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CLEARANCE SALE OF SHOES

Sixty Pairs, broken sizes, Ladies' Kid Shoes,
Worth \$5.00, \$4.50 and \$3.50.

We will Sell This Entire Lot at the Uniform Price of

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If we Have Your Size You are Lucky.

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Having Purchased of the Lindendoll Fence Company the Townships of Vergennes, Lowell, Bowne, Keene, Boston, & Campbell, I am Enabled to Furnish my Patrons and All Others with the

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Read the Following!

For the Next Thirty Days we will Sell for Cash:

22 Pounds Granulated Sugar	\$1 00.
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28 Bars Acme or Jaxon Soap	1 00.
30 Bars Lion Soap	1 00.
32 Bars Troy Soap	1 00.
100 Pounds Roller Patent Flour	1 40.
12 Cans Tomatoes	1 00.
12 Cans Sugar Corn	1 00.
5 Gallons Oil	35.
10 Pounds Rolled Oats	25.
4 Pounds Crackers	25.
4 " New California Prunes	25.
10 " English Currants	25.
3 Packages Eagle Brand Mince Meat	25.

Fresh Oysters at Reduced Prices.

Our Teas and Coffees are the Finest on Earth, and we will not be Undersold. We also have a Fine Lot of Salt Fish for the Lenten Season.

JOHN GILES & CO.

FIRE AT IONIA.

Our Eastern Neighbor Gets the First Scorching of Years.

SUGGESTION REGARDING A SCHOOL RULE

In Memoriam—An Elegant Monument—Local News.

BAD FIRE AT IONIA.

Ionia was visited Saturday night by one of the most disastrous fires known since the burning of the American Hotel some ten years ago.

About nine o'clock those in the vicinity of N. Kenyon's hardware store were startled by several explosions in quick succession, and immediately the whole interior of the building was a mass of flames.

The store was full of powder, gasoline ammunition and oil, which made the fire difficult for the firemen to handle, and for an hour or more it was hard to tell which had the best of it, one explosion following another, and driving the firemen out.

The flames were confined mainly to the one store, however. N. Kenyon's loss is about \$25,000 on stock and building. E. C. Green & Co.'s clothing store, W. S. Bank's harness shop and Col. J. H. Mitchell's law office were damaged by smoke and water. The origin is unknown, but supposed to be from exploding gasoline.

A MISTAKE.

The LEDGER wishes to call attention to what it regards as a bad rule now in force in the Lowell schools, namely, that requiring pupils not leaving the room at recess to remain in their seats. This may be all right in pleasant weather, or in the higher departments but it seems to us that in severe weather the rule should be waived in the case of the tender little chicks in the primary and intermediate departments. They should not be made to wade in the deep snow this biting weather, and yet they need a few moments to straighten their legs and get the kinks out of their backs. We do not recommend turning the school room into a playhouse or a gymnasium, but that permission to move quietly about the rooms be granted the little folks in rough weather. All of which is respectfully submitted.

MRS. MARY WARNER FAIRCHILD. Wife of the late Rev. John Fairchild, born in Parma, Monroe county, N. Y., July 5 1817, died at her home, near McCords, January 12, 1894, of apoplexy aged 76 years, 6 months and 7 days.

In early childhood she manifested a spirit of devotion, and at the age of sixteen resolved to be among the first to be benefited by a series of meetings held in Medina, and was baptized by Rev. E. Weaver, uniting with the Baptist church at that place.

In June 5, 1839, she was married to the Rev. John Fairchild then pastor at Caryville, N. Y.

In 1862 they moved to Michigan and settled on the farm that has been their home ever since.

In those early pioneer days there was much work to be done for the Master, and during the summer of '53 the deceased was superintendent of a Sunday School at Whiteyville, held at 9 a. m., so as to give her time enough to walk home, get dinner, and go with her husband to his appointment over east; the walk to and from being about seven miles.

This her life has ever been devoted to the work of the church and the

Master she loved.

Her great desire was for the advancement of His kingdom on the earth.—[Contributed.]

MRS. J. W. RICKERT.

Clarissa Cowles was born in Medina county, New York, February 14, 1830. In the seventh year of her age her parents removed to Paris, Barnt county, Ontario. Here she formed the acquaintance of, and was subsequently united in marriage to J. W. Rickert in the year 1852. Mr. and Mrs. Rickert came to this town at an early date, settling in 1854 on the homestead where they have since resided. When it was in a primeval state they labored together, suffering the hardships and deprivations of early pioneer life, and lived to establish, through their united efforts a beautiful home, and witness what was once a wilderness, blossom as the rose.

