

The Lowell Ledger.

"WITH MALICE TOWARD NONE AND CHARITY FOR ALL."

VOL. V, NO 12.

LOWELL, KENT COUNTY, MICH., AUGUST 19, 1897.

WHOLE NO. 217

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.



An Awkward Position.

We are in rather an awkward position just now. We had an idea that Fruit Jars would be very dear this season, and a couple of months ago, prompted by a tempting price, we bought a large quantity of them. As things have turned out, we were mistaken, and we are now overstocked with Fruit Jars. We want to get rid of them—a whole lot of them—and we wish to do it quickly. Until this is done the best Mason Fruit Can may be bought from us at 50c, 60c and 70c per dozen.

We will have another lot of those

ELEGANT STANDS.....

that we are

GIVING AWAY!!

with White Cloud Baking Powder soon. Watch for them.

Farmers, I want to buy your butter and Eggs.

R. VANDYKE.

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

ABE ABROAD.

He Tells How Crops Are Harvested in Germany.

M. Gladbach, Germany, 5th Aug. Dear Editor and Friends.

It has been some time since I wrote you, but I have thought many times a day of you all, and have set many times that I would write, but when the time came, would put it off. On my way to Germany I visited the Exposition at Brussels, but at that time, while it was open, it was far from complete, and did not commence with the one we saw last year in Berlin. I spent last Sunday in Brussels, but did not visit the exposition, as it is overcrowded on Sunday, that being the day of the largest attendance during the week.

Germany is in the middle of harvest, has been cutting rye, wheat and oats for three weeks or more, and it will take at least that time, before they will be through. I have been doing considerable country driving in the past six weeks, and can fully understand why it takes so long to gather their crops. I will explain as well as possible, what I have seen.

In the first place, the land lays quite low, and the grain is much of it, lodged on the ground, and therefore, I thought at first this was the reason they used a kind of cycle scythe, with a handle about twenty inches long, the blade about eighteen inches long, and from the top of the handle, a short handle to hold onto; in the left hand they have a stick or pole, on the end of this, is an iron hook, they use this to tip the grain away from the scythe, and when it is straightened right, they cut it close to the ground, work into the grain perhaps six or seven feet, and then with the hook roll the cut grain to the outside, and when there, it is of course in a bundle; this they take with the hook and loot and lay it to one side, ready for the women to bind up. I found this was the way they cut all their grain, where it stood up perfect, as well as where it was down. Of course all who read this can imagine the length of time required to gather in a large harvest in this manner; it must take at least two minutes to cut and lay each bundle. Some are cutting oats first, others rye or wheat. They use mostly in this part, two wheeled carts, for drawing bundles, and in fact everything. It looks odd, or it did at first, to see a steer or cow, hitched in monstrous shafts and not only drawing large loads of grain, but steadily ing it from a pad on the back and a strap around them. They pull the load from a small padded piece of leather, which fits the forehead, just in front of the horns, from each end of which, chains are hooked from the whiffletree. Going over plowed fields and rough ground must be a great strain on the back of a cow, for when they go down an incline, it throws a large proportion of the weight of the whole load on the back.

The weather here is very fine, it rains just enough for the crops, and while it is warm, it is not hot. Business in Germany is generally good and the people are not constantly complaining. They seem to have very little regard for their present Emperor, but I suppose it is something like our political party, not liking the others' favorite.

I receive the LEDGER quite regular and if the readers at home, read it as thoroughly as I do, they would save considerable money. The advertisements change so often I find the most of them quite interesting to read, and I judge would be quite a saving to the pocketbook if taken advantage of in time. I am now in the silk and velvet district of Germany, and at noon one sees the streets and roads filled with girls and men from the factories, all healthy and happy looking people.

I am counting the weeks before I can shake you all by the hand again. My thoughts are with Lowell and its inhabitants, especially my many friends. Yours, A. L. PECK.

PROSPECTS ARE GOOD.

Every Indication Speaks Thus Of The State Fair.

There is every indication that the State Fair is to be a success this year. Secretary Fralick wrote to Superintendent Fifield yesterday, telling him that the inquiries for premium lists and other matters pertaining to the Fair were more numerous up to the present time than they were last year. The secretary gave this as conclusive evidence that the fair is to be a success. Yesterday the secretary received a letter from E. A. Martin of Newark, Delaware, superintendent of the Belmont farm, asking for 300 entry blanks for the Michigan State Fair. He will come from the Ohio State Fair here. As a special attraction, a contract has been made with the owners of "Bicycle Johnny," a pacing wonder that goes without reins or driver. He has a record of 2:12 on a half mile track. This horse will give an exhibition on the track each day of the fair.—[From Grand Rapids Democrat.

PICNIC MEETING

Of the Horticulturalists on the Island Tuesday.

The meeting of the Horticultural society, Tuesday, was called to order by the president at 1 p. m. and the secretary's report was read and approved.

Mark D. Sneathen read a paper on "Diseases of the Peach Tree," and a discussion followed, participated in by L. J. Post, J. E. Lee, Mr. Tucker, E. Hunt, Mr. Morton and W. R. Blaisdell.

A song by Messrs. Howe, Gullitord and Burnett followed.

Ruby A. Fox read a paper on "The Relation of Women to Horticulture," and it was discussed by Mesdames J. C. English and W. H. Moon.

Audie Post rendered a very fine recitation and Messrs. Howe and Burnett sang another song.

R. D. Graham gave a very instructive talk. He said that the Elberta peach was effected worse than any other variety by the "curl leaf." This is a Chili year. Any wet, cold spring is followed by curl leaf, while a warm, dry spring was the reverse. He said that Lowell had some first-class fruit growers.

N. P. Husted asked the speaker: "What effect has the curl leaf upon the body of the tree?"

Answer: "It is very weakening to the tree."

Mr. Graham and L. J. Post recommended the sowing of oats and crimson clover in peach orchards from July 15 to August 1, to check growth of trees.

Jaynes Harker asked how late to cultivate a peach orchard.

Answer: "If the orchard is bearing fall do not stop cultivation at all. If not many peaches, August 1 is late enough."

A song by Harley H. Hayes and two recitations by Johnny Miller concluded the exercises.

Annual Low Rate Excursion To North Michigan Resorts.

