

The Lowell Ledger.

"WITH MALICE TOWARD NONE AND CHARITY FOR ALL."

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LOWELL, KENT COUNTY, MICH., JANUARY 10, 1896.

WHOLE NO. 133.

Blizzard
Warm Footwear
Prices
 Which will make you
Smile
 Call and see
 Geo Winegar

BARBER & CRAW

Have the Finest
 Assortment of

GROCERIES!

Their prices are right.
 Call and see them.

10 Pounds Rolled Oats	25
15 " Pail Jelly	50
1 Gallon Can Syrup	50
Plymouth Rock Gelatine	15
1 Pound Seedless Raisins	10
6 " Elegant "	25
3 " Sear's Lunch	25
1 " Package Family Cerial	20

A full line of Cream Candies, Nuts and Fruits, such as Figs, Dates, Oranges and Lemons.
 We guarantee quality of our goods and prices.

BARBER & CRAW.

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. Best 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.

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HE'S GOT 'EM.

THE LOWELL MARBLE WORKS.

JOS. H. HAMILTON, PROP.

Successors to Kisor & Ayres, Dealers in and Manufacturers of

MARBLE & GRANITE CEMETERY WORK.

All work Guaranteed.

Please Call before Purchasing.

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W. J. ECKER & SON, PROPS., AND DEALERS IN

Member, Lath, Shingles and Cedar Fence Posts,

MANUFACTURERS OF SASH, DOORS, BLINDS, DOOR AND WINDOW FRAMES AND SCREENS, MOULDING, EXHIBITION AND SHIPPING COOPS, DRIED APPLE BOXES, ETC., MATCHING, RE-SAWING AND JOB WORK, WOODEN EAVE TROUGH.

ECKER & SON, Lowell, Mich.

CALVES' HEADS.

Farmer John Tells "The Ledger" a Story.

PROGRESS OF THE BROWN-BOWNE CASE

Council Engages an Electrical Engineer.

WASHINGTON GARDNER WILL LECTURE

Changes Among the Catholic Priests in this Vicinity.

SHOOTING SCRAPE—ORLEANS TOWNSHIP

The Grim Reaper Gleans Another Harvest.

OUR FARMER FRIENDS.

John Duffy of Vergennes made us a call the other day. It was his first visit since the LEDGER was established in its new quarters and he had some difficulty in locating us. To use his own words:

"I've just been up Main street, sticking my head in all sorts of places and asking for the LEDGER. I got into tin shops, bakeries, laundries, harness shops and millinery stores before I found you. Reminds me of the Irishman that went along poking his head into every place he came to, asking what business was done in each. He came to a law office and sticking his head in said:

'Well, what do ye's sell here?'

'Calves heads,' replied the lawyer.

'Well, I see ye's had a good sale—all gone but one,' retorted Irish."

"That's pretty good," replied the LEDGER. "I didn't know but you were going to tell about the fellow who wanted to see a sanctum. He very carefully opened an editor's door, cautiously inserted his head and inquired:

'Is this the sinktum, sanktum, sanktorum where the editor lives?'

'It is. Won't you walk in?'

'Nop! Guess not. Jest wanted to see what it looked like. Looks like our garret, only wuss.'

Come again, John, we'll swap lies with you most any time.

John D. Campbell of Keene made this office a pleasant call yesterday. Mr. Campbell is a man who takes an interest in the affairs of the nation and world and endeavors to keep up with the questions of the day. We doubt very much whether he would wear a party tag merely for the sake of the name. He would be on the right side of every question if he could and be able to give a reason for the faith that is in him. We need just such men.

THE BROWN-BOWNE CASE AGAIN.

The third trial of the case of Joseph Brown vs. the township of Bowne in which the plaintiff seeks to recover damages for injuries to a horse, caused by a weak bridge, was begun in Judge Grove's court Tuesday. Some new witnesses to testify to the condition of the culvert on which the horse was injured were placed on the stand. Much merriment was caused when one witness testified to a special knowledge of the culvert. He was thrown from his vehicle onto the whiffletrees and in that position could easily observe the defects. He did not stop to make a closer examination but vented his feeling in scolding his son for improper driving. The trial is being conducted with the same vigor and care that marked the other trials and it promises to occupy a greater portion of the week.

