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"WITH MALICE TOWARD NONE AND CHARITY FOR ALL."

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## A MARRIAGE LICENSE

is not the only license that gives a woman a right to strike her husband—for a pair of Winegar's

## Famous Fitting Shoes.

Fit, Finish, Wear and Price are the primal causes that spur a woman on to such a sensible choice. Fit and wear are wedded in Winegar's Shoes.

If you don't believe it, try a pair and be convinced.  
YOURS FOR SHOES.

GEO. M. WINEGAR.

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.

WE

Make Maple Syrup.

WHY?

Because we can buy Supplies of R. B. Boylan so Cheap. Look:

Sap Spiles	60c to \$2.00 per 100
Sap Buckets,	\$11 to 14.00 " "
Sap Pans,	4 to 6.00 " "
Syrup Cans □ or ○	8 to 10.00 " "

Square Syrup Cans eased ready to ship.

COME EARLY AND GET BARGAINS.

R. B. BOYLAN.

## 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 Courses.**  
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.

Summer School Begins

APRIL 11, 1898.

Write For

Particulars.

C. J. and G. E. Truette, Managers,  
Clarksville, Ionia Co., Mich.

I Have Moved Again.

My blacksmith shop is now in the old Wilson shop, opposite McCarty's warehouse, where I hope to see all my old customers and many new ones.

FRED BARNES,  
Blacksmithing and Horseshoing. [250

Clarepet and best medicine on earth. Perkins' American Herbs, nature's system regulator; I have it.

It is the same as I have handled for months, a perfect and safe cure for all Stomach, Blood, Liver and Kidney diseases. Each box registered and fully guaranteed.

242 H. H. SILSBY, Agent.

One cord of good, green wood pays a years subscription to this paper.

## McCARTY--ALTHEN.

### MARRIAGE OF A POPULAR LOWELL COUPLE.

Miss Bertha McCarty and Clarence Althen.

The social event of the season in Lowell, was the marriage of Miss Bertha McCarty and Mr. Clarence Frederick Althen, which took place last evening at the elegant residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCarty. There were about 250 guests present. They were received in the hall by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Savies of Grand Rapids and directed upstairs, and on arriving in the parlor were met by Messrs. and Mesdames Chas. McCarty and Chas. Althen.

Promptly at 7:30 the wedding march, "Lohengrin's Bridal Chorus," was played by Miss Lena Kenney of Olive and the bridal party descended the stairs, and took their position in the bay window of the back parlor. They were led by Miss Nora Blackmore, of L. S. and Mr. Phil Althen, bearing red and white ribbons, which they escorted in the window. Following the ribbon bearers, came the officiating clergyman, Rev. H. Marshall, then the bridegroom, with his best man, Mr. Bert Stewart, of Battle Creek, after them the groomsmen, Messrs. Fred McWilliams of Grand Rapids and Will McCarty, next the bridesmaids, Misses Edna Moore and Bertha Palmer of Big Rapids, then the maid of honor, Miss Bessie McCarty and finally the bride, on the arm of her father.

The bride was beautifully attired in a gown of white organdy, trimmed with valenciennes lace and tulle ribbon, over white brocade satin. She wore a tulle veil and carried a bouquet of white hydrangeas and lilies of the valley. The maid of honor was gowned in a pale green brocade satin, with mousseline-de-soie and pearl trimmings and carried American beauty roses. The bridesmaids wore white organdy over silk, with red tulle sashes, and carried red roses.

The prevailing colors throughout the room, were red and white. The bay window was tastefully decorated with palms, smilax, ferns, and red and white carnations, and ribbons were festooned from the four corners of the ceiling to each corner of the room. The mantle in the front parlor was draped with smilax and ribbons and decorated with roses. In the hall, ribbons and smilax festooned the banisters.

The Episcopal service was performed in a very impressive manner. It followed congratulations, during which instrumental and vocal music was furnished by Miss Kinney and Mr. George Murphy of Grand Rapids.

The company was then shown to the dining room by Mesdames Cotton and Aubrey, where a dainty lunch was served by the following young ladies: Miss Moore, Ramey, Childs, Bery, Chapman and Sayles. In the dining room, ropes of ground cedar were draped from the ceiling and ribbons were festooned from the chandelier to the table and corners of the room. Besides these the table was decorated with ribbon, smilax and roses.

The wedding gifts, which were many, were both beautiful and valuable.

