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### DEATH OF LITTLE ARTHUR LEONARD.

Suit of Mrs. Boles Against the Valley City Desk Co.

### HE NEEDED NO IDENTIFICATION.

SMALL COMPENSATION FOR A HUSBAND.

In the Superior Court Wednesday the jury in the case of Mary A. Boles against the Valley City Desk company, for damages for the death of her husband who was killed in the elevator shaft, rendered a verdict of \$200 and costs for the plaintiff. It is probable that the case will be appealed by the plaintiff, for while the verdict holds the company liable for the death of her husband, she believes \$200 small compensation for his loss.

### A SUDDEN DEATH.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Leonard who live three miles east of this village received a terrible blow last Saturday evening, in the death of their little two-year-old son, Arthur. The child was sitting on his father's lap eating popcorn, when, in some manner he choked and died immediately. Only parents who have lost their children know to sympathize with these people so suddenly bereft. Rev. E. H. Shanks conducted funeral services at the house on Tuesday.

### NOT ALTOGETHER A STRANGER.

"I s'pose I'll have to go and get somebody to identify me before you'll cash this check," said the man at the bank cashier's window dejectedly, "and I'm a stranger in this town. There ain't no one here that knows me."

"Your name," replied the cashier, after a moment's inspection of his caller, is "Ambrose Haydenshaw."

"That's right," exclaimed the other in surprise. "How do you know my name?"

"You were cured of nervous exhaustion and kidney disease, of eleven years standing," was the reply, "by taking fourteen bottles of Blankham's Sarsaparilla, price \$1 a bottle, sold by all druggists, none genuine without the name of the manufacturer in raised letters on the bottle," continued the cashier raising his voice with growing irritation, "and a cure guaranteed when taken according to directions or money refunded. Hand over your check and be quick about it, \$50, all right, here's your money, and I'll give you \$10 more if you'll find some way to get the publishers of the Advocate of Gospel Liberty that I've been taking for the last twenty-five years, to quit printing your portrait in their advertising columns. I've seen it every week, and I am tired to death of it and if you haven't any further business you can take your money and go. Good afternoon!"

—Chicago Tribune.

The Oddfellows of Lowell will give a grand party at Music Hall in commemoration of the birth of our country's father, on Thursday evening, February 22. J. W. Broadbent, B. C. Smith and Jay Frost will officiate as floor managers and B. C. Smith, R. W. Swayze and H. H. Hunter compose the committee of arrangements. Music will be furnished by Worden's Hall orchestra and the bill for dance will be but 75 cents, and for supper 50 cents. Cards of invitation are out. Ask for one.

## TRUTH IN MID GROUND.

EDITOR LEDGER:

It strikes me that there is a "happy medium" between government operation of mines, as advocated by you on the one hand, and the present system of manipulation of the mines as defended by "J. S. J." in your issue of February 10. That medium is what is known as the single tax. Its adoption would guarantee all of the benefits of private enterprise and government ownership combined, without the undesirable features of either.

I will briefly state that the single tax contemplates taking for the benefit of the community all of the value which attaches to land through the presence of the community.

I have not time to enter into an examination of the results of the adoption of this great reform at present, but will endeavor to throw some light upon it in the near future. In the meantime I would urge all to read "Progress and Poverty," by Henry George. H. C. WHITE. Grand Rapids, February 10.

## THE MISER'S DAUGHTER.

The Ionia Dramatic Club Put Her On The Stage in Good Shape.

A good house greeted the presentation of "The Miser's Daughter," by the Ionia Dramatic association at the opera house last evening.

Miss Margurite Fowle, in the soubrette role, presented the part with her usual easy self possession, and with the abandon natural to the character. It was a very faithful rendition of a character that is itself unnatural—a creation of fancy purely for stage purposes but the points of which were charmingly and effectively brought out by Miss Fowle.

Mrs. Florence Sherwood gave a natural portrayal of the character of Ethel Winthrop. The part requires quite delicate handling, to prevent slipping over on one the one hand, or a tameness that would be entirely unnatural on the other, and Mrs. Sherwood seemed equal to its demands, and to have an entire appreciation of the character, and the dramatic talent to give it expression. Mrs. Sherwood's solo, "Creep Baby Creep" was very finely rendered.

