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"WITH MALICE TOWARD NONE AND CHARITY FOR ALL."

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ECKER & SON, Lowell, Mich.

ITS GOT TO COME

That Basket Factory. We Must Have It.

ELECTRIC COMPANY GETS INTO CITY.

Church Goers Barred Out in the Cold.

THAT BASKET FACTORY.

There are no two opinions regarding the desirability of having a basket factory located in Lowell, nor concerning the advantages the location offers to the enterprising manufacturer first on the ground. If located on the south side of Grand river the institution would enjoy practical immunity from taxation while still enjoying all the advantages of municipal life. Real estate could be purchased at a trifling cost, power would be cheap and an abundance of suitable material can be obtained within easy distance.

The home market is a rouser, fully 100,000 baskets being used here last season in the peach business alone and with peach acreage increasing at a geometrical ratio these figures will rapidly multiply.

It is a well known fact the demand for baskets last year was greater than the supply, and Lowell's advantages for reaching other fruit markets are unexcelled.

It is a fact that certain gentlemen in a certain Michigan town, whose names and location are suppressed for good and sufficient reasons, would like to establish a branch factory here if a large house or a heavy amount of stock were taken by local parties; but it seems to us that the advantages we narrate are inducements enough, and if Lowell business men are going to furnish the capital they might as well own the business—have the game as well as the name. The basket factory would prove no furniture factory, if run in a business-like way; and men who engage in it will be public benefactors at the same time. Labor would be employed, store bills paid, new trade brought to town and every business institution and every man, woman and child in Lowell benefited. Empty houses would quickly be filled and a bowl would go up for more. Real estate would be checked in its downward tendency; and the village of Lowell would make a long stride in its new era of prosperity.

Citizens and business men of Lowell, we want a basket factory; we need it badly; and must have it soon. It is no scheme to rob some one but is a worthy public enterprise. Shall we improve the opportunity?

"TOO LATE, TOO LATE," "Ye cannot enter now," was the refrain of about a score of people standing on the door steps of the Congregational church last Sunday evening.

The Baptist and Methodist churches were closed to allow their attendants to witness a magic lantern entertainment at the Congregational church.

When the building was full, with even standing room at a premium, the door was closed and fastened—not a wise act in view of the liability of the average audience to be panic-stricken, the Baltimore disaster, for instance. Then the lights were blown out and the exercises began. The tardy ones gathered at the door, noticed the darkness, but heard the singing. Some of them were from the suburbs, did not know the nature of the service, and when they found themselves fastened out, wondered "what kind of a circus it was." They knocked, but it wasn't opened unto them—a cent's worth—and after making some remarks that wouldn't look well in print, some of the crowd walked clear over to the Baptist and Methodist churches, only to find darkness still reigning supreme. At least two young men kicked themselves all of three miles home and say

that the next time they go to church in Lowell they will make inquiries beforehand.

HOME FROM DENVER.

A. B. Johnson and family returned home from their sojourn at Denver, Col., yesterday. Their many friends are glad to see them back, but regret that Andy did not find the relief he hoped for in the west. Mr. Johnson is a public spirited citizen and a wide-awake, accommodating business man, and his circle of friends is only limited by the number of his acquaintances.

MUST HAVE MORE ROOM.

Superintendent O. R. Long of the Michigan asylum for the dangerous and criminal insane at Ionia Monday notified the wardens of the state prison that he could take no more patients until more room is provided. The institution is already overcrowded and Dr. Long says the necessity of the new building on the south side provided for by the last legislature, is already badly felt.

CAMP FIRE EXTRAORDINARY.

William H. Borden post, Grand Army, held a campfire at the opera-house, Ionia, Wednesday evening. Governor Rich, Hon. A. T. Bliss, Hon. James McDannell, Secretary of State Gardner, Department Commander Daboll and others of note delivered addresses. The ladies of the relief corps served supper.

AN OLD PUBLIC FAVORITE REAPPEARS

Mr. Editor—Allow me to express the pleasure I experienced at the New Years party given by the Vergennes dancing club at the reappearance of that popular old violinist, O. O. Adams, with his new orchestra, consisting of first and second violin, clarinet, piano and bass. Their rollicking strains carried us back to the days "When you and I were young, Maggie, and every body was gay." When they play again, may I be there to hear.