Mr. and Mrs. Althen left on the 9:20 train, amid a shower of rice for their new home in Grand Rapids and will be at home to their friends at 177 Lagrave st., after March 1. The congratulations of their many Lowell friends go with them.

The guests from abroad were:

Messrs and Mesdames John Edson, Manley Sones, Dr. Burkhardt, Will M. Chapman; the Misses Anna and Carrie Schroeder, Messrs. Geo. A. Murphy, Will Hulbert,

Geo. Zindell, Carl Peckham, Robert Taylor, Fred McWilliams, Miss Angella Giles and Miss Lula Brown, all of Grand Rapids; Messrs. and Mesdames Henry McCarty of Walker; C. B. Taylor of Manistee; Mar Simpson, Ionia; Mrs. P. L. Abbey, Kalamazoo; Mr. Bert Stewart, Battle Creek; Misses Bertha Palmer, of Big Rapids; Lena Kenney of Olive; Nora Blackmore of Leslie, Nellie Hathaway of Ionia; Mrs. and Miss Chapman and Ed. Payne of Saranac; Messrs. Millard and Harlow Abbott of Grandville.

## A NEW GAME.

WELL DRESSED STRANGER TOLD SMOOTH STORY TO CLERK.

Represented Himself to be a Well Known Lowell Merchant.

By a flimsy scheme which is a new one, at least to the police and detectives of this city, an elderly, well dressed man obtained a gold ring and a diamond setting, together worth \$8 from Frederick W. Wurzburg's jewelry store on Monroe street, Wednesday afternoon. He went into the store about 2 o'clock and speaking to Frederick W. Harker, who waited on him, he stated he was Charles Althen, a merchant of Lowell. He said his son, Clarence F., who is a clerk at L. Higer & Son's clothing store, is to be married Wednesday of next week and he wished to purchase a wedding present for him. He selected a ring and a diamond setting and asked if he might take it down to the store to see if it would suit his son.

Before this he had talked along a line that would have banished any suspicion Mr. Harker might have had that his customer was not Mr. Althen and that he was being flimflamed. He talked of his son's recent illness and of the excellencies of the young lady who is to be his bride. He also referred to the purchase of a diamond by his son at Wurzburg's store about a year ago and said he was with his son when he purchased it. Mr. Harker remembered the instance well. He also spoke of a lumber deal he expected to close yesterday on which he said he expected to realize a large profit.

### DID NOT RETURN.

The man left the store with the ring and setting and said he would be back in a few minutes. When he had not returned in an hour Mr. Harker grew suspicious that all might not be right, but he convinced himself that the customer was Mr. Althen of Lowell and that the goods were safe in any case. When the alleged Mr. Althen had not shown up late in the forenoon yesterday, Mr. Harker went down to Higer's store and asked Clarence F. Althen if his father had been in the city Wednesday. He said he did not think so, but when told the story of the ring and diamond purchase, and the wedding and other things the customer had said, he acknowledged they were all facts and said his father might have been in the city.

Mr. Althen at Lowell was telephoned to and he informed his son he was not in the city Wednesday and had not been there for two months. It was then Mr. Harker knew he had been victimized by some one who impersonated the Lowell man. He is described as a man of medium size with full beard, partially gray, with hair turning gray, and probably 50 or 55 years old. His resemblance to the man he impersonated is said to be very striking. The police were notified and given a description of the flimflamer.—[Grand Rapids Herald.]

Genuine home-made bread "like mother makes" at Bush's bakery. Good work twice a week and fair treatment at the Lowell Laundry. Try Rose Cream for the teeth.

If Friends or Relatives did not present you with what you desired in the

## JEWELRY LINE,

—CALL AT—

## HIGBY'S

All the New Goods and Fads Carried in Stock.

'Tis a pleasure to show them.

Bench work properly and Promptly Done.

East side, next to McCarty's.

The Only Daily Woman's Page.

Not only ALL the NEWS, concisely and decently told, but there is more in

The Detroit Journal.

There is a daily WOMAN'S PAGE, SOCIETY NOTES, FASHIONS illustrated and many other matters intended to entertain, uplift and cheer our daily lives. The JOKES from THE JOURNAL'S "Dexter and Sinister" Column are copied the world over.

AN AGENT IN EVERY TOWN—You may have The Journal served to you for only 10 cents per week. By Mail \$1.25 for 3 months.

### LEFT A FORTUNE.

An Old Soldier who was Thought to Have Nothing.