Of eight children born to them six survive.

Mrs. Rickert had early Christian training and in 1858 embraced the Christian religion. She was a woman possessed of great fortitude and strength of character and was known only to be loved. Thus ended another earth life. Let none sorrow but rejoice rather, for

There is no death.
What seems so is transition.
This life of mortal breath
Is the suburb of the life Elysian,
Whose portals we call death.
—[Contributed.]

A FINE MONUMENT.

Patrick Kelly has erected an elegant monument over the grave of his departed wife. It is the work of our enterprising marble firm, Kisor and Ayers, and reflects great credit upon the makers, and upon the gentleman who thus remembers the companion of his early years.

Yes, yes, Lowell's the place to trade.

H. H. Power was over from Saranac Sunday.

J. H. Stevens of Muir was in town Tuesday.

Insure your property with Alger and Perry.

Arthur Westphal is visiting his friends here.

The Lowell Bus line has a card in this issue.

Vernor Ward was over from Freeport Sunday.

Will Fox has entered the employ of J. B. Yeiter.

N. G. Camp of Marshall spent Sunday in Lowell.

Trade at Lowell, read the LEDGER, and be happy.

M. Jones of Grand Rapids spent Monday in town.

Will Barnett of Detroit is in town for a few days.

T. O. Connel of Grand Rapids was in town last Saturday.

E. E. Lessiter of Grattan was in Grand Rapids Monday.

Mrs. N. Purple of Traverse City is visiting Lowell friends.

D. J. Walrath of Cassopolis was a Lowell visitor on Monday.

Fair, square dealing is what Lowell business men are noted for.

I. M. Turner of Grand Rapids was in the village last Friday.

Alger and Perry offer special inducements on farm insurance.

No dodging it. You can't do better than to trade at Lowell.

Mrs. Brown of Muskegon is visiting her sister Mrs. Fred Malcolm.

House and large lot to rent cheap. Enquire of W. F. Howk.

F. A. Simonds of Grand Rapids was in the village on Monday.

E. L. Sargent was over from Saranac the latter part of last week.

Geo. C. Anderson of Grand Rapids was among the Saturday crowds.

C. O. Lawrence went to Brantford, Ont., yesterday, on a business trip.

Abner Morgan and wife of Grand Rapids are visiting relatives in Lowell.

Walter Jewett of Grand Rapids is visiting at R. W. Swaysze's this week.

J. L. Kymer from the county seat was doing the town on Saturday last.

John Edinger, wife and son, of Greenville were in town Monday.

Mrs. R. Quick is visiting her sister Mrs. Moses Erb at Saginaw this week.

Charles Meader of Valparaiso, Ind., is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Pastor Shanks.

William S. and F. J. Holmes of Ada were in the village last week Friday.

Mr. Sargent of Saranac and Mr. Crane of Milwaukee were in Lowell last week.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Harriet Peck, on Friday, Feb. 2, at 2, p. m.

Mrs. Hughson entertained a small company Tuesday evening—music and cards.

J. M. Mathewson and F. C. Alger were in Grand Rapids Monday on legal business.

Teeth extracted by Dr. J. H. Rickert; no pain; no sleep; no sickness; no trouble afterward.

Alber Ryder and wife who has been visiting relatives in the north has returned home.

The new preparation used by Dr. J. H. Rickert takes away all the terrors of extracting teeth.

H. H. Bradford has been appointed postmaster at Ada in place of E. L. McNaughton, resigned.

The Poverty (whist) club has been reconstituted and has rented a room in Train's opera house block.

If you want an outside newspaper or magazine you can save money by lubbing with the LEDGER.

Will Sneider of Albion is in Lowell for a few days this week visiting relatives and old friends.

Pay a year's subscription to the LEDGER and get the Poultry and Horse Review for a year free.

By the new method (same as used by traveling dentists) Dr. J. H. Rickert extracts teeth without pain.

Mr. Claro Clark, of Whitehall, made Mrs. Charlotte Howe and family a short visit Wednesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wilson of Cadillac returned to their home Tuesday, after a visit with the family of B. G. Wilson.

J. B. Yeiter has commenced getting his store and goods in order and expects to be all ready for business by the first of February.

Miss Carrie Potter wishes to announce to her patrons that her dress-making parlors are again open and she is ready to receive work.