GETS INTO THE CITY.

The Lowell Water and Light company which for some time has had its electric line stretched from its plant to the limits of the city of Grand Rapids has secured permission to erect poles in the city, as the following clipped from the council proceedings published in the Evening Press will show:

The committee on streets recommended that the Peninsular Electric

Light, Heat and Power company be permitted to erect poles for wires from the Grand avenue crossing of the D. G. H. & M. in Grand avenue to Crescent avenue, to Ransom street, to Fulton and Lagrave streets, thence in the alley next south of Fulton street to Division street; also in West Park, North Division, Fountain, Ionia, Lyon, Lock and Mill streets, to East Bridge street; the poles to be used jointly by the Citizens' Telephone company. The report was adopted.

We judge that the company has seen fit to change its title, which in view of its expanding field for business, is a wise thing.

The LEDGER hopes that the company's business in its new field will exceed its most sanguine expectations.

ALTON.

John Andrews is on the sick list. The church was crowded last week Wednesday night to witness the Christmas exercises of the Swiss. There were 370 present, 150 of whom were children. The exercises were very good indeed.

Mrs. Alice Brown and children of Lowell spent last week with relatives here. Leon Rennells of Keene is spending the holidays with his grandparents.

Preparations are being made for a good time at the social to be held at Orrin Ford's New Years day.

Judd Hapeman, Geo. Frost and Jesse Frost of Lowell and their wives were guests at Horace Weeks Christmas.

E. Bing and C. R. Porter were in Bel-

ing on business Monday.

What in creation has become of all our correspondents? Miss Frankie Lewis collided with the hitching post at the Alton store Friday and knocked the spokes out of a wheel.

Dorus Church and wife and Chester Church and wife of Lowell were called to Belding Sunday to the bedside of James T. Culver, who is very low.

Mrs. Reynolds and two granddaughters, Myrtle Condon and Jessie Reynolds spent last week at South Lowell with relatives. D. A. Church and wife attended a large party at Mr. Baker's in Cannonburg Christmas evening.

Religious meetings at the church Tuesday evening, Dec. 31.

A singing school will be organized at Hosmer Andrews' next Tuesday evening.

Wm. Cox and wife spent the holidays at Lowell.

Little Mary Covert of Lowell visited relatives here last week.

Mr. Herrington, wife and daughter of Cannonburg spent Christmas with their daughter and husband, D. Church and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Beck's daughter and baby from Lowell visited them last week.

John Hapeman and wife enjoyed Christmas with Solomon Cooper and family at Segwan.

Miss Susie Berri of Detroit was home with her parents Christmas.

Allan Godfrey and wife of Peach Hill grove spent Saturday night and Sunday at Ernest Godfrey's and called on other friends.

Fred Ford and wife entertained over twenty-five Christmas.

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,

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CHAS. ALTHEN.

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Better War than Dishonor.

J. S. J.'s communication in this issue is welcomed and much of it heartily endorsed.

Grand Rapids is to have another year in the Western base ball league.

Alone, Mich., Christmas Eve. 95. Dear Ledger—Allow a subscriber to this evening when so many join in remembering friends and in honoring one who in the far away centuries brought his message of peace to earth and good will to man.

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As those who WILL NOT see. This is the worst sort of blindness—the "WONT" kind.

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U. B. WILLIAMS. If you get it at Williams, it's good.

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We have them, from 60c. to \$4.00, the lowest and best ever sold in Lowell, for money or marbles.

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See me before buying. C. M. Findlay. West Side Shoe Store.

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Organs, Pianos, Mandolins, Violins and Guitars, Sewing Machines, Sheet Music, Music Books, Auto Harps, Etc.,

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COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

REBELL has developed a taste for Canada, drawing its supply from the Canadas and from Madeira.

DURGO 1894 the export trade of the United States amounted to \$289,545,000, against \$47,665,194 in 1893.

For some remarkable reason not made apparent, Portland, chief commodity of the State of Maine, is buying clappans in the State of Washington, 3,500 miles away.

