

The Lowell Ledger.

"WITH MALICE TOWARD NONE AND CHARITY FOR ALL."

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LOWELL, KENT COUNTY, MICH., JULY 15, 1897,

WHOLE NO. 212

Ladies and Gentlemen.

Before buying a pair of fine shoes, be sure and look at our line. We are selling all colored shoes at prices which ARE way down.

YOURS TO PLEASE,
Geo. M. Winegar.

**POTATO
BUG
POISON!**

Pure
Paris Green
Guaranteed.
L. H. HUNT & CO.,
Druggists.

Lowell Planing Mill,

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

LUMBER,

LATH, SHINGLES AND CEDAR FENCE POSTS.

Manufacturers of—Sash, Doors, Blinds, Frames for Doors, Windows and Screens, Exhibition and Shipping Coops for Poultry, Dried Apple Boxes, Wooden Eave Troughs, Etc.

MATCHING, RE-SAWING AND JOB WORK.

Ecker & Son, Lowell, Mich.



A trifle risky

It's a trifle risky to place upon your table, food which is only recommended by its cheapness. Quality must also be considered. Usually it costs something extra for the latter.

We are, however, offering a combination of these two desirable—cheapness and quality. The following are standard groceries at bargain prices:

Rice, a splendid article, 3½ lbs. for 25c.
Prunes, nice, fresh and clean, 10c. per lb., or 3 lbs. for 25c.
Red Kidney Beans, 3 for 25.
Paris Succotash, the very best, 2 for 25c.
Tomatoes, Fancy brand, 10c 3 for 25c.
Corn, Curtis Bros.' Evergreen, 10c, 3 for 25c.
Fancy Lima Beans, 10c, 3 for 25c.

You will soon be wanting
FRUIT CANS

We are prepared to furnish them at low prices.

R. VANDYKE.

"If you get it at VanDyke's, it's good."

THE ANNUAL

SCHOOL MEETING MONDAY EVENING.

S. P. Hicks and R. W. Graham Re-elected.

Quite contrary to precedent, there were about sixty voters, including eleven ladies, out to the annual school meeting last Monday evening. For the past two or three years the attendance has hardly averaged a dozen.

Rumors of a contest for office, rife on the street during the day, were responsible for the attendance. Director Graham read the annual report and that of the Librarian, and the same were accepted and adopted. Trustees Hicks and Graham were elected to succeed themselves with very little opposition.

The director and librarian were voted salaries of \$100 and \$200 respectively, and the sum of \$75 was voted for the library fund.

A resolution drawn by M. M. Perry protesting against the free text book law and stating that Lowell township would not concur therein, was adopted.

The dry weather had operated upon the roof of the building and water came pattering down upon the heads and desks all over the room.

After Two Years.

Charles McConnell, formerly of this city was arrested Tuesday at Lyons, Kan. He is wanted here for selling to Liveryman Gill of this city a horse upon which Jarvis Train of Lowell held a mortgage for \$125. This transfer was accomplished about two years and a half ago, but efforts to capture McConnell were without avail until Tuesday, when Sheriff Woodworth received an inquiry from Lyons asking if such a man was wanted here for forgery. The sheriff wired back to hold the man and Under Sheriff Cowan went to Kansas this morning after him.—[Grand Rapids Press.

The Bicycle Races.

The last of the series of bicycle races came off last Friday evening, with increased interest; and the riders finished in following order and time:

Geo. Morse, 7:06; N. Copeland, 7:13; Will Rexford, 7:34; Dan Townsend, 7:35; Ray Force, 7:36; W. E. Broadbent, 7:47; Leo Walsh, 8:18; Allie Stone, 8:00; A. E. Armstrong, 7:22; G. Lynn, 7:27; Tom Murphy, 7:58; H. Force, 8:03; Will Burdick, 8:04; F. E. Graham, 8:07.

There are several ties to be run off tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock; and next week we will publish the complete list of awards.

A Section of Michigan Liquor Law.

We are requested to publish the following paragraph from "Laws Relating to the Manufacture, Sale and Use of Spirituous Liquors," published under supervision of Washington Gardner, secretary of state.

