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Mrs. Angus McDiarmid Seriously Injured.
EASTERN STARS SHONE AT IONIA.
A Happy Social Event.

THE IONIA DRAMATIC CLUB
Played to a good audience at Music Hall Monday evening, and covered themselves with glory. Of the play itself, the LEDGER thinks the club unfortunate in its selection. A little less "blood and thunder" would suit the great body of Lowell people better. For the ladies and gentlemen of the club we have nothing but praise. They gave us a much better entertainment than most of the so called professional troops. Miss Margurite Fowle as Ben Bain was perfection. Mrs. Sherwood's rendition of Ruth Winthrop was excellent and her "Creep Baby Creep" was energetically encored. George Mason, Lawyer Quick, Bob Bain, Larry O'Brien were all good and the LEDGER voices the sentiments of all in attendance when it lauds the Ionia Club to come again.

ANNUAL REPORT
Of the Old Residents' Association will be held at Train's hotel on Friday evening, March 2, 1894.
Committee of arrangements, J. B. Hooker, C. G. Stone, J. E. Lee, H. Nash. Reception committee, Chas. McCarty, N. B. Blain, C. G. Stone.
Commence at 7:30.
A fine program will be arranged by the committee and it is the aim of all concerned to make this, the fifteenth anniversary, the most enjoyable of any ever held by the association. Everybody is invited. Come and bring your uncles and your aunts.

A BAD FALL.
Mrs. Angus McDiarmid fell on the sidewalk Thursday and fractured her right leg below the knee. She was carried into John Kelly's residence and Dr. McDannell was called in to give needed attention. The lady was afterward removed to her home and is as comfortable as could be expected.

RETURN VISIT.
Several ladies and gentlemen, members of Cyclamen Chapter order of the Eastern Star, also a party from Doric Chapter, Belding, were entertained by Queen Esther Chapter at Ionia, last Tuesday evening. There were thirty-four guests from Lowell and about twenty from Belding. Refreshments were served at six o'clock, and at seven o'clock the Chapter was opened and degrees conferred upon two ladies, after which short speeches were made by past grand officers and others. All had a good time and returned home impressed with the idea that the members of Queen Esther Chapter know how to entertain visitors and make them happy.

A SOCIAL EVENT.
The home of George White and wife was carried by storm on Wednesday of last week, friends coming from Bowne, Middleville, Keene, Alton, Smyrna, Granton, Vergennes and Lowell to make merry. A beautiful dinner was served to which ample justice was done by all, after which French

Alger, in behalf of the company, presented Mr. and Mrs. White with a set of silver knives and forks and a handsome red plush rocking chair. It was a pleasant occasion, enjoyed by all.

SINGLE TAX CURE FOR MONOPOLY OF MINES.
Grand Rapids, Feb. 20, 1894.

EDITOR LEDGER:—Pursuant to my recent promise to furnish information as to the probable effect of the adoption of the Single Tax upon mine owners, I respectfully submit the following for the consideration of your readers.

That there are abuses being practiced, whereby the people, for the gratification of whose wants those mines were designed, are practically deprived of their natural rights is attested by the fact that the owners exact large royalties for the privilege of using them. A case in point is the Colby iron mine in the Upper Peninsula. The Colby's leased it to a company at a royalty of forty cents per ton for all ore taken out. This company leased to another at fifty-two and one half cents per ton, who in turn leased it at a royalty of eighty-seven and one half cents per ton.

