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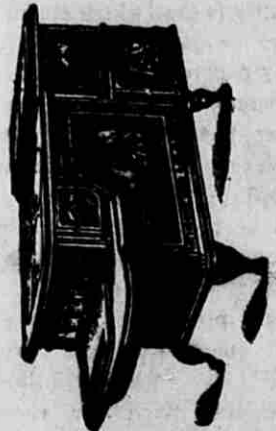
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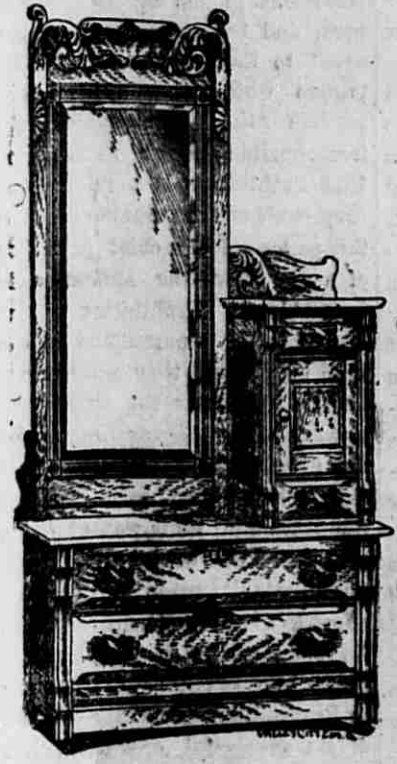
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Now is the Time to Place Your Order for a Spring Suit, an Elegant Pair of Pants or a Jaunty Spring Overcoat. Our Spring Styles and Samples and Styles are now in, and we can fit you out better and Cheaper than Ever. This is business.

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## REMARKABLE.

Mr. and Mrs. Abner Knapp of Lowell Both Over 90

HAVE CHILDREN OVER 70 YEARS OLD.

They Were Pioneers in This State, Coming Here in 1823.

Some time ago the editor of the LEDGER received from the Detroit Free Press a request for the following write-up which in due time was furnished and appeared in last Sunday's Free Press. We are indebted to that live journal for the use of the accompanying photograph.

Notable among the pioneers of Michigan are Mr. and Mrs. Abner Knapp, of this place, who if they live till December 30 next, will celebrate their diamond wedding after seventy-five years of married life.

Abner Knapp was born at Cobusville, N. Y., August 17, 1799, and moved with his parents to Hopewell, Ontario County, N. Y., in 1802, where was born in the year following Betsey Archer, who on December 30, 1819, became Mrs. Abner Knapp. They were schoolchildren together and, having known each other for nearly ninety years, are as well acquainted as people are likely to get in this world. Three children were born to them in Hopewell—Harriet, Stephen and Jane.

four days coming from Buffalo to Detroit. The Detroit and Saginaw turnpike was built out as far as Pontiac, and—as Stephen Knapp puts it—there was but one mudhole between Detroit and Royal Oak, and that extended all the way. Many a man turned back on account of the terrible roads before reaching Royal Oak, and returned to his home disgusted with the very name of Michigan. Mr. Knapp bought a 3-year-old cow in Detroit for which he paid the magnificent sum of \$7, and with a hired ox team, and a few household goods, started with his family for their new home in the woods, where their Indian neighbors outnumbered the whites twenty-five to one. On the shore of Galaway Lake, two and a half miles east of Pontiac, they found a log house belonging to Luke Phillips, which they occupied until the following spring, when they moved onto their own land, where they lived for ten years and cleared fifty acres.

In April, 1828, a messenger from Romeo brought word to Mr. Knapp that his sister's youngest son, Alanson Finch, was lost, and he joined in the search for a week. The boy was never found; but it was afterward learned that an Indian had carried him off. Mr. and Mrs. Finch both died within a year of the loss of their son. This was a sad time.

In the spring of 1829 there was a salt famine in that neighborhood, and Mr. Knapp, having a team was engaged to go to Detroit for a barrel of salt, the neighbors to furnish the money for expenses and to share equally with Mr. Knapp. He paid \$10 for a barrel and it took three days to make the trip.

of baffled rage that made the old woods ring. This was in the town of Avon, Oakland Co., then called Oakland.

Selling his farm to William Fisher, Mr. Knapp moved to the town of Commerce, three miles east of Milford, buying 120 acres of government land, and lived there until 1858, when they sold out and moved to Marysville, on the St. Clair river, with their son Stephen, who was operating a steam saw-mill. In 1854 they moved again to Keene, Ionia Co., where their daughter Harriet, who had married Allen Day, had preceded them in 1840. The first town meeting in Keene was held in Mr. Day's house, they being pioneers in that town and county.

