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### Nettleton

Fine Calf Congress Shoes.

sizes 5 to 7 1/2, for only

**\$2.00.**

Quality is our strong argument. Come early and secure your pair—our prices make lively buying.



GEO. M. WINEGAR.

## Abe in Russia. Trouble in Camp

SIGHTS AND SCENES IN ST. PETERSBURG.

He Describes the Wealth that is Found in the Churches.

St. Petersburg, July 3d, 1898.

Dear Editor and Friends:

To-morrow is the great 4th of July in America but here it is only the 22d of June.

I have been here now nearly three weeks and therefore have a fair knowledge of the capitol of Russia. The city contains about one million people of many different shades, some very white, naturally; most of the ladies white with pink cheeks, artificially. The working class are, as a rule, very dark, about the shade of the Turks. The men of this class dress, in the summer, in a pair of pants, high boots, pants inside and a shirt which hangs outside of the pants and makes a peculiar looking sight I assure you. Their hair, usually very heavy and light colored, is cut straight around and it looks about one inch thick at the back.

Here you see any amount of people on the streets, in carriages, public gardens, theatres, etc., and a large share of both men and women smoking cigarettes. The city has many very fine public buildings and the churches, of which there are many, are very fine and contain an immense amount of wealth. St. Isaac's, the finest here, is very grand outside and inside, while there are no seats, there are many massive candle-sticks, massive doors, many pictures, life size, railings and emblems and all of solid silver and gold, decorated with diamonds, rubies, emeralds, sappires and other valuable jewels. They have in one of the rooms a model of the church weighing many pounds and built or made of solid gold. In the Cathedral Kazane there are millions of money in gold, silver and precious stones and so in all the churches. The Ermitage is a massive building where one can spend at least a day and contains, no doubt, the finest collection of art, statues, jewels, armor and other relics of any one building in the world. Here are collected the treasures of all conquests and wars of the Russians and the value is beyond my comprehension.

The city is built, you might say, on islands as, no matter where you go, every few blocks you cross a bridge, over a canal to the Neva.

The first thing to attract my attention was the cabs and the drivers of the same. The cab is drawn from the end of the thills, held from six to eight inches from the collar on each side by a bow of wood and fastened in this position by leather thongs, so all the strain seems to come on these leather thongs. The wheels are very small, usually with rubber tires. The balance of the harness is composed of leather about one-half inch in width. I am enclosing a picture of one of these rigs. The coachman is wrapped up in a massive blue coat, that comes to his ankles and large enough around to fold several times around his body, thus obliterating any shape of man he may have when without his coat. There are thousands of officers of the army and navy here and nearly all wear, these hot days, huge overcoats buttoned up to the throat and extending to below their boot tops, all of course, wear boots with just one lift for a heel. Everything seems very expensive here to a foreigner, as a table is in value 52 or 53 cents, and yet buys no more than 25c does in America, in England 1 shilling, in France 1 frank, etc., so you see one pays over double what he does in any other country.

I have now commenced to get the LEDGER and enjoy reading the home news very much. I keep well posted in war news; but all my papers are three days old when I get them.

Success to our boys in the army and navy and hopes that their success may not spoil our "Monroe doctrine" but bring a speedy termination to the war.

Yours,  
ABE PECK.

### NIAGARA FALLS.

Low Rate Excursions, August 4. Chicago & West Michigan and Detroit, Grand Rapids & Western railway agents will sell on August 4, tickets to Niagara Falls at very low rates, good to return until August 9 inclusive. Rate from Lowell will be \$5.25. Ask agents for full information.

GEO. DEHAVEN, G. P. A.

Clean your teeth with Rose Cream

PINGREE COHORTS ARE NOT PULLING TOGETHER.

INSINUATIONS MADE AGAINST WESSELIUS' MANAGEMENT.

Gen. White Dares the Western Governor to Talk Right out.

Grand Rapids, July 14, (Special.) G. W. L. White was in the city this afternoon on business and he took occasion to say some sharp things in reply to the interviews published from Railroad Commissioner Wesselius. It is no longer a secret that the relations between Wesselius and the rest of the Pingree crew are strained and that he has been officially deposed as to the manager for Western Michigan. It is also said that "Wess" has been a disturbing element and has given away more allies than everybody else could attract. After Mr. Joslyn was here a few weeks ago it was publicly announced that in the absence of Gen. White, who was at Island Lake, the campaign would be looked after here by George E. Judd and Jacob Eisenhardt, chairman of the county and city committees. Wesselius wrote an insinuating letter to Gen. White asking his authority to run things here and saying something about it requiring more than brass buttons and a colossal nerve to run politics. Gen. White answered briefly but sharply. He referred to the financial matters and other things, invited "Wess" to open up if he dared to, and told him that he had a letter from the governor giving him in black and white the active management of the campaign in Western Michigan and assured him that neither Wesselius nor anyone else would be allowed to interfere. In conclusion he invited Wesselius to lay his troubles before the governor. Gen. White has no doubt whatever of the local Pingree situation and the other Pingree men declare openly that they will oppose another term for Wesselius as railroad commissioner.—[Free Press.