A large number of people attended the Maccabee installation Monday night and partook of the banquet spread by the Lady Maccabees.

The musical and educational entertainment given in Music hall last Friday and Saturday evenings were well attended and are highly spoken of by all.

John Gardner, of Keene submitted to a surgical operation at the Farmer's Home for the removal of three tumors last Tuesday. He was doing well at last reports.

A free lecture will be given by Mrs. M. E. Redwell, of Grand Rapids, county superintendent of the W. C. T. U., at the Baptist church, on Tuesday evening, Jan. 30, under the auspices of the Lowell W. C. T. U.

Messrs. Parks and Goodall have placed a novelty on the market in the shape of an adjustable stove-pipe holder, which is meeting with much favor. Forty of them were sold in Lowell in a few hours, last Saturday. Send your orders elsewhere if these columns.

Towell Ledger.

F. M. JOHNSON, Publisher.

LOWELL, MICH.

Was published for sixty thousand...

His creditors said he drank...

When the forces of civilization...

JACKSON park, where some of the...

The fact that the match monopoly...

WASHINGTON, which was a pretension...

As a claim that will permit a...

WHAT is known as the West End...

The servant girl of the future will...

In a case in Texas, brought against...

A FIRE in a museum at Passaic, N. J...

The New York press is grievously...

EARLY one recent morning Frank...

If those persons who are forever...

CONGRESSIONAL NEWS.

SENATE—Twenty-fourth day.—No business...

SENATE—Twenty-seventh day.—Senator...

SENATE—Twenty-eighth day.—The civil...

SENATE—Twenty-ninth day.—The real...

SENATE—Thirtieth day.—No Session.

SENATE—Thirty-first day.—Mr. Johnson...

SENATE—Thirty-second day.—The...

SENATE—Thirty-third day.—The...

SENATE—Thirty-fourth day.—The...

SENATE—Thirty-fifth day.—The...

SENATE—Thirty-sixth day.—The...

SENATE—Thirty-seventh day.—The...

SENATE—Thirty-eighth day.—The...

SENATE—Thirty-ninth day.—The...

SENATE—Fortieth day.—The...

PERSONAL GOSSIP.

Lord Ebury, born in 1841 and created...

French Protestant chapel still with...

The queen of Greece is president...

The Chinese emperor, who is 23...

The silver statue of Ada Rehan...

Madame Albani chose that title...

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NEW AND TRUE.

An electric motor runs a Gilling...

The Krupp gun exhibit at the...

At least fifty giants, whose heights...

Full winter forecasts are now re-

E. E. Thomson, who is walking...

Joseph Schoenman, serving a life...

The policy of protecting the deer...

Mr. Hantus as well as in an increase...

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MINOR TRIBULATIONS.

The presence of mind of Rev. D. U.

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CAPERS OF A STORM.

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THE WEALTH OF NATIONS.

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The Twice-a-Week Free Press will be furnished with the...

TWICE-A-WEEK A REVOLUTION IN NEWSPAPERDOM.

Twice-a-Week is the new name given to the...

SOMETHING TO REMEMBER: 1st.—The Twice-a-Week Free Press comprises 8 or more...

IN all receipts for cooking requiring a leavening agent...

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THE WEALTH OF NATIONS. Austria is worth \$4,000,000,000.

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PATENTS. Patented in U. S. and...

DAME NATHAN. The blue comanthus came from...

Extreme, Chronic, Torturing Cases of NEURALGIA ARE CURED BY ST. JACOBS OIL. PROMPT AND SURE.

Advertisement for Colchester Spading Boots, featuring an image of a boot and text: 'Colchester Spading Boots ARE THE BEST.'

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HOME NEWS

J. H. Russel of Jackson was in town last Friday.

G. B. Perkins was up from Grand Rapids last Friday.

Frank W. Hine of Grand Rapids was in town Tuesday.

Robert Huggins of Grand Rapids was in town Tuesday.

Neal McMillan was over from Rockford last Friday.

John W. Likins of Owosso was in town last week Friday.

Mrs. M. E. Davis of Grand Rapids was in Lowell Tuesday.

W. J. Cattermole and wife of Ionia were in the city Tuesday.

C. A. Lewis of Lansing spent several days in town this week.

Lowell Oddfellows will give a social dance on Washington's birthday.

After this week taxes will be received at John Giles and Co's store.

Some second hand sewing machines in good order cheap at R. D. Stocking's.