Wednesday, August 25, is the date for this popular trip this year. D. G. R. & W. train will leave Lowell at 11.50 a. m. Round trip rates will be as follows:

Mackinac Island,	\$5 00
Petoskey and Bay View,	4 00
Charlevoix and Traverse City,	4 00
Return Limit Sept. 3rd. Full particulars given by agents and posters.	
Geo. DeHaven, G. P. A.	

Notice to Horsemen.

All horsemen will please see me before using the race track for driving purposes.

I. B. MALCOM.

BURGLAR BOLD.

He Entered Several Lowell Residences Last Week.

The residence of Wm. Pullen was entered by burglars last Thursday evening. The door was open on account of the warm weather, and the only barrier was the screen, which was easily cut with a knife. The festive burglars went to the refrigerator and helped themselves to eatables, took a little change from a couple of pocketbooks lying in sight and after ransacking the lower part of the house, as traced by burned matches lying about, retired without molesting clothing, silverware, or anything else. Mr. Pullen's pants lying on a chair upstairs with quite a wad of the needful in the pockets, were not molested.

The residence of Harman Nash was also visited and the contents of the refrigerator sampled but no other mischief was done, and nothing was missing next morning.

On the same night, Frank T. King and wife were awakened by a noise at one of their windows, and their movements saved their larder from an attack by their hungry visitors.

From all indications the gentry who honored Lowell citizens by their calls are more hungry than dangerous.

Ben Doyle Has Struck It Rich.

The Detroit Evening News has the following dispatch from Grand Rapids:

Ben Doyle, formerly of Grattan, has returned to the Lake of the Woods, Minn., where he has six valuable gold mining claims. Doyle says the rocks are full of gold. The region is so far from civilization that its existence was scarcely known till a rich English syndicate gobbled up nearly 100,000 acres, making it harder for a poor man to get along, but if transportation companies boom it as they have boomed the Klondike, there would be a greater rush there than to Alaska. Mr. Doyle was penniless six years ago but within the past week he paid \$10,000 for the old Grattau homestead and is supposed to be a millionaire.

A Circus Coming, Sure as You're Born.

Lowell is to have a real, live circus. The Ives-Bailey-Harris' Grand Consolidated shows are booked for this place for September 6. The contracting agent was here Tuesday and will be followed soon by the bill posters and advertising agent. On account of the \$50 license charged by the village, the tents will be pitched on the grounds of W. R. Huston, just outside of the corporation limits. This company claims to rank next to Ringling Brothers in magnitude, running at an expense of from \$800 to \$1,000 per day.

At Court Walker.

John Kelley, a tramp blacksmith, was before Justice Walker last Saturday, charged with disorderly conduct on the night of the 13th. Released on suspended sentence.

John Morris of Ada made his bow to Justice Walker Tuesday, on account of using too much budge and foul language the previous evening. He had no money and the Squire took pity on his large family and discharged the old man on suspended sentence, after giving him some wholesome advice, which was well taken and some good promises given.

Notice to Correspondents Contributors and Advertisers.

As the entire force of the LEDGER office will attend the band convention at Grand Ledge next Wednesday, you are hereby requested to send in copy on Monday, so that publication be not delayed.

Ed. Ledger.

This paper on trial 10 weeks for 10 cents. Try it once.

PIONEER PICNIC

AT CAMPAU LAKE LAST FRIDAY.

Big Crowd, Fine Day and a Good Time.

The eleventh annual Pioneers' picnic of the Thornapple valley was held last Friday in the township of Caledonia, on the beautiful lake Campau. This lake was named after Pioneer Edward Campau, who is president of the society and was present at this meeting. Representative Shisler was acting secretary and creditably filled the office, in the absence of the society secretary, W. S. Hale, who was detained at home with severe, if not fatal sickness.

There were fully 2,000 people gathered together for an old-fashioned visit, and to listen to several speeches from Hon. B. M. Catecheon, Capt. G. O. E. Judd, of Grand Rapids, Aaron Clark, of Caledonia, J. S. Hooker, of Lowell, Gaylord Holt, of Cascade, W. H. Adams, of Paris, and Tom speeches were all mainly on pioneer times and were interspersed with music and recitations by several sons and daughters of the pioneers. The day was pleasant and the visitation was enjoyed by one of the best representative crowds that we have met in many a year. Some of Lowell's attendants were W. R. Blaisdell and wife, A. L. Coons and wife, J. J. McNaughton and wife, J. S. Hooker and wife, Mrs. O. O. Adams, Misses Emma Craw, Mattie Thompson, Mammie Walsh and Mrs. Harvey Coons, Frank White, and many others.

Death of Mrs. David R. Condon.

Lucinda Jane, wife of David R. Condon, died at her home near Alton, of spinal fever, on August 9th at the age of 43 years and 3 months. Funeral services were held at the Alton church on the 11th inst, conducted by Rev. S. B. Dexter.

Lucinda Jane Hubbell was born in Keene and lived there for fourteen years when she moved with her mother, to Vergennes, where she continued to reside, until her death.

March 22, 1878, she married David R. Condon; and to them were born five sons and two daughters. Deceased had been in ill health for ten years, but death came suddenly at last as she was confined to her bed but six days.

Besides the children, a mother, Mrs. Westbrook, of Campbell, two brothers, Nathan Hubbell, of Saranac and William Hubbell of Grand Rapids, one sister, Mrs. Wm. Rexford of Fallsburg, also a half-sister, Mrs. Ed Condon of Otisou, and a half-brother, Prindell Westbrook of Campbell, mourn their loss.

Mrs. Wm. REXFORD.

CLARKSVILLE ACADEMY.

THIS PRIVATE SCHOOL OFFERS THE FOLLOWING COURSES OF STUDY.

Common School Course.—This course gives the regular work of all the common branches of study. Tuition for term of 20 weeks, \$8.00.

English Course.—Gives shorter or review work of common branches and all academic studies leading to first, second and third grade teacher's certificates. Tuition for term of 20 weeks, \$10.

Academic Course.—Prepares the student for state certificate or university. Tuition for term of 20 weeks, \$10.

Normal Course.—Includes kindergarten and professional studies for all grades of teacher's certificates. Tuition for term of 20 weeks, \$10.

Business Course.—Gives book-keeping in all its forms and other branches necessary for a complete business education. Tuition for term of 20 weeks, \$15.

Announcements for 1897-98.—Fall and winter school begins Oct. 25, 1897. Anyone desiring regular or special purpose, will find that we will do them justice for less expense, than any other school of the kind. If you desire special preparation for first, second or third grade certificates, we offer the best opportunity at Clarksville Academy. Our students are successful.