Considerable time was given up Wednesday to the introduction of testimony relative to the physical condition of Mr. Brown, the cause thereof and his ability to perform labor on his farm. Expert medical testimony was given concerning the probable and possible causes for the loss of Mr.

Brown's hair, eyebrows and mustache.

PROGRESS OF THE CITY LIGHTING PLANT.

Electrical engineers from Chicago and Detroit, three in number, had separate audiences with the council Monday night to make propositions for drawing plans, supervising work of construction of plant and lines and to test the same when completed. The bids of the Chicago gentlemen were \$600 and \$500 respectively, while H. H. Humphrey of Detroit, who comes with the best of recommendations, offered to do the same work for \$300. The council closed with the Detroit man at once.

All three of the visitors were confident that a good plant could be put in within the means at disposal of the council and so sure of that fact is Mr. Humphrey that in event of failure to do so, his work is to cost the village nothing.

ATTENTION, COMRADES!

Hon. Washington Gardner, Michigan's eloquent secretary of state, will deliver a lecture at Music hall on Wednesday evening, Jan. 22, for the benefit of Comrade E. W. Avery, who has been prostrated by disease. The admission has been placed at the low price of twenty-five cents, and it is hoped and expected that every comrade and his family, all patriotic citizens and all lovers of their kind will turn out and hear an able lecture and at the same time lend a helping hand to one who gave the best years of his life to his country. Turn out, everybody, and pack the hall to the doors.

CATHOLIC CHANGES.

Much curiosity has been aroused in Roman Catholic circles regarding the rumored changes among the priests in this diocese, but until Wednesday no light could be obtained on the subject. It has now been learned, on what may be considered reliable authority, that these changes have been decided upon, and in fact, that the slate has already been prepared. According to this information, the greatest change will occur at St. Andrew's cathedral, where Fr. Troy will take entire charge, Fr. Schmitt being transferred to one of the suburbs of Saginaw, to be succeeded at St. Andrew's by Fr. Galagher, who will act as second assistant. Fr. Brown will go to Big Rapids, and Fr. Burns will change from Cascade to Grattan, filling the pulpit now in charge of Fr. Crumley.

who has recently been having some unpleasantness with his parishioners. Cascade has been unprovided for, but that church will probably be supplied from the cathedral for the present, at least.

It is not known where Fr. Crumley will be sent, nor how soon any of the above changes will go into effect, although it is thought most of them will take place early in February.—Grand Rapids Democrat.

SHOT HIS EMPLOYER.

Samuel Reeves, a young man employed by Charles Hagadorn, in Orleans township, Ionia county, is in trouble. He loved wisely, but not well, Hagadorn's daughter, and had the sympathy of the young lady's mother. Hagadorn objected, however, and yesterday a family row resulted in which Hagadorn received one of three shots, intended for him, in the back. Reeves is in jail in default of \$1,000 bail, and Hagadorn is in bed. The examination has been set for next week.

DEATH'S HARVEST.

Joseph Miller who has been a sufferer from consumption for several years, died Sunday at the age of 34 years. Funeral services were held at the Catholic church on Tuesday.

Mrs. William B. Aldrich of Ver-

genues died on Wednesday at the age of 55 years. Funeral services were held this morning at the Alton church.

The death of Mrs. Paul Roach of Grattan, an elderly lady, was reported Wednesday. Funeral was held today at the Grattan Catholic church.

A HORSE TALE.

Tuesday, about noon, a gentleman by the name of Ed Jones of Detroit, drove into town and put out his team at the Perkins house barn. After getting dinner he bought a halter and blanket and after telegraphing liveryman Waiters of Lowell to come and get his horse, took the other horse and started away on foot. Later Deputy Sheriff Willis received a message from the Kent county sheriff to arrest the man, as he had stolen the horse from one Hodgkins near Lowell. Hodgkins arrived in town in the evening and drove with the sheriff to the home of T. Jones in Carleton, where they found the man and horse and brought them back to town where they were held. The matter was satisfactorily settled yesterday afternoon, and Hodgkins took the horse home. It seems that Ed Jones sold the horse to a man in Detroit on contract, he

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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.

