

The Lowell Ledger.

"WITH MALICE TOWARD NONE AND CHARITY FOR ALL."

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Christmas SLIPPERS

At WINEGAR'S.

Up to Date Shoes.

SEE OUR WINDOWS.

GEO. WINEGAR.

"Truth is stranger than Fiction!"

So we will simply state to the people of Lowell and vicinity that we are not going out of business—not while our present patronage holds out. But we want to say further that for lowest prices on

HONEST DRY GOODS

We are "strictly in it." The proof of the pudding is said to be "chewing the string." We don't know about that, but we do know that a call at our store and an examination of our goods will prove the truth of our assertion.

You will be looking for suitable Christmas and New Year's. Don't fail to see our elegant

HOLIDAY GOODS

Handkerchiefs, Carpet Sweepers, Scarfs, Hand Bags, Portemonnaies, Pocket Books and Stamped Linens.

Also a multitude of other useful and ornamental articles such as are found in a first class dry goods at this season of the year.

In conclusion, remember that we are with you to-day, to-morrow and next year and solicit a continuance of your generous patronage. Yours truly,

E. R. COLLAR.

Join the Crowd

At Smith's. See his Fall and Winter Samples, before ordering elsewhere. He has the best goods at prices that defy competition for GOOD WORK. Smith won't do any Cheap John Slouch work. Boxc work is dear at any price.

Repairs and Pressing

a SPECIALTY and Satisfaction Guaranteed.

SMITH, The Tailor.

If you want to take comfort and enjoy life this winter weather, buy

Galloway Robes,

COATS AND MITTENS

Then get into one of our elegant new cutters behind a spanking team and away you go.

H. NASH,

HE'S GOT 'EM.

CARRIED.

The Proposition to Bond the Village

FOR \$23,000 FOR LIGHTING PURPOSES

The Usual Amount of Local Happenings.

Many of the LEDGER's distant readers have been watching the progress of the movement in Lowell toward a public lighting plant. For their benefit, this issue of the paper has been delayed, that it may convey the first news of this all-important election.

In spite of a steady rain all day long a remarkable interest was shown in the contest, 431 votes being cast.

The day passed without incident in the way of disturbances, and when the polls closed at 5 o'clock, the result was 363 to 68 in favor of the public lighting plant. Two-thirds majority is required for bonding.

OLD SETTLER GONE.
M. Boulart, one of Bowne's earliest settlers, died at his home in that township on December 7th, at the age of 79 years. Funeral services were held at the Bowne Catholic church on December 10th, with a large attendance of friends and acquaintances.

AN OLD LADY GONE.
Mrs. Sophia Winans died at her home in this village, December 13, after a weeks illness, at the age of 86 years. Funeral services were held at the house on Sunday, conducted by Rev. A. P. Moore.

Mrs. Winans came to Lowell from New York state about fifteen years ago. She was one of a family of thirteen children, three of whom survive her. She was childless and not a relative attended her funeral. She was tenderly cared for by kind neighbors during her illness, Mrs. Sandell being particularly devoted to her. Mrs. Winans was a life-long member of the Methodist church.

DEATH OF MRS. R. J. ENOS.
From her home in Grand Rapids on Friday evening, December 13, Elvira E. Smith, wife of Russell J. Enos, passed into the higher life.

Mrs. Enos was known in Lowell, having made her home here for many years. She was a woman of strong character and rare natural gifts; devoted and untiring in her home, loyal in her friendship and an efficient worker in literary and social circles.

Mrs. Enos will be remembered as a charter member of the Ladies' Literary club of Lowell, and one of its strongest members. She was also a member of the Ladies' Shakespeare class of a later date, and since her removal to Grand Rapids, has met with the class on special occasions.

She was a member of the Ladies' Literary club of Grand Rapids, and of the Shakespeare Study group.

After years of struggling against mortal weakness, and months of suffering, she cheerfully gave up her finished life work, with tender farewells to her devoted family and messages to absent friends, and gently and happily entered upon her reward.

The funeral was held at the family residence, 380, Fountain street, at 1:30 Sabbath afternoon, Dr. Bradley of Park church officiating in a simple and impressive service.

The friends from Lowell who were in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Francis King, Miss Helen King, Dr. O. C. McDannell, Mrs. E. R. Craw, Mrs. M. M. Perry.—Contributed.

Photograph albums from 50c to \$5 at Hunter & Son's.

Copies of that celebrated march, (Two step) "The West Point," on sale at R. D. Stocking's music store

Duchesse chains and Victorias at H. A. Sherman's.

Boys' heavy fleece lined stockings (iron clad) at Chas. Altheu's.

GOT ANOTHER.

Wilton Hatch of Riverside, California, has a years subscription to the LEDGER as a Christmas present from J. W. Knee of this place. Who comes next?

A SURPRISE PARTY.

Last Saturday evening about thirty-five of Miss Jennie Wright's young friends gave her a very pleasant surprise, the occasion being her 15th birthday. Dancing, music and games were the entertainment of the evening. Refreshments were served and the young people left for their homes, after presenting many beautiful gifts as tokens of their friendship.

A PLEASANT OCCASION.