C. J., and E. E. Trammis, Managers, Clarksville, Ionia Co., Mich.

Drug Store Prices Knifed!

Your Doctor Bill Paid By Us!

- When you are searching for lowest prices on best drugs come to us.
- When you or your family are sick
- Consult **Dr. Tyroler.** at his office over our store. His services are free to our patrons.
- Paul V. Finch & Co.** Mail orders promptly attended to.
- The Cut-Rate Druggists, 75 Canal, Grand Rapids.**
- California Wines From 15c Per Quart Up.

The Lowell Ledger. PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY AT LOWELL, KENT COUNTY, MICH. FRANK M. JOHNSON.

Entered at Lowell post office as second class matter.

Subscription ONE DOLLAR YEARLY.

Business news 5 cents per line each line. Legal ads at legal rates. Card in directory column \$1.00 per line per year. One inch 85 cents per year. Rates for larger advertisements made known at the office.

Advertisements: Business news 5 cents per line each line. Legal ads at legal rates. Card in directory column \$1.00 per line per year. One inch 85 cents per year. Rates for larger advertisements made known at the office.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve. The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Swellings, Sprains, Burns, Scalds, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Erysipelas, and is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 50 cents per box. For sale by L. H. Hunt & Co. P. I.

McCords. Mrs. Albert Clark and wife, son, Harold and daughter, Mrs. W. J. Dwyer, of Grand Rapids, attended at Frank B. Clark's last week, at the place at Camp Lake.

Keene. Mrs. Clapp and her two sons, of Chicago, are spending two weeks with Mrs. Dell Bowen.

Fallsburg. Mr. and Mrs. Tower drove to Iowa last week Tuesday.

First-Class Implements. Oliver and Syracuse Plows, Planet Jr. Cultivators. They are right, and Nash sells them right. If you don't find it so, he is here to make it right.

It Pays To *Shed* **It Pays To** *Shed* **It Pays To** *Shed*

LOCATED Directly Opposite M. C. R. Depot. Two Blocks from Union Depot. Three Blocks from Eastern Dept. The Grand Central of the Wholesale District. Three Minutes by Electric Car to Retail Center and all Parts of Amusement.

HOW HE GOT WATER. Old Trapper Showed Them a New Device in Reaching Drinks.

HOW TO FIND OUT. Fill a bottle or common glass with urine and let it stand twenty four hours. A sediment will be at the bottom. This is a reliable test of the kidneys.

Tax Payers Take Notice. The tax roll of the village of Lowell is now in my hands and I am ready to receive taxes. After August 1, an extra charge will be made.

Business Directory. J. HARRISON RICKERT, Dentist. Over Church's Bank, Lowell.

No Cure, No Pay. G. A. Munch, M. D. the noted specialist and consulting physician of the Detroit Medical and Surgical Institute.

H. Nash. STURGEON, DENTIST, EYE, EAR, NOSE, THROAT, AND SKIN DISEASES.

How about that Spring Suit? I can fit you, giving you a choice of all the best goods in the market. An endless line to select from and prices very low.

FOR FIRE INSURANCE! F. D. EDDY & CO.

Spring & Co. From Clue to Climax.



Dress Goods Miracle. Only the quick to answer shoppers will be sure of securing some of these goods, for they will go off like dynamite on sight.

Towels and Toweling. Large Fringe Huck Towels, 20x40 inches, 5c. Fringe Huck Towels, 24x43 inches, 14c.

Special Sale of Cotton. These are not inferior brands such as you will often observe displayed in front of stores.

Bleached Cottons: 3 cases A No. 1 bleached yard wide, 5c.

MILTON M. PERRY, Attorney and Counselor at Law, Train's Hall Block, Lowell, Mich.

A. E. Campbell, Dentist, OVER BOYLAN'S STORE. All branches of dental work done by the latest improved methods.

Spring & Co. Grand Rapids, Mich.

AGENTS WANTED FOR *Cloudey's Alaska*. The Official Guide to the Klondike Country.

MORTGAGE SALE. Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made and executed by James S. Scott and Nancy E. Scott.

DETROIT. GRAND RAPIDS & WESTERN R.R. Train arrive and depart from street passenger depot.

MORTGAGE SALE. Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made and executed by James S. Scott and Nancy E. Scott.

MORTGAGE SALE. Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made and executed by James S. Scott and Nancy E. Scott.

MORTGAGE SALE. Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made and executed by James S. Scott and Nancy E. Scott.

MORTGAGE SALE. Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made and executed by James S. Scott and Nancy E. Scott.

MORTGAGE SALE. Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made and executed by James S. Scott and Nancy E. Scott.

MORTGAGE SALE. Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made and executed by James S. Scott and Nancy E. Scott.

MORTGAGE SALE. Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made and executed by James S. Scott and Nancy E. Scott.

CAMPFIRE SKETCHES.

WOOD SHORT STORIES FOR THE VETERANS.

Explores the Army Males—Mother Bickerdye Honored—Kansas Soldiers Pay Homage to the Great Army Males—Our Grand Old Ship.

The Flight of the "Constitution." HE sky in the south was unclouded, and the sea was like a mirror.

Dehlin, like hawks that one second before they fall, were they falling.

Across the smooth sheet of the surface to east the moon even showed her face.

Orled Hull: "We are waiting our thunder, unharmed."

They were not, and the heavy lead seemed plain.

And the first of the women still followed.

They had no occasion for hurry, their net was made fast.

They were not, and the heavy lead seemed plain.

They were not, and the heavy lead seemed plain.

They were not, and the heavy lead seemed plain.

They were not, and the heavy lead seemed plain.

They were not, and the heavy lead seemed plain.

They were not, and the heavy lead seemed plain.

They were not, and the heavy lead seemed plain.

They were not, and the heavy lead seemed plain.

They were not, and the heavy lead seemed plain.

They were not, and the heavy lead seemed plain.

They were not, and the heavy lead seemed plain.

They were not, and the heavy lead seemed plain.

They were not, and the heavy lead seemed plain.

They were not, and the heavy lead seemed plain.

They were not, and the heavy lead seemed plain.

They were not, and the heavy lead seemed plain.

FARM AND GARDEN.

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO AGRICULTURISTS.

Some Up-to-Date Hints About Cultivation of the Soil and Yields Thereof—Horticulture, Viticulture and Floriculture.

