



# Towell Ledger.

There must be larger birds. The women want them for bonnets.

# NEWS TOLD BY GRAPHS.

Minor Happenings of the Past Week.

# EVENTS OF LAST SEVEN DAYS.

The clergyman who married a couple in a lion's den took care to remain outside during the ceremony. He hadn't the blood of the late Mr. Dan-

Richmond, Va.—Peter Coleman, who murdered his wife, was hanged at Hanover Court House.

Louisville, Neb.—Section Foreman English and Trainman Robert Cramer were killed in a collision on the Bur-

It would seem that one of the chief cares of schools and colleges would be that students should learn to speak correctly.

The Queen Regent of Spain has pardoned the Americanized U.S. marines who

Last year the girls in a school in Brookline, Mass., took lessons in bread

A United States report on Austria as a grain-producing country.

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# CASUALTIES.

Waller, Ill.—Romania Kolath was killed at the Illinois Street by the falling

Richmond, Wis.—A train struck a sleigh containing Peter Anderson, a farmer,

St. Louis, Mo.—After a vigil of two years detectives have arrested here

Louisville, Neb.—Section Foreman English and Trainman Robert Cramer

Beatrice, Neb.—Charles N. Emery, one of the prominent pioneers of Kan-

Indianapolis, Ind.—C. C. Franke, a contractor, who disappeared a month

Wilmington, Del.—Mr. and Mrs. Wesley McBride of Stanton were killed.

Evergreen, Ala.—The boiler of the engine of the Bear-Creek Hill company

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# TALMAGE'S SERMON.

SCRIPTURE OF THE DEEP—GOD AMONG THE CORALS.

From the Text—"No Mention Shall Be Made of Coral"—Job Chap. XXVIII. Verse 13—Love of God for the Beautiful.

What you say that, inspired dross, that has no more to do with the superior value of our religion, you tossed aside the pearls, which is used for making exquisite canoes, and the sapphires, sky-blue and

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# CHAPTER IV.—(Continued.)

"Oh, poor thing! Joe came home drunk and knocked her about, and one of the neighbors, who could bear it no longer, went and fetched a policeman, and Joe was marched off, to poor Janet's unutterable dismay," Miss Dimsdale replied.

"Yes, he does," "I wonder could you do something? Poor Janet is in the most dreadful perplexity now."

"Well, I'll go round and see if you like," David answered; "but Benham's an awful brute, and will drink all he can get hold of to the end of the chapter. I don't know whether you have ever noticed it, Miss Dimsdale, but somehow it seems to me that almost invariably the women prefer to marry the wrong men, and vice versa."

"My dear, my dear," cried Miss Dimsdale, to whom all this was untold joy, "let bygone be bygone. I am very sure, David, that you must be

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

Francis King, President,  
CHAS. McCARTY, Vice President.  
M. C. GRISWOLD, Cashier.

DIRECTORS:  
Francis King, Chas. McCarty,  
Geo. W. Parker, F. T. King,  
G. H. Force, E. L. Bennett,  
M. C. Griswold, C. Bergin.

A General Banking Business Transacted  
Money Loaned on Real Estate Security

### LOWELL MARKET

Invariably corrected Thursday morning

Wheat	@	87
Butter	12 @	14
Onion	2 @	30
Orn	@	24
Oats	@	22
Rye	@	42
Barley per cwt	@	60
Flour per cwt	@	2.60
Bran per ton	@	11.00
Middings per ton	@	12.00
Corn meal per ton	@	13.00
Corn and oats per ton	@	14.00
Eggs	@	16
Potatoes	@	50
Beans	@	70
Beef	7 00 @	7.50
Pork	3 50 @	4.00
Chickens	6 @	7
Wool washed	7 @	14
Wool unwashed	5 @	10
Apples	30 @	50

## HOME NEWS

Call at city bakery for your lunch. Fred Mason is home from his recent trip.

Orton Hill spent Christmas with his family.

Emma Crow of Albion, is home for the holidays.

Skating is the popular local amusement just now.