The largest sailing ship afloat has just been completed at Bremen. She is called the Polaris, is a five-masted, 394 feet long, 50 feet broad, with a draught of 35 feet and a carrying capacity of 4,120 tons.

The growing demand for small dogs is said to have developed a new industry in Paris. The pups, when a few hours old, are said to be placed largely on an alcoholic diet, which gradually increases. This prevents their growth, and after a generation the Lilliputian animal is more easily obtained.

A trans-Pacific record was made by the steamship Gigli, which arrived at San Francisco recently from Hong Kong, via Yokohama. She made the trip from Yokohama to San Francisco in thirteen days eight hours and forty-four minutes, beating the record made a year ago by two hours and fifteen minutes.

An Anglo-Dutch syndicate is trying to buy the land in the State of Idaho, Danube, between the St. George's and Salina branches, by means of dykes. The dredging of the bar, now present, is to be replaced by a new one-half feet to reach the channel will be enough for ships drawing twenty-four feet.

There is a steady increase in the number of cigars and cigarettes consumed in this country, and notably in the consumption of cigarettes, according to a tobacco trade journal. During the fiscal year just closed there were sold in the United States 3,383,845,000 cigars, and 4,140,437,000 cigarettes. The increase over the previous year was 62,223,283.

SIX HOUSEHOLD TREATMENTS. An agreeable way of treating the eyes with salt and water is to wink them in a cup that is brimful. The eyes will be softened by simply winking in the lachrymatory.

Good laundry-women always rub their irons in salt to make them smooth before putting them upon fine starched goods, and it does clean them beautifully—better than wax.

DAIRY salt sprinkled over the carpet will keep it from becoming soiled by the feet of the cow and will prevent the sweeper using the carpet too roughly, and it will make the colors brighter.

A PITCH of powdered sugar and another of corn starch beaten with the yolks of eggs will keep an omelet from becoming soggy. The whites stiff and then cut them into the yolks.

A GOOD tonic for hair is salt water. Put a teaspoonful of salt in a quart of water and wash the hair with it every day with a small soft cloth. The effect at the end of a month will please you.

COLORED prints and muslins, likely to fade when washed, can be "set" with salt and water. Rub a little on the spots before they are washed. This is especially true of blue, and mourning prints of white fabric on a black ground so treated will be black to the end of the chapter—Grocers' World.

FOUND IN THE MUSICAL PRESS. A VERY young Pole, M. Stanislas Melior, of Warsaw, won the \$1,000 prize for the best piano composition for the year 1914.

A JAPANESE war song was recently sent to the London society for the relief of the French soldiers in the trenches. It was "

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HOME NEWS

Will Morse, who is employed on the Saranac Local, has been taking a compulsory vacation with his parents here. Felon.

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

The '95-'96 club had a pleasant party at Music hall New Years eve. Boys knee pants, No 17 years, all prices at Althens.

The Vergennes dancing club gave a rousing old party at Music hall New Years night. There were 129 numbers out and the ladies of the club served a bountiful oyster supper in adjacent rooms. Another party will be given Jan. 18.

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

Please bring in that subscription wood now.

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

Edgar Morse and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Pierson and Mrs. Worden of Grand Rapids were the guests of Chas. Morse and wife Christmas.

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

Mr. and Mrs. George Winegar attended the wedding, at Morrice, Mich., Wednesday evening, of Miss Lillian Morrice and Mortimer Rand. The bride is a sister of Mrs. Winegar and well known here.

Frankforts, our own, at Newt. Coons.

Mrs. Dr. Goodspeed's chorus is preparing to give a concert in the near future.

Try a chunk of that pig pork at Newt. Coons.

Geo. Winegar, Barber & Crow and McConnell & Co., have new announcements in this issue.

Pictures and enels, just the thing for presents, at J. B. Yeiter's.

A marriage license has been taken out by Orin D. Weeks of Vergennes and Grace D. Frost of Keene.

Gold rings all prices at H. A. Sherman's. Do not fail to look at them before buying.

The Ledger has been experiencing a healthy boom in circulation during the past few weeks. It is proposed to publish an independent journal, worthy the support of every citizen. The co-operation of all who desire the prosperity of the village and community is earnestly solicited. All aboard for 1896!