Kaffir Corn in Indiana. EITERS of inquiry, received at the experiment station, indicate that many Indiana farmers are becoming interested in kaffir corn.

In many parts of the country, but not attracting much notice. Recently it has sprung into some prominence as a forage plant in the country, and astonishing claims are made for it in certain newspaper articles which are attracting wide attention.

It is a superior merit in previous trials at this experiment station, the former will be more thoroughly tested here in the coming season.

These, who intend trying it, should remember that it is said to be very sensitive to cold, especially when germinating.

Department Commander Botkin and staff, and Mrs. Griffiths, president of the W. R. C., and staff came in early this morning.

They were not, and the heavy lead seemed plain.

They were not, and the heavy lead seemed plain.

They were not, and the heavy lead seemed plain.

They were not, and the heavy lead seemed plain.

They were not, and the heavy lead seemed plain.

They were not, and the heavy lead seemed plain.

They were not, and the heavy lead seemed plain.

They were not, and the heavy lead seemed plain.

They were not, and the heavy lead seemed plain.

They were not, and the heavy lead seemed plain.

They were not, and the heavy lead seemed plain.

They were not, and the heavy lead seemed plain.

They were not, and the heavy lead seemed plain.

They were not, and the heavy lead seemed plain.

They were not, and the heavy lead seemed plain.

They were not, and the heavy lead seemed plain.

They were not, and the heavy lead seemed plain.

They were not, and the heavy lead seemed plain.

NEWS TOLD IN PARAGRAPHS.

Minor Happenings of the Past Week.

Political, Religious, Social and Criminal Doings of the Whole World Carefully Condensed for Our Readers—The Accident Record.

Ann Arbor, Mich.—Michael Steel, a traveling man of Port Huron, was found dead in the Michigan Central rail for a pillow when run over. On his body was found \$14 in change.

Dublin.—A potato blight is ravaging the counties of Clare and Limerick. Prices have quadrupled and there is only a supply for two months.

Rome.—Signor G. Costa, minister of justice, is dead. Shortly before he died he sent a touching deathbed letter to his wife, the Countess of Humberg.

Hicksville, Ohio.—A terrific storm swept over this city Sunday, doing \$10,000 damage in uprooting and otherwise injuring buildings.

Palmyra, Wis.—Christopher Olson, a resident of this city for half a century, is dead, aged 74 years.

Little Hugh (eating strawberries from a basket)—Ma, how is that the small strawberries always fall to the bottom of the basket?—Pick-Me-Up.

There is a class of People Who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been placed in all grocery stores a new preparation called GRAIN-O.

Denver, Colo.—It is probable that the great silver mines at Creede, Col., will be closed down on account of the low price of silver.

Paris.—A dispatch to the Fiaro from Buenos Ayres, the government of the Argentine Republic has decided to remove the landing of any Spanish anarchists on Argentine soil.

Green Bay, Wis.—Six prisoners escaped from the Brown county jail by breaking an iron bar on the top of the outside window.

Greenwich, N. Y.—A meeting of the board of directors of the Adams Express Company Henry Sanford was convicted and sentenced June 17.

Greenwich, N. Y.—A meeting of the board of directors of the Adams Express Company Henry Sanford was convicted and sentenced June 17.

Greenwich, N. Y.—A meeting of the board of directors of the Adams Express Company Henry Sanford was convicted and sentenced June 17.

Greenwich, N. Y.—A meeting of the board of directors of the Adams Express Company Henry Sanford was convicted and sentenced June 17.

Greenwich, N. Y.—A meeting of the board of directors of the Adams Express Company Henry Sanford was convicted and sentenced June 17.

Greenwich, N. Y.—A meeting of the board of directors of the Adams Express Company Henry Sanford was convicted and sentenced June 17.

Greenwich, N. Y.—A meeting of the board of directors of the Adams Express Company Henry Sanford was convicted and sentenced June 17.

Greenwich, N. Y.—A meeting of the board of directors of the Adams Express Company Henry Sanford was convicted and sentenced June 17.

Greenwich, N. Y.—A meeting of the board of directors of the Adams Express Company Henry Sanford was convicted and sentenced June 17.

Greenwich, N. Y.—A meeting of the board of directors of the Adams Express Company Henry Sanford was convicted and sentenced June 17.

Greenwich, N. Y.—A meeting of the board of directors of the Adams Express Company Henry Sanford was convicted and sentenced June 17.

Greenwich, N. Y.—A meeting of the board of directors of the Adams Express Company Henry Sanford was convicted and sentenced June 17.

Greenwich, N. Y.—A meeting of the board of directors of the Adams Express Company Henry Sanford was convicted and sentenced June 17.

CASUALTIES.

New York.—John Perry, 32 years old, was struck by a base ball and may die.

LaGrange, Ind.—An unknown man was killed by a Wabash freight train near Benton.

Hamilton, O.—Maxwell V. Potter, 39 years old, son of Ellis Potter, the New York millionaire, was killed by a Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton passenger train at Schenck's station.

Martinsville, Ill.—The large farm barn of P. Crabtree was burned to the ground. Two horses and a large quantity of hay and grain was destroyed.

Loss covered by insurance; supposed to have been fired by tramps.

Paxton, Ill.—Daniel Dwyer, residing a few miles southwest of this city, lost his barn and contents by fire. Five horses perished. The loss is estimated at \$700.

San Francisco.—Sparks from the engine ignited a pile of shavings at the factory of the San Francisco Furniture Manufacturing Company.

Asheville, N. C.—A fire broke out in the factory of the Asheville Furniture Manufacturing Company.

Asheville, N. C.—A fire broke out in the factory of the Asheville Furniture Manufacturing Company.

Asheville, N. C.—A fire broke out in the factory of the Asheville Furniture Manufacturing Company.

Asheville, N. C.—A fire broke out in the factory of the Asheville Furniture Manufacturing Company.

Asheville, N. C.—A fire broke out in the factory of the Asheville Furniture Manufacturing Company.

Asheville, N. C.—A fire broke out in the factory of the Asheville Furniture Manufacturing Company.

Asheville, N. C.—A fire broke out in the factory of the Asheville Furniture Manufacturing Company.

Asheville, N. C.—A fire broke out in the factory of the Asheville Furniture Manufacturing Company.

Asheville, N. C.—A fire broke out in the factory of the Asheville Furniture Manufacturing Company.