§2283e5. Sec. 22. It shall be the duty of village and city marshals and in cities having no marshal, of the chief of police or some subordinate appointed by such chief, to visit, at least once in each week, all places within their respective jurisdictions where any of said liquors are kept, to learn if any of the provisions of this act have been or are being violated; and whenever any of the officers above mentioned shall learn of a violation of any of the provisions of this act, it shall be his duty to enter complaint before some justice of the peace of the proper township or city, or police justice as the case may be and to do whatever shall be necessary to bring the offender to justice.

For Sale. New 15 ft boat in good orders. Loyal N. McCarty.

Killed at His Home.

Farmer Murdered By Old Bachelor Near Ionia.

LATTER HAD PROPOSED TO THE FORMER'S NIECE.

The Murderer Captured and Landed in Jail at Ionia.

Ionia, Mich., July 11.—Wesley Bennett, an old bachelor living on the farm of Clark Hawley, in Easton, has been for some time paying attention to Lydia Wilkinson a grass widow, who keeps house for her uncle, Moses Walker, in Easton township. Walker objected and warned Bennett to keep away from the place under threat, as alleged, of chastisement. Last evening Bennett brought the young lady to this city where they spent some time and during the trip proposed marriage and was rejected, which doubtless put him in an ugly mood.

On their return Walker met them at the gate. After the lady had alighted from the buggy, he ordered Bennett to move on, firing a brick over the fence at him as he sat in the buggy. Bennett said he would go when he got a good ready and Walker came out of the yard and approached nearer when Bennett drew a revolver and fired three shots. One shattered Walker's neck and jaw another went through his left side and pierced his heart, killing him. After the shooting Bennett drove to his home where he was preparing to hitch up another horse when he was captured by Sheriff Jordan and his deputies, and safely landed in jail. His story is that he did the shooting in self defense.

Made a Lightning Change.

Susan E. Jay of Lowell and Edward Stinchcomb of the same place, were married in the county clerk's private office yesterday by Justice Cowan. Susan is only twenty-two, and had just secured a divorce from her first husband yesterday. She lost no time in entering the matrimonial state for the second time. In this she gets the better of her first husband, Seneca Jay, who was restrained from marrying for a term of two years.—[Grand Rapids Democrat.

This seems to be an exception to the old law that had it, "What's sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander."

After Many Days.

Chas. McCarty was agreeably surprised last week by the receipt of a letter from F. J. Archibald, who left this place about ten years ago. He enclosed a check to pay a grocery bill that McCarty had counted among his lost accounts years ago. The writer made no claim to a "change of heart," but said he had had a long run of hard luck and this was his first opportunity to pay.

Good Business Opportunity.

Owing to other demands upon her time, Mrs. Walsh will sell the Lowell Bakery. Here is a splendid opportunity for some one to secure a good business.

Ladies' Hair Cleaning.

Ladies call at our barber shop and have your hair thoroughly cleaned and dried.

H. H. SILSBY.

Reduced Rates via G. T. R.

Tickets will be on sale to the following points on dates named at reduced rates.

Bay View, July 12 to 22, Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 21 to 23, Celeron, N. Y., July 12, Chattanooga, Tenn., July 15 to 18, Chicago, Ill., July 21, Detroit, July 12 to 13, and 5 to 6, Island Lake, Mich., July 21 and various dates to August 21, Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 8 and 9, LaPorte, Ind., August 11 and 12, Ludington, July 20 to 29, Milwaukee, Wis., July 3 to 5, Minneapolis, Minn., July 3 to 4, Toronto, Ont., July 13, to 15, and to all points July 3, 4, and 5, good to return July 6. For further information call or address any agent G. T. Ry.

GOOD JUDGEMENT,

Money is expended every week of every month in the year—for actual needs—for home adornment—for personal comfort. It's good judgment to turn that current of expenditure where it enables you to secure the best results—to the store where your money possesses the greatest purchasing power. There's a midsummer swing to our July prices that's irresistible—that our store is the SATISFACTORY CLOTHING STORE for you.

MIDSUMMER CLEARANCE SALE

In every part of our selling we are making ready for the autumn selling, we're clearing out the surplus. You'll find it a profitable time to replenish—it will be good economy to keep in close touch with our midsummer prices.

Men's Negligee Shirts, soft bodies, cuffs attached, July clearance price, 79c.

Men's Balbriggan Underwear, worth nearly twice the money we ask for them, special value at 25c.

Men's Neck Ties—tecks, bows and strings, all of the Summer shades and weights, July Clearance value at 15c and up.