The cost of mining and placing on cars was twelve and one half cents per ton. In this case 700 per cent is added to the cost of mining as compensation to the man who had nothing whatever to do with the making of the mines and who, though he had actually made them would be unable to realize so much as a farthing if he were the only person in Creation. I mention this as a reminder that it is the fact that there are millions of people living on this globe who wish to use the ore in those mines that enables the owners to exact such an enormous tribute. As the population increases the demand for the ore also increases and the amount which the owner is permitted to collect in royalties also increases. What is the law of royalties or rent? for royalties and rent in its economic sense (that is, the amount which the owner of land is able to exact for the use of bare land exclusive of improvements) are one and the same thing. In this connection let us speak of it as the Law of Rent. In order to satisfactorily answer this question it is desirable to begin at the opening of the first mine. 'Tis probably a fact that the colonists who first settled in this country bought their metallic articles from England, until the population had increased in this country to such an extent as to warrant the manufacture of metallic things in this country. When that was attained 'tis probable that an iron mine was discovered, and that thenceforth began the business of mining the ore and shaping it into things useful. It is a fact that in spite of the competition of England and without any of the "beneficent effects" of a protective tariff, the manufacture of agricultural implements was established at an early date. Well the mine was opened. It may have been that several were discovered at the same time. The one however which was first used, was the one which was the most advantageous to operate to the knowledge of the miner. There might have been other mines which were easier to mine than this particular one; others that possessed advantages as to location, accessibility, etc., but the first one used was the most productive, taking everything into consideration that the miner knew of, for in that day the mining lands were to be had on practically the same terms as agricultural lands, or for illustration, say they were free to who ever wished to till them. For this reason the miner had his choice from all of the mining lands, and it is reasonable to presume that

he took the best to be had to his knowledge. Suppose that particular mine with a certain amount of labor expended in it would produce what we shall call 4. As long as there were other equally productive mines to be had free this mine had no rental value whatever. But population increases and soon all of the best mines i. e., those that will produce 4 are owned by somebody. Persons wishing to engage in mining now find that they must resort to a poorer grade of mines, that is, to mines that will produce what we will call 3. When this is reached, the mines which with a certain amount of labor will produce 4 have a rental value of 1 over the mine which with the same amount of labor will produce but 3. And so it continues. When all of the mines in the class which will produce 3 are taken, those who wish to engage in mining must resort to still less productive mines, those that with the same labor which was expended upon the best and next best mines, will produce but 2. Now the best mines have a rental value of 2 and the second best has a rental value of 1, while the mine which produces 2 is free. Soon the least productive mine to be had free will yield but 1. Then the first has a rental value of 3, the second 2, and the third 1. This shows then that when the mines possess a high rental value the production of iron has been forced to the least productive mines in existence. And such is the case. I know of no mining lands which can be had free, nor at a nominal sum either.

We see then that forcing the production of iron ore to the least productive mines, is to increase the rental value of the most productive mines. The owners of the mines also recognize this as is attested by the fact that fully one half of the mines are owned but not used, and whether used or not they possess the same rental value. To be sure those who own mines which are not being used receive no royalty; but as those mines are generally owned by those who also own the mines which are being operated, the holding of the one out of use enables them to limit the production and thus force up the price.

The Single Tax is a tax upon the value of land or if adopted fully, means the taking in taxation of the full rental value of these mines. The most productive mines have a rental value of 3, the next 2, and the next 1. I have stated that fully one half of the mines were held unused. What would be the result of the adoption of the Single Tax on these mines, in other words taking the full rental value?

Would not those who now own the unused mines be compelled to use them in order to pay the tax?

Would this not stop the production of iron on the least productive mines? Under the present system, the mines are in about the following condition as regards their use:

Rental value	3	2	1	0
These are used	4	3	2	1
These are not	4	3	2	1

Under the Single Tax it would appear as follows:

Rental value	3	1	0	0
These are used	4	3	0	0
These are not	4	3	0	0

Thus we see that the Single Tax would insure the utilization of the two best qualities of mines, would reduce royalties from 3 to 2 and would thus cheapen the ore produced, and the royalty would go into the public purse.
H. C. W.

Baptist Notes.
Morning theme, Saul, King of Israel. Usual services in the evening. Readers of the LEDGER cordially invited.
EUBANK H. SHAWKS, Pastor.

Congregational Church.
Usual services morning and evening. Sabbath School at noon. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30.
All are cordially invited to attend the services.
REV. JAS. PROVAN, Pastor.

BETWEEN THE LAKES.

NEWS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE WOLVERINES.

State Gathering of Knights of Honor, Knights of Labor, Patriarch Militant, O. O. F., Daymen and Agriculturalists, Held at Various Places.

Grand Lodge Knights of Honor.

The fifth biennial and fourteenth annual meeting of the grand lodge of Knights of Honor convened in the senate chamber at Lansing.

The grand reporter, Fred T. Ward, advised that considerable has been done since the last meeting in 1892 in the way of cutting off dormant lodges and consolidating others.