Be sure and call on Fallas before selling your poultry.

Will Quayle of Ionia was in town Saturday and Sunday.

Will Carlton's "Rhymes of Our Planet" \$1.00 at Look's.

"Jim" McMahon and Wilder Wiley spent Sunday in Saranac.

Gold pens and holders, everyone guaranteed, only \$1.00 at Look's.

Good work twice a week and fair treatment at the Lowell Laundry.

Eugene Field's Anthony Hope's, Billy's, Carlton's late works at Look's.

F. M. Johnson and family spent Christmas with friends in Walker township.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Griswold spent Christmas with the latter's mother at Middleville.

Miss Kate Edmonds has been home from Detroit, making her parents a short visit.

Mrs. H. S. Schreiner and son Willie, visited with Grand Rapids friends over Sunday.

Mrs. O. McMahon spent Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. Stephen Bergin of Howell.

Our old friend and former townsmen, A. H. King, of Alaska made this office a pleasant call last week.

Four large cases of cloaks and furs just arrived at F. T. Mason's. Now just call and ask the price of one that suits you.

Daniel Rogers, a former business man of this village, but now of Lowell, was a guest of his brother-in-law, Wm. Hazen, Tuesday.—[Clarksville Record.

The Rev. L. N. Pattison will preach a sermon Sunday morning, January 2nd 1898, which may be of interest to business men. His subject will be "How to get rich."

The people of Muskegon think they are being discriminated against in the matter of railroad service to Grand Rapids, and there is much talk of an electric railroad between the two cities.

If Lowell has any desire to keep the Michigan Cutter and Buggy company, she will have to do something quick, or it will be everlastingly too late, as other towns are hustling for it.

Mr. Harry St. Clair, Mgr. Holberton's Prize Ideal Co., was in town Wednesday making arrangements for his company to appear at Train's Opera House, Saturday eve. Admission 15 and 25 cents.

Holberton Prize Ideal Co., will appear at Train's Opera House Saturday eve., New Years night. The company carries 14 people and are said to be a strong company. All the latest songs and dances.

N. W. Hubbell and Geo. A. Potts were in Lowell over the week end at Bay City. They were holding a union meeting in a saloon at Hudson. B. Face, an old man in possession of this pension money, by being \$35.

It is estimated that the value of year's colery crop at Kalamazoo should be "How not to Get Rich" for consistency's sake. Perhaps he will say to his audience as the profane



### MUSTGETUP

Yes, of course, if you have one of our new nickel clocks. We bought a lot of them; bought them cheap, will sell them cheap, Only 99c, worth \$1.50 anywhere else. Fully guaranteed for one year with a written guarantee.

A handy thing to have as they will run in any position and can be carried from room to room. Guaranteed to rouse the sleepest boy.

U. B. WILLIAMS,  
The Jeweler.

Examine our line of holiday goods.

Fred Fallas wants your poultry. Don't forget Blain's half off sale. This paper on trial 10 weeks for one dime.

Crayon portraits free to patrons of Bush's bakery.

Leon Burnett and Will Long spent Sunday in Ionia.

Elmer White and wife spent Friday in Clarksville.

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

Mrs. Hall of Grand Ledge is the guest of Mrs. Orton Hill.

Elegant line medallions at Look's from 25c to \$10 each.

Miss Mamie Walsh was the guest of friends at Aho, Christmas.

Miss Beal of Grand Rapids visited her parents in this village Sunday.

Miss Lina Bostwick of Grand Rapids is visiting Lowell friends this week.

The stone crusher broke down Monday and work on the street is again stopped.

Roy Hill of Olivet, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orton Hill.

Arthur McMahon and Miss Eva Bergin spent Christmas at Thos. Lally's in Grattan.

Charlie Marsh of Grand Ledge was the guest of his parents, Stephen Marsh and wife, last week.

Blain took a big load of carpets to Freeport one day last week and is ready to take another. Who is next?

Don't fail to see little Aggie, the child wonder, at Train's Opera House Saturday evening. Admission 15 and 25 cents.