Asheville, N. C.—A fire broke out in the factory of the Asheville Furniture Manufacturing Company.

Asheville, N. C.—A fire broke out in the factory of the Asheville Furniture Manufacturing Company.

Asheville, N. C.—A fire broke out in the factory of the Asheville Furniture Manufacturing Company.

Asheville, N. C.—A fire broke out in the factory of the Asheville Furniture Manufacturing Company.

Asheville, N. C.—A fire broke out in the factory of the Asheville Furniture Manufacturing Company.

Asheville, N. C.—A fire broke out in the factory of the Asheville Furniture Manufacturing Company.

Asheville, N. C.—A fire broke out in the factory of the Asheville Furniture Manufacturing Company.

Asheville, N. C.—A fire broke out in the factory of the Asheville Furniture Manufacturing Company.

Asheville, N. C.—A fire broke out in the factory of the Asheville Furniture Manufacturing Company.

OUR I'S AND OTHER EYES.

HER MISSION.

By Amy Randolph. NI you think I'd read better than you?" said the Rev. Septimus Hixon.

"By all means," said Mrs. Clara. "put yourself in direct communication with the general public of Snagtown; that's the only business way."

Mr. Hixon, a tall, pale, close-shaven young clergyman, sat in his Gothic study, with a vase of roses before him and a stack of new pens all placed ready for use.

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

OUR I'S AND OTHER EYES.

HER MISSION.

By Amy Randolph. NI you think I'd read better than you?" said the Rev. Septimus Hixon.

"By all means," said Mrs. Clara. "put yourself in direct communication with the general public of Snagtown; that's the only business way."

Mr. Hixon, a tall, pale, close-shaven young clergyman, sat in his Gothic study, with a vase of roses before him and a stack of new pens all placed ready for use.

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

OUR I'S AND OTHER EYES.

HER MISSION.

By Amy Randolph. NI you think I'd read better than you?" said the Rev. Septimus Hixon.

"By all means," said Mrs. Clara. "put yourself in direct communication with the general public of Snagtown; that's the only business way."

Mr. Hixon, a tall, pale, close-shaven young clergyman, sat in his Gothic study, with a vase of roses before him and a stack of new pens all placed ready for use.

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

OUR I'S AND OTHER EYES.

HER MISSION.

By Amy Randolph. NI you think I'd read better than you?" said the Rev. Septimus Hixon.

"By all means," said Mrs. Clara. "put yourself in direct communication with the general public of Snagtown; that's the only business way."

Mr. Hixon, a tall, pale, close-shaven young clergyman, sat in his Gothic study, with a vase of roses before him and a stack of new pens all placed ready for use.

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, when we have cause to use them. But we have less and less cause to praise ourselves, since others do the praising."

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,
 G. H. Force, E. L. Bennett,
 M. C. Griswold.

A General Banking Business Transacted
 Money Loaned on Real Estate Security

HOME NEWS

Mrs. J. Walsh has sold her bakery.
 Mae Talbot is visiting relatives in Grand Rapids.
 Mrs. Hattie Tredenick is visiting in Grand Rapids.
 Bert Newton was home from Grand Rapids over Sunday.
 Miss Kate Cadwell of Chicago is visiting Mrs. Abe Peck.
 Mrs. E. O. Mains and children are visiting her parents at Saranac.
 Next Wednesday, Aug. 25, occurs the great hand convention at Grand Lodge.
 Master Wells Brown of Grand Rapids is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Fred Malcolm.
 A marriage license has been issued to John S. Shaw, Lowell, and Viola Hoos, Ada.
 The annual picnic of the township Sunday schools will be held on Friday, August 27.
 Mrs. W. B. Rickert is home from a visit with friends at her old home, Lockport, N. Y.
 J. D. Kelly and family are spending a week with friends in Muskegon, Berlin and Grand Rapids.
 Miss Maude Lenington of Grand Rapids is the guest of Martha Thompson and other friends here.
 A good fishing boat with good pair of oars for sale, or will exchange for 5 cords good wood. This office.
 Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Look and little daughter Helen, left for Ithaca and Loomis, Saturday for a ten days outing.
 The Garrick Theater Co. opens a three nights engagement next Thursday night, August 19. Prices 15 and 25c.
 Miss Katie McMahon went to Grand Rapids Monday to attend the closing session of the Teachers' institute.
 C. O. Lawrence and family and Miss Libbie Lawrence leave Saturday on the Buffalo excursion to make a short visit East.
 Misses Clara, Grace and Blanche Newton of Grand Rapids have been spending their vacation with their mother, Mrs. Phoebe Newton.
 The Lowell Junior band has taken the name "The Lowell Ledger band." If there is anything in a name, the band will be a success.—Saranac Advertiser.
 For the grand tournament at Grand Ledge the L. & H. R. will sell excursion tickets at one fair for round trip. Leave Lowell 7 a. m., reaching home 10:30, p. m.
 The Seventh Day Adventists are holding their annual state campmeeting at Owosso August 19 to 29th. Excursion rates on railroads to those attending August 19 to 25.
 J. H. Duke is working on the new cement walk in front of the Lowell State bank. He has finished the McCarty and McDannell jobs, and it is needless to say they are "beauts."
 The Lowell State Bank is having a new cement walk laid in front of its building, in the hope of getting a better job than was made by the person who laid the first one several years ago.
 The Lowell & Hastings railway will give an excursion to the Farmer's picnic at Lansing, tomorrow, August 20th, leaving Lowell at 7 a. m., and returning leave Lansing at 6:45 p. m., Round trip \$1.00.
 W. H. Clark, R. B. Boylan, Arthur McMahon, Tom Murphy, Harold Force and F. E. Holmes took in the excursion to Island Lake last Sunday. They worked their passage in a Patsey's palace car to Elmdale and return.
 Mr. Harry Wickham, the manager of the Garrick Theater Co., is an old Lowell boy and has met with success in the profession and is a recognized manager. The company present The Wild Rose Thursday night. Admission 15 and 25c.
 The union harvest picnic of eastern Kent and western Ionia will be held at Saranac, Thursday, August 26. Hon. Aaron Clark of Caledonia and others will address the meeting. There will be a balloon ascension in the afternoon and everything will be done to make the day one of pleasure.
 There will be a dance at Lally's Grove, Murray's Lake, Wednesday evening, Sept. 1, 1897. Good music will be furnished by Covert and Basam. Floor managers are Geo. Mason and Bert Heffron. All night dance, bill 35 cents including care of horses. An excellent time guaranteed.
 Lally & Frost.