Men's and Boy's Straw Hats, yacht style, broken lots of hats worth up to 75c split braids, Cantons, the fashionable ideas, July clearance prices, from 19c and up to 48c.

Men's Summer Coats and Vests—the comfortable, fashionable kind, worth up to \$6.00. July Clearance prices 79, 98, 1.48, 2.98 and 4.50.



Extraordinary Inducements

Are offered in every part of our stock. Prices are made on all suits in our store, for men, for boys, for children, that will make our July Clearance Sale memorable.

ONLY THE BEST

Is what you get in our made-to-order Suits. Don't buy a made to order suit of any but the best makes—get your money's worth. Our suits are so satisfactory in every respect that once a customer, always a customer. The M. Born & Co. make. Always right.

WM. PULLEN & SON.

Double Store,

Lowell Mich.

FOR THESE, MANY THANKS.

What Its Exchanges Have to Say Of The Ledger.

June 24th the sparkling Lowell Ledger came out dressed in pink in honor of its successful entrance on its fifth volume. We hope that it may long enjoy prosperity.—[Rockford Register.

After four years hard work the Lowell Ledger is a better paper than it ever was, and its proprietor, F. M. Johnson, says the silver lining to every cloud is now in sight.—[Detroit Free Press.

The Lowell Ledger has just celebrated the fourth year of existence. Editor Johnson has succeeded in bringing the paper up to a high standard of excellence despite the depressing effect of the hard times.—[Detroit Journal.

The Lowell Ledger was four years old last Thursday, and celebrated the event by printing its edition on pink book paper. The Ledger is one of the brightest papers reaching our table each week and deserves to prosper.—[Portland Review.

Editor Johnson of the Lowell Ledger, celebrated the fifth anniversary of his excellent paper by issuing it on tinted stock. The Ledger is one of our valued exchanges and we rejoice in its apparent prosperity.—[Independent Citizen, Grand Rapids.

The Lowell Ledger has just entered upon its fifth year of existence. Starting under the most adverse circumstances, Editor F. M. Johnson, has built up a splendid weekly paper that has come to be one of the recognized institutions of Lowell.—[Grand Rapids Democrat.

The Ledger, F. M. Johnson's paper, came out in pink last week to celebrate its birthday. The Ledger improves with age and seems to be getting its share of the good things out that way. We wish it continued success.—[Mayville Monitor Sayings.

The Lowell Ledger issued a pink edition to celebrate its fourth birthday. F. M. Johnson, the editor and owner, is giving the people of Lowell a good local paper, and we are glad to hear of his prosperity. He is deserving of the many good things that fall

his way. May success attend his efforts.—[Albion Herald.

Last week the Lowell Ledger celebrated its fourth anniversary. Bro. Johnson has made a success of his publication despite the many predictions of failure. The Ledger is a wide-awake flourishing weekly and deserves the hearty support it is receiving from the business men of Lowell.—[Saranac Advertiser.

On Thursday, June 24th, the Lowell Ledger observed its fourth anniversary by getting out a new edition on fine tinted paper. Judging from present indications, the Ledger is no longer an experiment but an established business enterprise. Here's wishing continued prosperity to Brother Johnson.—[Freeport Herald.

The Lowell Ledger is four years old and was born at the beginning of Cleveland's administration. It is still alive and healthy as any country newspaper. There were 117 newspapers born during Cleveland's administration that bit the dust. The Ledger came out last week in pink and was as blushing as a summer girl at a seaside resort. The Ledger is all right.—[Lake Odessa Wave.

The issue of the Lowell Ledger of last week reminds us that Tempos has been fighting quite lively as we were assured that the paper was four years old on that day and it seems like it was only yesterday that Mr. Johnson stuck his stakes in our neighboring town. That he has been successful goes without saying and the Ledger is now solidly on its feet and is meeting the patronage it deserves.—[Saranac Local.

The Lowell Ledger has just passed the fourth mile stone on its journey toward success, and Editor Johnson thinks the goal is near at hand and the remainder of the journey will soon be traveled. It is always a great satisfaction when a person has struggled hard with adversity, to be able to see the object of his struggles near at hand. We wish our brother full reward.—[Clarksville Record.

Dr. M. C. Greene has established his office downtown once more and may be found at his old quarters over Boylan's store. if

Towell Ledger.

M. Johnson, Publisher.

The sharky-Maker fight was won by the police on the seventh round.