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The board of health of Pine Grove township, Van Buren county, has ordered that a train in Grand Rapids and towsed high in the air. It will die.

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TO AVENGE VAILLANT.

FROM OFF THE WIRES.

Paris cable: The Terminus hotel cafe, opposite St. Lazare railway station, was the scene of a terrible explosion.

The explosion had done dreadful work. The cafe was filled with smoke, and persons wounded and bleeding.

The bomb thrower, on leaving the cafe, rushed toward the Rue de Rome in the midst of their camp.

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NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST AND IMPORTANCE.

Powderly and Ex-Officers of the Knights of Labor Sue for Salaries—Thirty-Six Men Killed by an Explosion.

Trouble in the R. of I.

If a bombshell had been exploded in the midst of their camp, the Knights of Labor could not have been more surprised than they were when John W. Hayes, general secretary of the order, was arrested.

The order, issued the following notice: To the order wherever found, greeting: Brothers—J. W. Powderly, past general master, and A. W. Wright and John Devlin, of the late general executive board, have entered suit against the order of the Knights of Labor for back pay of salaries which they claim are due them.

It had not breathed a syllable to Lucy concerning his feelings about that letter.

"An angry Mr. Ashland," he said, "I do not see the slightest meaning about your brother. I suppose you have heard of my misfortune, and that will be my explanation to you. But I would be obliged if you would leave this matter in my hands, so that I may make further inquiries on the subject."

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SCARLET FORTUNE.

CHAPTER VII.—CONTINUED.

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37 MEN KILLED BY AN EXPLOSION.

A terrible accident occurred on board the German ironclad Randerburg, near Kiel, on the 23rd inst.

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LOWELL, MASS., MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1902.

Little drops of poison... Little bits of sin...

A POLICE court-tyler being threatened with a bath, bed in dream...

The good people of this country having every line printed about the late fight...

INDIANAPOLIS was compelled to suspend the free distribution of food because of the large number of abuses of the privilege...

THERE are two reasons that ought to check the frivolous impulse to say that Justice Brewer has been talking through his hat...

It appears that the man whom the Chicago officials hanged twice was dead at the time of the second operation...

This effort is again about to remove New York's capital from Albany to Syracuse...

In an article on the "Industrial Condition in Mexico" published in the Engineering Magazine...

Dr. EDWIN PRINCE of Chicago proposes to propel a new kind of airship by discharge of dynamite through a tube...

A KENTUCKY parson has just lost a batch of his daughters and did not notice...

New York now claims a population of 1,929,356. The estimates are made by the bureau of vital statistics...

It is now proposed to put the whaleback boats to use other than that of carrying grain...

RUSSIA continues to progress backward. The latest imperial decree dispenses with the services of all telegraph clerks...

Indiana's Opportunity.

The Indiana supreme court decision declaring that individual property owners may recover compensation from adjacent saloon nuisances...

If the license law of Indiana can not protect the saloonkeeper from damages done to property adjacent to his saloon...

It, then, according to this decision the licensed saloon is responsible for any damage it may cause to adjacent residence property...

By this decision property owners are liable for damages if they rent their property for saloon purposes...

We are glad to observe the remarkable interest taken in this decision. We believe it will result in much good to Indiana...

A gifted writer has said: "The neglect of political duty by good men is the chief source of all suffering from misgovernment by bad men..."

High License in Ancient Times. If it please the king, let it be written that they (the Jews) may be destroyed...

Keep up the Fight.

The good people of New Jersey are rejoicing over what they call their splendid victory over the gamblers and race courses...

But are gambling and horse-racing the only evils which afflict New Jersey society? Are there not other terrific forces of evil which menace both society and Christianity?

What have the good people of New Jersey to say of this great evil? If they can overthrow one great evil, they can overthrow another...

And what we say to the good people of New Jersey, we say to good people in every state of the Union. The Christian forces must change front and make themselves felt in the war against these enemies of God and humanity...

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HOW VACCINE IS MADE.

ITS PRODUCTION IS A CURIOUS PROCEEDING.

Methods of the Operator in Obtaining the Virus From a Vaccinated Cow—Some Cows Will Not Produce Active Lymph—The Points.

The production of vaccine virus is a curious proceeding. It is a method of the operator in obtaining the virus from a vaccinated cow...