Ten children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Abner Knapp, all of whom are living except Jane, who died in Pontiac at the age of 24 years, having been married to Lester E. Waterbury. The nine survivors are all over 50 years except one, who is almost 49.

The old people lived on a farm in Keene eight years, when they moved to Lowell, where, with their son Stephen and daughter Harriet, who lost her husband, they are now living, and four out of five persons that came to Michigan sixty-eight years ago are now living under one roof. Abner and his wife are able to be around, stand erect, eat three meals a day and give orders to their oldest children, who, being only 73 and 71, respectively, feel quite young yet. The old gentleman used to be a good singer, and at the solicitation of The Free Press reporter he straightened up and tried to sing one of his old songs, but he has lost his rudder and couldn't steer his voice very well. Stephen told his father that any one of his boys could put him on his back, and the old man replied: "I've seen the time when they couldn't."

The old man is failing quite perceptibly now, but Mrs. Knapp is bright and cheery and looks as young as many women at 70. All honors to these rugged old pioneers. Long may they live.

### BAIRNIES, CUDDLE DOON.

ALEXANDER ANDERSON.

The bairnies cuddle doon at night,  
Wi' muckle fauch an' din;  
'O, try and sleep, ye waukrife rogues,  
Your father's coomin' in,  
They never heed a word I speak;  
I try to gie a froon;  
But ayé I hap them up, an' cry,  
'O, bairnies, cuddle doon.'

Wee Jamie wi' the curly hair—  
He aye sleeps next the wa'  
Bangs up an' cries 'I want a piece—  
The rascal starts them a'  
I rin an' fetch them pieces, drinka,  
They stop awae the soom',  
Then draw the blankets up an, cry,  
'Noo, weanies, cuddle doon.'

But ere five minutes gang, wee Rab  
Cries out, frae 'neath the claes,  
'Mither, mak' Tam gie ower at once,  
He's kittin' wi' his tae!  
The mischief's in that Tam for tricks,  
He'd bother half the toon;  
But ayé I hap them up an' cry,  
'O, bairnies, cuddle doon.'

At length they hear their father's fit,  
An' as he seeks the door,  
They turn their faces to the wa',  
While Tam pretends to snore.  
'Hae a' the weans been guide?' he asks,  
As he pits off his shoon.  
'The bairnies, John, are in their beds,  
An' lang since cuddled doon.'

An' just afore we bed oorsels,  
We look at our wee lambs;  
Tam has his arm roun' wee Rab's neck,  
An' Rab his arm roun' Tam's,  
I lift wee Jamie up the bed,  
An' as I straik each croon,  
I whisper till my heart fills up,  
'O, bairnies, cuddle doon.'

The bairnies cuddle doon at night  
Wi' mitch that's dear to me;  
But sune the big world's cark an' care  
Will quaten doon their glee.  
Yet come what will to ilka ane,  
May He who sits aboon  
Aye whisper, though their paws be bauld,  
'O, bairnies, cuddle doon.'

### Congregat ional 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.



Abner came to Michigan territory in the fall of 1823 by way of the Erie canal and Lake Erie, and was seven days on a schooner from Buffalo to Detroit, then a small village with the houses scattered along the river. With friends he went on foot into the wilderness in search of farms, finally reaching a little hamlet called Pontiac, quite a journey it seemed to them. From here they went east toward Rochester, and Mr. Knapp purchased the south-west quarter of section 7, township 3 north, of range 11 east, 160 acres. His patent or deed bears the signatures of James Monroe, president, and George Graham, commissioner of general land office.

In April, 1826, Mr. and Mrs. Knapp moved with their three children to Michigan, crossing Lake Erie on the steamer Henry Clay, the second steamer on the lake, and were

Mr. Knapp kept a good rifle and an Indian named Alvin Hyde used to borrow it while camping in the neighborhood, promising a ham from each deer killed with it. By this means the family was kept supplied with venison.

One fall, about 1829, the wolves were quite thick, and a neighbor, R. Hilton, came to Mr. Knapp and asked him to take his pony and go with him to an Indian camp nearly two miles north, and get some venison. They started out just before sundown by a path through the woods, reached the camp, got their venison, packed it on the pony and started for home. When they had proceeded about half a mile a wolf close by howled, another answered him and soon the pioneer friends were surrounded by the howling "varmints." Mr. Hilton wanted to throw the meat to them, but Abner said no, and they kept on casting anxious glances all about until they reached the fence and clearing. Here the wolves stopped, and set up a howl



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PRESS AND PULPIT—NAPOLEON BONAPARTE AND THOMAS PAINE.