See Ecker & Son for wood and kindlings.

Thos. R. Graham has returned from a 4 week month's stay at Lake View and Chippewa Lake.

Ladies' watch guards in both gold and silk at Sherman's.

The Junior League will give a social at the residence of Chas. Quick, this (Friday) evening, Jan. 3. A nice program has been prepared. Refreshments will be served. Everyone cordially invited.

Buy all kind of wood of J. W. Ecker & Son.

J. C. Post has arrived home from his southern trip.

See our window, L. H. Hunt & Co.

At Caledonia, Sunday a lively Sunday school rally was conducted, Ben F. Brinkman and E. K. Mohr being the leading speakers. The exercises occupied the entire day and four churches were required to accommodate the attendance. It was decided to hold the next Kent county Sunday school convention March 5 and 6, at Kennedy's hall in Caledonia. Mr. Brinkman conducted another rally at Ada Tuesday evening.

Cabinets, \$1 per dozen, gallery over postoffice.

Miss Alice Young, who has been ill for several months, two of which she was confined to her bed, is improving at this writing. Her sister, Mrs. Frank Cotton, is assisting in her care.

Eat lamb bought at Newt. Coons.

Mrs. Chas. McElwain has returned to her home at Peru, Ill., after a visit with her mother, Mrs. Anna Young.

Money to loan on real estate. Low rates, no bonus. Lowell State Bank

Rev. Moses Gabriel of Kalamazoo college, will preach at the Baptist church Sunday morning and evening.

The best beef in the land at Newt. Coons.

See our window, L. H. Hunt & Co

The M. E. church held a watch-meeting last Tuesday night.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.—I will be in my office at the bank of Chas. J. Church & Son for the purpose of receiving taxes on Friday, Dec. 6, 1895 and each day thereafter to and including Jan. 9, after which the full fee of 4 per cent will be charged.

J. W. BERRY, township treasurer.

A few of the C. E. society watched the old year's departure and welcomed the new at the residence of R. D. Bancroft.

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

Supt. W. A. Ludwig attended the State teachers' association at Lansing last week Thursday to Saturday, and reports an interesting meeting.

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

Miss Winifred Sunderlin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Sunderlin, visited at Dr. O. C. McDannell's the fore part of the week.

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

Mrs. Julia Farlin and daughter, Lelia, of Oberlin, Ohio, visited Mrs. E. B. Crow over Sunday last, and will return to Oberlin today.

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

Mrs. Robt. Hardy went to Grand Rapids this week for medical treatment.

Cabinets, \$1 per dozen, gallery over postoffice.

Supervisor Bergin suggests that the LEDGER inform its readers that one reason for the Lowell township tax being unusually high this year is that the cost of completing the upper Grand river bridge is included in the assessment. Of course everybody knows it was a much needed improvement and completes a practically permanent job.

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

Lowell Bee Hive L. O. T. M. at their last review elected the following officers for the ensuing year: L. C. Bessie Swayze; Lient. C. Jennie Cuyver; R. K. Marie Kisor; F. K. Alma Scofield; Chap. Hattie Faulkner; Sergt. Louisa Hazleton; M. at A., Della Buckler. Sent. Roxie Townsend; Picket, Emma Mueller.

See our window, L. H. Hunt & Co.

J. C. Hare of Hartford formerly of this place is spending a few days with old Lowell friends.

Have you tried the mince meat at Newt. Coons?

Mrs. A. B. Knight and son Harold spent Christmas at County Clerk Eddy's in Grand Rapids and called on E. M. Leonard and family and other friends.

Sell your poultry and veal to Newt. Coons.

Steve Bergin and Misses Maggie and Minnie Fahey have returned to their home at Howell after a visit with Lowell relatives.

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

A marriage license has been granted to Fred Simecomb of Lowell and Cora Aldrich of Vergennes.

We have a large underwear (fit all) at Chas. Althens.

Mr. Scofield, wife and son and Mrs. Chapman and family ate New Years dinner with Orrin Ford, near Alton.

Rooms to rent on Avery street.

Mrs. N. Purple.

