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VOL. I.

LOWELL, KENT COUNTY, MICH., OCTOBER 28, 1893.

NO. 18.

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

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See Him Before You Sell,

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## DEATH IN FLAMES

**Terrible Smash-Up at Battle Creek Last Friday.**

**TWENTY-FIVE KILLED AND BURNED.**

**Twenty-Seven Bleeding and Mangled Survivors.**

**TRAIN MEN ARE HELD RESPONSIBLE.**

**Awful Death of Mrs. C. C. Van Dusen.**

**GRAND RAPIDS WANTS MORE POWER.**

**Frank W. Mine Goes Hunting for Chipmunks.**

**A CONTRACTOR TO SUE THE COUNTY.**

**Matrimonial Matters Mentioned Merely.**

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Oct. 20.—The fair city of Battle Creek is in mourning tonight. People stand in groups on the street corners discussing with bated breath the horrors of today's catastrophe. The wreckage at the scene of the terrible collision has been cleared away and the great single track Grand Trunk railway is again in shape for its rush of World's fair business. In an impromptu morgue in the basement of the furniture and undertaking establishment of Ranger & Farley are the headless and legless victims of the holocaust, so charred and blackened that they have lost all semblance of humanity. Twenty-six of the human flesh lie on the floor of the basement, each wrapped in clean, white muslin. The injured, two score in number, are receiving every possible relief from the physicians in the Nichols hospital and the famous Battle Creek sanitarium. Those fortunate ones who escaped injury have gone on their way to their several homes, east and west, with prayers of thanksgiving on their lips for their almost miraculous deliverance from the jaws of death. Coroner Gillette and his assistants are proceeding tirelessly in their, in most cases, hopeless task of identifying the dead and sending sad news to distant friends. This is the condition of affairs as the darkness falls this Friday night on this sorrow stricken little city.

**MET WITH IRRESISTIBLE FORCE.**  
This most terrible of horrors is the result of disobedience of orders. The authorities are pursuing their investigation and the blame is fixed on the crew of the fated excursion train. The men upon whose heads is the blood of so many of their fellow creatures are Conductor Burt Scott and Engineer Henry Wooley of No. 6. The train orders were clear and explicit. "Meet No. 9 on double track at Nichols; all other trains due here are arrived," were the orders given them. The railroad men here who know the conductor and engineer say that they both have the reputation of being careful and capable men. They give this excuse for the collision. When No. 6 pulled into Nichols at 3:50 a. m. the train stopped on the curve at the roundhouse. In a few moments a switch engine with six empty coaches passed on the side track. Conductor Scott, it is claimed, mistook this for the express. Thinking the track clear ahead, he called for the switch to be opened and gave orders to go ahead. The train had just gotten under headway when, on rounding the curve the headlight of No. 9 flashed into sight.

It was too late then and the two heavily loaded trains crashed into each other with irresistible force and the horror had been consummated.

### CORPSE OF A BEAUTIFUL GIRL.

Twenty-five bodies were taken from the burning wreck and when the fire had been quenched by the city fire department and the debris on the track removed, it was thought that the death roll was complete. One of the saddest things of the day was yet to be discovered. On a side track was a train of coal cars. The fire from the burning coaches reached several of these cars and burned them so that a large quantity of coal was spilled on the ground. In removing the coal this afternoon the body of a beautiful little girl with yellow hair was found. The child's clothing had been consumed and the lower portion of her body burned to a crisp. Her head and face, however, bore but few disfigurements. This made the twenty-sixth body recovered and it is believed that it is the last.

Of the injured, Dr. A. H. Kimball, local surgeon of the road, said that he had reason to expect that all will recover save one, though many are maimed and disfigured for life. F. H. Smith of Fort Plains, N. Y., is badly burned about the lower part of his body, besides being hurt internally, and will die.

### NEARLY THREE SCORE VICTIMS.

That the number of dead and injured was not four fold greater is due to the fortunate fact that the collision occurred in the suburbs of a city instead of in the open country where both trains would have been running at full speed. As it is twenty-six charred, disfigured and unrecognizable bodies lie in the morgue tonight and twenty-seven mangled and bleeding victims are groaning in agony in the charity hospital. How many of the wounded may be in the death list tomorrow none can tell, for the injuries in many cases are internal and their extent at present are not apparent. All that surgical science can do is being done and the officials of the Chicago & Grand Trunk railroad are doing all possible to alleviate the conditions of the suffering and care for the victims of the dreadful disaster. Both were regular trains and met face to face while going at a rapid rate of speed, each being considerably behind time. One was a Raymond and Whitcomb special train returning from the World's fair and bound for New York and Boston, and the other was the regular Pacific west bound train.