One of the most successful surprise parties that was ever planned, came off Saturday night, when about forty of the neighbors, with well filled lunch baskets, made a raid on the home of Mrs. Walker, on the addition. The surprise was complete and after Mrs. W. had collected her scattered senses the large crowd was taken care of by her and her daughter, Mrs. Shoaf and made to feel they had struck the right place for an evening of enjoyment. The evening was spent in games, music and a general social time. Supper was served at 10:30 and at 12 all went to their homes, and thus ended one of the most pleasant parties of the season. It was gotten up by Mrs. Hazleton and Mrs. D. M. Goodsell.—[Contributed.]

HAD HIM UP TWICE.

Ed. White of Ada was in Court Hicks twice during the last week. His first offense was assault and battery committed on a Grattan young lady. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$10 or 15 days in jail. He paid. Shortly after he was arrested again, charged with stealing a whip from the barn of E. D. McQueen. Again he pleaded guilty and this time Squire Hicks, with a smile that was childlike and bland, remarked, "\$25 and costs or sixty days on the stone pile." Can you hear him pound?

A CARE.

To our friends and patrons we wish to announce that we have sold our furniture and undertaking business to G. C. McConnell & Co. Mr. McConnell is a graduate of the Indiana college of embalming and we can recommend them as having a thorough knowledge of both the furniture and undertaking business, and we trust that you will extend to them the same liberal patronage we received. Respectfully yours, Kopf Bros.

Miss Agnes Perry was on the sick list the fore part of the week.

Pictures and cards just the thing for presents, at J. E. Yeiter's.

The Sons of Veterans have issued invitations for a masquerade ball at Music hall on Wednesday evening, Dec. 25, with the Lowell orchestra on the platform.

A good felled marten faced with mule skin for 19 cents at A. L. Coons.

Mrs. C. A. Barlow has been visiting friends at Freeport for several days this week.

A. D. Oliver calls your attention to his gold watches at lower prices than ever before.

George Winegar says something about Christmas in his ad this week. Sacrifice sale on all plush goods at Hunter & Son's.

George Winegar is hanging out '96 calendars to his customers with photographs of his "special partners." Good lot.

\$7.50 buys any \$70.00 suit or overcoat in any store until Dec. 28th. A. L. Coons.

Mrs. Eva Kinyan left Dec. 18 for a two weeks visit with her parents in Hillsdale county.

A gold pen with a pearl holder makes an elegant and useful present for a lady. Hunter & Son have some bargains in them.

Miss Dot Ickes spent the first of the week pleasantly with Mrs. I. Joseph in Keene.

Handsome Christmas cards for schools and Sunday school classes at Hunter & Son's.

A new line of link cuff buttons, in sterling silver, rolled plate and filled gold at U. B. Williams.

We Are

NOT GOING OUT

of Business

Nor have we a lot of old shop-worn stuff

BUT WE ARE SELLING:

Best Table Oil Cloth for 12½c	Checked Toweling	8c
Best All-New Styles	36 inch all wool Dress	
Dress Gingham	Flannels	23c
Indigo Prints	50 inch all wool Dress	
Good Sileasias	Flannels	38c
Best A. C. A. Ticking	Ladies Wool Hose	11c
Everett Denim, Blue,	Men's Heavy Underwear	29c

A FULL LINE OF

New Style Capes and Jackets Below All Others.

We have one lot of last years' Cloak's sold for \$10 to \$23. Now selling for \$5.

An Elegant Line of Fancy Handkerchiefs and Linens for the Holiday Trade.

We have a Potatoe Price on all our Stock. Dry Goods are Cheap. Come and See Us.

A. W. WEEKES.

We've Got 'Em.

We wish to state to the gentlemen of Lowell and vicinity that we have secured the agency for the

W. L. DOUGLAS

Line of gentlemen's fine shoes. There are very few men in the United States but have heard of this line of shoes. Mr. Douglas tells us to warrant every pair; and if we ever have a defective shoe to return it to him and give the customer a new one. So you run no risk whatever in buying one of his shoes.

We cordially invite the young men to call in and see the very latest style toe, "THE MILTON," a very narrow square toe with long-toe cap, made of finest tannery calfskin, kangaroo or Cordovan. Also a full line of all kinds of goods such as are usually found in a first class shoe store at prices that cannot be beaten. Remember, we are not running a lottery. If you get a pair of shoes of us that are not right we will make them right. Thanking you for the immense patronage of the last year, we are yours truly,

The Old Reliable Shoe House,
A. J. HOWK & SON.

We are not in the "Bric-a-Brac" business
But we ARE in the

GROCERY

Business to Stay.

NOTICE OUR PRICES:

5 Pounds Ginger Snaps,	\$ 25
6 " Raisins	25
8 " Rolled Oats	25
28 Bars Acme Soap	1 00
3½ Pounds Sears' Lunch Crackers	25
1 " Calumet Baking Powd	25
1 " Good Coffee	25
1 " Good Japan Tea	25
1 " Best Japan Tea	40
1 Good Broom	10

A full line of HOLIDAY GOODS such as Turkeys, Chickens and Oysters. Butter, Eggs, and Farm Produce Wanted. Best Prices Paid.