If the Japanese are spelling for a fight, perhaps they can be accommodated.

Owned, the postal dog, is now dead for the third time. Three times and out for owner.

Calling a man a pessimist never did and never will show the true character of the people to an unpleasant situation.

The town of Washington, Pa. has a widow's row, where there are nine lone widows within a block and only one bachelor.

The treasury department figures indicate a decrease of one hundred thousand in the immigration of the year. Not a star will be shed over this "loss."

It may be correct to speak of the Turk as the "sick man of the east," but the unfortunate cases of the Armenians show that he is not so consumptive as he looks.

"Founder" Bradley has popularized Auburn park by erecting what he calls a trusting tower for lovers. Here Cupid will hold high carnival, and a generation of young men and maidens will rise up to call the park the "Cupid's blessed." This is a long-felt want in almost every thickly settled community.

Rev. William H. Noyes has resigned as a missionary in Japan of the American board, on the ground that he is uncertain whether he believes some of the doctrines inculcated by the board. It was his avowal of a belief in probation after death that brought about the famous controversy over that question in the board some years ago.

St. Petersburg's population is 1,287,823, according to the Russian census taken this spring; that of Moscow is 885,510, of Warsaw 514,732, and of Odessa 404,651. Out of a total Russian population of 129,211,000 there are 64,616,890 men. An unexpected discovery in that of an increase in the population of the new provinces in central Asia.

As bearing upon the present improvement in gold mining, a statement in the annual report by one of the largest mines in Colorado showing that since the organization of the company the average cost of producing 100 ounces of gold has been 37 cents, is interesting inasmuch as it shows new methods can be applied to old mines even as it is coming to be realized.

The welcome reception of the Harvard University crew's coach at the headquarters of the Yale oarsmen, and the invitation extended to him to inspect the Yale crew at their practice, may be regarded as a final step in the system of spying upon the secret practice of crews matched for competition. This time-honored feature of the training period has savored too strongly of professional espionage to be an adjunct of college sport.

The official Austrian crop estimates, according to Berne, are 34,000,000 bushels of wheat, 10,000,000 metric hundredweights of wheat, against 38,000,000 metric hundredweights in 1896. The rye crop is estimated at 11,000,000 to 12,000,000 metric hundredweights, against 12,000,000 metric hundredweights in 1896. Barley, 10,000,000 to 11,000,000 metric hundredweights, against 12,000,000 metric hundredweights in 1896. It is favorable weather continues these estimates may be largely improved.

The best thing John Callcott, the colored end-of-the-world prophet of Lafayette, Ind., can do now is to go out of the prophesying business without delay. Mr. Callcott has been telling us for fifteen years that the end was coming at certain times, and every time he has disappointed a whole lot of people. John is said to be an excellent plasterer, and we would advise him to stick to his business hereafter and refrain from attempting to scare us to death.

The developments of modern warfare are not encouraging to skinkers. Hiding in a hole to see what there is in the next war, according to a suggestion who has been taking notes in Cuba. The bullet from a Mauser rifle goes through the target with ease. It is said that the bullet of a Mauser rifle goes through the human body without disabling a combatant, the wound of exit not exceeding in size that of entrance. The other reason the Cuban are so safe is because the Spanish troops when they strike a person, but they have not the skill to throw through trees to get at their victims.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie's announcement that he is about to give away a million dollars more to good objects, leads the Boston Herald to say, in words which we heartily endorse, that his purpose shows "that he is still of the opinion that the best time for a rich man to spend his money in doing good to his fellow men is while he is yet alive. It is a glorious idea, and will worthy the imitation of his fellow-millionaires. The trouble is that rich men think they are never going to die, and that there's time enough to dispose of their money any day."

FARM AND GARDEN.

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO AGRICULTURISTS.

Some Up-to-Date Hints About Cultivation of the Soil and Yields Thereof.

The character of the soil should be carefully considered, for, next to suitable transportation facilities, it is a question of the greatest importance.

The kind of soil to be selected will naturally depend upon the crop to be grown. For the home garden almost any of the soils of the state can be made to answer a very good purpose.

An essential requirement for both fruits and vegetables is good drainage, either natural or artificial.

This is especially necessary in the case of the soil, which is a question of the greatest importance.

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GREAT WATER POWER.

ST. LAWRENCE RIVER WILL BE MANIPULATED.