### ENGINEER IGNORED ORDERS.

The Raymond and Whitcomb was running as an extra section of the regular train and was therefore a "regular" in the phraseology of railroad men. The engineer of the latter train had positive orders to side track for the express at a siding a mile east of this city. He ignored these orders and six hundred feet beyond this siding he met the east bound train full on. Both trains were wrecked and half the train of the Pacific express was demolished and burned. The Raymond and Whitcomb train being composed almost entirely of heavy sleepers, escaped serious injury and none of the excursionists lost their lives. The engineers and firemen of both trains saved themselves by jumping, but twenty-six passengers of the Pacific express met almost instant death. Day coaches in the front part of this train were telescoped and burned.

The most awful experience of this terrible affair was that of Mrs. C. C. Van Dusen, who was burned to death with hands free and in full possession of her senses, in spite of the utmost endeavors of the party of rescuers. Soon after the wreck occurred, Mr. Van Dusen was removed from beneath a pile of debris and taken to the hospital where he died in a short time. He was conscious to the last; left his business affairs in the hands of the Rev. George Culp of this city, a friend, and died without knowing that for his wife had been reserved the most awful fate of all.

Mrs. Van Dusen was pinned in the telescoped cars and at first had no doubt of her escape. As she looked out of the window and awaited her rescuers the alarm of fire was suddenly given.

"Hurry up, please hurry up," she said as the fear crossed her mind that perhaps she was possibly in danger of burning. A minute later, while strong men were straining to extricate her, this possibility became a probability and the flames crept rapidly toward the imprisoned woman.

"You shan't burn, we'll get you out," cried the men as they wrestled frantically with the splintered timbers. There was a lull of speech for five minutes. The rescuers had become giants in strength and madmen in desperation and they struggled wildly with the tangled mass of wood and iron. The woman was silent and gazed imploringly and inquiringly into the faces of the firemen.

"My God, oh my God," suddenly burst from the lips of one of the heroic workers, and in that despairing heart cry the helpless woman read her death warrant. She gave one agonizing wail, and then her woman's weakness gave way to a martyr's strength.

"I can die, oh yes, I can die if I must," she said soothingly to the strong men who were weeping in their impotent strength. Again they struggled breathlessly to rescue, but the flames were encircling the party and the blaze claimed the victim that the crash had spared.

"I am a christian," she said resignedly, and a moment later her voice was raised in prayer. The flames now completely encircled the helpless victim and the firemen were driven away. As the blaze caught her arms and as she fought to keep the flames from her face she told her name and address and left messages of love to her husband and family. The closing minute was a pathetic struggle against the inevitable, but it was the flesh that fought and not the spirit. The white face of the woman gazed heavenward and her lips moved in prayer. Even the fury of the flames that wreathed her limbs and blistered and curled the white flesh of her arms were powerless to provoke a scream. Suddenly there was a swaying and surging of burning timbers above and around her. A wild groan burst simultaneously from the lips of the spectators and great burly men wept. Through their tears they saw they the flames sweep around the face of the martyred woman and her hair burned wildly for a moment. The head dropped to one side as the victim inhaled the flames, the praying lips were stilled and the soul of Mrs. Van Dusen had passed beyond the fury of the elements of earth. An hour later the husband, for whom she had left a loving message, joined her in the world to come.

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We Solicit Your Business.

Chas. Quick is taking in the big fair in its closing hours.

Mrs. E. Moffet was over to Freeport one day last week.

H. C. Peckham has been appointed postmaster at Freeport.

Mrs. S. N. Finch of Freeport was in the village this week.

The business men have shown great liberality to the L. A. C.

W. Carr has moved into his new house on Washington street.

The L. A. C. are fitting their rooms up in fine gymnasium style.

# THE GREAT PUBLIC BENEFIT SALE!

On account of the great number of men who have been out of work, and on account of the great scarcity of money, we have provided this sale. While we expect some advantage will accrue to us in the way of advertising and the good will of the public, yet this sale is primarily for the benefit of the people, and the people will reap the good.

READ THIS EXTRAORDINARY LIST. IT'S ALMOST A FREE DISTRIBUTION.

1. Your choice of any Fall Overcoat in the house, without reserve, the finest Meltons and worsteds, worth \$15, \$18, \$20 and \$25. **Benefit price..... \$ 7.50**
2. 600 Kersey Winter Overcoats, in Black, brown and Oxford, with velvet collars and cassimere lining, well worth and sold all over for \$12. Our Benefit price..... **7.48**
3. Four high stacks of finely tailored Globe Kersey Overcoats, black blue, brown and dove, cut extra long, with big velvet collar, S. B. and D. B. Worth \$15. Benefit price..... **9.98**
4. 200 fine black and blue Beaver Overcoats, extra long, with Italian lining and velvet collars. Benefit price..... **8.38**
5. 100 Men's extra quality black Cheviot Suits, single and double breasted, fashionably cut, and worth \$13.50. Benefit price..... **7.87**
6. 150 Men's black clay Worsted Suits, sack and frock, all styles, worth \$15. Benefit price... **11.87**

This will be the largest sale of the year. Be on hand early.