B. C. Needham and Arthur Moore and wives spent New Years with Jas. Needham and family.

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

Mrs. Chapman and children from Fennville, who have been visiting her sister, Mrs. Scofield, returned to their home Thursday.

Very large assortment of gloves and mittens at Chas. Althens.

Born, in Lowell, Jan. 1, a son to Jud Tinkler and wife.

Everything in gents' furnishings at Chas. Althens.

Mrs. Mary Sandall is visiting her son, Will, at Belding.

Everybody is pleased with my work. They all say it is fine. And so will you. Try it and be convinced.

C. L. Severy, Banner Laundry

Born, in Lowell, Dec. 30, a son to Joseph Martin and wife.

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.

The Michigan Wood Rim company is placing its machinery in position.

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

After three months of terrible suffering, Mrs. Margaret (Johnson) Whitten of Grand Rapids passed to rest Dec. 20, aged 60 years.

Brooches at all prices at Sherman's.

Born, in Detroit, Dec. 31, to Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Obenauer, a son.

Our neckwear leads, our price right, at Chas. Althens.

Remember that Barber & Crow's goods are finest in town. Prices right.

Mrs. S. E. Morgaa and daughter Floy, are spending a few days with friends in Bowne. Floy will assist in a concert at the Bowne church Friday evening.

C. M. Findlay and Chas. Althens have new ads this week. Look them over.

All kinds of spectacles repairing, J. B. Williams.

Look at Barber & Crow's ad in another column.

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

Jas. Nicklen has purchased Will M. Chapman's village property.

Barber & Crow keep Plymouth Rock repaired gelatine.

J. O. Chapin has returned from his California trip, as well pleased with that Eldorado as ever.

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

John Cutler, the well known hotel man, has gone to Howell and taken charge of the National house. We cordially commend Mr. Cutler to the people of Lowell as a genial host and a painstaking public servant.

All kinds of watch, clock and jewelry repairing done at reasonable prices. J. B. Williams.

Henry Easterbrooks and wife of West Lowell, Elmer Barr and wife, and Fern Batchelor of Vergennes, Fred and Clara Wunsch of East Ada, were visitors at Daniel Easterbrooks New Years day. All had a very enjoyable time.

Ladies' and gents' over gaiters, 75c and \$1 at Findlay's.

The class of '94 held its third semi-annual reunion Saturday evening, Dec. 28, at the home of Miss Louisa Barber. The classes of '94 and '95 united and will hold monthly meetings for the study of literature. The next class meeting will be held with Miss Mattie Packard some time next June.

Finger rings, ear rings, breast pins, etc. repaired by U. B. Williams.

On New Year's day John Collier and wife were given a surprise party by their friends and relatives in honor of their tenth anniversary. Some very fine presents were made and a good time was enjoyed by all.

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

Humane Agent Randolph was in town Tuesday at the instance of the prosecuting attorney looking after a matter of glanders in the case of a horse said to have been condemned in Grand Rapids and sent to the glue factory, but stopped enroute and brought to this village. The state veterinarian has been notified and is expected to investigate in person.

Find Findlay's Famous Felts.

S. C. Vanderlip accompanied Miss Edith Hills to South. Bend, Ind., to attend the funeral of her sister, Miss Blanch Hills.

The Normandy, a storm arctic for ladies, only \$1 at C. M. Findlay's.

Ladies clean your kid gloves with Josephine Glove Cleaner, for sale only by E. R. Collar, headquarters for dressed and undressed kid gloves in all the most desirable shade for street or evening wear. 93 ct

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.

Council Proceedings.
(OFFICIAL.)

Special meeting of the Common Council of the village of Lowell, December 25, 1895. Council called to order by President Bergin.

Roll call, present, Look, Lee, Winegar, Collar, Quick, Absent, Hunter.

Meeting for the purpose of determining the vote taken Dec. 20, 1895 at a special election held at Train's opera house hall in the Village of Lowell.

The whole number of votes cast was 433. The whole number of votes given for raising by borrowing not to exceed \$23,000 for such purchase and construction, Yes 393. The whole number of votes given for raising by borrowing not to exceed \$23,000 for such purchase and construction, No, 63. Defaced tickets, 2.

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION.