Grand Rapids, Feb. 13.—G. J. Exon, an old soldier, who formerly lived at Lowell, died Friday night at a cheap boarding house in this city, and upon his body were found certificates of deposit amounting to \$3349. It is now learned that he leaves property valued at \$15,000, of which his relatives were not aware. He was 87 years old and very eccentric. He leaves three daughters, one in this city, and Mrs. McGovern and Miss Fannie Eaton, of Lake City.—[Detroit Free Press.]

This is the old fellow who was being "sponged" his living after his Segwan shanty was burned.

### LECTURE ON JOHN HUSS.

Rev. J. T. Husted will Deliver One Here Next Wednesday.

John Huss, the great reformer and martyr, forerunner of Martin Luther, is the subject of a lecture to be delivered under the auspices of the Lowell literary societies, at Music hall, on Wednesday evening, Feb. 23.

This is purely an educational enterprise and the charge of admission, only 5c, is for expenses only. No one unable to pay it will be turned away.

Every member of every literary and culture society in town is requested to consider himself one of a committee to get out a big crowd. Let us share the good things with all the people of Lowell; and give Mr. Husted, the speaker, a royal greeting.

### Meeting of Old Residents.

A meeting of the Old Settlers association will be held at the office of the president, John M. Mathewson, on Friday, Feb. 18th, at 2 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of fixing the time for the annual gathering and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it. Let there be a good turnout.

S. P. Hicks, Secy.

### "Kore Acres."

"Kore Acres" it has been said that it is not a play, but a leaf torn from the book of nature and held up to the gaze of human eyes that men may learn the faculty of worldly ambition and the beauty of unselfishness and devotion to others. Mr. Herne's play has certainly achieved a most remarkable success and it promises to attract the lover of the drama for many years to come. Although it is almost entirely free from the old and stereotyped form of dramatic situations and climaxes, its story is a powerful one and one follows the trials of Uncle Nat and his loved ones with almost breathless interest. The scene in the lighthouse is, perhaps the most dramatic, but it pales before that intensely pathetic scene that closes the last act in the play. Words would prove superfluous and the quiet pantomime of dear, old Uncle Nat, tells the story of human selfishness and self-sacrifice in a way that will never be forgotten. Archie Boyd, once famous as Uncle Josh in the "Old Home-Steid" has won a great success as Uncle Nathans land he will be seen in the production to be given at Power's Opera house, Grand Rapids, this week Saturday, matinee and evening.

### Dangerous Lunatic at Large.

An inmate of the criminal department of the insane asylum at Ionia, escaped Sunday night and was captured at the D., G. H. & M. depot at Lowell, Monday, by the station hands.

Deputy Sheriff Morse telephoned the description of the escaped lunatic to the station boys and told them to watch out for such an individual, and within ten minutes he came along and was detained. Before Mr. Morse could get to the depot, an officer from Ionia, who was hot on the trail, came up and claimed the prisoner.

There was a reward of \$100; and Benj. is wondering who gets it.



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LOWELL, MICHIGAN.

It doesn't seem right for the Elmsla Jarrette to call Carl Schurz a flip-flop.

"A great popular demonstration against any further agitation of the Dreyfus case" is a Parisian proposition good enough for an Irish bull.

The most individual can do to conform to the customs of the people is to be born among and do his level dander to be happy and contented in the midst of his environment.

A golden age lies behind each critic of the present, but it is pertinent to remember that the dress has been eaten out by time and oblivion.

Every seal needs ten pounds of fish a day in order to live and keep its health, and it is declared that the Alaskan coast would be the greatest cod fishery in the world should the seal be exterminated in that quarter.

In a letter to the department of state Consul Fowler of Niangpo, China, expresses surprise that bicycle makers have not made an effort to extend their market to China.

The women of Fitchburg, Mass., protested against the admission of Miss Ada Gillette to practice law before the Worcester court.

The record of crimes and disasters for a year ought not to divert attention from the list of gifts, personal or by bequest, to religious, educational and charitable objects.

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THE MAINE BLOW UP

U. S. CRUISER DESTROYED IN HAVANA HARBOR.

One Hundred of the Crew Reported Killed and Many Wounded—Officers All Injured—Spanish Giving Aid to Inmates—Cause of Explosion Not Known.

Havana: A terrible explosion took place on board the United States cruiser Maine in Havana harbor at ten p. m. Capt. Sigsbee and the other officers have been saved.

The explosion shook the whole city. The windows were broken in all the houses. The wildest consternation prevailed in Havana.