So as to Return to Its Own Bed and Continue Its Journey to the Ocean—Great Engineering Feat.

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MONSIEUR DE PARIS.

Resting French Excursionist Has Captivated French Women.

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Spec's Wins Endorsed by Leading Doctors.

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A NOVEL BY WILKIE COLLINS.

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SEEKING COOLNESS.

An Elegant Trip Where Comfort and Beautiful Scenery Abounds.

There is a route known as the Ten Thousand Islands Route, traversed by the steamers Gault and Carmona of the Windsor, Detroit & Soo Line.

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TWENTY THE KES.

MICHIGAN NEWS BRIEFS

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Carl Kaaber, near Uica, was fatally...

Erna Grinnell, aged 80, a well-known...

George Funk, an aged farmer near...

Walter Hewitt, aged 10, was ac-

Milo Rich, aged 45, of Quincy, was...

John Row, aged 18, was drowned...

John Fallaway, a farmer near Mil-

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Geo. Hill, aged 60, a wealthy farmer,

James McLean, of Maple Rapids, has...

Milton Batterson, aged 19, was...

Mr. Margaret Guy, colored, nearly...

A good-sized delegation of South...

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THE TELEGRAPH

INTERESTING AND IMPORTANT NEWS MATTERS.

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THE 56TH CONGRESS AT WORK

OVER 20,000 ENDEAVORERS.

The International Convention of the...

A Christian army of over 35,000...

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BELLA'S ATONEMENT.

By Anna Shields.

Two figures stood under the shade...

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THE MARKET.

LIVE STOCK.

New York—Cattle, sheep, hogs...

Chicago—Cattle, sheep, hogs...

Detroit—Cattle, sheep, hogs...

St. Paul—Cattle, sheep, hogs...

St. Louis—Cattle, sheep, hogs...

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CAMPFIRE SKETCHES.

GOOD SHORT STORIES FOR THE VETERANS.

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THE GREATEST DEED OF THE BURY MAN

Accomplished It.

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LOWELL STATE BANK
Capital, — \$25,000.00
LOWELL, MICH.

FRANCIS KING, President,
CHAS. McCARTY, Vice President.
M. C. GRISWOLD, Cashier.

DIRECTORS:
Francis King, Chas. McCarty,
Robert Hardy, F. T. King,
S. H. Force, E. L. Bennett,
M. C. Griswold.

A General Banking Business Transacted
Money Loaned on Real Estate Security

HOME NEWS

Good 9-room house to rent. F. L. Fallas.

L. Cole was in Grand Rapids last Friday.

May Belle McDonald went to Muir Saturday.

Luke Waters of Hastings was in town Tuesday.

Minnie Rouse went to Grand Rapids last Friday.

Mrs. M. J. Kopf went to Grand Rapids Thursday.

Mrs. Mills and son were in Grand Rapids Thursday.

Mrs. James Gulliford was in Grand Rapids last week.

All kinds of wood promptly delivered by R. B. Boylan.

Mrs. Van Ostra of Grand Rapids was in town last week.

A beautiful set of artificial teeth for \$5 at Dr. J. H. Bickert's.

Mrs. A. McDonald visited friends in Grand Rapids Monday.

Mrs. E. Orlop of Casnovia visited friends in Lowell last week.

Prof. W. A. Ludwig is taking a summer course at the University.

R. D. Bancroft and wife have returned from their trip to New York.

H. N. Stone of Grand Rapids was calling upon old Lowell friends last week.

Mrs. Emery Jones and children of South Bend, Ind., are visiting Ira Jones.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Kromer of Grand Rapids, recently.

Seigel Kopf of Grand Rapids visited his mother, Mrs. M. J. Kopf, Tuesday.

Myrtle Bangs and niece, Julia Gurnsey, visited friends in Alaska last week.

Chris Klump has a pair of Georgia alligators on exhibition at Lee's meat market.

The sidewalk reform is in progress all over town, and newly laid walks greet one everywhere.

The pocketbook advertised in the LEDGER for several weeks, was restored to its owner last week.

Mrs. A. W. Burnett is recovering from a serious illness. Art was called home from Saranac Wednesday on her account.

Let's all start right. It is pronounced Ha-wi-e, with the "a" as in "pa," the "i" as in "time," and the "e" as in "He." Accent on second syllable. Now all together.

