

ABOUT 1,400 ENTRIES MADE ALL TOLD

The Scores of Thursday's Races.
Notes About the Fair.

LOWELL CUTTER FACTORY'S ESCAPE.

Claimed to be a Fake Robbery in
Grattan

PLUCKY BICYCLERS FROM READING, PA.

Some Lowell People Interested in
the Circuit Court.

THURSDAY.

What a bright outcome after a
gloomy opening: Sunshine after rain,
and complete success where only failure,
disappointment and loss was
looked for. Monday and Tuesday
were horrible days; the rain came in
torrents and everybody looked and
felt as blue as the weather.

At this writing, Thursday noon, the
day is perfect, people flocking into
town from all directions, on trains,
afoot, on wheels or a horse back.
Goodness, how they pour in.

About 1200 entries have been made,
over 300 coming in Thursday morning,
and 1200 tickets had been sold
at the fair gates up to 11 o'clock, and
still they poured in.

The wheel of fortune, shooting gal-
lery, pop corn, peanut and candy men
were out in force, and even lemonade
goes. McCarty's museum, snake and
all is getting its share of attention, and
all seem to be enjoying themselves.

The fruit display is simply elegant.
Good judges saying it has not been
excelled anywhere in the county, and if
not in Michigan, where? Apples,
peaches, plums, pears, grapes, etc.,
were there in abundance and variety.
Their appearance told no tales of a
drought in this part of Michigan, and
justified the assertion that there is no
better all-round fruit section any-
where than just hereabouts.

THE RACES.

Great interest was manifested in the
races. The grand stand was full and
the fences were lined for a consid-
erable distance with spectators.

IN THE TWO YEAR OLD TROT
Alhambra, entered by Scott Thomas;
Fred B. Spinx, entered by G. W.
Parker, and Bessie, entered by W. H.
Murphy made the contest, and in the
first heat finished in order named.
Second heat Spinx won, Bessie second,
Alhambra third. Third heat Alham-
bra won, Spinx second, Bessie third.
Alhambra was put back for breaking
in the second heat. Purse \$50. Time
1:22 1/4.

THE FARMERS RACE

was contested by Lucy B. Luther
Bailey; Comir, W. H. Murphy; Belle
R. A. Ring; Robert M. John White,
and Bessie A. John Vanderbrock.

First heat Lucy B won, Comir
fourth, Belle R fifth, Robert M third,
Bessie A second. Second heat Bessie
A won, Lucy B second, Robert M
third, Comir fourth. Third heat Bes-
sie A won, Lucy B second, Comir
third, Robert M fourth. Purse \$50.
Time 1:32 1/4.

THE 3:15 TROT

Was contested by Golden W, D. M.
Phelps; Magna D, D. O. McVeigh;
Roxy, George F. Coppens; Lady M,
Bartlett Bros.; Dashwood Jr., George
F. Robins; Fanny H, W. S. Holmes.

First heat Golden W won, Roxy third,
Lady M fourth, Dashwood Jr. second,
Magna D and Fanny H distanced.
Second heat Dashwood Jr. won, Golden
W second, Roxy third, Lady M fourth.
Third heat Dashwood won, Golden W
second, Roxy third, Lady M fourth.
The third contest was decided no heat
and Magna D was barred out for un-
fairness, and the heat tried over with
result as above. Purse \$75. Time
2:41.

SCHREINER'S PREMIUM RACE

Made dead loads of fun and was
really a feature of opening day. In
this race the contestants, farmers
horses never driven in a race before,
were harnessed before the judges'
stand from the word "go" and each
started as soon as the driver could get
ready. It was amusing to see how
bungling a man can be when he is in
a hurry. Each heat was finished only
when the drivers had their harnesses
off again. H. S. Schreiner the har-
ness maker offered a number of valu-
able prizes for this race. The con-
testants were Seigal Norman, who in
first four heats scored 1,3,5,5; Frank
Sayles scoring 4,2,2,1; Clare M. Find-
lay scoring 5,1,1,2; W. H. Murphy
scoring 2,4,3,3; and George Lewis
scoring 3,5,4,4. Owing to the late-
ness of the hour the fifth and last heat
was postponed to Friday noon.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6.