All the boats of the Spanish cruiser Albatros XII went to the assistance of the Maine's crew. Admiral Manterola ordered the boats of all kinds to go to the assistance.

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DOINGS OF CONGRESS.

A Paragraphic Chronicle of the Acts of the Nation's Lawmakers.

A resolution adopted by the House calling on the state department for information as to the condition of the concentrated in Cuba, and the progress made in Spain's efforts to induce the Cubans to accept autonomy.

The Senate has confirmed the nomination of A. O. Wheeler, to be U. S. marshal of the western district of Michigan; Commodore F. M. Bunce to be rear-admiral; Geo. M. Bowers, of West Virginia, to be U. S. fish commissioner.

Rep. Lewis, of Washington, introduced a resolution demanding that Spain recall DeLome instead of merely accepting his resignation.

The House adopted Congressman Wm. Alden Smith's resolution calling for the correspondence between Germany and the United States relative to the exclusion of our fruits and horses.

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TALMAGE'S SERMON.

"CHEERS FOR THE UNKNOWN" SUNDAY'S SUBJECT.

From the Text, Romans xv, 14 and 15 as follows: Salute Asyetus, Philogon, Hermas, Patrobas, Hermas, Philogon, Hermas and Julia.

ATTHEW Henry, Albert Barnes, Adam Clark, Thomas Scott, and all the commentators pass by these verses without any special remark.

The other twenty people mentioned in the chapter were distinguished for something and were therefore discussed by the illustrious expositors.

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Rheumatic Pains

Confined to My Bed, but Hood's Sarsaparilla Cured Me.

"I was taken with rheumatism and suffered a great deal of pain, and at times was confined to my bed. I obtained only temporary relief from medicine, and a friend advised me to try Hood's Sarsaparilla, which I did, and it cured me."

Hood's Sarsaparilla is the best in fact the One True Blood Purifier. Hood's Pills cure skin diseases, 25c.

These friends who had and their adoption trial, grapple them to their soul with hopes of steel.

Don't tobacco spit and smoke your life away. Tobacco is a deadly poison. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the best in fact the One True Blood Purifier.

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THE MAINE HORROR.

The difficulties of yesterday bring the startling information that the United States battleship Maine had been totally destroyed by an explosion and 250 American sailors killed.

COMMENTS ON A SERMON.

Those who braved the storm last Sunday evening to hear Rev. L. N. Pattison's sermon on "The Church and the Public School" were treated to a very thoughtful discourse.

Buckley's Arnica Salve.

The Best Remedy for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Burns, Scalds, Eruptions, and all other eruptions of the skin.

Answer to the "Kidnapping in the Mountains" Article.

There is a poor family living at Keene Center by the name of John O. Morrison, who has been married sixteen years.

Old People.

Old people who require medicine to regulate the bowels and kidneys will find the remedy in Electric Bitters.

Vergennes.

At the meeting of the Vergennes church, the question for discussion was "Resolved that women should have a right to vote."

Consumption Positively Cured.

Y. A. Curtis, merchant of Chubbuck, N. H., certifies that he had contracted consumption up to, through medical treatment that money could buy.

West Lovell.

The Boy Dies will meet with Mrs. L. Griswold Feb. 9.

A BARGAIN FOR OUR READERS.

WE HAVE MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE PUBLISHERS TO OFFER

The Michigan Farmer

AND The Lowell Ledger Both one year for \$1.50.

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A general banking business transacted. Deposits of \$100 and upward received in Savings Department.

WE ARE in receipt of the Australian, Jan. 1, forwarded to us by C. M. Martin of Grand Rapids.

CO-PARTNERS: OTORIN HILL, Lowell, Mich. W. A. WATTS, Lowell, Mich.

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE, Kalamazoo, Mich. S. W. BOWMAN, N. W. WHITNEY, Richmond, Mich.

ASA STRATTON, Lowell, Mich.

WE WANT YOUR BUSINESS.

John went in and wrapped up the baby in his coat and ran to the road and there he found the child.

There is no politics, no division of sentiment among the American people, when the Chief Executive of their country is assailed and vilified by the diplomatic representative of a foreign nation.

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Fallsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Sargent visited in Grand Rapids last week.

The young people had a Valentine party at Minnie Lally's Saturday evening. A jolly time.

John Potter is on the go. Ira Scott and wife of Lowell.

The many friends of Mrs. Will Baily regret to hear her health is so poorly.

Born, February 15, 1898, a boy to Mr. A. Mrs. Charley Bennett.