George Mason, the tenderfoot hero, was effectively acted by Ceylon Chapin, who made the most of the dramatic climaxes, and who was several times greeted with general applause. It is a part most exacting, and requires considerable talent to prevent betraying a touch of the ridiculous, for nowhere else is the saying more true, than on the stage that it is but a step from the sublime to the ridiculous, and many passages intended by both author and actor to be deeply pathetic, have been received with laughter instead of tears. That Mr. Chapin could give such a part so well as he did shows that he has decided talent in this line.

Vert Davis as Lawer Quick, who always had more or less of a jag, generally more, and whose only clear ideas seemed to be that he desired everything "done 'cording to law," and that he was in perpetual need of fifty cents as a preliminary to a pleasant interview with the jag dispenser, was clearly in favor with the audience. Mr. Davis has made a good start on the way to secure a high reputation as a comedian.

W. D. McDonald as "Old Bob Bain," J. B. Hutchins as Tom Clifford, the villain, and Mark Simpson as Ben Baxter, all did most excellent work. Indeed there was less chance for criticism than in most amateur theatricals, and has already been indicated, there was a remarkable evenness in the quality of the work, that would make it difficult to tell who was entitled to most credit, or to place any one of all the cast very far above another.

Larry O'Brien, as pictured by F. E. Haney, was a true Irishman in face, form and brogue, and his comicalities frequently convulsed the house.

On the whole, the performance showed the good results of faithful training under competent direction. —[Ionia Standard.]

The Ionia dramatic club will present "The Miser's Daughter" at Music Hall Monday evening, Feb. 19.

Miser's Daughter.

Music hall Monday night.

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Ed Webber was in Ionia Thursday.

Mrs. M. E. Hughson left last Wednesday to visit her parents at Crystal.

Henry Hall of Saranac was in this place Friday of last week.

W. F. Blake of Grand Rapids was in town the first of the week.

M. F. Conine of Plainwell was in Lowell Wednesday.

John Edinger of Greenville was a visitor here Wednesday.

F. E. Hodges was over from Grand Rapids Wednesday.

Arthur Lowell of Grand Rapids was in town Wednesday.

Mrs. Fred Anderson of Saranac was in town Wednesday.

M. H. Walker of Grand Rapids was in the village Tuesday.

A. P. Leonard of Hastings was in town Wednesday.

George Wilson went to Grand Rapids Thursday.

The L. and H. has a change of time.

Dr. H. C. Peckham was seen on our streets Tuesday.

An upturned tack is a very emphatic form of exclamation point.

Mrs. Eliza Berger is the guest of Rev. H. Metzger and wife at Freeport.

A man may not have a stitch in his back, but still have one in his side.

It is supposed that a hen lays an egg because she can't stand it on end.

Chas. Wisner was over to Freeport Tuesday.

A. C. Stone and wife were over to Freeport Wednesday.

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

You can easily fill the public eye if you only have the dust.

Poets take in the beauty of nature. Their wives take in washing.

Will exchange hardware for 500 cords of green wood. R. B. Boylan.

The Caledonia News is still struggling along under date of 1893.

Dr. A. Milliman of Boston has been to New York on a business trip.

S. F. Hicks was a Grand Rapids visitor Tuesday.

Mrs. Miller of Wyoming Ont. is visiting her daughter Mrs. Leonard.

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

Wm. Brown of Middleville is visiting friends in and about Lowell.

M. H. Walker of Grand Rapids was in town a few days this week.

Fred Fallas made a business trip to Grand Rapids Tuesday.

James Barrett of Belding was in Lowell Wednesday on a business trip.

Mrs. Fred Malcolm has returned from a two weeks visit at Stanton.

J. Garvey Jr. of Grand Rapids made Lowell friends a call last week Friday.

It seems as if hardly anything was going up now except elevators and taxes.

The man who has lived for himself has the privilege of being his only mourner.

Someone who believes that "brevity is the soul of wit" writes: "Don't eat stale Q—umbers; they'll W up."