Communion service and reception of members at the Congregational church, next Sunday morning. Regular services in the evening.

The township taxes are now due and payable at the store of A. L. Coons. HARRY J. COONS, 233f Twp. Treas.

Don't fail to see Harry St. Clair in his great female burlesque act. Mr. St. Clair is 32 years old and appears before the audience as a blushing maid of 18 years.

The annual meeting of the Congregational church and association will be held for the association, Monday evening, Jan. 3rd, 1898, for the church, Wednesday evening, Jan. 5th, 1898.

Subjects for Sunday, January 2nd, 1898, at the Baptist church: a. m., "How to begin the New Year;" p. m., a discourse especially for young men, by request. Covenant and business meeting Saturday at 2:30.

A quiet wedding took place at the M. E. parsonage Thursday evening, December 23, when Ralph T. Fox and Miss Emma Hughes were made husband and wife. Rev. L. N. Pattison performed the ceremony.

The LEDGER presents its readers with another ten page issue this week, one of which consists of a chronological review of the year just closing. Paste this in your scrap book and you will have a valuable record of events for the year 1897.

The Michigan Cutter company, of Lowell, who were recently burned out, are looking for a location at some other point, and Lyons people are anxious to secure the enterprise. Belding has a desirable building for such a factory, and we believe it can be secured on satisfactory terms.—[Belding Star. Do Lowell people see the point?

At the M. E. parsonage, on Wednesday, Dec. 22, at 4 o'clock, William C. Andrews of Bowne township and Ella Houlihan were united in marriage by Rev. L. N. Pattison. They were married in the archway of the library under a bell of Christmas holly. Mr. and Mrs. Andrews after receiving the congratulations went to his father's house on the west side of the river where a wedding supper waited them.

Try Rose Cream for the teeth.  
Try Dan-Bush for an oyster stew.  
See Fallas before selling your poultry.

Work has begun on Grattan's new creamery.

Dr. Rickert now extracts teeth by the use of gas.

The Lowell W. C. T. U. will meet at the Y. M. C. A. room Friday afternoon at 2:30.

Mrs. Johnie Toney of Grattan died of heart disease recently leaving a husband and three small children.

The Rev. Mr. Deal and wife have returned to their home in Climax after a few weeks visit with A. McDiarmid and family in Bowne.

The younger members of Mrs. C. A. Slade's private class in music were pleasantly entertained at her home on Monday evening, with games, charades and music.

The Methodist parsonage has been wired for electric lights by Superintendent English. Elder Pattison said "Let there be light, and there was light."

Next Sunday, January 2, the Y. M. C. A. will hold a general service in their room at 4 o'clock, to which all ladies and gentlemen are invited. Special music is being prepared.

William O'Marrow, a former Lowellite, was married at Racine, Wis., Dec. 15th to Miss Anna M. Anderson. They will make their home at Chicago, where Mr. O'Marrow is employed.

F. T. Mason returned from North Michigan Monday, bringing with him a very fine specimen of lynx, or American wild cat, which can be seen in the west window of his cloak and fur store.

On New Year's eve, the Ladies of Mrs. Needham's ten will give a Match Social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Hodges, in Vergennes. A good program, plenty to eat and lots of fun, all for ten cents. Conveyances will leave Gile's corner at 7 o'clock sharp. Don't fail to come.

On the 22nd day of December 1897, at the home of Mr. A. C. Blakeslee, the marriage of his daughter, Miss Auda C. Blakeslee to Mr. Sylvester, was solemnized by Rev. L. N. Pattison. The parents of the happy couple and a few other relatives were present. The home was beautifully decorated with flowers and the bride wore a very handsome bouquet of roses. The ring service was used and after the service a splendid dinner was served after which the wedded pair left for Grand Rapids.