John Goebel of Grand Rapids was entertained at Mr. Mason's one evening last week.

Pastor Shanks has had a call to act as singing evangelist in meetings at Evansville, Ind.

Buy your kerosene and gasoline of George Hoop. He sells the best and delivers it at your door.

Lowell Foresters will give a dance at Music hall February 1. Music by Worden's orchestra.

Elder Shanks joined the Maccabees Monday night, and now has a little insurance for the wife and baby.

Minnie Blakeslee and Iva Austin sang a very pretty duet at the Thursday evening meeting at the Baptist church.

Lowell flour, 100 pounds for \$1.40; 22 pounds granulated sugar \$1.00; 3 pounds best Japan tea for \$1.00, at Johnson's.

Ed. Bonnar of Traverse City has been visiting his mother, Mrs. George Bonnar, and many other Lowell friends this week.

Best canned corn, peas or tomatoes per can 10 cents. Best lard per lb., 10 cents. Salt pork per pound 8 cts., at Johnson's.

Miss Kittie Mason entertained a few of her friends one evening last week in honor of her guest Miss Mate Daily of Grand Rapids.

Water rates for first quarter of 1894 are now due and are payable at the banking house of C. J. Church and Son, Lowell Michigan.

For cash at Johnson's: 28 bars of Acme soap, \$1.00; 5 gallons oil, 35 cents; 6 pounds best rice 25 cents; 8 pounds rolled oats, 25 cents.

A special choir has been organized for the Thursday evening prayer meeting at the Baptist church. Special music will be the order.

Samples of The Poultry and Horse Review to be given to the next forty persons paying a year's subscription to the LEDGER may be seen at this office.

Four pounds best crackers, 25 cents; 4 pounds gloss or corn starch, 25 cts.; 25 pounds buckwheat flour, 50 cts.; Purity baking powder per pound, 20 cents at Johnson's.

Patrons of the LEDGER having business at the Probate Court will confer a favor upon the publisher by requesting the Judge to send the advertising to the LEDGER.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Train in furnishing his opera house free, the Lowell Athletic Club have decided to hold their gold medal contest there, Monday, Jan. 29.

Dr. J. B. Hull, the well known optician, will make his next visit to Lowell on February 5, 6 and 7, and will be at Hunter's drug store to fit spectacles. Call and see him. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded.

We can recommend Dr. Hull as a reliable optician.

The king whose rule embraces the most subjects—smoking.

The old officers of the Lowell fair association have been re-elected. They were good enough and could not be bettered. Chas. McCarty, president; J. S. Hooker, secretary and D. G. Look, treasurer.

The entertainment to be given last week, under the auspices of the Baptist church, was postponed on account of the illness of Mrs. Rowland, but will occur on Wednesday evening Jan. 31 at Music Hall.

The administrator's final account in the estate of Rochus Vandebroek deceased has been filed with the Judge of Probate and February 5 next set for hearing and allowance, and for order of distribution, as appears by probate notice in this issue.

The Twice-a-Week Detroit Free Press and the Ledger one year only \$1.75. Both papers on trial three months for 50 cents. A card to the Free Press will get you two copies of that paper free. Free samples of the LEDGER can be had at the office. Don't borrow your neighbors papers. Take some of your own.

Nine out of ten buildings that burn are set fire by the stove pipe pulling out of the chimney. Sparks drop to the carpet, the fire spreads and your house is gone. For 25 cents you can buy one of the Eclipse Adjustable Stove-pipe Holders, and save your house and many thousand dollars. The "Eclipse" is manufactured by the inventors, Parks and Goodell, Lowell, Mich. Agents wanted.

THE VOTER OF THE FUTURE.

[Published by request.]

The colonel's dainty little wife looked unusually thoughtful as she poured out the coffee. By and by she nestled her chin in one rosy palm and stared hard across the table, heedless of the fact that one lace border-sleeve had slipped down from her softly rounded arm and was dangling in the coffee cup.

"Colonel," she announced solemnly, "I've been reading up on it."

"Have, eh?" said the colonel abstractedly.

"Yes, and I am prepared to do my duty at the polls intelligently with a full knowledge of the great moral responsibilities involved."

"Eh, bless my soul! What's that, my dear?" and the colonel aroused himself from his reverie with a start.

"I say that on the political issues of the day I stand pat, as we say in our po-franchise club," replied the little woman, blushing slightly.