The father of Dewitt Fero, who lives near the Sweet schoolhouse, died Sunday at Grand Rapids. Funeral services were held in this vicinity on Monday afternoon.

Quite a number of dishes, pans, tins, etc., belonging to donors to the band convention picnic, remain at the old city hall. D. G. Look has the key. Call and get your property.

Mrs. Darius Stone, an old resident of Ionia township, Ionia county, fell into a cistern, and although pulled out in time to escape drowning, was so badly injured internally that her recovery is doubtful.

The Portland Review, one of the best country weeklies in the state, began its thirteenth volume last week. The Review richly deserves the liberal patronage it receives; and thirteenth volume will prove an untrodden number with it notwithstanding the old superstition.

The books in the county clerk's office show the total receipts of fees from all sources for June to be \$529,87. In the probate office the receipts have been \$57,12 and in the treasurer's office the footings are \$109.60. Seven hundred and thirty-seven dollars and seventy cents was handed over the counter in the register of deed's office. The delinquent tax receipts for the month amounted to \$2,908.71, and the redemption certificates, to \$16.06.

One very good act of the last legislation was the passage of a bill requiring the publication of an annual itemized statement by township boards of their receipts and expenses. It is not made necessary that this statement shall be published in a newspaper, but it must be printed and the law specifies the minimum number of copies of the report to be printed and circulated in accordance with population requirements. Compliance with this law will give every taxpayer in the town full information as to the business affairs of their town, information which under the present system is practically although in some cases not purposely denied them.

Some People THINK

That because a jeweler takes an apprentice he will allow him to take the watch of a customer to "experiment" on. We are very careful of our repair work and would do nothing that would prove detrimental to it. We have old watches of course, that can be used to much more PRACTICAL advantage than any watch left for repairs. That our repairs are entirely satisfactory is proven by the rapidly increasing amount we receive to do. You have perhaps noticed that our repair rack has increased until it now numbers from 60 to 65 BONAFIDE watches (no dummies) so it only impressed upon us the need of another workman and so the apprentice.

Yours for square dealing,
U. B. WILLIAMS.

Good printing, low prices, LEDGER L. C. Hildreth has re-shingled his residence.

Miss Kittie Mason is visiting friends in Ionia.

Clarence Kunkle of South Boston was in Segwun Saturday.

Mrs. Chitenden of Clarksville was the guest of her brother, Mr. Helpin, Sunday.

A. D. Houser and wife are house-keeping for the latter's father, E. Herbert.

W. Butler Duncan and wife to Nathan Blair, pool land on sec 11, Lowell, \$185.

Our long seige of extremely hot weather was broken by a bountiful shower on Monday, and Nature smiles once more.

Subscribe now for the LEDGER and pay in advance and we will make you a present of a crayon portrait of yourself, size 16x20 inches.

The marriage license issued last week to Mrs. E. Gramer and John Randall will not be used. The lady concluded not to part with her pension.

Everybody says, and you know that is authority, that we have as fine a line of wall-paper as there is in Lowell. Prices right. Come and see us. L. H. Hunt & Co.

The store building of Wm. Pullen & Son has received needed repairs. Mason Brower re-built the entire north-west corner, where the wall had crumbled and crumbled.

Mrs. O. G. Hale and daughter Edna, of Hart are making Lowell friends a two weeks visit. On their return they will convey to their last resting place, the remains of their late husband and father.

While at work on Enos & Bradford's building in Vergennes last week, John Randall had the misfortune to fall and break his arm above the elbow. Dr. McDannell reduced the fracture.

The American Newspaper Annual for 1897 has reached our table. It is a valuable book of reference, containing a list of all the publications in the United States and Canada and a description of every county, its soil, industries and population. Our patrons are invited to make use of it.

We are in receipt of a copy of the Lake Shore News, published at Walcott, N. Y., which mentions a re-union of the Wadsworth family, and includes this paragraph. N. P. Wadsworth came from Lapeer, Mich., on purpose to attend the picnic. Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Hunter and Robert Hunter were present from Lowell, Mich. The Hunters moved from the Irving Lash farm 58 years ago. Matthew Hunter, while attending the Presbyterian church on Sunday was surprised to meet one of his old school teachers, Samuel F. Jones.