This issue of the LEDGER has been
delayed in order to give the fair as
full a write up as possible. But bad
weather has spoiled the fair and all
our calculations. What might have
been all through the fair may be seen
by what was written on Thursday.
On that day there were 4,000 people
on the ground and about 1,400 en-
tries had been made. All that has
been done today is judging exhibits and
witnessing the close of Schreiner's
special race. The prize awards we
will publish next week.

SCHREINER'S PRIZES

Were awarded as follows: First,
Frank Sayles, a blanket; second, Clare
M. Findlay, a whip; third, W. H.
Murphy, a bridle; fourth, Seigal Nor-
man, a halter; fifth, Geo. Lewis, a sur-
cingle. Only the first three made the
final heats, the mud deterring the other
two drivers.

At this writing just before going to
press, it is impossible to predict what
may be done to-morrow, and further
writing is reserved for another week.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7,

Is a fine day for the windup and
there is a large crowd in town and on
the grounds, and growing larger every
moment. Races will be rushed this
afternoon, although the track will be
bad.

FAIR NOTES.

A nice poultry show.
Lots of nice fancy work.
Some dainty lace work.
More entries than ever before.
Parks Mantel Shelf company was
"in it."
Some very fine stock were on exhibi-
tion.
The track was too heavy for races
Friday.
Crowds of folks over from Freeport
Thursday.
Swine were very prominent in the
stock exhibit.
The sheep exhibited were of a very
superior quality.
There was a large string of thor-
oughbred horses.
Some ladies' fingers got tired on
those crazy quilts.
G. L. Tubbs lead r of the Ovid
band is a good one.

R. D. Stocking showed his various
lines to advantage.

M. D. Wilson made a nice show of
photographic work.

Miss Lizzie Gardner of Grand Rap-
ids was a fine art exhibitor.

R. B. Boylan had a tastily arranged
stall showing his specialties.

Attorney Hine, of Grand Rapids,
was among the fair visitors.

Dr. Youngs of Kalamazoo, formerly
of Lowell, attended the fair.

Henry Ward Beecher of Grand
Rapids took in opening day.

The merry-go-round made lots of
music and fun for the children.

Kopf Bros. and E. R. Collar each
had a stall to show their goods.

There were four thousand people
in attendance Thursday afternoon.

The fruit exhibited equals any seen
at the best county fair in Michigan.

Art Hall was decorated finely. To
the decorators are extended—thanks.

The L. & H. brought in about one
hundred passengers Thursday morn-
ing.

The fancy work exhibited in Art
Hall was very attractive to the fair
sex.

Miss Kit Mason made a fine dis-
play of fine art paintings and decora-
tions.

O. G. Cameron, formerly of the
Ovid Register, came down with the
ban 1 boys.

Geo. F. Coppens mare Roxy, got
lots of praise for her nice work in the
3.15 trot.

The Ovid band deserve praise for
their gentlemanly deportment while
in our village.

The fair officers are to be compli-
mented on the condition of the build-
ings and grounds.

Thomas Hurley, of Hunters, was
arrested Wednesday night for being
drunk, and fined \$5.

Goodness, how bad the weather
looked early in the week. But all's
well that ends well.

The fireman's opening party Wed-
nesday was well attended and all
seemed to have a good time.

J. E. Lee among the fruit exhibitors.
He also showed a fine Holstein steer
aged two years, weight 1700.

The Ovid band boys attracted much
attention with their neat uniforms,
gentlemanly bearing and fine music.

Bessie A is an old timer and looks a
little the worse for wear, but she sur-
prised the young ones in the farmers'
race.

The Lowell and Ada base ball clubs
crossed bats here Thursday afternoon
score 10 to 8 in favor of the Lowell
boys.

The party given by Worden's or-
chestra Thursday night was a big suc-
cess financially. The floor was full
and three sets danced on the stage.
Probably not less than 600 people
were in attendance.

R. F. Denton of Bowne Center ex-
hibited a beautiful pair of Jerseys,
which are winners, sure. They are
registered in the A.J.C.C. register, in-
which no stock not traceable to Jersey
island are eligible. Mr. D. has some
fine grade stock which he will soon
dispose of as he intends to keep noth-
ing but registered stock hereafter.

NARROW ESCAPE.