Ort. Hill attended the Lincoln Club banquet at Grand Rapids Monday evening.

Misses Lena Geiger and Myrtle Larger of Freeport were in Lowell Tuesday.

Hair work done to order by Mrs. I. W. Halstead, residence opposite Lumber, Ice & Coal Co.'s office.

The Lowell hand will play for the Ionia Dramatic Club at Music Hall Monday night.

Why not give the band boys a benefit and perhaps we will hear music as the Summer days advance.

Mrs. M. E. Hughson has returned home after a weeks visit with her parents at Crystal.







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HOME NEWS

Miser's Daughter at Music hall.

All implements for making maple sugar can be had at R. B. Boylan's. C. A. Church visited Freeport Monday, looking after business interests there.

The vain man never can see any excuse for vanity in the most he knows.

Mr. Paine of Saranac was entertained by Miss Marie Cutler Thursday of last week.

Mrs. E. A. Shanks and baby have accompanied her father home to Indiana for a two weeks visit.

Rev. E. H. Shanks has been singing in revival meetings at St. John's this week.

Charles Howe of the Grand Rapids fire department was in town Friday visiting his mother and sisters.

Mrs. W. P. Pevin is visiting daughter, Mrs. E. D. McQueen, for a few days.

Jay Medier, a former resident, is circulating among his many friends here.

Mrs. G. Peacock, who has been ill at the home of her parents, Harry Court-right and wife, is slowly improving.

To enjoy a warm spring sit on a hot flat-iron placed on a chair by your wife.

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

When a man has a screw loose you cannot mend him by making him tight.

Congressman Richardson has taken a hand in the notice of suspension of Abraham Wood, pensioner.

One of the worst blizzards for many years struck this place last Monday.

Lulu Hafer is home from Kalamazoo on a ten days visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Jepson.

Mrs. Sophia Wisans has returned from an extended visit in the eastern part of the state.

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

Successful revival meetings have been held at the M. E. church in South Boston.

Mr. Kenney of Ada and Rose Downs of Vergennes have been joined in the holy bonds of matrimony.

Chas. McCarty made a business trip to Chicago last week, remaining several days.

David Boles was taken to the county jail Wednesday for a term of ten days for participating in a row on December 23.

A reporter in an article on the destitute poor, spoke of great numbers of persons reduced to poverty by the "mysterious decrees of Providence." His astonishment may be imagined when he saw the printer had altered it to "mysterious decrease of provisions."

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

The infant son of James Barret died at Belding Thursday morning, and was brought here for interment to day.

A new mixed drink is called a "business brace," but its practical tendency is more that of a business suspender.

It is rather strange to see a man buttoning his coat clear up to his chin on a cold day, when the garment is chinchilla.

No, Georgiana. Because a dude sucks the head of his cane it is no good reason for supposing that it is a sugar cane.

"Meet your wife with a smile on your lips," says an exchange. Better wait until the odor of the "smile" has abated somewhat, though.

The Chapter Eastern Star have received an invitation to visit Queen Esther Chapter at Ionia next Tuesday evening.

If you have nothing else to do, try and see how rapidly you can say "soup soothes theologians thoroughly."

The G. A. R. services will be held February 22, at 2 p. m., at the M. E. church. All are cordially invited to attend.

Joseph Wilson Post, G. A. R. will hold union services at one of the Lowell churches on Thursday next. The public is invited.

It is said to see family relics sold at auction, but the most painful thing under the hammer is generally your thumb nail.

Mrs. Sarah A. Driscoll of Kalamazoo has been visiting friends here the past week and returned to her home last Wednesday.

The Lowell Literary Society will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Griswold on Monday February 26, at 8:30 p. m., last time.

The big storm delayed the after session of the L. and H. some Sunday, but they got through just same.

Clare or analysis.—We desire to thank the friends and neighbors for their kindness to us in our late sad bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Leonardi.

It appears from the records of transfers in Kent county, that Jacob C. Haro has sold his undivided one-half interest in and to the Davis House property for \$2,500.

S. P. Hicks attended the Lincoln Club banquet at Grand Rapids last Monday evening and reports a most enjoyable time, notwithstanding the severe blizzard.