We do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct statement of the vote given in the Village of Lowell, county of Kent and state of Michigan at the election had at the special village meeting of said village held on the 20th Dec., A. D., 1895.

CHRISTOPHER BERGIX, Inspectors of election
RUBEN QUICK, Inspectors of election
JOHN S. HOOKER, Inspectors of election

Trustee Look moved that the report of the special election held on Dec. 20th, 1895, as certified by the board of inspectors be adopted. Carried. Yeas 5. Nays 0.

J. E. Lee made the proposition that he would purchase the options and get the deeds for the same and will furnish the money for the same, with the understanding that he shall be reimbursed for all monies, interest and expenses he said Lee may incur, and for the stated time of 60 days.

Trustee Winegar moved supported by Collar that the proposition of J. E. Lee be accepted. Carried. Yeas—Look, Lee, Collar, Winegar, Quick. Nays, 0.

Trustee Look moved that a committee be appointed to confer with any engineers that

may visit or correspond with us regarding their terms for making plans and specifications and overseeing the work and report the same to the council. Carried, Yeas, 5, Nays, 0.

Committee appointed were—Trustees, Look, Collar, Winegar.

The Finance committee report the following bills:

C Guy Perry	\$ 2 00
Myers & Holliker	6 00
E. L. Austin	4 00
D G Look	6 54
R Quick	2 00
J S Hooker	2 00
C Bergin	2 00
Frank Lovett	2 00
A C Morgan	2 00
R Quick & Son	1 01
E R Beardaler	23 50

Trustee Collar moved that the bills be allowed and orders drawn for the amounts. Yeas—Look, Lee, Collar, Winegar, Quick. Nays, 0.

On motion by Lee the council adjourned.

A. W. BURNETT, Clerk.

THE DISCOVERY SAVED HIS LIFE.

Mr. G. Callouette, Druggist, Beaversville Ill., says: "To Dr. King's New Discovery I owe my life. Was taken with la grippe and tried all the physicians for miles about, but of no avail, and was given up and told I could not live. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in my store I sent for a bottle and began its use and from the first dose began to get better, and after using three bottles was up and about again it is worth its weight in gold. We won't keep store or house without it." Get a free trial bottle at Hunt & Co's drug store. 2

PEACH HILL GROVE.

Leroy Sayles and wife and Eddie Davis were guests at J. Carey's last week.

Rev. H. and Mrs. Coles visited in Shepherdsville last week.

E. N. Hubbell of Coopersville spent Christmas with his brother, J. N. and family.

Will Morgan and wife entertained friends from Bowne and South Boston Christmas day.

Clinton Weeks of Alton visited friends in place last week.

Harvey Godfrey of Paris made his parents a brief call Sunday.

The death angel has again visited our neighborhood and taken our dear friend and neighbor, Mrs. Mary A. King. The deceased was born in England, and with her husband came to this country at an early period of her life. She was an earnest Christian and an affectionate wife and mother.

Mrs. King was a great sufferer for several months, and constantly talked to the family of Jesus and His power to save until last Saturday morning, Dec. 28, 1895, He came and took her home. She leaves seven children to mourn her loss, all being present at the bedside, her husband and two children having preceded her to that better land. The burial services were held at the South Boston church conducted by Elder Coles last Monday at 1 o'clock. A large concourse of friends attended the services although it was so very stormy.

CURE FOR HEADACHE.

As a remedy for all forms of headache Electric Bitters has proved to be the very best. It effects a permanent cure and the most dreaded habitual sick headaches yield to its influence. We urge all who are afflicted to procure a bottle, and give this remedy a fair trial. In cases of habitual constipation Electric Bitters cures by giving the needed tone to the bowels, and few cases long resist the use of this medicine. Try it once. Fifty cents and \$1 at L. H. Hunt & Co.'s drug store. 2

WEST LOWELL GOREIP.

Charles Carey, who was injured at the saw mill, is gaining as fast as could be expected.

The Christmas tree and exercises at Rivers school house on Christmas eve was a success. The little ones did credit to themselves and teachers.

Ed Easterbrook and wife entertained a number of friends Christmas.

Mrs. A. Rolf is away visiting Grand Rapids and other places.