"During the first four years of my vaccine experience," said Dr. Post to the Chicago Herald reporter, "I used heifer calves exclusively, selecting the best I could find..."

The process is very simple. In order to secure all the vaccine when taken to use in potting, with no thought for preloved metals...

Then the operator shaves all the hair from the back part of the hind legs, from the hips down to the knee joint...

At Waterloo there were 145,000 men killed or disabled. At Borodino 250,000 French and Russians fought, and the dead and wounded numbered 78,000.

At Gettysburg 140,000 men fought on the Union and Confederate sides, of whom 8,000 were placed hors de combat.

At the battle on the Thrasymene, where Hannibal defeated the Romans, there were 65,000 men engaged, of whom 37,000 were killed.

At Cannae, where the Romans sustained the worst defeat they ever experienced, there were 146,000 men on the field, of whom 53,000 were killed.

At Austerlitz 170,000 men were engaged, and the dead and wounded numbered 23,000.

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QUESTION AND ANSWER.

Flora.—Do you know that a tree gets a new ring every year? Prunella.—Every year? Why? I got one every year...

Mike.—Why do thin face eyes be made of glass now? Pat.—Shure, an' now also could they say thro' 'em, ye thick head?

Jonas Aycoed, during the filtration.—Would you rather have me tall, Tiddy? Matilda, blushing.—I'd rather have you round, Jonas.

Blaster.—Do you mean to say that I am a liar. Blaster.—I hope that I could not do so ungratefully as a thing. But I see you catch my idea.

"All cold snaps," said Uncle Allen Sparks, looking in a contemptible mood at his thermometer, "are alike in kind. They differ only in degree."

Johnny Muggs.—Pop, git me a bottle, won't yer? Pop.—Git'te got no money to waste that way. Johnny.—Well, git me a bull-dog wit I kin bring to bite other fella's wo'g bicycles.

"Do you like to look at the hog's side?" Farmer B. asked to his little niece. "Yes, indeed," replied the intelligent child, "but I can't make out yet which pig it is which gives the honestness back."

"None better," Mr. Thomas Beckley, writing from the Iron Works, I am indebted to you for the copy of your book on the use of the best coal for cooking. None better, I always use it.

The first offense may be an impulse; the second, a habit.

Generally the best breed is the one that is best cared for.

Coughs and Hoarseness.—The irritation which induces coughing immediately relieved by the use of "Brown's Bronchial Trochoc." Sold only in boxes.

There is no such thing as an imitation that is well adapted.

The usual treatment of catarrh is very unsatisfactory. Catarrh can be cured by the use of "Brown's Bronchial Trochoc." Sold only in boxes.

Smoking is permitted in the prisons of Belgium only as a reward for good behavior.

London has 5,556,000 population and 10,000 police. The total arrests in 1890 were 83,414.

Abraham Lincoln's stories, an illustrated book, unmarred by advertising, containing stories and anecdotes told by Abraham Lincoln, many heretofore unpublished, will be sent free to every person sending his name and address to the Lincoln Tea Co., Fort Wayne, Ind.

You may be moral without being religious, but you cannot be religious without being moral.

There is a Swiss proverb which says that "it takes a good many shovelfuls of earth to cover the truth."

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PRISONS AND PRISONERS.

Georgia has no state prison. The lease system prevails.

California convicts each cost the state thirty-two cents a day.

The cost of prison subsistence in Colorado is a even cents a day.

Virginia convicts are hired out to shoe contractors and railroads.

Indiana has 610 convicts. Of these 389 are single, 300 married, 31 widowers.

Local executions in Mexico are by shooting, and take place in the prison yard.

Texas has ten state farms on which the convicts are worked under contract.

The London police rely on their fast feet in the daytime. At night they carry clubs.

Five and six convicts are placed in a cell, and the doctor has ordered her to do so for her health.

London has a practical instructor in beggary in the person of a professor who furnishes dogs taught to lead the blind, twin children of unhealthy appearance, and other accessories of the sort.

Miss Gertrude Mitchell of Liverpool, 18 years of age, has achieved the first place in all England and Wales in the examinations for the queen's scholarship. Her triumph was gained over 4,750 competitors.

Fin is seldom absent.

See Colchester Spading Boot in other column.