ONLY 15 DAYS MORE

Of Althen's

BIG CLOTHING SALE

Remember, the entire stock of Men's, Boys' and Children's SUITS and OVERCOATS going at

25 AND 50 PER CENT OFF !!

We would advise early buying as the best sellers are liable to be sold out very soon. Only clean and well made clothing at prices that require no talking to sell the goods. Come in, look them over, note our prices, and be convinced that they are bargains.

We have everything usually kept in a first-class clothing store.

CHAS. ALTHEN.

Free Silver Coinage Supplement.

THE BANNER DOWNED.

A NASHVILLE PAPER TAUGHT A LESSON.

It is a fact that the National Bimetallist... immediately retire from our circulation...

There is a screaming organ of the silver propaganda published in Chicago called the National Bimetallist...

It is not a matter of the millionaires and the daily toiler to the same plan, or make everybody rich and happy...

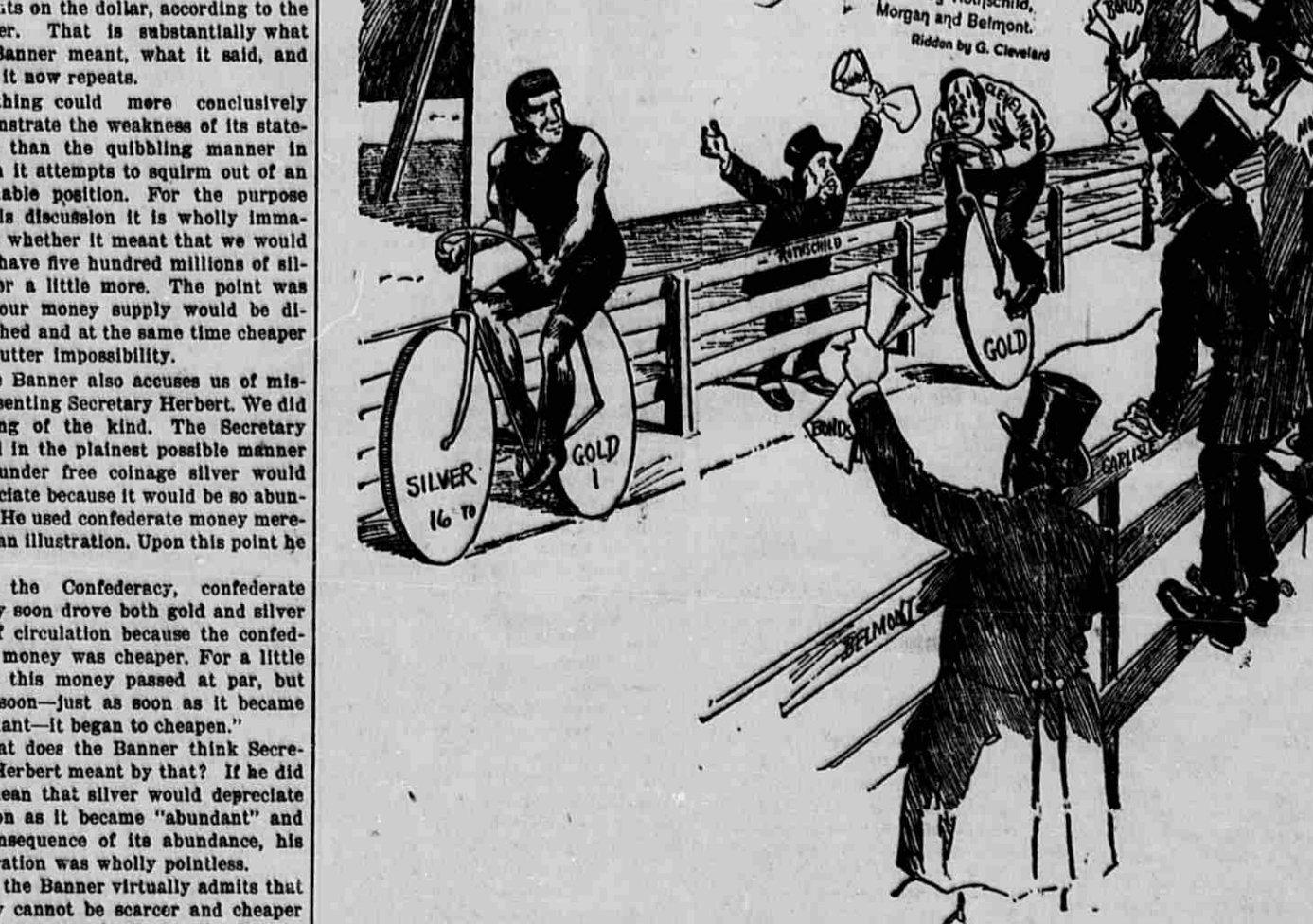
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THE LEDGER.