Well, the bizarriz is upon us in full force; at the present writing I. Patterson is on his way to Grand Rapids with a load of pork.

Mark Davis, auctioneer, is to sell the personal property of Matthew Roman, deceased, and left for there Tuesday.

Mrs. Niles who was injured so severely, is rapidly improving.

Mr. Kilmer and wife and Mrs. Hennah of Grand Rapids visited Mrs. E. L. Sherman Sunday.

The Aid Society met at Charles Dennison's last Wednesday.

A good time was participated in by all, yet saddened by the thoughts that we are to lose those estimable friends, as they intend to make Ada their home.

Mrs. F. M. Davis entertained Mrs. A. Onzo Davis of Rockford last Sabbath.

How strange it must seem to them to like white children. The baby was then adopted by Jake, through a course of law.

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HOW TO FIND OUT.

Fill a bottle or common glass with urine and let it stand twenty-four hours.

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The Greatest Curtain Sale

On Record. Startling beyond belief, but figures never lie at Spring & Co's.

Every wise woman in Kent County will hail this opportunity as no such price.

Back numbers will be supplied free to new subscribers a regular rate.

Those who take up our ten for ten cents, can date their subscriptions from the beginning of the year.

There was another, the brightest, fairest and best of women, who also felt the force of her integrity.

After supper Jake drove me over to Nelsville. Sarah accompanied us.

Soon I stood upon the porch and gazed around upon the scenes which had stamped themselves so strongly upon my boyhood's mind.

CHAPTER II. It was something like coming home, after all, to a house almost void of furniture.

When everything had been done to make me comfortable for the night, Sarah turned to me and spoke low.

"Come, Nel, you go back home with us," she said. "Don't stay here alone in the dark house."

Madras and Mikado Curtains. Worth \$3.00, per pair \$1.75.

Old Curtains at 25c, 50c, 75c, and \$1.00.

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HOME NEWS.

Wanted, 10,000 people to read their Landlord, or the Lowell Steam Laundry.

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 Capital, — \$25,000.00.  
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A General Banking Business Transacted  
 Money Loaned on Real Estate Security

**LOWELL MARKET**  
 Invariably corrected Thursday morning

Wheat	91
Butter	12 @ 14
Onion	@ 50
Corn	@ 36
Oats	@ 28
Rye	@ 43
Barley per cwt	@ 60
Flour per cwt	@ 2 60
Bran per ton	@ 14 00
Middlings per ton	@ 15 00
Corn meal per ton	@ 14 00
Corn and oats per ton	@ 16 00
Eggs	@ 14
Potatoes	50 @ 53
Beans	@ 65
Meat	5 00 @ 5 50
Pork	4 25 @ 4 50
Chickens	7 @ 8
Wool washed	12 @ 22
Wool unwashed	12 @ 18
Apples	60 @ 70

**HOME NEWS**  
 Broad, cookies, pies and cakes at city bakery.

Gain Bang's and wife are visiting in Matherton.  
 Crayon portraits free to patrons of Bush's bakery.  
 Hear "John Huss" by Rev. J. T. Hustel, Music hall, Feb. 23.  
 Leone Walker is suffering from an attack of nervous prostration.  
 James Scott and wife entertained the B. Y. P. U., Tuesday evening.  
 Maggie and Julia Fay of Detroit are the guests of Mrs. James Murphy.  
 Mrs. W. B. Dack of Toronto, Ont., is the guest of John Lasby and wife.  
 Z. H. Post and wife entertained the Christian Endeavor Tuesday evening.  
 Irma A. Page of Grand Rapids was the guest of Minnie Rouse over Sunday.  
 Audie Post's Sunday school class gave her a pleasant surprise Monday evening.  
 George Tate left Lowell for Alvin, Texas, last week, with the intention of locating there.  
 Mr. Hulbert is moving into the house formerly occupied by J. Miller and family in Segwin.  
 John Crawford and wife were the guests of Willard Hunter and wife of West Lowell, Saturday.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Kinyon and Mrs. G. B. Fuller spent Tuesday with Leander McClain in Vergennes.  
 For Sale or rent, cheap. House and lot known as the Willitt place. Enquire of W. F. Hawk.  
 John Wright and wife returned Thursday from a seven weeks visit with relatives at McBride, Entrican and Edmore.  
 Read our new serial, "A Clew by Wire, or an Interrupted Current." The opening chapter appears in this issue of the LEDGER.  
 At the request of many patients, Dr. Rickert is again administering gas for the extraction of teeth. By the use of his new apparatus the danger formerly attending the use of gas is said to have been eliminated.  
 The ladies of St. Mary's Catholic church will give a supper in the Fox building one door east of Look's drug store, on the evening of Feb. 22, the proceeds to be used to increase the fund for purchasing a bell for the church. Supper will be served at six and eleven o'clock. Thirty cents per couple.  
 The original Vergennes dancing club will give a grand mask ball, at Train's Opera house, on Tuesday evening, Feb. 22. Music by Adam's orchestra. Supper at Hotel Central. Everybody invited.  
 Mrs. E. B. Crow will entertain Band No. 3, at her home on Saturday, Feb. 26, at 3 p. m., standard time; all members requested to be present. Roll call, and each member to respond with a historical event.  
 The Misses McGinnis entertained the "Wide Awake" club Saturday evening. Mrs. Sinclair and Frank Bergin captured the head prizes while the boobies were awarded Miss Eva Bergin and Mr. Sinclair. The club will meet with Mrs. Findlay, Feb. 26.  
 A. H. Peckham, Will M. Chapman, M. C. Greene, D. G. Look, F. B. Clark, H. A. Peckham, A. W. Weekes, Edward P. Nash, S. P. Hicks and W. A. Watts, were in attendance at the Lincoln Club festivities, at Grand Rapids last Friday evening, and they had a right royal Republican old time.