OUR WORK
 is always first class. A watch is too delicate a piece of mechanism to be entrusted to incompetent hands.
 Our increasing trade only proves that our repairs are giving satisfaction.
 We have lately added at quite an expense, some of the latest and most improved machinery, and tools for doing the best work, so are now prepared to undertake anything in our line. All work guaranteed with a guarantee that guarantees.

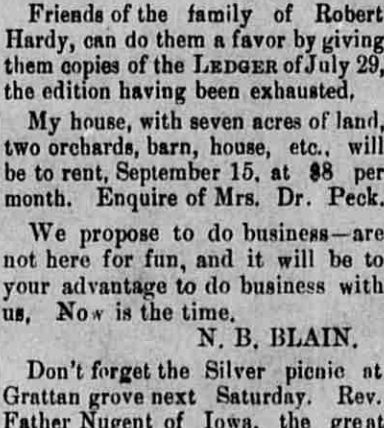
U. B. WILLIAMS.
 We have some nice styles in long chains that are bargains.
 Good printing, low prices. LEDGER
 A large line of ladies wrappers at Blain's.
 Good 3-room house to rent. F. L. Fallas.
 Best of seasoned wood at Fallas & Clark's.
 This paper on trial 10 weeks for one dime.
 A. W. Burnett was down from Saranac Monday.
 A rare bargain in Alaska refrigerators at Fallas & Clark's.
 All kinds of wood promptly delivered by R. B. Boylan.
 A beautiful set of artificial teeth for \$5 at Dr. J. H. Hackett's.
 C. Krum of Grand Rapids was in town the first of the week.
 Will Ennis and family have moved into the Terwilliger house.
 Repairs on the King Milling dam have been in progress this week.
 One cord of good, green wood pays a years subscription to this paper.
 Many from this section will attend the Farmers' picnic at Lansing tomorrow.
 Want some business cards? Call at this office and see our elegant new line.
 Don't forget Blain's 1/2 off sale. Now is your chance to buy goods cheap.
 Mrs. Jennie Robertson is visiting her sister, Mrs. Blair at Ionia, for a few weeks.
 Fallas & Clark screen all their coal; prices guaranteed coal the very best quality.
 Mrs. Clair Shaw of Muskegon is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Robinson.
 Ray Edmonds and family of Chicago are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Edmonds.
 The King Milling company is making large shipments of its popular brands of flour this week.
 Do you want any dry goods? This is a good time and Blain's a good place to buy them.
 Dr. Milliman of Chandler, brought a load of wheat to town yesterday and subscribed for the LEDGER.
 N. B. Blain's clearance sale is meeting with great success and will be continued another week.
 R. J. Flanagan has returned from Mt. Clemens where he took a three weeks course of mineral baths.
 Misses Nellie and Nettie and Mrs. J. J. McNaughton are visiting relatives and friends at Yankee Springs.
 Is your subscription to the LEDGER paid a year in advance? if so, you are entitled to one of those crayon portraits.

THE FISHERMAN'S PET CROW.
 A Bird That Went to Church, Though Not to Service, Every Sunday.
 "You will find pet crows alongshore," said a fisherman, "just as you might anywhere else. I knew a fisherman once that had one he got out of its nest when it was little, and brought up in his home. He never clipped its wings, and it used to go out and be gone, maybe for hours, perhaps for days, but it knew where it could get warm and where the best things to eat were, and it always came back. If any of the family saw it coming they would let it in; if they didn't see it the crow would sit on the railing by the door and caw to be let in; and, if nobody heard the cawing, it would peck at the door with its beak. It used to sleep in the house, and was on friendly terms with the whole household. The name of the crow's owner was William; his friends used to call him Bill. When bedtime came the crow would perch on the back of Bill's chair, and every now and then Bill would reach up over his shoulder something nice for the crow to eat.
 "Every Sunday morning the crow used to go to church, and it never used to go any other time. It knew the sexton. The sexton was a fisherman, too, like everybody along the beach, and he was superintendent of the Sunday school, and a big man in the church generally. The crow used to go over to the church and sit on the doorestep Sunday morning and wait for the sexton to come, and when he did come and open the door, the crow would go in with him. The church was heated by a big stove, and while the sexton was building the fire the crow would sit on the back of a pew close by and look on. Sometimes, when the sexton was working away over the stove the crow would hitch along on the pew rail and caw to him; and sometimes the sexton would turn around and smile at the crow and maybe say something friendly, and then the crow would perk its head over on one side and caw and caw, and then the sexton would smile again and go on building the fire. He would put in a section of old tarred netting to start the fire with, something that every fisherman uses if he has got it, and the best thing in the world to start a fire with, and then he would build up the fire and light it, and when it had got well a-going and he had made everything snug he would leave the church until it was pretty near time for the service to begin; and when he went the crow would go with him. I think the crow would sometimes have stayed in the church, but of course that wouldn't do, and when the sexton was ready he would call the crow and the crow would follow him out, and they would separate where they had met, on the steps of the church. The sexton lived about half a mile away in one direction, and the crow lived close by in the other, and when the sexton had gone the crow would go over to its home and peck on the door, and they would let him in.
 "Everybody around knew this crow, and nobody ever molested it. The crow itself took chances. Sometimes it flocked with other crows and then it was in danger of being shot; but nobody ever shot at it when it was alone. When they saw it fly by they said:
 "There goes Bill's crow." — N. Y. Sun.

Your Cough,
 like a dog's bark, is a sign that there is something foreign around which shouldn't be there. You can quiet the noise, but the danger may be there just the same. SCOTT'S EMULSION of Cod-liver Oil is not a cough specific; it does not merely allay the symptoms but it does give such strength to the body that it is able to throw off the disease.
 You know the old proverb of "the ounce of prevention?" Don't neglect your cough. A book which will tell you more on the subject sent free on request.
 Your druggist keeps Scott's Emulsion of Cod-liver Oil. Put up in 50 cts. and \$1.00 sizes.
 SCOTT & BOWNE, New York.