THE GREAT NATIONAL CURRENCY DEBATE.

ENTRIES Entered by Rothchild, Morgan and Belmont.



Cleveland—This blasted wheel wobbles too much. I never can catch that fellow ahead and you might as well save your breath.

MR. CHANDLER'S BILL.

IT SHOWS THE DRIFT OF AMERICAN OPINION.

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Is the only positive Cure known to the Medical Profession for the Cure of Acute and Chronic Rheumatism, Gout, Lumbago, Sciatica, Neuralgia, Ovarian Neuralgia, Dismenorrhea, Puerperal, Stricture, Liver and Kidney Diseases.

FOR SALE BY HUNTER & SON.

WANTED—Several trustworthy gentlemen or ladies to travel in Michigan...

Teeth Extracted Without Pain!

No Cocaine! No Needles! No Danger! Twenty-five Years Experience.

F. E. LOVETT, House Painter, Paper Hanger, Graining, and Decorator.

Carriage Painting a Specialty. All work guaranteed first class.

Lowell Markets. Wheat, white, 1.00 1/2; Wheat, red, 1.00 1/2.

Wanted men made vigorous. Dr. Peffer's Nervinoid.

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HOME NEWS

The Rev. D. A. Jewell of Ionia has received a present consisting of a leather-bound folio volume which was printed A. D. 1552. The title of the book is "Chrysostomi Joannis Homilias LXXX." One of the claps of the book is broken, but otherwise it has borne its 343 years well.

Mrs. C. M. Merriman was over from Belding yesterday packing up her household goods preparatory to renting the house.

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

The marriage of Neal McNaughton of Cannon to Jennie Allen of Cedar Springs is announced.

Miss Daisy Brown of Grand Rapids is keeping house for her grandfather, C. Barney.

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

E. J. Mosher left yesterday for a three months trip through Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and New York.

Mrs. N. Purple has returned from a visit with her sister, Mrs. A. G. Shear, at Grand Rapids.

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

Mrs. Grant of Toronto, Canada, is visiting relatives here.

The Lowell Good Templars will give a hook and eye social at Maccabee hall on Wednesday evening, Jan. 15. Ladies will bring refreshments for two, also a hook and eye. The books to be placed in an envelope and sold for 15 cents each. Everybody invited.

Please bring in that subscription wood now.

Saranac Local: The failure of the clover crop in this section of the country for the past two years has set the farmers pondering. Clover was not only important as a forage crop, but as a fertilizer it had no equal. Owing to the clover weevil and other insects it is doubtful if clover can be raised successfully for years, and unless a substitute can be found in enriched lands and short supplies of forage will be the result. We are glad to see that some of the farmers are experimenting with the cow peas. This has been essentially a southern plant and has been called the "south-clover," but it has not as yet been tried to any extent in the north.

Philip Smith of West Lowell visited at Fred Brunner's Tuesday.

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.

Joseph Jones was in Grand Rapids one day last week.

Through the efforts of the LEDGER the state papers have taken up the cry that Lowell needs a basket factory and is bound to have it.

See Ecker & Son for wood and kindlings.

There will be an oyster social at the home of R. D. Bancroft Tuesday evening, Jan. 14, 1896. The proceeds will be given to the widow and small children of the late Alva Jones. Arrangements are being made for a pleasant and enjoyable evening. Oysters, coffee or tea and doughnuts, only fifteen cents.

Mrs. Alva Jones is very ill at this writing.

Weinerwurts at Newt Coons'.

Electricians are very thick in town since our special election.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Frost have returned to their village home, after spending a few weeks among relatives in Grattan.

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

Gains Bangs began his work as firman on the L. & H. Wednesday.