Scott's Emulsion

is made up of the most essential elements that go to nourish the body. Where the appetite is varying or lacking, it increases it, and where digestion is weak, it aids it to perform its function in a more vigorous way. It enriches the blood, makes healthy flesh and cures chronic coughs and colds by making it possible for the body to resist disease. Our friends tell us "IT WORKS WONDERS" but we never like to over-state the merits of our remedy even when it has been tested and tried for over twenty-five years. If you will ask for it, we will send you a book telling you more about the subject than we can put in a few words.

Go to your druggist for Scott's Emulsion. Two sizes, 50 cts. and \$1.00.

SCOTT & BOWNE, New York.

F. W. Hine was in town yesterday.

Mrs. S. C. Parjeh left for her home at Tecumseh, today.

A. W. Burnett has rented his residence to Mrs. White.

Mrs. Will Taylor is spending a few days in Grand Rapids.

Bert Newton was home from Grand Rapids Tuesday.

Wm. Beckwith has gone on a business trip to Fostoria Ohio.

Charlie Marsh is spending a few days with his parents at Segwun.

Julia Church of Grand Rapids is visiting her young friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Littlefield drove to Ionia and spent Sunday with a sister.

The Hastings Banner is the most valued of recent additions to our exchange list.

Mr. and Mrs. Eber Moffit are spending the week with her parents at Grandville.

Fred Holmes' little sister and brother of Grand Rapids are making him a visit.

Mrs. Wheeler Hull and Miss Kate Perry enjoyed a drive to Grand Rapids yesterday.

Miss Pearl Sweetland is the guest of Mrs. W. I. Towne, of Terrace avenue, Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Dr. Whitfield of Grand Rapids is visiting her sisters, Mrs. M. A. Carr and Mrs. Harriet Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Price and little daughter, Geraldine, returned to their home at Ithaca Sunday.

S. S. Lee is now Dr. Lee and is located with Dr. L. E. Best, our county coroner in Grand Rapids.

Librarian Robinson gives notice that during school vacation the library will be open on Saturdays only.

Archie Hasty, an old man of 97 years walked four or five miles to this village and home again Tuesday.

Robert White, who is assistant teacher at Sriver's summer school at Grand Rapids, was home over Sunday.

Claude Tidd, who has been attending school in Grand Rapids for the past year, is home for the summer vacation.

J. D. Kromer, traveling freight agent of the G. R. & I., is taking a week's breathing spell in Lowell and Highland Park.

Henry Meyers, a German, aged 55 escaped from the asylum for dangerous criminal insane at Ionia last Thursday night.

Y. M. C. A. meeting next Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at headquarters. All are invited to attend and join in the service.

Mrs. Edwin Lewis who has been spending the past month with her sister, Mrs. Jas. Scott returned to her home in Chicago Tuesday.

Geo. Hunter is home for a few weeks visit with Lowell friends. He has been employed at Three Rivers for the past eighteen months.

Theodore Woodbridge, of South Boston sold a load of wool weighing 3023 pounds, Thursday. This is said to be the largest load ever sold here.

Mrs. J. Robertson was called home from Ravenna, where she was visiting last week, on account of the serious condition of her brother, Robert Hardy.

Put it down in your book of remembrance that chickens were hatched from grocery eggs by the heat of the sun in various parts of the country last week.

The railroad collision advertised as a Fourth of July attraction at Muskegon did not take place, and the town has established a reputation for dishonesty.

The Bay City Daily Democrat is a new enterprise that promises to live to a green old age, if its early editions are any indication of its future. Success to the venture.


Lowell people helped Freeport's celebration out wonderfully. The delegation on the morning train swelled the crowd about one dozen, and about a half dozen more came in the evening.—[Freeport Herald.]

M. Langworthy, cistern builder, would announce that he is making a specialty of building stone-arched jug cisterns. Stone and cement wells deepened and repaired. New stone tops laid on old cisterns. Call on, or address him at Lowell, Mich.

Rev. A. P. Moors will close his fifth year of pastoral labor here in September, and in accordance with the Methodist discipline the people of Lowell will be obliged to give him up. Mr. Moors is an able preacher and a good citizen, and his forced departure will be universally regretted. Here is an opportunity for some good town to profit by Lowell's loss.

Clayton Wheeler, of Grand Rapids has entered a complaint against his wife for failure to take care of him, and the prosecutor has asked her to step around and explain. She goes to the Menonite camp-meeting every morning and stays all day, leaving him at home ill and unable to care for himself. He has urged her to do a little home missionary work, but she refuses, and Rev. A. H. Kauffman who is in charge of the meetings is said to uphold her in her refusal and tells her that the Lord's service requires her attendance at the tent.