A "Late in Season" price on Dangler gasoline stoves at Fallas & Clark's.
 John Cutler, who has sold his hotel business at Howell, spent several days this week with his daughter, Mrs. W. Ennis.
 N. B. Blain's Clearance Sale is now on. Don't spend a dollar when seventy-five cents will buy as much at Blain's.
 A. H. Peckham, wife and son Carl, leave Saturday on a four weeks visit with friends in Syracuse, and Cortland, N. Y.
 Miss Vera Barber of Houston, Texas, is the guest of her cousin, Louise Barber, and other relatives and friends in this vicinity.
 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.
 Now is your time to place your order for coal. Quality the best, price guaranteed and every pound of coal screened at Fallas & Clark's.
 Friends of the family of Robert Hardy, can do them a favor by giving them copies of the LEDGER of July 29, the edition having been exhausted.
 My house, with seven acres of land, two orchards, barn, house, etc., will be to rent, September 15, at \$8 per month. Enquire of Mrs. Dr. Peck.
 We propose to do business—are not here for fun, and it will be to your advantage to do business with us. Now is the time.
 N. B. BLAIN.
 Don't forget the Silver picnic at Grattan grove next Saturday. Rev. Father Nugent of Iowa, the great Silver orator, will speak. Take your baskets and enjoy the day.
 "Mamma says I musant." The young lady that but a short time ago, paid up and said U Bet I won't bet again on that chap. The boys are smiling and eating ice cream soda.—[Item box.

Suffered Eighteen Years.
 Farias Deported and Sloop Came.
 Mrs. Julia A. Brown, of Covington, Tenn., whose husband has charge of the electric light plant at that place, has been a great sufferer. Her ailments and speedy cure are best described by herself, as follows:
 "For 18 years I suffered from nervousness and indigestion. I tried every remedy recommended by family and friends, but I could get no relief at all. Two years ago while being treated by three local physicians, Drs. Barret, Maly and Sherod, they



informed me that I had become dropped, and that there was little hope for me. I then decided to try
Dr. Miles' Restorative Nerve,
 I was then unable to get to sleep until well on toward daylight, and during all this time I had a deep, heavy pain in my left side. I was most miserable, indeed, but after taking one-half bottle of the Nerve I could sleep all night just as well as I ever did. The Nerve is the only remedy that gave me any relief whatever. I am now well and strong, and I thank God every day of my life for Dr. Miles' Nerve."
 Mrs. JULIA A. BROWN.
 Dr. Miles' Nerve is sold on a positive guarantee that the first bottle will benefit. All druggists sell it at 60¢ bottles for 85¢, or it will be sent prepaid, on receipt of price by the Dr. Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind.
Dr. Miles' Nerve Restores Health

His method of teaching a lad to ride was to accompany him on a vicious black horse, and when little Philip erred in any of the observances of good riders, to punish him with his heavy hunting whip. The whip had a steel hammer at the end of a long handle; and if at any time the owner fancied that the child was turning out his toes, he would not say anything, but with cruel dexterity he would bring the foot, sharp enough to make him writhe with pain.
 Yet this Spartan severity had its valuable side. The elder Hamerton understood the importance of concentration, and if he saw the boy occupied with several books, would say:
 "Take one of those books and read it steadily. Don't potter and play with half a dozen."
 What he hated most was a lie or the shadow of a lie, and so bitter was this aversion that Philip was sometimes punished unjustly. He was expected to practice with dumb-bells 15 minutes every morning. This exercise was taken in the garden, but before beginning he always looked at the clock in the sitting-room. One day the father met him and asked:
 "Have you done your 15 minutes?"
 "Yes, papa."
 "That is not true," said his aunt, from the next room. "He has only practiced for ten minutes; look at the clock."
 The hand stood at ten minutes past 11; and though the boy protested that he had begun at ten minutes before the hour, the "additional lie" put his father in a fury, and he was ordered to practice continually for two hours. And though the child was ready to drop with fatigue long before the 120 minutes were over, not one of them was remitted.—Youth's Companion.
Just Shrewd Judgment.
 She—I went to a fortune-teller to-day, just for a lark, and she told me a lot of things.
 He—Yes, some of them hit it pretty closely, but I hope you don't think there is anything supernatural about their powers. They just use shrewd judgment; that is all.
 She—That may be true, dear. She told me I was married to a man who fell far short of what I deserve.—Indianapolis Journal.

NOT A FASHIONABLE WEDDING.
 The Groom's Clothes Were Badly Shrunken and the Bride Muddy.
 There was a time in Oregon when the male inhabitants mostly wore buckskin trousers, because there was no other material available for garment making. Oregon's climate, of course, is damp, and buckskin once wet shrinks frightfully in drying. This reminds an old pioneer, says the Covallis (Ore.) Times, of the first wedding he ever went to in Oregon. He said: "It occurred in the winter of 1845 at Oregon City. The bride walked two miles through mud to get to the church. She was arrayed in white, and when she appeared in church her gown was sadly bedraggled. The groom wore buckskin pants. Once they had been wet, but at the wedding they were dry. They begged at the knees until there was room inside for a swarm of bees, but they failed to reach his shoetops. They ended somewhat about the calf of the legs, and the groom wore no socks. It was a strange costume for the chief contractor at a wedding, but the groom was undaunted. His name was Sharp, and the name of the bride was Edes. Though they were wedded in unsightly suits, it is presumed that they lived happily until the husband, years afterward, killed a man and went to the penitentiary, and the wife married another man.

EXACTING DISCIPLINE.
 The Cruelest Severity of an Unmerciful Father.
 Philip Gilbert Hamerton was, during his childhood, the victim of a severe and cruel discipline. His father was a man of ungenerous temper and irregular life, who had no sympathy with childish follies, and whose only idea of educating a boy was to "make a man of him."
 In Doubt.
 A certain minister, who is not always so careful as he might be in making his teachings and his practice correspond, was lately telling some friends a story of adventure. It was a pretty "tall" story, and the minister's ten-year-old girl was observed to be listening to it, very intently. When he finished, she fastened her wide-open eyes upon her father's face, and said, very gravely: "Is that true, or are you preaching now, papa?"—Household Words.

GREATEST OFFER EVER MADE.
 Crayon Portraits Absolutely Free
 No Tickets to Punch, and
 No Coupons to Save.
 In order to more rapidly increase our subscription list, and as an inducement for those of our readers who are in arrears to settle up, we have closed a contract for 500 life-size portraits, with A. G. Van Allsburg, a Grand Rapids artist, to be absolutely given away upon the following conditions:
 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.
 Remember, that there are no tickets to punch, no coupons to save, no large sums of money to spend, and no tedious waiting before you get the portrait. The small sum of \$1.00 secures you the LEDGER one year and \$5.00 portrait.
 Subscribers in arrears, who settle up and pay a year in advance, are entitled to the same privilege.
 Sample of work can be seen in our office. Bring or send the cash and the photograph and we will do the rest.
 THE LEDGER, Lowell, Mich.