### Died in the Army.

The sad news of the death of Theo Hanmer, formerly a Lowell boy, was received here Monday. He had enlisted in a Kansas regiment and while at Chickamauga he was taken with typhoid fever. He was a bright and promising youth of 19 and his death is mourned by all who knew him.

### ON SEPTEMBER 21.

Date Set For Republican State Convention.

Grand Rapids, July 13.—It is announced here to-day that the Republican state central committee has practically agreed upon September 21 as the date for the state convention, but the place has not yet been decided upon. The local Republican organizations will at once commence to collect funds to meet the occasion, and will send a lobby before the committee to try and land the convention for this city.

Judgment for Bissell Carpet Sweeper Company.

Grand Rapids, July 13.—As a wind-up of the litigation between the Bissell and Goshen Carpet Sweeper companies in this city, Judge Stevens, of the United States Court, has filed a decree awarding the Bissell company a judgment of \$93,442.47 damages. This covers all the sweepers which have been made and sold by the Goshen company since it commenced using the Bissell patents.

Squire Hunter's Court in Session.

Sylvester Seeley and Ed Thomas were arrested by Deputy Sheriff Morse and brought before Squire Hunter Thursday, on complaint of Hosey Sinclair. They plead guilty to the assault and battery and were fined \$13.75 and \$8.75 respectively, including costs. Seeley and Thomas claimed that Sinclair had applied vile epithets to them and that the motive of the attack was to avenge the insult. All of the parties live in Cascade.

Get your watch and jewelry repaired at Oliver's and you will be satisfied.

## Bicycle

## Sale

In order to close out our stock of Wheels now on hand we make the following offers:

|                    |         |
|--------------------|---------|
| \$65.00 Wheels for | \$45.00 |
| \$50.00 " "        | \$35.00 |
| \$35.00 " "        | \$25.00 |
| \$30.00 " "        | \$21.00 |

—Spot cash at time of purchase—

### First Come First Served.

These wheels must be sold right away. If you want a wheel don't miss this opportunity.

Everybody around Lowell knows about the prime qualities of the wheels we have sold and these wheels are of the same high grade and in Perfect Condition and Fully Guaranteed.

## Klark & Klark,

K-K-K-K Hardware.

## SPECIAL JULY SALE

For 10 Days only,

From July 21st, all Summer Dress goods, Ladies' Shirt Waists and Parsols.

—I Will Cut Deep—

in price in order to make room for Fall Goods.

—Call and secure bargains—

A. Levitt.

### Sudden Death of Mr. Fleming.

The citizens of this village were shocked Monday forenoon, July 11, 1898, by the news that M. T. Fleming, a wealthy farmer living about two miles north of this village, had died very suddenly of heart disease. He was in the barn helping put away his crop of wheat when he dropped to the floor and expired. Dr. Taylor was sent for at once, but upon his arrival found that Mr. Fleming had been dead fully twenty minutes. The deceased had not been feeling well for a couple of days. He was about 57 years of age, and leaves a wife and two daughters. The funeral was held from the residence on Wednesday at 10 o'clock a. m. Rev. Johnson, pastor of the M. E. church, conducted the services, and the remains were interred in the South Boston cemetery.—[Clarksville Record.

### Card of Thanks

The undersigned desires to express his gratitude to the kind friends and neighbors who assisted him in the illness and death of his wife and who that they may be as well befriended when death visits their homes.  
FRED SLAMMA.

### Grand Rapids to Have Union Depot.

Grand Rapids, July 13.—It is announced to-day that this city is to have a new union depot in place of the old structure which has been doing good service for the last decade. The Grand Rapids & Indiana, Michigan Central and Chicago & West Michigan systems all will use it and will join in building it will be a \$100,000 structure.

### Price List on Coal.

To take effect July 15, 1898.  
Egg, stove and nut coal, 1 ton, \$6.40, 1 ton, \$3.35, 1 ton \$1.70; Carried, \$6.65, \$3.50, \$1.80. Grate coal 25c less per ton.  
For cash on or before Oct. 1, 1898, 5 per cent off.  
4 baskets \$1.00 net.

R. B. Boylan,  
Klark & Klark,  
D. E. Rogers & Son.

### Notice to Taxpayers.

The village tax roll is in my hands and taxpayers have until August 8th to avoid paying extra percentage.  
J. B. Yeiter, treasurer.  
New ad's. this week: A. Levitt, R. B. Boylan, Klark & Klark.