Melody is the molasses of music.

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THE MARKET.

Wheat—Good to choice... 1.25 to 1.35

Wheat—No. 1... 1.10 to 1.20

Wheat—No. 2... 1.00 to 1.10

Wheat—No. 3... .90 to 1.00

Wheat—No. 4... .80 to .90

Wheat—No. 5... .70 to .80

Wheat—No. 6... .60 to .70

Wheat—No. 7... .50 to .60

Wheat—No. 8... .40 to .50

Wheat—No. 9... .30 to .40

Wheat—No. 10... .20 to .30

Wheat—No. 11... .10 to .20

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The many who live better than others and enjoy life more, with less expenditure, by more promptly adapting the world's best products to the needs of physical being, will attest the value to health of this pure liquid laxative principles embraced in the remedy, Syrup of Figs.

It is excellent in all cases of constipation, in the form most acceptable and pleasant to the taste, the refreshing and truly beneficial properties of a perfect laxative, effectively cleansing the system, dispelling colds, headaches and fevers, and permanently curing constipation.

It has given satisfaction to millions and met with the approval of the medical profession, because it acts on the Kidney, Liver and Bowels without weakening them and it is perfectly free from every objectionable substance.

Syrup of Figs is for sale by all druggists in 50c and 60c bottles, but it is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only, whose name is printed on every package, and the name, Syrup of Figs, and being well informed, you will not accept any substitute if offered.

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HOME NEWS

Attorney Perry has a new card in this issue.

J. Mason of Grant was in Lowell Saturday.

Bun Perrin of Alto was in Lowell Thursday.

Mrs. Maude Mitchell is visiting friends at Ada.

Geo. W. Rork of Saranac was in town Monday.

A. E. Fraser of Ionia was in Lowell the first of the week.

Fred Hildreth was over from Grand Rapids Monday.

O. Hosford of Cedar Springs was in town Monday.

Manley Jones of Grand Rapids was in Lowell Monday.

P. J. Coppens was in town Monday on a business trip.

Geo. Fifield of Jackson was in this village Wednesday.

J. W. Hunter of Grand Rapids was in town Monday.

Mrs. M. C. Griswold was in Grand Rapids Wednesday.

John Husted of Grand Rapids was in town over Sunday.

Barnett Lovett has joined the Haskell Comedy Company.

D. R. Whitmore of Mason was doing the town Tuesday.

J. W. Patterson of Holly was a guest at Train's Tuesday.

Patrons our advertisers if you want this paper to thrive.

Fred Mason and wife of Ionia spent Sunday at T. W. Mason's.

C. G. Stone was doing business in Grand Rapids Wednesday.

G. H. Southard of Grand Rapids was in the village Monday.

Every man has a show in life, but few of them find it a circus.

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

The most successful dentist must expect to run against a snag.

P. J. Coppens of Grand Rapids was in town Monday on business.

F. E. Basswell was up from Grand Rapids Monday and Tuesday.

Miss Helen King was called to Bay City by the death of a friend.

There is one thing a hardware dealer has always on hand—nails.

All implements for making maple sugar can be had of B. Boylan's.

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

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

Miss Anna Bergin of Howell is visiting at C. Bergin's.

WANTED.—Two boarders.
Mrs. M. Lovett.

F. E. Brown and M. A. Walker of Grand Rapids were in town Wednesday.

J. M. Mathewson was at Grand Rapids last Tuesday on legal business.

Benjamin Soules has been drawn as a Circuit Court juror for the March term.

Map paper same as used in the Grand Rapids schools for sale at the office.

Elmer Rodgers and family from Greenville are visiting at S. E. Sweetland's.

Martin Mason of the Valley City was among Lowell's visitors last Saturday.

J. G. Godfrey attended the grand lodge of A. O. U. W. at Bay City this week.

Remember the LEDGER office when in need of job work. We will not be underbid.

You will look a long time before you find a better place to trade in than Lowell.

The Misses McGee of Grand Rapids were visiting their Lowell friends over Sunday.

J. C. English has the stone and lumber on the ground for a horse and carriage barn, to be built on the west end of the lot lately bought of James McGee.

Always speak a good word for Lowell when away from home. It may bear good fruit.