BARBER & CRAW.

IN TWO PENINSULAS.

NEWS FROM ALL PARTS OF THE PENINSULAR STATE.

Michigan State Grange Convention held at Lansing was full of business. They Indured Free Silver and Passed Some Hot Resolutions on Various Subjects.

Michigan Grangers Meet. The annual meeting of the Michigan State Grange was held at Lansing, Mich. Its annual address Grand Master George K. Horton, of Fruit Ridge, called the Agricultural college over the coals, saying it was away behind the times.

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MINOR MICHIGAN NEWS.

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ALLEN G. THURMAN DEAD.

The Old Roman's Successor to the Editor of a Recent Address. Judge Allen G. Thurman, after suffering considerably from the effects of a fall from a horse, died at his residence in Detroit, Mich., on the 10th inst.

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SULTAN SURRENDERS.

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DOINGS OF THE STATESMEN.

SEWELL—Eighty days. Mr. Mitchell, Dem., introduced a joint resolution for the purpose of a status of the United States for the year 1893. The resolution was passed by the Senate on the 10th inst.

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TWO VIEWS OF WAR—STATESMAN VS. POLITICIAN.

The December Arena publishes in parallel columns speeches made by Charles Sumner and Hon. "P." Eugene F. Ware of Kansas. An extract from Mr. Sumner's utterance reads:

"But war crushes with bloody heel all beneficence, all happiness, all justice, all that is god-like in man—suspending every commandment of the Decalogue, setting at naught every principle of the people and silencing all law, human as well as divine, except only that impious code of its own, the laws of war."

Contrasted with this sentiment are these words of the Kansas politician in an address made at Topeka high school flag raising:

"I am one who believes in war as an educator, as a part of our public school system. We should have a war every generation so as to make the people patriotic. In nations where war is too long delayed the people forget; patriotism becomes superheated with avarice. Sooner or later the United States will have another war. I hope we will have it soon. We need it, there is an occasion this very day for a war and we ought to open it. There are those now here who will be in the next war. There are before me captains and colonels, and to them will be confided the safety of this flag and the honor of this country. These young men are from a fighting race, and a fighting nation, and a fighting state, and will do themselves justice when the time arrives, and the young ladies who are present will see that they do, for women are always patriotic."

Compare the above with these utterances of the noble Sumner:

"Casting our eyes over the history of nations, with horror we discern the succession of murders slayers by which their progress is marked. Even as the hunter follows the wild beast to his lair by the drops of blood on the ground—so we follow man, faint, weary, staggering with wounds, through the Black Forest of the past, which he has reddened with his gore. Oh, let it not be in the future ages as in those we now contemplate! Let the grandeur of man be discerned, not in bloody victory or ravenous conquest, but in the blessings he has secured, in the good he has accomplished, in the triumphs of justice and beneficence, in the establishment of perpetual peace."

The Arena speaks of Sumner as one of the greatest statesmen and most high-minded patriots New England ever produced, alludes to Mr. Ware's sentiments as "brutal," condemns the Topeka Capital newspaper for commending Ware's speech; and concludes its comments in the following fitting words:

"Mothers and fathers, and especially you who believe in the author of the Sermon on the Mount, choose between the higher and lower ideal, and seek to save your children before the savage spirit is fixed upon the plastic brain. Remember that it was for principles that our fathers fought, that they went from the plough and forge and won their marvelous victories over the best disciplined troops of the world. With a just cause and justice in government, the republic is invincible. He who cultivates the war spirit in the young as does the gentleman in the above address, commits a crime of measured proportions."

The next Republican national convention will be held at St. Louis. A reunion and parade of the veterans of the civil war, both union and confederate, will be held in New York city on July 4th next; and still there are men who appear to think the war is not yet over.

Thank goodness, the ranks of the croakers are thinning. Forward, is the word.

The fact that Kansas farmers are burning corn for fuel does not phase the railroads a bit and they have advanced freight rates on coal 50 cents per ton. It's the same old story—"The public be d-d."

The remedy? Governmental control of railroad and telegraph lines.

MOTHER.
Only a year ago, Mother was with us. Today her body rests in its last long sleep, and her spirit is with the loved ones gone before. Truly, "a boy's best friend is his mother," and happy are those who appreciate that fact before death intervenes. The words of love and appreciation spoken before the loved one passes from our midst are of more value than a ton of flowers heaped upon her bier. Mother, thou art gone. No more shall we greet thee around the Christmas board; and yet we believe that He "doeth all things well," and we know that somewhere, somehow and sometime we shall see thee and greet thee again. Till then, farewell, farewell. "There is no love like the good old love, The love that mother gave us. We are old, old men, yet we pine again For that precious grace—God save us! So we dream and dream of the good old times.

And our hearts grow tenderer, fonder, As those dear old dreams bring soothing gleams Of Heaven away off yonder."

If recent and forthcoming numbers of the LEDGER are not up to standard, we hope to be pardoned. A rush of holiday work is the cause, and we know every friend will be glad that the LEDGER has a little profitable business. It is proposed to make the paper for 1896 better than ever, and the co-operation of all citizens who desire the prosperity of Lowell and vicinity is earnestly solicited. We wish to remind those who are owing for their papers that now is a good time to pay up and help us face the world free from debt. Just drop in with a dollar and wish us a "Merry Christmas."