Mrs. Bangs is visiting friends at Alaska.

Mrs. Walker, who has been in Lansing for the past week, is expected home today. She went to see her only brother, who is in poor health.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Goodsell went to Ionia Saturday to visit Mr. G's niece, Mrs. Frankie Benedict, who has been dangerously sick for the past five weeks. Her many friends about here will be glad to hear that she is rapidly improving and now out of danger. Mr. and Mrs. G. returned Tuesday night.

Barber & Craw keep Plymouth Rock phosphated gelatine.

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

J. L. Earl is moving from C. S. English's house on River street to Mrs. H. E. Horton's on Washington street.

Dr. Goodsell has rented the office in Opera house block, formerly occupied by J. M. Mathewson, and will soon occupy it as a dental office.

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

Dan Murray of Freeport greeted his Lowell friends last Tuesday.

John Goodsell and wife visited Saturday and Sunday, with their brother, Charley Reynolds and other friends.

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

W. R. Blaisdell went to Grand Rapids last Wednesday night to hear R. G. Ingersoll lecture.

We are much pleased to see our friend and townsman, John S. Eggleston, at his post of duty at John Giles & Co's. store, after his short but severe sickness.

Boys' heavy fleeces lined stockings (iron clad) at Chas. Althen's.

The Y. P. S. E. society of the Congregational church is growing in numbers as well as in interest.

Mrs. Hart of Bellevue is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. R. Blaisdell.

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

A Freeport correspondent to a Hastings paper says: "Considerable excitement was aroused last week by posting a recruiting officer's poster. Not having any Canada flag in this case, those who inferred that war was imminent began to look anxious. It is reported that the boys' brigade talked of disbanding and taking to the woods for fear of being drafted into service."

Four new members were taken into the Congregational church last Sunday.

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

Grand Haven is confident that it could turn out 1,000 men in case of war.

Editor Guntenshauser of the Grand Ledge Republican has been sued for libel by the Ionia, Eaton & Barry Insurance company for \$10,000 damages.

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

Hon. A. W. Weekes has been in Chicago several days this week, making heavy purchases of linen goods preparatory for a big special sale of these household necessities. Watch for his announcement.

Jos. Martin has purchased Kopf Bros. 40 acre farm. Consideration, \$1,800.

All kinds of spectacle repairing. U. B. Williams.

Mrs. C. W. and family have moved into their new house.

Miss Kopf of Grand Rapids will arrive Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Jane Kopf.

Find Findlay's Famous Felts.

Mrs. Dick Dawson, who has been suffering with an attack of la grippe, for the past two weeks, is on the gain.

Amos Smith's mother of Caro came Wednesday, to make her son and family a visit.

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

Edison Train and wife were in Grand Rapids one day last week.

Sylvia, Frank and Maybel Walker of Lake Odessa, are visiting their cousin, Miss Mattie Jones.

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

J. B. Hawk and wife and S. S. Hudson and wife visited with Quind Hudson and family in Vergennes, Thursday, Jan. 2.

Misses Maybelle and Myrtle McDonald, who are attending school at Big Rapids, are spending their vacation with their parents, A. McDonald and wife.

Cabinets, \$1 per dozen, gallery over post-office.

Supervisor Bergin has been attending the county board meeting at Grand Rapids this week.

Mrs. Phil Reutelster visited in Grand Rapids last week.

For 30 days, cabinets \$1.00 per dozen at the Wilson gallery; also developing, printing and instructions for amateurs.

Carl English, superintendent of the Ovid Water & Light works, was in town last Friday talking with old friends and incidentally conversing with some of the city fathers about the projected city lighting plant. The general opinion seems to be that Mr. English would make a good superintendent for the new plant. His home and interests are here, and it would be to his advantage to work for the benefit of the town. We would all like to see Carl and his family "at home" once more.

Martin Rogers of Alto made this office a pleasant call Monday.

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

Every member of the council was present at the regular monthly meeting Monday night and each one put his shoulder to the wheel. Now for a strong pull, a long pull and a pull altogether and success is ours.

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

Mrs. M. Smith and children, Verne and Christal, of Valley city spent the holidays at Dutcher farm.