The birthstone for February is Pearl—Freedom from passion and from care.

**Of Course I Do**  
 If you have Silverware, you must Polish it.  
 We have just received the exclusive sale in Lowell of  
**FOSTER'S SILVER POLISH,**  
 For Gold, Silver, Nickel, etc.  
 This is a very easy and rapid worker, producing a polish equal to new without scratching, this we guarantee. It contains nothing injurious to the finest ware.  
 We are so SURE of its good qualities that we are giving samples FREE for the asking.  
 "A word to the housewife is sufficient."  
**WILLIAMS, the Jeweler.**

Fancy cakes at the city bakery.  
 Try Dan Bush for an oyster stew.  
 This paper on trial 10 weeks for one dime.

Grand Clearance sale at E. R. Collar's.  
 Dr. Rickert now extracts teeth by the use of gas.  
 Send your work to the Lowell Steam Laundry.  
 Chas. Quick made a business trip to Chicago last week.  
 Chandler Johnson is suffering with a sprained hip, the result of a fall, Monday.  
 The L. O. T. M. will give a pedro party at Maccabee hall, Friday evening, Feb. 25.  
 Mrs. Fremont Cotton of Grand Rapids, is spending the week with Miss Stella Ranney.  
 Mrs. P. L. Abbey of Kalamazoo is spending the week at Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McCarty's.  
 Before buying an organ or a sewing machine be sure and visit R. D. Stocking; his prices are winners.  
 Mrs. Frank E. Sayles is spending the week with her mother, Mrs. Wm. Shafer to attend the McCarty-Althen wedding.  
 R. D. Stocking claims to have the best sewing machine for the least money. Call and see for yourself before purchasing elsewhere.  
 Rev. L. N. Pattison is having a sick spell; but he insists on getting about town when he ought to be on the lounge.  
 Marks Ruben has returned from Chicago with a big stack of new goods and now people will watch his smoke to see when the fire will break out.  
 Miss Lena Kenney of Olivet college, and Bertha Palmer of Big Rapids and Nora Blackmore of Leslie are spending the week at Chas. McCarty's.  
 Rev. L. N. Pattison will exchange pupils next Sunday with Rev. W. H. Wright of Saranac. Mr. Pattison goes to take charge of a quarterly meeting at that place.

The valentine entertainment given by Band No. 1, of the Congregational church, at Train's Opera house, Monday evening, was a social and financial success, and a very pleasant occasion.  
 The Vergennes dancing club will give a masquerade ball at Music hall on Tuesday evening, Feb. 22. Fred Stine will be there with costumes. Oyster supper at the City bakery, 50c per couple, music by the Lowell orchestra.

**Consumption**  
 Will SCOTT'S EMULSION cure consumption? Yes and no. Will it cure every case? No. What cases will it cure then? Those in their earlier stages, especially in young people. We make no exaggerated claims, but we have positive evidence that the early use of  
**Scott's Emulsion**  
 of Cod-liver oil with Hypophosphites of Lime and Soda in these cases results in a positive cure to a large number. In advanced cases, however, where a cure is impossible, this well-known remedy should be relied upon to prolong life surprisingly.  
 50c and \$1.00, all druggists.  
 SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, New York.