GROVER'S back bone is all right, yet, if you don't believe it, read his Venezuelan message. Hurray for Grover. "He's all right."

We again present to each reader our Holiday supplement with a "Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all."

ELMDALE AND VICINITY.
The Burns and Riley King have opened a blacksmith shop at Elmdale. Singing school at the Tyler church closes Saturday night. Mrs. Wolcott Johnson has taught in this vicinity for the past twenty winters and she says she has never had a dollar yet. She says that this will be her last round.

The Elmdale boys are trying to organize a club dance.

The Star school is having quite a number of visitors this winter. Miss Flynn, the teacher, is quite popular. She is teaching a very good school.

John Lenhart started his saw mill one day last week.

Hank Lott is calculating to cut about 700 cords of wood this winter.

VERGENNES.
Ed Dickson is improving slowly.

Mrs. Hiram France has been visiting her father and mother, Mr. Hitter and wife of Prairieville.

Mrs. Wm. H. Parker was the guest of her stepdaughter, Mrs. Hiram Headley and family recently. She also stopped at Reed City and spent over Sunday with Win-Hatch and wife.

W. L. Merriman takes his wife out riding in a new Portland cutter.

The morning of Dec. 15 was the coldest of the season, mercury being three below zero. This is eleven degrees colder than at any other time this winter.

PEACH HILL GROVE.
Mrs. King is falling very fast.

Little Rena Vandervell has been quite sick the past week.

Mr. Wisner and wife spent last week visiting friends in Grand Rapids.

Rev. Davis visited our school one day last week.

Mrs. Allen Goffrey is visiting her parents at Alton this week.

Jay Ware and family visited his parents, S. A. Ware and wife, recently.

Elma Hines was a recent guest of Fred Conklin and wife.

Will Coprell's house caught fire around the chimney, but it was discovered before any serious damage was done.

Fred Conklin and wife are the happy parents of a little daughter.

Bert Henderson's best girl now rides in a new Portland cutter.

ELECTRIC BITTERS.
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A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR, 1896.

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The time of cheer, the time of mirth,
The time of gay good-fellowship,
When never a heart in all the earth
But sends a greeting to the lip.

The time when little children wake
At earliest dawn with laugh and shout,
When over the world, for grief and ache,
A word of comfort goeth out.

Dear time when tender mother hands,
Pack stockings full from heel to toe;
When, eager and swift, in joyful bands,
Fly Christmas angels to and fro.

Oh, blessed time when clear and sweet
The songs of heaven come down to earth!
When ever our loving hearts repeat
The Glorias of the Christmas mirth.

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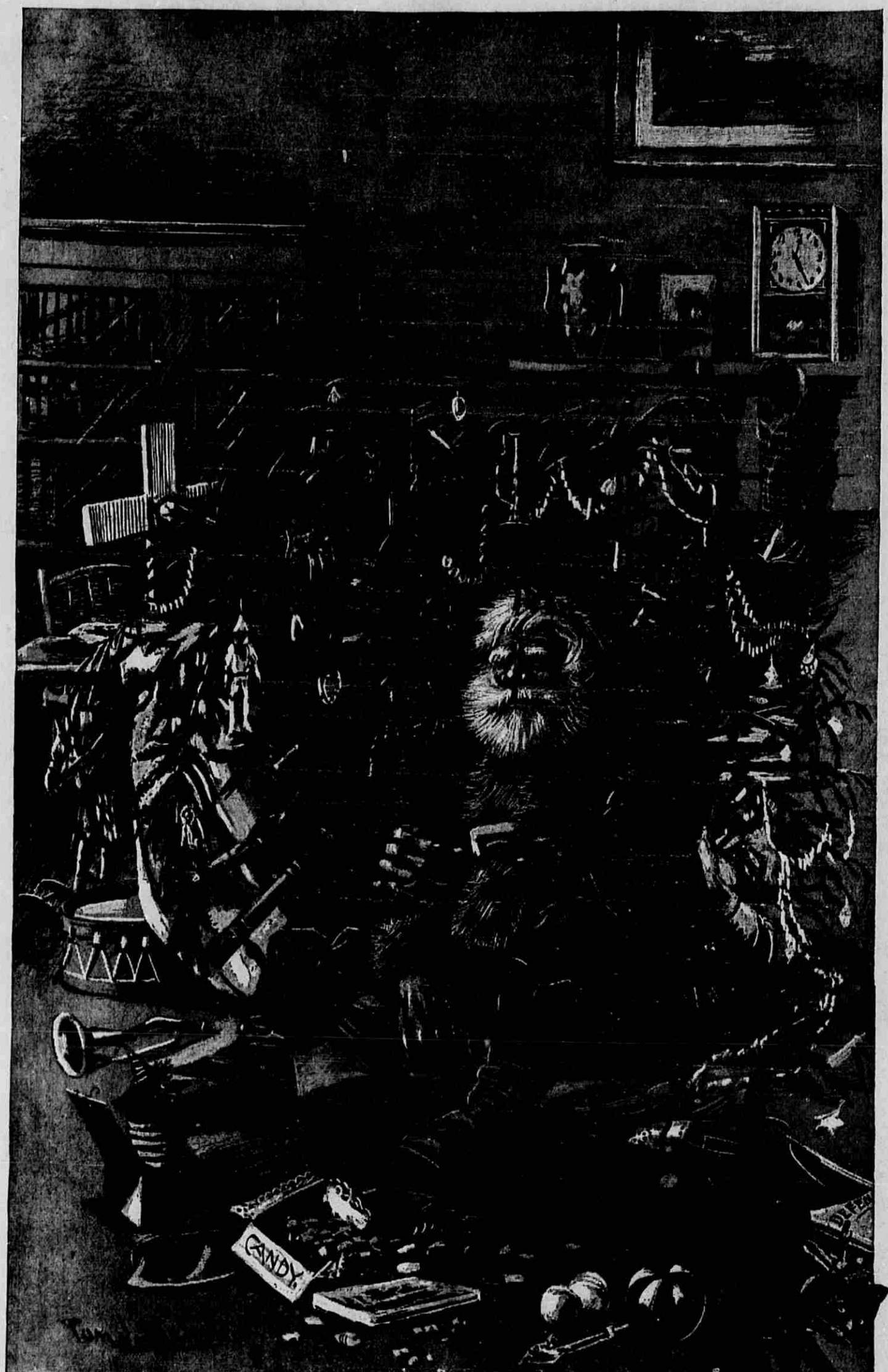
FATHER'S PRESENTS.