Miss Norah Ward of Grand Rapids spent New Years with her friend, Della J. Dutcher.

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

Charles Byrnes, a popular young Grattan man, died in Lake City, after a brief illness. His remains were taken home for interment.

Kendrick Taylor has returned from a six weeks visit in Rochester, Buffalo and other cities in New York state.

Bargains offered from Will M. Chapman's household stock: Secretary, marble top stand, bedstead and dresser, set of black walnut chairs, writing desk. Apply at Dr. Greene's.

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

Henry Treglow and family, formerly of this place but late of Lansing, were guests of J. H. Rickert and wife this week, previous to their departure for Cincinnati, their future home. Mr. Treglow has disposed of his business at Lansing and purchased one at Cincinnati.

Cabinets, \$1 per dozen, gallery over post-office.

Grant Adams of Keene and Clara Wikwire were married Christmas evening at Bancroft, Barry county.

Edison Train was in Clarksville Monday.

We have extra large underwear (fit all) at Chas. Althen's.

Congressman Wm. Alden Smith has appointed as his secretaries, Roy C. Lyle of Cedar Springs and E. R. Brooks of Grand Rapids.

W. S. Fuller, a pioneer of Grattan and father of Mrs. R. W. Graham, died January 6. Obituary notice next week.

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

Utah was made a state last Saturday by the proclamation of President Cleveland. The state officers were sworn in on Monday amid the firing of cannon and the ringing of bells. Utah is the 45th state of these United States of America.

The Col. appears to out-general the Spanish troops and officers and is marching on the capitol, Havana, which may be taken before we go to press. Cuba ought, and we think will, gain her independence in this effort for her freedom from Spanish rule.

Fancy mutton at Newt Coons'.

Rev. A. P. Moors was in Lansing the fore part of the week.

Myron Kisor of Boston township attended the annual meeting of the Ionia County Farmers' Insurance company at Ionia last Wednesday.

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

This week of prayer is being observed in town by union meetings held turn about in the different churches.

G. C. McConnell and wife of Cedar Springs and Miss Cora Conrad of Jonesville are the guests of L. S. and G. V. McConnell.

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

Lowell is putting on city airs and will soon sport two hack lines. Chas. Watters has one and C. H. Westbrook will have another and resume his mail route.

Smoked ham best quality at Newt Coons'.

Everything in gents' furnishings at Chas. Althen's.

The third convention of the Vergennes township Sunday school association will be held at the Bailey church Sunday, Jan. 26.

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.

A marriage license has been issued to James B. Merriman of Grand Rapids and Julia D. Sweetland of this place.

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

At the council meeting last evening, the official printing for the ensuing year was awarded, by unanimous vote, to the LEDGER. All aboard for 1896.

Bulk oysters big enough to fry at Newt Coons'.

Chickens at Newt Coons'.

The Lowell Cutter company will not manufacture buggy boxes very extensively this winter; but expect to resume operations on cutter gears about the first of February.

New York counts at Newt Coons'.

J. N. Zimmerman, having been without power to run his handle factory for some time, is now making arrangements to leave town.

Select oysters in bulk at Newt Coons'.

H. A. Peckham has been in Chicago this week attending the big bicycle show in the interests of the Michigan Wood Rim company.

Hamburg steak fresh every day at Newt Coons'.

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drove the horse to Grand Rapids and sold it to Morse, who later on sold it to Hodgkins of Lowell. Ed Jones came to Lowell and on Tuesday went out to Hodgkins' home and represented to him that he wished to buy the horse, but would like to drive it first, and drove it to Freeport as above stated.—Freeport Herald.

WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE

A little less tobacco smoke in the council room:

Some of that subscription wood:

Every business man advertising:

That basket factory started soon:

Everybody standing by home institutions:

Every public spirited citizen taking the LEDGER.

MADE 5,087 WAGONS.

The Capital Wagon Works company of Ionia held its annual meeting Wednesday. After paying \$13,000 interest and allowing \$6,000 for wear and tear on plant and machinery the treasurer's report showed a balance in the treasury of \$8,081.20, a net earning of eight per cent. The capital of this company was raised by local subscriptions about five years ago, and with the exception of a small balance last year, has been a losing venture. Just 5,087 wagons beside a large number of sleighs and drays were turned out during the year. An attempt will be made to increase the capital stock from \$150,000 to \$250,000.