SPACE FORBIDS OUR MENTIONING MORE PRICES—SUFFICE IT TO SAY THAT EVERYTHING IS IMMENSELY REDUCED FOR THE GREATEST SALE GRAND RAPIDS HAS EVER SEEN.

# THE GIANT!

Corner Canal and Lyon Streets.  
Grand Rapids, - - - Mich.

C. G. Stone, M. C. Griswold, S. P. Hicks and F. M. Johnson returned on Tuesday from the World's fair.

Mrs. Wiley and son, Mrs. Frank Ecker and Mrs. McNaughton returned last Saturday from the World's fair.

If you want any boy's shoes for fall you can have them for eighty cents. Now is the time. Jno. Robertson.

"The best of the season," is what they will say of the lecture about Egypt and its people on November 3.

Special excursion to Chicago Sunday via D, G. H. & M. Leave Lowell at 8 a. m. Fare for round trip \$6.30.

If you want any misses' shoes for fall I am selling them at eighty cents. Now is the time to buy at John Robertson's.

V. S. Ward is assisting in the store of C. G. Stone & Son during the sickness of F. E. McCollom.—[Freeport Herald.

Brother Cross of the Lyons Herald who was attending the Methodist conference made this office a brief call on Wednesday.

A Ransford's colt died from the injury received by running seven inches of the end of a stake into its head. It is a bad loss for Mr. Ransford.

Marriage licences have been issued to Frank B. Storry of Lowell and Elizabeth J. Smith of Sparta; Edward Johnson of Casnovia and Hulda England of Sparta.

P. Kelley's stallion Milton Greenbush fell while being exercised on Tuesday and died. He was a registered and valuable animal, Mr. Kelley having paid \$750 for him.

Miss Harriet Vreeland will give an entertainment in elocution under the auspices of the Epworth League next Wednesday evening, Nov. 1, at Music Hall. Turn out and enjoy yourself.

Died at Bowne Center, on Friday, October 20, Mrs. Merton J. Nash at the age of twenty-four years. Funeral services were held on Sunday, presided over by the Rev. O. H. Johnson.

Irving Latimer has been taken from the solitary by order of the prison board, and is eating with the other prisoners. Now wait for further developments. There's mischief brewing.

C. Church and wife and Z. H. Covert and wife spent Sunday at J. D. Frost's in Grattan, the occasion being Mrs. Frost's twenty-ninth birthday. Mrs. Frost received a number of handsome presents.

Mrs. Z. H. Covert averted what might have been a runaway last Saturday in front of the residence of Elder Shauka. Mr. Harris and wife of Keene were visiting the elder and the hitching post broke.

"Miss Vreeland's rendition of 'The Kitchen Clock' captivated the audience while as the 'Naughty Little Girl' she brought forth hearty peals of laughter. Her whole manner is free from affectation."—[Maple Rapids Dispatch.

"There will be a lecture at Music Hall Friday, Nov. 3, on the subject, 'The Seven Ages of a Mohammedan in Egypt,' by J. G. Kheiralla, B. A. The lecture is highly endorsed by the Grand Rapids papers. Tickets on sale at Ricketts'."

Truly good Ionia citizens are demanding that their opera house license be revoked because a variety show was allowed to appear there, and some cynic retorts with the statement that all the kickers enjoyed worse things in the Midway Plaisance.

The services at the Congregational church will be conducted at the usual hours on Sunday, October 29. In the morning the pastor will preach on: "The Ninety and Nine, and the Lost Sheep." In the evening his subject will be: "Impressions of Chicago."

"As a reader Miss Vreeland is artistic, brilliant and pleasing. Her selections were varied and well chosen and she possesses a refreshing naturalness that is too seldom seen on the stage. It is to be hoped that Lansing may again have an opportunity of hearing Miss Vreeland."—[State Republican.

The Wizard oil advertising company have held the board at Music hall for six consecutive nights, giving an entire change of program each evening. When you take into consideration the fact that the company is composed of only two men you must admit that they are both artists. The entertainments consisted of stereopticon views of the old country, the holy land, and two evenings were devoted to views of the World's fair from snap shots taken by Mr. Hall. Mr. Warner gives songs and comic sketches and is a great fun maker. They have made many friends in this town. The gentlemen closed their engagement last night.

Wood taken on subscription at the Ledger office.

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## OUR COUNTY TAXES.