Why He Sometimes Thought They Were Just a Little Too Good for Him.

HOW SANTA CLAUS GOT A FALL.

BY FRANK B. WELCH.

A story related about Santa Claus, How he once got a terrible fall...



Old Santa had climbed, with a fine Christmas tree, Down a chimney at just twelve o'clock...

his hands, settled himself back comfortably in his big chair, and his eyes twinkled more than ever.

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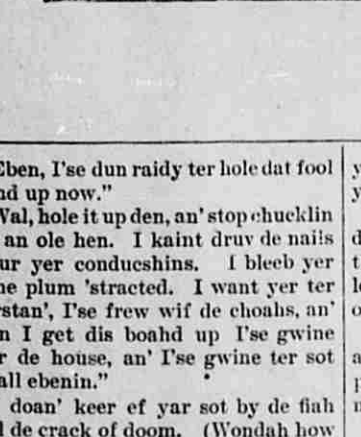
Only a Twelve-month More of Life, But It Brought Happiness.

She had lain for six months in the big white bed in one of the upper rooms of a Michigan avenue house.

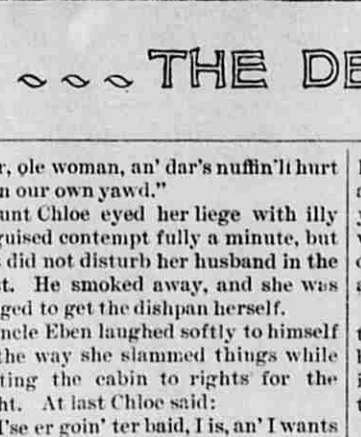
"It is a malignant growth," he said, finally. "I can't be mistaken about that. I am afraid my dear fellow, that she cannot live many weeks."



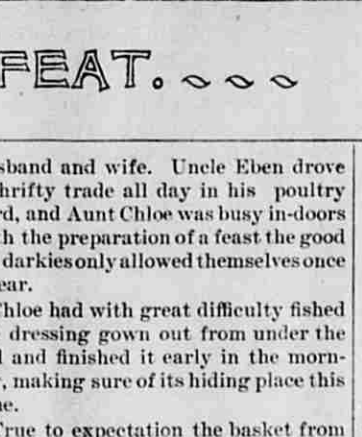
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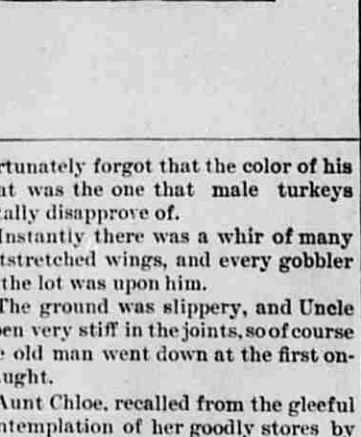
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THE DEFEAT.

"Eben, I've dun raidy ter hole dat fool boahd up now."

Uncle Eben eyed her leg with ily disgused contempt fully a minute, but this did not disturb her husband in the least.

Chloe had with great difficulty fished the dressing gown out from under the bed and finished it early in the morning.

"I wonder if I wuz all dressed up an' put in a winder, if anybody would long to have me?"



When the old log-cabin homed us... The Christmas tree long ago... Sing in again the mirth...

Turkey, apple sauce, cake and raisins... "Turkey, apple sauce, cake and raisins, replied one of the men at my elbow..."

PAPA HAD TO SPOIL IT ALL... By Talking About a New Year's Bill Just at the Wrong Time...