A NEW TRIUMPH.
 The Dreaded Consumption Can Be Cured.
 T. A. Slocum, the Great Chemist and Scientist, Will Send to Sufferers, Three Free Bottles of His Newly Discovered Remedies to Cure Consumption and All Lung Troubles.
 Nothing could be fairer, more philanthropic or carry more joy to the afflicted, than the generous offer of the honored and distinguished chemist, T. A. Slocum, M. C., of New York City.
 He has discovered a reliable and absolute cure for consumption, and all bronchial, throat, lung and chest diseases, catarrhal affections, general decline and weakness, loss of flesh and conditions of wasting away; and to make its great merits known, will send three free bottles of his newly discovered remedies to any afflicted reader of the LOWELL LEDGER.
 Already his "new scientific system of medicine" has permanently cured thousands of apparently hopeless cases.
 The Doctor considers it not only his professional, but his religious duty—a duty which he owes to suffering humanity—to donate his infallible cure.
 He has proved the "dreaded consumption" to be a curable disease beyond a doubt, in any climate, and has on file in his American and European laboratories thousands of "heartfelt testimonials of gratitude" from those benefited and cured, in all parts of the world.
 Catarrhal and pulmonary troubles lead to consumption, and consumption unintermitted, means speedy and certain death. Don't delay until it is too late. Simply write T. A. Slocum, M. C., 98 1/2 Pine Street, New York, giving express and postoffice address, and the free medicine will be promptly sent. Please tell the Doctor you saw his offer in the LOWELL LEDGER.
 People using our item box must sign their names to their contributions, or they will not be used. They should also be very careful in writing names to make every letter distinct. Guessing at the spelling of strange names is poor business.

A Warning
 Is hereby given to all that the stealing of boards from the fair ground must cease or trouble will follow.
 I. B. MALCOM.

MICHIGAN STATE FAIR
 WILL BE HELD AT
GRAND RAPIDS
 Sept. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10,
 1897.

The usual large exhibits.
 Do not fail to visit the Fair this year.
 Premium lists ready. Make entries early.
 H. S. FRALICK, Grand Rapids, SECRETARY.

THE ODELL TYPE WRITER.
 \$20 will buy the ODELL TYPE WRITER with 78 characters; warranted to do as good work as any machine made.
 It combines SIMPLICITY with DURABILITY, speed, and ease of operation. Wears longer without cost of repairs than any other machine. Has no ink ribbon to other the operator. It is neat, substantial, nickel-plated, perfect, and adapted to all kinds of type writing. Like a printing press, it produces sharp, clean, legible manuscripts. Two or ten copies can be made at one writing. Any intelligent person can become an operator in two days.
 RELIABLE AGENTS AND SALESMEN WANTED.
 For pamphlet giving Indorsements, etc., address
The Odell Typewriter Co.
 348 364 Dearborn St. Chicago Ill.

IF
 you get it at Rickerts its the best at the price. We make a specialty of

Ice Cream
 and twenty years experience ought to insure good goods. In

Ice Cream Soda
 we own no superior. Our syrups are flavored from Fruit Juices put up by Ourselves, and consequently we know they are pure. We have fruits, nuts, candies, cigars, smoking tobacco, etc.

Best New Orleans Molasses—Try it.
W B. Rickert

Just a Slight Mistake.
 Pretty Mrs. Brown was wedded to her second husband and had a peculiar way of talking about her first and her second in the same breath, which was confusing to her listeners as well as to herself. One day she planned a birthday party as a surprise to Tom (her second). About an hour before the guests were to assemble to celebrate Tom's birthday, she could contain herself no longer and confided the secret to him. A troubled look stole over his face and he seemed greatly distressed to dampen her enthusiasm, but upon her questioning him as to his seeming distress he answered: "Why, my dear, this is Dick's birthday, not mine!"—Liverpool Mercury.

Has a Rubber Back.
 "A cat will fall on its feet always, while a coon will always land on its back," commented an old hunter as we galloped through one of the mountain hollows in southwestern Missouri. "I s'pose the reason is obvious. A coon has an Injo rubber back."
 "A rubber back?" incredulously.
 "Sure you're born. A coon'll fall from the topmost branch of the tallest tree on its back every time. The fall would kill any other animal. How about the coon? He just bunches up in the air about 25 feet like a rubber ball and comes down on a dog's neck. Why, I've seen a coon bound like a baby's rubber ball."
 "I have been told—I've never seen it—that the coon's favorite amusement is bouncing. One'll drop from a tree and bounce; then another'll drop and bounce, and they'll keep that up by the hour. So I say a coon has a real rubber back." (All of which will not be found in any book on natural history).—Detroit Free Press

A Powerful Battle Ship.
 The most formidable addition yet made to our navy was the battle ship Iowa, which has recently had her official trial off the coast of Massachusetts. She is the first vessel officially classed as a sea-going battle ship. As compared with the Massachusetts and her two sister ships, the Iowa is of 1,200 tons larger displacement, and is one knot faster. Her battery is of about the same strength as theirs, and her armor, though not quite so heavy, is practically as effective. The contract required of her a speed of 16 knots an hour, and a bonus of \$50,000 was promised for each quarter of a knot in excess of that limit. She made 17 knots, and thus earned for her builders, the Cramps, of Philadelphia, a bonus of \$200,000.

McKINLEY & McCARTY
 Are elected. The former will run the government but the latter will continue to run the Grocery, Provision and Farm Produce business.
 Everything in the line of STAPLE and FANCY GROCERIES.
 Crockery and Glassware a Specialty
 Prices that cannot be beat for money pins or marbles.
McCARTY.
 Highest prices paid for farm products

R. D. STOCKING
 Having severed his connection with the Michigan Cattle & Bugby company wishes to announce that he may be found at the old stand of Stocking & Sherman, where he will make a specialty of

BICYCLE REPAIRING.
 and will handle all kinds of MUSICAL and SPORTING GOODS as of old.
 Lowest living prices on

Sewing Machines
 with repairs and supplies for same.
FIRE and TORNADO INSURANCE
 Written on Village and farm property. Very best form of Insurance out.