The colonel dropped six lumps of sugar into his cup in agitated succession. "Do you mean to say, Mrs. Kink," he gasped, "that you are going to vote next spring under that measly new law?"

"Certainly," said the colonel's wife, nodding her head gravely; "it's a duty that we owe to ourselves and to society, you know. That's why I have been studying up on it, and I know all about voting and the issues of the day now, only there is one thing that puzzles me a little. Shall we vote for the repeal of the Sherman law in the city election or just for a mayor?"

"Well, you see, the Sherman law," explained the colonel, looking relieved, "is a national matter, and if Congress shall repeal—"

"Why, of course. How stupid of me," interposed the new voter eagerly. "And if they repeal it Mr. Sherman will lose his seat, won't he?"

"Well, no. He—"

"I'm glad of that. Do you suppose any one will run for governor in our ward next spring?"

"I hardly think so."

"It's all right then. In that case I shall vote for Mayor Stuart. He's so polite and nice, and looks so thoughtful and dignified when he tips his hat to you that you know in a minute he has a good deal on his shoulders. I think he ought to be voted up for another term, don't you, unless, of course, some lady should want to run against him?"

"That would make a difference certainly," said the colonel, looking thoughtfully at his mackerel.

"I don't know for sure that we could elect her any how, but maybe I

Heavy plaid shawls and fur jackets are being used everywhere—by men.

she ran well the mayor would make her his deputy or something of that sort. And, oh, say, dear, could I get my precinct as early as February?"

"Your what?" asked the colonel in a startled tone.

"My election precinct, you know. I should like to get it in time to have it hand embroidered, if you don't mind. Mrs. Mint is going to have one of Nile green made up with a train and I shouldn't like to have her look nicer than I do."

"Good heavens, does she think that—"

"Oh, that isn't all," broke in the little woman. "She is going to have her Australian ballots printed in green to match it. I rather incline to light blue for the ballot, myself, but maybe a pretty shade of pink would suit me just as well. And then another thing I wanted to ask you. Are the voting booths run like a church fair booth? If they are the ladies on this street could club together and fix up one real handsomely, and then we could sell bouquets and fancy articles in it and pay for—"

"I'm really afraid it wouldn't do," interposed the colonel, betraying apparent symptoms of having a fish bone in his throat. "The election inspectors are rather particular."

"Oh, yes," said Mrs. Kink with a sigh, "I had forgotten all about them. I guess may be we had better appoint some women inspectors. I don't want to be inspected by a lot of horrid men. I shan't care so much, though, if they will only exclude the Chinese from voting in our ward under the Geary law. Do you think they will?"

"Undoubtedly."

"Maybe we hadn't better have women inspectors, after all, because Mrs. Max said yesterday at the Franchise Club meeting that if she was inspector and caught anyone voting for somebody she didn't like she should stick her long-handled parul into the box when no one was looking and hook out the ballot again. That wouldn't be right, would it?"

"Well, those things aren't done in just that way usually."

"I thought not. One thing we agreed to, though, was to buy a lot of dolls instead of using the city's so that we could carry them away with us as souvenirs after the first election. That would cost quite a little, but we thought that if the returns were all right we could save those over for another election and economize that way. Don't you think I know a good deal about politics, colonel?"

The colonel walked around the table and kissed the little woman softly.

"My dear," he said thoughtfully, "I never saw anything like it. All you need is a Supreme Court decision and a minority of ten votes to make a congressional contest of you."

[Grand Rapids Democrat.]

It hurts a man about as much to burn him in effigy as to have his shadow o



"When I was a Boy,"

Writes Postmaster J. C. Woodson, Forest Hill, W. Va., "I had a bronchial trouble of such a persistent and stubborn character, that the doctor pronounced it incurable with ordinary medicines, and advised me to try Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. I did so, and one bottle cured me. For the last fifteen years, I have used this preparation with good effect whenever I take

A Bad Cold,

and I know of numbers of people who keep it in the house all the time, not considering it safe to be without it."

"I have been using Ayer's Cherry Pectoral in my family for 30 years, with the most satisfactory results, and can cheerfully recommend it as being especially adapted to all pulmonary complaints. I have, for many years, made pulmonary and other medicines a special study, and I have come to the conclusion that Ayer's Cherry Pectoral occupies a position pre-eminent over other medicines of the class."—Chas. Davenport, Dover, N. J.

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral Prepared by Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass. Prompt to act, pure to cure.

THE GIANT IS SELLING OUT

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