D. V. Denick is recovering from his recent illness.  
 Special sale of Dress Goods at E. R. Collar's.  
 All kinds of wool promptly delivered by R. B. Boylan.  
 Clarence Colbar has been very ill with inflammation of the lungs.  
 Saturday last, Lowell was full of teams and it looked like old times.  
 Miss L. Annie Maynard gave a pupil's recital at her home last Friday evening.  
 Harry Lee and bride have arrived in Lowell and are being entertained at the home of F. T. King.  
 The extra low prices quoted on organs for the past 30 days are making a good many sales for R. D. Stocking.  
 Clyde Taylor has been having a long siege of sickness with alternate improvements and relapses. At this writing he is improving.  
 Rev. H. Marshall is drawing large audiences at the Congregational church. He is one of the kind "that improves with acquaintance."

We have transferred our agency for the Almon O. Bliss Co's. "Our Native Herbs" from H. H. Sibley to the drug firm of L. H. Hunt & Co., where the only original can be found. Beware of imitations. 245  
 Mrs. Almira Burnett, of Wyoming, will return to her old home in Lowell, next spring, and with her sister, Mrs. Hinchey, will occupy her residence here, and style it "The Old Lady's Home." Miss Eggleston and her aunt Lea expect to visit friends here next summer.  
 Gus. Barnes was the victim of a surprise party at his residence last Friday evening, made by sixty of his soldier friends and neighbors. A social evening was spent and at 10 o'clock a good supper was served. It is pronounced a pleasant occasion by those in attendance.  
 You can get 100 good envelopes or note heads with name, business address neatly printed thereon for 35c at this office. Order both together and we'll do it for 60c. This is a job lot of stock. Get in your orders while it is going. Remember the place, Ledger office, post-office building.

Lowell lodge number 501 of Good Templars installed the following officers on Wednesday evening, Feb. 8: Chief Templar, Geo. Gulliford; vice, Charles Howe; secretary, Lotie Pletcher; treasurer, Willie Clark; chaplain, Alice Beckley. Lodge Deputy Brother U. B. Williams conducted the installation.  
 Abe Peck's talk on Europe at the High school room last Thursday evening was well attended and exceedingly interesting. He held the audience for two hours and a quarter, which was pretty good for a man who didn't know whether he had anything to talk about or not. Mr. Peck has spent several seasons across the great water, and that he kept his eyes and ears open, was evinced by his talk on this occasion.  
 The Grand Rapids Herald says that electric cars may be running over the proposed line between that city and Belding at a time not very far in the future. Grattan township some weeks ago granted to the promoters the right to use the highways of the township for the building of the road and more recently Cannon township has granted right of way also. Plainfield township has also under consideration the same thing. The village of Parnell which is some distance from the proposed line of the electric road is making a bid to have the road touch the village and have delegated Patrick Breshnahan and W. J. McCarthy to demonstrate to the promoters that it would be advantageous to the owners of the road to have a station at Parnell.  
 The old block school house built in 1851 on the old stage road leading from Whitteville to Ada or Battle Creek to Grand Rapids, in school district number 2, Cascade, known as the Strong district, is being sawed in wood by H. C. Demison, the owner of the premises. There is no one living in the district now who was living in it at the time the house was built. Uriel Snow, who hewed the log, was then a resident of the district which was then quite extensive when formed in 1849. Mr. Snow is still living on the same farm, quite hale and hearty for one of his age. The old building has been used for a barn and stable since 1874.  
 There will be held at the M. E. church, Tuesday night, Feb. 22, a patriotic service entitled "Sons and Daughters of America." Patriotic music and patriotic sentiment will have the right of way. Twenty-eight beautiful stereoscopic views, showing "Gullies expounding his theories before the inquisition," "Columbus discovering America," "Portrait of Washington and battle scenes from Bunker Hill to Gettysburg, all to close with a flourish of the Stars and Stripes. Some musical numbers will be given by the best local talent and every young person in the audience will be presented with a George Washington souvenir. All young people especially invited. The center seats of the church will be reserved for them, but the balance of the church free—first come first served. Children under ten will not be admitted except in company of parents.