The committee on equalization made its report to the board of Supervisors yesterday and the matter of taxation was the principal topic of talk at the session. The basis of equalization for the whole county is \$35,000,000 on which the city is to raise 64 1/2 per cent and the townships 35 1/2 per cent.

Mr. Benjamin of the Third ward offered a resolution that as the city of Grand Rapids paid 64 1/2 per cent of the tax and has 68 per cent of the population of the county, it should have a majority on the committee, for at present the city had no redress with the committee or the board and was compelled in every instance to accept an unjust proportion of the state and county tax. Mr. Benjamin asked that the committee be increased to eleven members, of which the city would have six and the townships five. After some discussion, a motion to lay on the table being lost 13 to 25, the previous question was called and the motion went to vote and met defeat, 22 to 16, a two-thirds vote being necessary to carry it.

The valuation of certain towns as equalized is: Ada, \$505,000; Bowne, \$507,000; Courtland, \$459,500; Cascade, \$513,000; Caledonia, \$534,000; Gaines, \$594,000; Grattan, \$528,500; Lowell, \$926,000; Paris, \$687,000; Sparta, \$745,000; Vergennes, \$566,200.

## MIGHTY NIMRODS.

Frank W. Hine, Charles Greulich, Fred Temple, Al Scharsch, Frank Hamlin, Charles Phelps, Ed Mangold, Dick Pendergast and Harry Chase, all of Grand Rapids, composed two parties that indulged in a hunt the other day, the prize being a supper to be paid for by the losing party. The party skirmished through the woods and swamps and everything they saw that was alive, with the exception of themselves, they shot at. Finally when the shades of night were drawing over the wooded vales and hills they hid themselves homeward and when the game was counted two or three times to make sure it was found that all that had been killed was two chipmunks, three toads and an owl. The game supper has been postponed.

## WILL SUK KENT COUNTY.

John Ackerman, the contractor who did the inside work on the new county building, has announced his intention of beginning suit against the county. He claims damages on the grounds that he was unreasonably delayed in carrying out his contract by the building committee of the board of supervisors, which failed to provide him with the necessary material. His men, he says, were kept idle, and that he had to pay them, thereby sustaining a great loss. The county, will it is said, to get even, sue DeGraf, Vrieling & Co., who were under contract to furnish the material. When the county settled with DeGraf, Vrieling & Co., Ackerman's claim was recognized and a bond furnished to do the right thing by him.

## MATRIMONIAL.

Married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Gardner, Miss Gertie Gardner and Truman Raymond.

The marriage of Earl G. Nash of Vergennes to Miss Emma J. Engle of Lowell is announced. The happy couple are now enjoying the sights at the big fair.

## TWO MORE VICTIMS.

Lillie, daughter of Martin Langworthy, died of diphtheria on Thursday, and was buried the same day. She was but nine years old.

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# The World's Fair

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Is a success; no one should fail to see the Columbian Exposition.

To do so with comfort you should be well clothed. It is with no small degree of satisfaction that we assure you that our stock embraces everything reasonable and desirable in the latest styles of

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Ten years of honest dealing with the citizens of Lowell and vicinity has given us a reputation for fair dealing that we are proud of. Our list of customers is constantly increasing and we want

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The inducements we can and will offer you cannot be equalled by our competitors. Come and investigate.

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Aurelia, the eight year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Mauge died Thursday afternoon of diphtheria. The burial took place the same afternoon.

## HOME NEWS

N. P. Husted has returned from Chicago.

F. J. Walz of Saranac was in town Thursday.

B. N. Keister went over to Freeport Wednesday.

Mr. Soules has moved into Mr. Carr's house.

Arthur Husted intends starting for Chicago today.

Mrs. J. C. Train has returned from the World's fair.

E. W. Condon of Otisco visited Lowell Tuesday.

H. C. Peckham of Freeport was in Lowell Wednesday.

Mrs. T. W. Kelly was over from Freeport Wednesday.

William Hathway of Byron Center was in Lowell Tuesday.

Mrs. A. Van Orman of Chaucey visited friends here recently.

Ora Anderson visited friends in Grand Rapids for a few days.

R. Woolcott and V. S. Ward were down from Freeport Tuesday.

The best stock of guns at the lowest prices at R. D. Stocking's. 16th Secretary Hooker announces that he will be ready to pay premiums next week.

"Every one who attends the lecture at Music Hall, Nov. 3, will be highly entertained."

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

A district conference among the Methodist brethren has been in progress here this week.

The Methodist people have erected a brrn on their church lot for the convenience of their pastor.

Those indebted to me are hereby notified to call and settle before December 1. Dr. Malcolm.

Cole Newton and family have moved on their farm near Hasting, he having traded their Lowell property. House to rent—Inquire of R. Dawson on the addition.