HER CHRISTMAS GIFT... How it Helped Him out of an Unpleasant Predicament...

THE BLIZZARD... It was Christmas eve, and the wind blew keen across the prairie...



It was Christmas eve, and the wind blew keen across the prairie... The blizzard was blowing from the north, and the snow was falling fast...

A WAR-TIME CHRISTMAS.

A Reminiscence of Eighteen Sixty-Four Recounted... Mr. George F. Williams gives, in the New York World, a reminiscence of the siege of Petersburg...



"Santa Done Come!"

good supply of tobacco, which was quickly distributed... "Say, Yanks, called the confederate who had opened the conversation."

ideas of honor and all that sort of thing... "Santa Claus is about the only person who knows what the small boy wants—Judge."

CHRISTMAS GAMES.

What music floats upon the midnight air... "The game member how the Old One had not place where to lay his gentle head..."

founder of papa's family in this country... "It is indeed, a valuable heirloom..."

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HOME NEWS

Miss Ikes, who has been engaged in trimming for the past season with Mrs. Hilier, has returned to Grand Rapids.

I have a full assortment of silver plated ware at lowest prices for the holiday trade. A. D. Oliver.

The siege is over. The onions are gone; McCarty shipped them to Peoria, Ill., this week. It will now be safe for our friends to visit us once more.

What is nicer for a present than a handsome, padded covered book of poems from your favorite poet? Find them at Hunter & Son's.

F. T. King has returned from his southern trip.

Come and see my stock of rings. I have them in all sizes, and endless varieties, with prices to suit the times. A. D. Oliver.

S. P. Hicks was doing business in Grand Rapids Wednesday.

Heavy Jersey overalls worth 75c can be had for 48c at A. L. Coons.

Our correspondents are requested to send in their contributions the first of next week. The LEDGER force wants to observe Christmas.

Leave orders at the new music store for piano tuning.

The Lowell District Horticultural society held their annual meeting Wednesday and elected the following officers: President, J. E. Lee; secretary, L. J. Post; treasurer, G. H. Force; members executive board to fill vacancies, Willard Hunter and John Jakeway. It was voted to hold six meetings during the year.

Come and look at my stock of frames for enlarged portraits. J. B. Yeiter.

Benj. Morse and Wilbur Moon attended a reunion of the old Third Michigan infantry at Grand Rapids Wednesday.

Rickert is making his own candies this winter. They are lovely.

Adelaide A. Lowitt of Ada Tuesday filed a petition in Circuit court for a divorce from William Lowitt on the grounds of extreme cruelty and desertion. She was married to defendant Aug. 2, 1887, and alleges that he has at various times called her foul names, struck, choked and kicked her, the offenses finally culminating in forcing her out of the house and refusing to further support her. She also claims that plaintiff is possessed of real estate worth \$900 and considerable personal property and asks for a reasonable attorney fee and alimony. There are three children in the family, the result of a former marriage by defendant.

Hunter & Son have good bargains in celluloid cases and boxes of all kinds.

The Republicans of Kent county are booming T. J. O'Brien for delegate-at-large to the national Republican convention to be held in St. Louis, Mo., next June.

A new thing—those 5A fit-all attachment blankets at Schreiner's.

Oliver has sterling silver coat and hat markers, which would make nice Xmas gifts for some gentlemen friends.

Mrs. M. B. Randolph of the city of Grand Rapids has written a book of poems entitled "Plantation Pictures." Mrs. Randolph was born and educated in Hillsdale county, Mich. She was a district school pupil of M. M. Perry for three successive winter terms, a high school and college classmate of Mrs. M. M. Perry and Mrs. E. R. Craw. About the close of the war she went south and taught among the freed men in Montgomery, Ala., Artesia, Miss., Lexington, Ky., Nashville, Tenn. and five years at the state normal school for colored people at Jefferson City, Mo. She has been a teacher in the Grand Rapids schools for a number of years, since which time she resided for a short time at Fox Corner, one mile north of this village. Her book is being printed and bound in Grand Rapids, and is expected to be out by the holidays.

The best duck coat in town for \$1.50 at Coons.

Book-cases, secretaries, etc., at J. B. Yeiter's.

Louis Sandler of Grand Rapids, a pawn broker and clothing dealer, is in the clutches of "Uncle Sam" for unlawfully holding the pension certificate and voucher of Phillando Van Brunt, an old soldier, as security of a debt.

A large assortment of rockers suitable for holiday presents at J. B. Yeiter's.

C. O. Lawrence and family left this morning to spend the holidays with friends in Canada.

Before purchasing elsewhere call in and see my stock of jewelry of every description, brooches, guards, chains, charms, etc. A. D. Oliver.

The announcement is made that State Senator E. M. Barnard of this city and Mrs. Adelaide G. Mosher are to be married in Chicago, December 24. Mrs. Mosher was assistant post-mistress of the Legislature in 1893 and clerk of a Senate committee last winter. Her home is in Grand Rapids. The couple will spend the remainder of the winter in California.—[Grand Rapids Herald.

Frankforts, our own, at Newt Coons. A nice lamp would make a beautiful wedding or Christmas present. Get one at The Fair.