Mr. and Mrs. Hicks gave a pedro party Tuesday evening. Mrs. Chas. Church and E. A. R. Hunt won the first prize and Mrs. Marie Rabert and Chas. R. Hine captured the booby prize.

The Ionia Dramatic Club at Music Hall Monday, Feb. 18, in the Miser's Daughter. General admission 25, children 15 cents. No extra charge for reserved seats, for sale at Rickert's.

Charles McCarty was in Chicago during Monday's storm. Many people were killed or fatally injured and business was entirely suspended for a time in the great city.

The old residents of Grand river valley will hold their annual re-union and dance at Train's hotel and opera house on Friday evening, March 9. Full program next week.

Cornelius Krum has sold his farm of eighty acres, in Vergennes, to John Bergin, consideration, \$3,300. Mr. Krum had lived on the home-stead for 56 years.

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Miss Kate Murphy closed a very successful term of school in district No. 8 it being her fourth term in this place.

The worst kind of a church member is that one who is always out of sorts with his pastor. A small hornet can spoil a good sized camp meeting, and a disgruntled church member can overthrow the work of a church.

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Don't patronize foreign peddlers. They pay no taxes, and have no interest in Lowell except to skin a few dollars out of her citizens. Consult your own interests by giving them the cold shoulder.

B. C. Smith has been working a novel experiment in the drawing line, by which Tom Donovan secured a \$28 suit for seventy-nine cents, and Will Sherman one for seventeen cents. Number three is now on.

Mr. I. A. Anderson has organized a choir for the Catholic church. They expect to sing the first time the third Sunday in March. The members are as follows; Miss Hattie Wilson and Maggie Murphy, soprano; Mrs. D. G. Look and Miss Kate Murphy, alto; Wm. Morgan and Thos. Murphy, Bass; I. A. Anderson, tenor. Miss Mamie Walsh will be organist. With the talent selected, some good music may be looked for.

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.

It would seem that Jimmy Barret is not content with being the superintendent of a brand new electric light system but must also be the papa of a brand new boy. Last Wednesday was the time of the acceptance of the latter contract—[Belding Star February 9.

B. C. Smith has received his spring styles and samples. He can fit you out in the finest style of the tailors art. All work warms the best. Prices lower than ever, and that can not be beaten, quality of goods considered.

The Hascall Comedy company held forth at Music hall Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and gave good satisfaction. Their rendition of "Ten Nights in a Bar Room" was excellent. Joe Morgan was perfection; Slade and Switchell were good and Willie Hammond was captivating. The company is composed of ladies and gentlemen in every way worthy of public patronage.

While engaged in marking ice for cutting last Wednesday, one of the horses of the Lumber, Ice and Coal company got a nose in the river, and the crew had a hard time getting the animal out.

Read this from the Cedar Springs Clipper: "Holmes the retired hardware man can now give his time talking about the Clipper, and possibly paying his bills." And now read the following from the Grand Rapids Democrat: "Col. L. McKnight Sellers of the Cedar Springs Clipper is a veteran editor, but he is still astonished at the power of the press. Just a little three line item in his last issue produced a beautiful fight between the editor and a merchant of the village, ruined two suits of clothes, resulting from the combative rolling of the sidewalk and into ten inches of slush, and caused arrests and legal expenses all around. Col. Sellers however is said to have gained a quire of subscribers by his science and pluck and this will more than compensate for the necessary raw beef-steak and other incidental expenses."

Editor Frank Johnson of the Lowell LEDGER scooped all his contemporaries by making a double-leaded announcement that "God Almighty intended the mineral wealth of the world for the use of all his people," but an old subscriber has come right back at him with an open letter in which he defiantly asks where the Lowell editor got his clutch on the Almighty's intentions. The old subscriber ought to know that it is not professional for newspaper men to reveal their sources of information.—[Grand Rapids Democrat.

A committee from the Ada tent of Maccabees was in Grand Rapids Saturday investigating the charges against ex Township Clerk McNaughton who was accused of obtaining money on fraudulent sparrow orders by young Crampton who is now in prison for raising sparrow orders. One of the committee said that prospective members refused to join until McNaughton was expelled.

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