The press and the pulpit are—or should be—public instructors. The persons who have them in charge, however, are poor, frail human beings, like all their fellow men, prone to error, and NEVER infallible. History proves it.

While Columbia reigns, let her gallant sons defend the memory of those who left for their inheritance "The land of the free and the home of the brave."

On Sunday, March 18, we had the pleasure of listening to a sermon by Rev. Jas. Provan, of the Lowell Congregational church, to which we took two exceptions (the allusions to Napoleon and Paine) which were mentioned in our last issue.

In all kindness we insist that Napoleon is not a good character to summon in support of Christianity. He was the scourge of his time; his ruling passion was power, and he was willing to wade through rivers of blood to get it.

In digging among the rocks on the island of Madagascar recently they found a fossil egg that measures over three-fourth inches one way and twenty-nine inches the other way.

Now about Paine—"Tom Paine," as the Elder calls him. We have neither time nor inclination to enter into a lengthy discussion of his religious views. Paine's creed was a brief one: "The world is my country; to do good is my religion."

Right here let us mention a circumstance quite amusing in this connection. When Napoleon was planning an invasion of England and the overthrow of its government (hardly a Christian act) he selected "TOM PAINE" to introduce a popular form of government in the place of the one he proposed to destroy.

THE columns of this paper are always open to full, free and fair discussion of any and all questions. An special invitation is extended to those who wish to correct mistakes made by the LEDGER. We try to be right, but are liable to err and then we want to be corrected. Show us up. It will cost you nothing but your time.

HOME NEWS.

Extraneous copies of this issue for sale at the LEDGER office. Litigation arising from the Barney McGee estate is in progress in the circuit court this week in which about fifty witnesses have been present and a large array of lawyers.

The Ladies Home Missionary Society of the Congregational society will give a public missionary tea next Wednesday afternoon and evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Hine.

H. Nash, administrator of the estate of the late Adam Van Dusen advertises a sale of the personal property of the deceased on Monday March 5, on the premises in Vergennes.

"Only the scars Remain,"

Says HENRY HUDSON, of the James Smith Woolen Machinery Co., Philadelphia, Pa., who certifies as follows: "Among the many testimonials which I see in regard to certain medicines performing cures, cleansing the blood, etc., none impress me more than Ayer's Sarsaparilla."

Mother Urged Me to try Ayer's Sarsaparilla. I took three bottles, the sores healed, and I have not been troubled since. Only the scars remain, and the memory of the past, to remind me of the good Ayer's Sarsaparilla has done me.

Parties that have harness repairing that they want done this spring are invited to bring their work in while we have time to do it. Don't wait until the last minute thinking you are the only one that wants work done.

Abraham Wood who received a 30 day notice of suspension the fore part of the month, has received notice from the department that his position will not be disturbed and that he will receive the maximum of \$12 per month.

Those who have used Dr. King's New Discovery know its value, and those who have not, have now the opportunity to try it. Free. Call on the advertiser, D. King, and get a Trial Bottle. Free. Send your name and address to H. E. Bucklin & Co., Chicago, Ill., and a sample of Dr. King's New Discovery, Pills, Free, as well as a copy of Guide to Health and Household Remedies. Free. All of which is guaranteed to do you good, or cost you nothing at Hunter & Son's drugstore.

Methodist Episcopal Church. Sunday services as follows: Preaching in the morning at 10:30. Sunday school at 12 m. Dr. W. F. Brooks superintendent.

List of Unclaimed Letters Remaining in the Post Office at Lowell, Mich., week ending Feb. 24, 1894. Ladies—Almira Andrews, Mrs. Emma Moore, Miss Mary Wilson.

TO THE APPLICANT. Whoever has Flu, Epitomy or St. Vitus Dance should use Dr. Bell's Balm. You will find it all in its reputation. It will cure you. It is also a nerve tonic and a cure for all nervous diseases. It should be used for some time and can give you references here at home if you are a sufferer. Call and see us. Hunter & Son.

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C. BERGIN, HENS MUST LAY Prolific Poultry Food

Advertisement for C. Bergin's Hens Must Lay Prolific Poultry Food, featuring an image of a hen and text describing the product's benefits for poultry.

Do You Ride a Victor?

Advertisement for Victor bicycles, featuring an image of a bicycle and text promoting its quality and performance.