Joseph Wilson Post, G. A. R. elected the following officers for 1896: Benj. Morse, Commander; H. Dawson, S. V.; A. M. Barnes, J. V.; H. B. Aldrich, Surgeon; J. H. Adams, Chaplain; Theo. Mueller, Q. M.; A. R. Rolf, O. D.; John R. White, O. G. Delegate to encampment, Daniel Pletcher; Alternate, Merritt Sayles.

Men's headiest genuine Dickey kersey pants worth \$2.50, now \$1.87 at A. L. Coons.

The Lowell & Hastings railway will give Christmas and New Year's excursions rates one and one third fare for round trip, on sale Dec. 24, 25 and 31 and Jan. 1, good to return Jan. 2, to all points in Michigan, also to Chicago and Buffalo.

W. H. Clark, T. M.

Miss Louise Barber has recovered from her late sickness and is at her post of duty in the south ward school again.

Clocks in all styles at A. D. Oliver's.

The West Michigan Fruit Growers Institute will convene at Grand Rapids on Friday and Saturday, December 27th and 28th at 10, a. m., at the court house. L. J. Post of this place is down on the program for a paper on "How to start a Peach Orchard."

Produce prices on holiday goods at Look's.

Humane Agent Randolph was in town the other day, looking up some charges of cruelty to animals—pounding and starving horses. He says that kind of work must stop.

Chas. Althen's annual thirty day quarter off sale is now on. See his announcement in this issue and take advantage of this bonafide reduction sale.

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Don't spend all your money before seeing some of R D Stocking's prices on musical merchandise.

Miss Lillian Polhemous of Grand Rapids was in town to attend the funeral of Grandma Winans.

50c underwear selling now for 38c at A. L. Coons, the clothier's.

And now Grand Rapids is hustling for a basket factory. Lowell has got to move quick if she gets the inside track.

The presents you want at the prices you like at Look's.

Elegant line of lamps, all designs and prices at McPherson's.

Mrs. Edward Flynn received \$2,000 Monday, the insurance on the life of her son, Eddie, in the Woodman insurance company.

We hold our trade by giving best goods for the money. Chas. Althen.

Evangelist R. H. Covert will preach at the Baptist church Sunday morning and evening.

Only three days remain to get your holiday presents and why not call at Look's today and see some of the special bargains he is offering to close out.

Boys knee pants, 4 to 17 years, all prices at Althen's.

The ladies of the W. R. C. will hold a special meeting, Dec. 24. All members are requested to be present as business of importance will be transacted.

75c will buy a good plush cap worth \$1.00 at A. L. Coons.

The ladies of the W. R. C. held their annual election of officers Dec. 11, and the following officers were elected: Pres., Elmira Morse; S. V., Thirsa Pardee; J. V., Emma Dawson; treasurer, Martha Adams; secretary, to be appointed; chaplain, Louisa Co-vill; conductor, Mary J. Kopf; guard, Olive Taylor; delegate, Martha Adams; alternate, Hattie Painter.

Buy your couches and easy chairs at McConnell & Co. The best of goods and prices always the lowest.

Remember R D Stocking's special sewing machine sale will only last until January 1, '96. Don't miss the opportunity.

Miss Annie Hunter returned, last Friday, from a three months visit with Mesdames J. D. Loucks and Charles Rowland at Ithaca.

Holiday neckwear worth 50c now 38c at Coons.

The next regular meeting of the L. O. T. M. will be held on Thursday, Dec. 26. Officers will be elected. A full attendance is requested.

Heavy scarlet underwear worth \$1. a garment sold now for 65c at A. L. Coons.

It will be a pleasant surprise to you to see how far a little money will go in purchasing Christmas goods at Look's.

See our window, L. H. Hunt & Co

Mrs. Ada M. Chapman and children of Fennville, Allegan county, are visiting her sister, Mrs. O. E. Scofield and family, and other friends in Lowell and vicinity for a few weeks.

Children's suits worth \$3.50 now \$2.63 at Coons.

Mrs. Chas. Taylor of Manistee is visiting her mother, Mrs. L. C. Hildreth.

Warm shoes at Anderson & Findlay's.

FOUND—A bundle containing two quilts and a pair of blankets. Owner can secure the same by proving property and paying for this notice. Inquire at this office.

We carry a complete line of appropriate holiday gifts. Call and see. McConnell & Co.

The youngest son of Dentist Goodsell fell and broke his arm last Saturday. He is doing well now.

"A good book for old or young makes a nice present. Look, he has them.

The Senior class of '96, Lowell High school, has been organized with the following members: Frank Coons, Effie McDiarmid, Lottie Pletcher, Elsie Godfrey, Donna Wisner, Edith Mange, Della James. The officers elected were: President, Frank Coons; vice president, Effie McDiarmid; secretary, Edith Mange; treasurer, Donna Wisner.

Everything usually kept in a first-class furniture store you will find at the lowest living prices at McConnell & Co's.

The will of Hon. Allen G. Thurman disposes of an estate of about \$100,000.

The place to get the best photos is over the post office. G. L. Wilson.