The ladies aid society of the Church of Christ will meet at Mrs. S. W. Griswood's, Jan. 8, 1896, 10 a. m. A good attendance is desired.

H. Fletcher entertained Charles MacIntyre and family, also Mr. and Mrs. Peters and other friends Christmas.

Mark Court and wife were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Griswood Christmas.

Elder L. O. Drew of Hudsonville, Mich., will preach at the River's school Monday, Jan. 6, 1896, at 7 o'clock p. m. Come and hear him.

FOX CORNERS COLLECTION.

L. J. Lee and family spent New Year's in Belding.

Ed. Story and wife were recent visitors at E. Lee's.

Miss Stella Gott is teaching the winter term of school at Fox Corners.

Mrs. McKelvey of Grand Rapids is visiting friends in this vicinity.

E. Squires of Grand Rapids spent Saturday and Sunday with W. Botzen and wife.

Mrs. Myron King who has been very sick is slowly recovering.

C. S. Lee and wife of Campbell were Christmas guests at Eugene Lee's.

Miss Daisy Odell of Lowell visited over Sunday with her cousin Orlando Odell and wife.

W. Botzen and wife are entertaining his father, T. Botzen of Fillmore Centre, also John Speet of Graafschap and Mr. Hahn during the holidays.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS.

List of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office at Lowell Mich., week ending December 29, 1895.

Ladies—Mrs S J Jark, Miss Marcella Jepson, Mrs Augusta Lane, Mrs Lydia Midgough, Mary Vandusen, Mrs Mary Walter, Gents—Jacob Ganzhorn, Ruford Troyer.

Persons claiming the above will please say "advertised," and give date of this last day.

MARTIN N. HINE, P. M.

You will find nice veal at Newt. Coons.

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Boys all wool Knee Pants made with all the late improvements, and worth 75c. Special price 50c. Age 4 to 14.

No. 2.
Men's all wool suits worth \$7.00. At this sale you can buy them for \$5.00.

No. 3.
Camels' hair shirts and drawers worth 50 and 60c. All going now for 39c.

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In Price at the Double Store.
Call and examine our goods.

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A perfect Anti-Rattler and Bolt Holder combined.



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One of the very best stories of the season.

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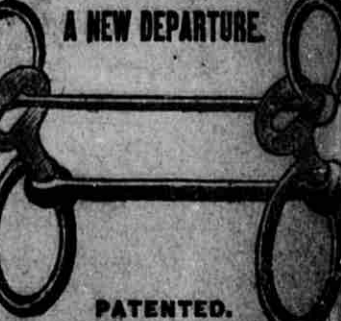
Flesh, White and Olive Shades. Guaranteed to be perfectly harmless. The most elegant preparation made for beautifying and preserving the complexion. ONLY 25 CENTS PER BOX. 25c cents for sample.

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Carnation Pink, Crab Apple Blossom, Jockey Club, Orange Blossom, Lily of the Valley, Rose, Blue, Red, Orange Blossom, Green, Sweet, White, Rose, St. Germain, Pink, Blue, Sandalwood, Violet, White, Yellow, White, Yellow, Ylang Ylang.

Glass Stopper Bottle, of any color, 50c.
Glass Stopper Bottle, large size, 60c.
Extra Size, 85c.

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DURING NATURE'S ODD TIMES.

At Crawfordville, Ind., the summer of 1880 there was a sharp rise in the water level. The fish were taken out eyes and all about two inches long. That lightning does so much damage twice in the same place is shown in the case of a windmill in Baraboo, Wis., which was recently struck by a bolt in exactly the spot where it was similarly struck three years before.

A LAKE containing fresh water on top and salt water on the bottom has been discovered on Kildin Island, Scotland. The lake rises and falls with the tide, and the salt water enters from the sea by an underground channel.

A HEAVY shower of diminutive little larger than potato bugs fell at Farmington, Me., a few days ago, during what the people there call a "dust-burst." Thousands of the creatures fell in the town and the neighboring fields.

The Troublesome Lady



Don't Appear to be so Very Troublesome In the Above Cut ...

But if you will read the story you will see the significance of this peculiar title—and also enjoy a

Most Excellent Story.