PEACH HILL GROVE. Jay Ware was visiting his father last Monday. We are glad to hear he is able to be out again.

From the Local, Feb. 23. The Saranac Dramatic Club are preparing for the presentation of a new play. It is called "The Deacon" and will be given about March 10.

THE old Harvey Harter homestead dwelling, High street, with lot 7 by 14 rods, has been sold to Sanford A. Youmans, for \$1400.

CHALODOLA. Married, Mr. John Davison of Grand Rapids, to Miss Nellie Krieger of Chalodola. Born, to Chas. Womel an 8 pound son, Wednesday evening.

LOWELL PLANING MILL, Lumber, Lath, Shingles & Cedar Fence Posts, ECKER & SON, LOWELL.

Lowell Markets.

Table listing market prices for various commodities such as Wheat, Corn, Beans, Pork, etc.

Business Directory.

J. HARRISON BUCKERT, Dentist. Over Church's bank, Lowell. B. E. BURT, Notary public. Your business solicited. Office in Graham block.

MILTON M. PERRY, Attorney and Counselor at Law, Train's Hall Block, Lowell, Michigan. Special attention given to Collections, Conveyancing, etc.

LOWELL 'BUS LINE. Calls are collected from the established stage of the 50 minutes before D. G. H. & M. trains are due.

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Table with columns for Station, Time, and other details, likely a train schedule or similar information.

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TEN INDICTMENTS.

INGHAM COUNTY GRAND JURY FINALLY DECIDES.

John, Hamblin, Berry and Ellis have three indictments against them...

MINOR MICHIGAN NEWS.

Homer is now lighted by electric lights... Over 800 people have been converted at Manistee...

A FEROCIOUS FARMER.

Fatally stabbed his wife, set the house on fire at Farmington...

FROM OFF THE WIRES.

Erasmus Wiman, Famous Economist, Financier and Public Philanthropist...

IN DEADLY PERIL.

Who Many Feeble-minded Children in a New Jersey Institution?

BEGINNINGS.

Of which were born and stained beyond repair... interest in the fact that the little fishhook...

SCARLET FORTUNE.

The young earl had been lying on his couch something over a fortnight...

COCKNEYISM.

How the English Language is taught... It is a canon of belief with many persons...

DR. KILMERS SWAMP ROOT

Advertisement for Dr. Kilmers Swamp Root medicine, featuring an image of a person and text about various ailments.

Only a Scar Remains.

Advertisement for a skin medicine, featuring an image of a woman and text about skin conditions.

GRAND LURE AS O.U.W.

The 7th annual session of Michigan Grand Lodge... was held at Bay City...

THE TAMARACK CO-OPERATIVE STORE

The Tamarack co-operative store at Calumet has probably made more money...

IN THE AFTERNOON

Gen. Alger gave reception to the distinguished guests of the banquet...

FINNISH "FUN."

The freshmen of Cornell College at Ithaca, N. Y., held their banquet and social...

STEEL MACKAYE DEAD.

The dramatist Expires Aboard a Steam Ship... Steel Mackaye...

BATTLE WITH BURGLARS.

A wealthy farmer of Lodi township, Washington county, had five valuable horses...

FIRE AT MIDLAND

Fire at Midland destroyed the home of William Timmons...

THE GREAT CANADIAN CANAL PROJECT.

Toronto special: The Huron-Ontario canal scheme...

THE ELECTION HELD IN PENNSYLVANIA

The election held in Pennsylvania to choose a congressman...

ADOLPH LADDY.

Adolph Laddy, a patient in St. Mary's hospital, Detroit, committed suicide...

THE DEAD RIVER MILLING COMPANY.

The Dead River Milling company, of Marquette...

GROW'S PLURALITY IN PENNSYLVANIA

Grow's plurality in Pennsylvania is now estimated at 185,000.

UNOFFICIAL REPORTS FROM THE ILLINOIS

Unofficial reports from the Illinois wheat belt...

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS.

By the will of the late Dr. C. S. Tucker, of Coldwater...

WASHINGTON SPECIAL.

Members of the river and harbor committee...

BIRMINGHAM BOY TO BENEFIT.

A Rio Janeiro special dispatch says: The insurgents refused to allow a water boatman...

THE RIVER AND HARBOR APPROPRIATIONS.

By the will of the late Dr. C. S. Tucker, of Coldwater...

WEDNESDAY.

The rumor is revived that Prince Bismarck will marry the daughter of George M. Pullman...

TOWERS' FISH BRAND SUGAR

Advertisement for Towers' Fish Brand Sugar, featuring an image of a fisherman and text about the product.

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