Tell the peddler to "get," and patronize our citizens and tax payers, if you want to prosper.

Mrs. Dr. Goodsell and son, Clare, have been very sick with the grippe, but are now improving.

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

J. E. Leo secured his season's ice from the pond of the Lowell Electric Light and Water company.

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

A marriage license has been issued to Frank B. Fairchild of Lowell and Anna M. Holdridge of Keene.

Jay Frost of Alton was in town Thursday and took in the Odd-fellows dance in the evening.

J. C. Train has leased his Wm. Vandusen farm down the river to George W. Rork of Boston.

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

If you wish to sell, rent or exchange place your property on my list.
G. H. Force.

For sale cheap; chestnut horse reliable for ladies to drive, good looks and saddle horse. H. S. Schreiner.

Seventeen persons rode up on the midnight bus Tuesday night. Charlie can wedge 'em in tight if he has to.

The LEDGER continues to take three months subscriptions to the Twice-a-Week Free Press at 25 cents.

Josiah Perry and wife have sold to William Gable and wife \$ a n w t, s e t, sec 14, Lowell, consideration \$450.

Rev. Wm. A. Flint of Cedar Springs has been called by the Congregational churches at Saranac and Boston.

James H. Godfrey represented the Lowell Lodge No. 38, A. O. U. W. at the Grand Lodge held at Bay City this week.

Among the real estate transfers we notice: Sylvester P. Hicks and wife to Eliza J. Barnes, lot 8 bk 6, Avery's plat, Lowell.

Wm. Clough expects to open a general upholstering and repairing shop in this village. Watch for further notice.

Mrs. Emily Merriman and children will give an entertainment Tuesday evening February 27, in Music Hall. Admission ten cents.

Social at the Baptist church Tuesday evening February 27 for benefit of minister's home at Fenton. A program will be given.

The exercises at the M. E. church Thursday, in commemoration of Washington were largely attended and exceedingly interesting.

Spend your money in Lowell and you have a chance of getting it back; send it out of town, and it is gone probably forever. Don't do it.

A farm of 80 acres three miles from Lowell 60 acres cleared. Well watered. Party going away and must sell soon.
G. H. Force.

Christian Keller and Jas. B. Post of Clarksville were in the village last Monday and reported the Clarksville Seminary in a prosperous condition.

Mrs. C. P. Ellison, who has been ill at the home of her daughter, Miss E. L. Kinsley, for the past twenty-one weeks, remains in a critical condition.

Florence, little daughter of P. S. and M. A. Edwards died in this village last Friday, at the age of 2 years and 7 months. Funeral services were held at the Baptist church on Sunday.

If the people of Lowell will give us a fair chance we will give them a live local paper one that will work for the interests of Lowell fifty-two weeks in the year.

Smith's third drawing for a \$28 suit of clothes came off Tuesday evening, and Will M. Clark, druggist was the lucky man. His ticket cost him just 26 cents.

F. L. Hodges was in Grand Rapids Wednesday.

Mrs. M. A. Simpson of Ionia is spending the week with her mother Mrs. Chas. Althien.

A. E. Malcolm was taken before Justice Hicks charged with disorderly conduct. He was fined and required to give bonds to keep the peace for one year or take 30 days in jail.

Among the jurors drawn for the March term of the Circuit court are: Joseph Carpenter, Ada; William H. Watts, Bowne; William H. Seibert, Caledonia; William Miller, Cannon; Joseph S. Cook, Cascade; Ellis Strochi, Gaines; Hiram Smith, Grattan; Benjamin Soules, Lowell; and William Krum, Vergennes.

The Ionia Dramatic Company presented "The Miser's Daughter" at Lowell. Stage fright seems to have struck the manager early; he forgot to check the company's baggage at Ionia and it had to be sent down by livery rig.—[Grand Rapids Democrat.

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.

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Harry Conright has been given thirty days notice that unless he proves up his disabilities to the satisfaction of the commissioners of pensions his pension will be reduced one half.

J. Q. Lusk of the Soo visited Lowell friends over Sunday. The air of the Soo must agree with Quincey as he is growing feebler the longer he resides there.

Deputy Grand Master Workman, Hollings of Detroit, visited Lowell Lodge No. 38, A. O. U. W. last week Friday night and commended the work of the order.



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