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A. W. Burnett informs us that his mother will return from the west to her old home in Lowell, this fall.

We are glad to state that the health of Mrs. A. B. Johnson continues slowly to improve, and that she is now able to sit up a portion of the time.

Mrs. A. D. Oliver who has been in ill health for several years, underwent a surgical operation last week and is feeling quite comfortable since. Her mother, father and sister were with her during the ordeal, and will remain for some days yet before returning to their home at Ionia.

Belding merchants are becoming awake to the fact that good roads are necessary to attract business from the country to their village, and do not propose to let any neighboring town get ahead of them. Subscriptions are being raised and the roads leading into the village from all directions will be improved.

Are We a Law Abiding people?

MR. EDITOR:

It has been more than four weeks since Judge Grant gave the people of Lowell his popular lecture on Law Enforcement; setting forth in plain, forcible language whose duty it was to make, or commence suits against those who were violating the liquor laws of this state.

How long are the people to be treated in utter contempt by the officer whose duty it is to see to it that the law is obeyed? One might suppose by the quibbling and delay in the matter, that an officer needed to gain the muscular strength of a Samson to perform this task; and that he is expected to take each saloon bodily and hurl it into the river. The people are not asking any such thing. The people have made a contract with the saloon men, giving them certain privileges named in the contract, and the saloon men agreeing to be governed by certain stipulations for the privileges granted in the same. The people do not propose to back down in this matter. They are living up to the agreement; all they ask is that the other parties do the same; if they refuse, then make them pay the penalty. The people did not importune these men, asking them to make this trade, they came to the people of their own free will and signed these papers. All we now have to say about it is, it is your own trade, and you must stand to it or go out of the business. The people being a party to this contract gives the natural right to call for its enforcement by the proper officer employed to do it, or give place to one who will.

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Every person who will give us \$1.00 will receive the LEDGER one year and receive in addition a life-size portrait, enlarged from any photograph they wish. This is no framing scheme. We agree to give you a fine portrait 16x20 inches in size, and you can buy the frame where you please.

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THE LEDGER, Lowell, Mich.

FELT BY RABBIT NERVE.

Lifeless Arm Restored by Graft from Freshly Killed Animal.

To have the same of touch and power of action restored in the lower half of a lifeless arm is the experience recently bestowed on an English gardener. The case is noted in the British Medical Journal and has attracted widespread attention in Europe. The upper and inner half of the right arm was severed with a scythe. The artery was ligated and the two ends of the divided nerve sutured.

In the absence of more suitable tissue the spinal cord of a rabbit just killed was used as a graft to connect the ends of the median nerve, the inserted cord lying loose and quite free from tension when finally placed in position. Fine catgut sutures were used throughout. Eleven days after the operation the patient could feel the scratch of a pin on the flexor aspect of the first phalanx of the thumb, as well as at the root of the index finger. He could tell when the hairs on the back of the first phalanges of the ring and little fingers were touched, but could not feel the scratch of a pin in that situation. Seven days later sensation had returned over the whole of the palmar surface of the thumb and the proximate phalanx of the index finger.

After an interval of 16 days sensation seemed to be creeping slowly along the first finger and to be present over the whole of the palmar area supplied by the median nerve and extending down as far as the web of the fingers and a short distance along the middle finger. The muscles presented evidences of gradual development and the general nutrition of the hand improved, and soon the hand was "as good as new."

He Was Too Good to Stand.

A clergyman and one of his elderly parishioners were walking home from church one icy day last winter, when the old gentleman slipped and fell flat on his back. The minister, looking at him a moment, and being assured that he was not hurt, said to him:

"James, sinners stand on slippery places."

The old gentleman looked up as if to assure himself of the fact, and said: "I see they do, but I can't."—Tit-Bits.

Often They Have To.

Two souls with but a single thought,
(Twas better had they none),
For the thought they had was the old, old thought,
That two can live as cheap as one.

—Detroit Tribune.

HARD LINES.



Worried Shop Assistant (irritably)—
Is there anything else I can get you, madam? We have some nice dark vells.—N. Y. Truth.

Har Device.

Daphne seeks to repulse me,
The coy, tricky elf,
So she gave me her portrait
She painted herself.

—Chicago Record.

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