EXCURSION RATES.

The Detroit, Grand Haven and Milwaukee and Toledo, Saginaw and Muskegon RR's will make rate of one fare and one-third on the certificate plan to the following places:

Michigan poultry association annual meeting at Grand Rapids Jan. 20-24.

Michigan dairymen association at Lansing Feb. 4-6.

Photographers association of Michigan at Detroit Feb. 15-17.

Full information may be had from all agents of this company.

Fresh sausage every day at Newt Coons'.

A person with his ear to the key-hole of the council room last evening might have been sure that it was a very profane body in session there. But it wasn't. The members were simply discussing the different styles of dams; the offer dam, mill dam, mud dam, gravity dam and Rotterdam; but the kind that Bob Ingersoll and the hill-fire preachers tell about, wasn't mentioned. See our window, L. H. Hunt & Co.

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 tf

A CARD.

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.

ALTO

Alto lodge, I. O. O. F., publicly installed the following officers last Saturday evening:

N. G., H. R. Fairchild; V. G., F. W. Hinton; R. Sec., N. S. Hunter; P. Sec., L. H. Dygear; Treas., G. W. McKee; R. S. N. G., Roy Duell; L. S., N. G. Henry Graham; W., Jam's Dennis; C., Louis Boulard; I. S. G., James Esterby; O. S. G., Martin Rogers; R. S. S., Jake Draper; L. S. S., S. Keeler; R. S. V. G., Frank Fairchild; L. S. V. G., Dan Layey. The exercises were followed by a bountiful oyster supper.

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Try Electric Bitters as a remedy for your troubles? If not, get a bottle now and get relief. This medicine has been found to be peculiarly adapted to the relief and cure of all Fem ailments, exerting a wonderful direct influence in giving strength and tone to the organs. If you have loss of appetite, constipation, headache, fainting spells, or are nervous, sleepless, excitable, melancholy or troubled with dizzy spells, Electric Bitters is the medicine you need. Health and strength are guaranteed by its use. Fifty cents and \$1 at Hunt & Co's drug store. 3

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Charles B. Hood, broker and manufacturer's agent, Columbus Ohio, certifies that Dr. King's New Discovery has no equal as a cough remedy. J. D. Brown, Prop. St. James Hotel, Fort Wayne, Ind., testifies that he was cured of a cough of two years standing, caused by a gripple, by Dr. King's New Discovery. B. F. Merrill, Baldwinville, Mass., says that he has used and recommended it and never knew it to fail and would rather have it than any doctor, because it always cures. Mrs. Hemming, 222 E. 25th St., Chicago, always keeps it at hand and has no fear of croup, because it instantly relieves. Free trial bottles at L. H. Hunt & Co's drug store. 3

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BUT WE WOULD CAUTION YOU NOT TO MISS READING IT.

WEST LOWELL GOSSIP

Mrs. H. Eastbrook of New Year; with Dan Easterbrook and wife.

Found a fur mitten. The owner can have the same by calling at S. W. Grinstead's mill.

Mrs. Mark Court has been visiting at S. W. Grinstead's for a couple of days.

Meadows Peters and MacIntyre have commenced taking music lessons.

Mr. Peters and family, Mr. MacIntyre and family and Mr. Fletcher took dinner Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Griswold.

O. R. Hancock drove to Cassadoc church Sunday evening with a load of West Lowell people to hear the evangelist, Mr. Engala, who is holding meetings at that place. All report an excellent discourse.

Ed Durbam and wife have returned from their extended visit.

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ADVS.

Will Wallace and wife of Grand Rapids are the guests of his parents, William Wallace and wife.

Mrs. Henry Smith of Sparta is spending a few weeks with relatives in this place.

A. J. Waide and family have moved into their new home.

Lucia Burt who has been spending the holidays at home returned Monday to resume her teaching in the Knapp school house in the township of Grand Rapids.

E. D. McNaughton is failing rapidly.

E. E. Quay has returned from the southern part of the state where he was called by the sickness and death of his mother.

Dan McVean who has been very low with the asthma is convalescent.

E. B. Clements made a business trip to Grand Rapids Tuesday.