Quite a flurry of excitement was
created Wednesday morning by the
clanging of the fire bell, and the fire
department was quickly on its way to
the Lowell cutter factory where a
blaze had started in the blow-pipes.
It was smothered out with little or no
damage except by water to the extent
of from \$50 to \$100.

TWO ARRESTS.

Tobias Burnes, of Grattan, and Ed-
gar Wells were arrested Tuesday for
drunkenness and disorderly conduct
and taken before Justice Hicks. Both
pleaded guilty and were fined, the
former \$7.85 and the latter \$8.85.

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CONFLICT No. 18500

My occupation a few years ago was that of newspaper reporter. I worked a large part of my life in a penitentiary, where more than 1,000 prisoners were confined. My newspaper required of me three "feature" articles a week, the subjects to be taken from the lives and crimes of the men and women of my prison. One morning, on entering the penitentiary and proceeding to the book which contained the routine items for the press, I found there this slip: "No. 18,600, Edward Washburn, life prisoner, sentence commuted to twenty-eight years and six months on Oct. 22. Here was something to be investigated. On making inquiry I found that Edward Washburn had been sentenced to a life sentence in 1870 and that now, after a lapse of over twenty years, the board of pardons—the eternal source of hope to all prisoners in that state—had acted upon his case, with the above result. Even in prison good behavior pays. Each convict has a certain number of days deducted from every month of his term, according to the length of his sentence. If he demerits himself properly, thus lies in the power of a "long-time" man to gain years of freedom. Allowing Washburn the deduction each month for good conduct during his entire twenty-eight years' sentence, it caused his time to expire on the following Sunday.

The next thing I was to see Edward Washburn himself. The sensations of a man who has been a convict for twenty years, who has been completely isolated from the outside world as if he were dead and buried, and who is then resurrected, called, and taken to his cell, cannot be devoid of interest to the most indifferent. I found my man wheezing and unable to rise from his cot. In this occasion he had been engaged for seven years.

I looked around to see if Jase was coming. He wasn't and I waited and holed until I got all out of sorts with him. A crazy idea struck me and I shot toward the door, and in the cabin for fun and mabbe that would fetch him. God knows I didn't mean to do that. I was just a great big foolish boy and I got tired of waitin' and thought I'd shoot for fun, and mabbe that would fetch him.

He came back and I was so glad that I hugged him and he hugged me. I had looked into murderers' faces on the verge of eternity while the death warrant was being read, in order that I might tell the public next morning whether the lip quivered or the eyes grew dim, but as I gazed at this picture of weakness and misery on the wheelbarrow in front of me, it was made up of the victims of an act done in the name of "fun"—and this was the man presently came to himself and started on a life sentence in 1870 and that now, after a lapse of over twenty years, the board of pardons—the eternal source of hope to all prisoners in that state—had acted upon his case, with the above result.

THEY OWN THE EARTH AMERICA'S SMALL CROP OF BIG MILLIONAIRES.

As a Rule They Started to Accumulate in a Small Way—Should They Lock Up Their Money for Ten Days Stravition Would Quickly Follow.

WHEN IT IS CONSIDERED that there are a half dozen individuals in the United States who are richer than the historic Croesus and who could give points to Michael and Moloch on the accumulation of gold, it becomes an apparent fact that the New World is distinguished for a thing or two besides its climate. Even the fabled wealth of the Indies is surpassed by the riches of the United States.

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER is not one of the family, as the Rockefellers, the Astors, the Vanderbilts and the Goulds are all wealthy than the Indies. The two richest men in the world are John D. Rockefeller and William Waldorf Astor. In the course of the legal proceedings three or four years ago Mr. Rockefeller acknowledged that he could not tell how much he was worth, but he estimated his net worth at \$25,000,000.

CONNELIUS VANDERBILT, the largest magnate in the United States, is worth \$40,000,000. He has accumulated his fortune through a partnership with his brother, Cornelius. He is a member of the New York Stock Exchange, and he is a member of the London Stock Exchange.

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PLAYING WITH EDGED TOOLS.

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THE LITTLE LAD'S ANSWER.

One little lad came in one day With a very funny play. Out in the summer noontide heat He said, 'I'm home, my dear!' His horn straw hat up to his ears He put away with a stare.

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