The Junior League will give a piano recital at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Yeiter, Friday evening, December 31, 1897. Miss Myrtle Ethel Turner of Grand Rapids, an elocutionist, will give several readings. Older people as well as the younger are cordially invited. The following program will be rendered: Solo, Miss Hattie Stone, duet, Misses Yeiter and Hine; solo, Paul McCarty; solo, Lotta Ruben; duet, Dean and Paul McCarty; solo, Miss Clara Lawrence; solo, Miss Winnie Johnson; duet, Ora McCall and Bernice Ecker; solo, Miss Martie Hine; solo, Miss Addie Phillips; duet, Misses Yeiter and Hine; solo, Miss Marion Hill; solo, Miss Laura Nicklin.

The Portland Observer says that a man in Ionia obtained some pills at a drug store for the cure of insomnia, sometimes called sleeplessness. That night in the dark he found what he thought was the pill box, and swallowed as he supposed, three of the pellets. He then slept soundly. In the morning it was discovered that he had gulped down three of his wife's shirt waist buttons.

## New Years Is Coming BUT RICKERT

is here with more candy than all the rest of the dealers combined.

Cream candies from 10c lb up.  
Chocolates from 15c lb up.  
Peanut candy 10c lb up.  
Mixed candy 7c lb up,  
Mixed nuts 10c lb up,  
Broken mixed 10c.

Sweet, juicy Mexico oranges 35c doz.  
Washington navals, large, 40c.  
Salted Almonds.  
" Pekans  
" Walnuts  
" Peanuts  
Crystalized cherries  
" Pineapple etc. etc.  
All cheap at RICKERT'S.

Rings for papa; rings for mama; rings for Johnnie; rings for Mary; rings for lover; rings for everybody. prices as low as we can make them.  
U. B. Williams.

A happy New Year to all our readers.

Mrs. Mrs. McCarty spent Christmas in Grand Rapids.

Scott Hester's family spent it, but not with the Ledger.

Miss Mary Thompson is home again after her holiday.

Mr. T. Mason and wife of Ionia will spend the week with T. W. Mason.

Mrs. M. Baby is spending the holidays with friends in Grand Rapids.

G. C. McArthur of Rockford will spend the winter with his son, G. V.

The Freeport Herald issued a very handsome double Christmas number.

Mrs. A. E. Birkna of Grand Rapids has been visiting Mrs. B. Slade.

Lease Mitchell is spending the holidays with E. E. Chase and wife at Vergennes.

Mrs. C. M. Hunter and daughter Olga, are visiting friends at Three Rivers.

Miss Jessie Tilden has resigned her position as teacher in the central school.

Albert Stauffer and wife of Bowne have a bouncing baby boy, a nine pounder.

Misses Bessie McCarty and Winnie Johnson are spending their vacation in Grand Rapids.

A young thirty five couple tripped on a night fantasia with the Sons of Vergennes Christmas eve.

H. H. Hunter is home from Mt. Pleasant. His father's strength is failing and the end seems near.

Come early and select your garments at the great gift sale at F. T. Mason's. All to be sold or given away. 6 days tells the story.

The entire line of cloaks and furs at F. T. Mason's must go in 6 days at 25c per garment if necessary, but they must go. Come early and make a choice.

Every cloak, fur cape, skirt, child's cloak to go in 6 days at F. T. Mason's. Now is the time to select what you want; the all ready low price is again divided by 2.

Rev. L. N. Pattison was presented with a very handsome pair of gold eye glasses by his Sunday school class of young men. E. D. Misner made the presentation speech in behalf of the young men.

John Credit of this city and Miss Harriet Clauchey of Berlin were married at Ionia, Dec. 16.—[Belding News. Here's hoping that Harriet's Credit will always be good. It will often come handy.

The Woman's Missionary societies of the M. E. church will hold their next regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Eli Denny, Tuesday afternoon, January 4th, '98 at 2:30 o'clock. Subject, "Work Among the Orientals." All ladies who are interested in this work are cordially invited to be present.

A Lake Odessa man still lives, although his back is broken and has been so for six months. He is gradually improving in health, and the physicians who said at the time of the accident that he could not live many hours are greatly puzzled. The man's name is Rutherford Rogers, and the accident which caused all the trouble occurred at a barn raising last June.

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### Step in, Ladies

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