Call at city bakery for your lunch. Try a fifteen cent lunch at the new bakery.  
 Road Boylan's new air. It's a sweet one.  
 Mrs. H. F. Clark visited in Grand Rapids Tuesday.  
 All kinds of fine wool delivered by W. J. Ecker & Son.  
 Audie Post is spending a few weeks with friends at Kalamazoo.  
 Henry Johnson and wife of Grand Rapids, were the guests of Mrs. Johnson and wife last Saturday.  
 Married, at Hotel Waverly, by Rev. H. Marshall, Feb. 8, Benjamin Rickel of Grand Rapids, and May F. Newton of Freeport.

The sale of the Lowell Furniture company stock last Saturday went off about as well as was expected. The real estate was not a lot and the receiver will endeavor to find a private sale for same.  
 While in Saranac the other day, we called upon Messrs. Burnett & Clark, and found them pleasantly located and doing a good business. They are well pleased with the outlook in Saranac.  
 E. M. Johnson and sons James and Rob Roy spent last Saturday afternoon with Geo. Winegar and family at Saranac. George will move to the farm about one and a half miles from town in the spring.  
 The Lowell District Teacher's Reading Circle will meet Saturday, Feb. 19, at Central building at 1:30 p. m. Psychology lesson, chapters 5 and 6; history, India, Persia, China and Japan.

Geo. Noble will have an auction sale of farm stock, implements and fodder, on the old Geo. Chatterdon farm in Lowell township, on Thursday, March 3, at 10 a. m. Dan LeClear, auctioneer.  
 A. D. Shepard and son Fred visited H. H. Shepard and wife of Lowell last Saturday. Geo. Perkins accompanied by Hale Kenyon, Wm. Parker and F. A. Sisson took a ride over to Lowell Tuesday evening and attended the Masonic lodge. It is evident that they had a good time.—[Freeport Herald.]


W. W. Hatch, of Riverside, Cal., has sent to his father, H. Hatch, of Keene, some fine extracted honey, which has a flavor distinctive of California blossoms, and excelled by none, as evinced by the sample can left on the editor's table. People wishing to sample it, can find some at Craw's store.  
 The report that was going the rounds last week to the effect that the Michigan Cattle and Huggy company was not coming to Freeport, was erroneous. The gentlemen representing the company arrived Monday and some of the machinery also and they have commenced getting ready for business, and nothing preventing. They will be ready to begin operations inside of a month. The gentlemen representing the company are Wesley Fox, Zagonyi Fox, J. W. Phillips, Geo. L. Montague, and A. M. Carver.—[Freeport Herald.]

Belding wants another line of steam railroad more than it wants electric roads and the push of business men and heavy shippers of freight are going to sit up nights with the D. G. R. & W. officials in the hope of getting that company to build a road from Belding or Sheridan via Belding to connect with the Lowell & Hastings road at Lowell. Such a line would give the silk city another outlet and would be worth more than all the electric lines in Christendom. If our people get a hustle on themselves and are willing to do their part in the matter, such a road may be built and that too at no distant day.—[Belding Star]

**McCords.**  
 Care Shepard of Ada is spending a few days with his cousin, Jay Ellis.  
 Mrs. Huizinga, visited Mrs. Slade's school Monday.  
 B. Seely and wife have gone to Nebraska to make their home. Mr. Seely has been in very poor health the last year, and his many friends hope he will be much benefited by the change.  
 Morgan Boyce and wife of Alto and M. Boyce and wife of Waterloo, spent Tuesday with Mrs. M. B. Thomas.  
 Mrs. VanSickle and Minnie Martin were the guests of Mrs. J. Ellis Sunday.  
 Mrs. Frank Clark was in Alto Monday.  
 Anna Linton visited Alice Noble Thursday.  
 The farmers in this vicinity are shipping potatoes at 50 cents per bushel.

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 Watches, Clocks, Gold Glasses, Rings and Jewelry repaired and warranted for one year.  
 See my Band and Set Rings.  
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**PAY WHEN CURED.**



**G. A. MUNCH, M. D.,** the Eminent Specialist, who has five Diplomas and two honorary Diplomas, and who can name and locate a disease without asking a question, will be at  
**LOWELL, HOTEL BRACE,**  
 Tuesday, February 15.

No matter WHAT your disease, or who has failed to cure you Consult him. IT COSTS NOTHING and is strictly confidential.

We cure Chronic, Nervous and Private Diseases and Diseases of women Catarrh, Asthma, Rheumatism, Fits, Paralysis, Cancers, Tumors, Bladder, Kidney, Heart and Blood Diseases, etc., by our special system of treatment.

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