The Michigan poultry association will hold its next annual exhibition at Grand Rapids Jan. 21-24.

A fine line of combination book-cases, writing desks and sideboards at McConnell & Co's.

Miss Anna Winegar, who has been studying art in Paris, visited her aunt, Mrs. C. C. Winegar and other relatives here this week. She went from here to Chicago for a few days, thence to New York for the winter, after which she will go to Venice to complete her studies in painting.

Get one of those nice china pieces for a Christmas or wedding present, at McPherson's.

Splendid new stock of musical novelties, etc. at R D Stocking's.

President Cleveland's Venezuelan message will be found elsewhere in this paper.

Grand opening of new music store, over 600 visitors. A fine display of pianos and organs, including two of the celebrated Chickering & Son. The \$1,000 baby grand was the leading attraction. Miss Mamie Walsh and Miss Bessie McCarty rendered some very fine duets on the baby grand. Miss Pearl Sayles' music was very interesting on the Wegman and Everett pianos, later having harp, zither and mandolin attachments. Mr. Wilson closed the evening by selling two pianos.—Adv.

Harrisburg's ladies' shoes at \$1.75, \$2.00 and \$2.75 at Anderson & Findlay's.

A nice set of dishes you can find at McPherson's.

Bibles of all descriptions and prices for sale at Hunter & Son's.

W. E. Post is home from Kalamazoo college for holiday vacation.

New figs, new Persian dates, mixed nuts and new, Fard dates, California navel oranges, and a fine line of candies, all extraordinarily cheap at W. B. Rickert's.

Rooms to rent on Avery street. Mrs. N. Purple.

WANTED—To sell or exchange a good driving horse. Geo. L. Wilson.

FOR SALE—Three 40-acre farms, cheap. Enos & Bradfield.

Will M. Chapman's handsome secretary is for sale, price, \$15. Mr Chapman paid \$22, and it is as good new.

See those silver trimmed pocket-books at A. D. Oliver's.

Pork Sausage, A. No. 1, at Newt Coons.

WANTED—A farm to rent or work on shares. Address R. de Boer, Saranac Mich.

Very large assortment of gloves and mittens at Chas. Althen's.

Sell your poultry and veal to Newt Coons.

Gents' chain charms and cuff buttons at Sherman's.

Our neckwear leads, our prices right, at Chas. Althen's.

If you are in need of a silver butter dish, cake basket, Easter or any silver ware, call on W. A. Sherman.

Very stylish umbrellas for gents, silk or linen. Chas. Althen.

Brooches at all prices at Sherman's.

Best all dark dress gingham 5cts. at A. W. Weekes.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

I desire to announce that I have bought the interest of Jas. Anderson in the shoe business, and will continue at the old stand. All accounts are payable to me and I wish a settlement at once. Thanking all for past favors I am respectfully yours for the future C. M. FINDLAY.

GREAT SUIT AND OVERCOAT

SALE.

For your choice of SUITS worth 6.50, 7.00, 8.00, 8.50 and 9.00. Cassimeres, Cheviotts, Worsteds, some of. **\$5.00** **\$5.00**
Actually Worth \$10.00.
Both Men's and Boys all go at that Price.

OVERCOATS.

An extra good wool Ulster worth \$7.00 for 5.00.
" fine black or blue Dress Overcoat worth \$10 for 7.50.
" " " all wool Kersey " 12.50 for 9.98;
A good warm wool Overcoat worth \$5 for 3.75.
Boy's and Children's " in great variety very cheap;

GREAT CUT IN UNDERWEAR !

39c	Men's Camel's Hair Shirts and Drawers worth	50c	39c
	" Natural Wool " " "	50c	
	" Merino " " "	50c	
	" Heavy gray " " "	50c	

All Cut to 39 cents. Think of it. You are Saving nearly one-third of your money.

Men's very finest shirts and drawers strictly all wool worth 1.50, for 98c.
" Red " " all wool and fine worth \$1.00 for 67c.
" Double Breasted and Back natural wool Shirts and Drawers worth 75c for 50c.
" Fleece lined Shirts and Drawers very soft worth 75c for 45c.

Other Grades in Proportion. We Cut the Prices on All Underwear.

Men's Jersey Shirts worth 50 and 75c now only 39c
" Flannel " " \$1.00 and 1.25 " 88c
" " " Extra Heavy worth 1.50 " 1:13
" Extra Good Striped Overall " 50 and 75 only 39c
" Extra Good Striped Jackets worth 49c now only 39c

Men's Duck Coats \$1.00, 1.25, 1.50.
Cotton Pants worth 75c for 58c.

Men's Pants Good Quality worth \$2.00, for 1.38
Men's Worsteds Pants worth \$1.25 for 98c.

" Kersey " " 2.00 for 1.50.
" " " 2.50 for 1.75.
Heavy Cassimere " " 3.50 for 2.38.

Other Goods Correspondingly Low.

Don't Fail to take advantage of this sale as it is positively a saving of Dollars to you, and we guarantee these prices to be lower than goods were ever before sold in Lowell. See us before buying at The Double Store.

WM. PULLEN & SON,
Clothiers, East Side, Lowell.