

The Lowell Ledger.

"WITH MALICE TOWARD NONE AND CHARITY FOR ALL."

VOL. VI, NO 6.

LOWELL, KENT COUNTY, MICH., JULY 28, 1898.

WHOLE NO. 266.

Get off the Earth and Keep off

by investing in a pair of our

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.

Press Meeting

SOMETHING ABOUT THE MUSKEGON GATHERING.

STORY OF MUSKEGON'S FIRST MAYOR, CHAUNCEY DAVIS.

Editor's Side Trip to Chicago and Fort Sheridan.

About one hundred and fifty people, ladies and gentlemen made up the editorial gathering which was given a public reception by the citizens of Muskegon last week Monday evening.

An address of welcome was delivered by Mayor Balbirnie responded to by H. R. Pattengill, president of Press association.

The Carmina ladies quartet rendered several selections and several papers pertaining to the publishing business were read.

On Tuesday morning the Press party enjoyed a trolley ride to Lake Michigan Park, by courtesy of the Muskegon Street Railway company, after which the Goodrich Transportation company took the members of the association for an excursion upon Lake Michigan in their magnificent steamer Alanta. Returning from the lake trip, the party was highly entertained and instructed by an exhibition by the Life Saving Station under command of Capt. H. J. Woods.

In the afternoon, the Chicago & West Michigan Railway company conveyed the party to Lake Harbor, where they were met by the resort steamers and taken to the Lake Harbor hotel, a most magnificent summer resort. Here a pleasant afternoon was spent, terminating in a splendid banquet tendered by Edward R. Swett proprietor of the hotel. It consisted of eleven courses and required over two hours for its discussion, during which time the most delightful music was rendered by a ladies' orchestra. A splendid program, participated in by the citizens of Muskegon and members of the Press association followed.

Mr. A. V. Mann who responded to the toast, "Muskegon—Its Past, Present and Future," said in conclusion that: "Its past has been great, its present greater and its future is out of sight."

Wednesday morning a business session was held, at which resolutions were adopted thanking the people of Muskegon for their entertainment and the various companies and individuals who did so much to make the occasion pleasant and profitable. After dinner many left for a trip to the Pacific coast and others spent the remainder of the day in visiting the many places of interest to be seen in the city, eminent among which are the gifts to the city by the Hon. Charles H. Hackley aggregating in value half a million dollars. These are the Hackley Public Library, the Hackley Public School, the Hackley Manual Training School and the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument in Hackley square, given to the city by a man still living, a man who believes in bestowing his charity while he was alive to enjoy doing so.

We must not forget to tell the story of Muskegon's first mayor, Chauncey Davis, as given us by Messrs. Temple and Mann. Many years ago Mr. Davis was a prominent lumberman in Muskegon. In connection with his mills he conducted a general store. Needing more help in the store he sent to Chicago and a young man came in response. Soon after his arrival petty thieving began to be suspected and a detective charged the Chi-

(Continued on 5th page.)

LETTER FROM CUBA.

Clarence Long Writes of the Fighting at Santiago.

Siboney, Cuba, July 9, '98.

FRIEND WILL:

I have been fortunate enough to secure a few sheets of paper and will try and tell you how we are getting along. I mailed you a letter last week but am doubtful if you ever get it because some of the mail bags were lost. It has been very difficult for the boys to write because the writing materials we brought with us were spoiled during the heavy rains we encountered during the first few days we were here. So far there has been none for sale here. It is expected, however, that the next ship will bring a supply.

I suppose that you have learned more of our movements through the papers than I can tell you. But taking into account, the weather and the Spaniards, we have had an awful hot time of it.

Early in the morning of the 1st of July, the 33rd was ordered to attack a small town just behind Fort Morro, from the coast side and directly under the guns of the fort, while at the same time the rest of the army attacked Santiago from the rear and the fleet shelled both the fort and city.

There is range of mountains along the coast and a railroad at the foot of these, over which we had to march. We found the Spaniards in trenches on the west side of a small stream, the bridge over which had been destroyed, and attacked them at once; but just as we were going into action the Spaniards opened on us with a masked battery which they had placed in the hills to control the approach by the railroad. One of the first shells struck our company, killing two men and wounding three, one losing a leg and two losing an arm each. We continued to attack the rifle pits and the cruiser New York came in close to shore and tried to silence the battery but could not get at it as it was behind a hill and out of their range. Afterward the whole fleet came in and shelled the whole range of hills, fort and all. I saw four shells strike inside the fort in quick succession and every time the air seemed filled with Spaniards.

One gun was in an exposed position on the hill and a shot from one of the battle ships killed every man there; but in less time than it takes to tell it, about fifteen Spaniards made a dash up the hill to man it and the New York turned a gatling gun on them killing every one. The engagement lasted about six hours. When we fell back and constructed trenches. On the 2d we attacked them again but did not drive them out of their trenches. They did not use the battery on us that day for some reason.

On the 3rd I was detailed on scout duty and happened to be among the rocks near the fort when the Spanish fleet made their dash out of the harbor, I saw the naval battle and the destruction of the entire fleet except some boats which were sunk before they ever left the harbor.

I do not know how many were killed and wounded in the 33rd. Our company had two killed, three badly wounded and quite a number slightly wounded. The fighting around the city of Santiago was very severe. The Spaniards are exceptionally well fortified. The town itself is a walled city, outside of which there are three or four lines of barbed wire fence. Every available tree has a sharpshooter with a sheet iron shield painted green. People used to say that the Spaniards were cowards, but they can fight like wild-cats if they are. They are undoubtedly very treacherous for they fire on our hospital wagons and use flags of truce as a decoy. At the same time they erect hospital flags over their rifle pits as a protection.

Gen. Shafter has been trying to negotiate a surrender; but word has just been received that they are decided not to give in. They are in an awful condition for they are starving and have no water, besides their loss has been so great that they are unable to take care of the dead and wounded.

Our loss in killed and wounded, so far, is 1800. They are taking every one who can be moved to Fort Monroe, but a lot of poor fellows will be left behind, probably for good.

We expect to commence operating to-morrow morning unless further instruction arrives from Washington.

All of the boys from Lowell are well and, although some of us have had narrow escapes, are feeling good.

I will try and bring you a few relics when I go home; but have no way of sending any now that I can think of.

(Continued on 5th page.)

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.

I Want Your

Old Gold and Silver

and will pay Cash for it.

I want to make you prices on the largest stock of watches, clocks and jewelry ever shown in Lowell.

I want to do your repairing, guaranteeing satisfaction in every respect.

G. M. HIGBY.

Agricultural Implements

of all kinds at reasonable prices, also Farm Wagons and Fine Carriages, Whips, Robes, Harness, etc.

H. Nash, On the Bridge.
Garden Seeds in Package or Bulk.

Volunteers wanted

To join our army of readers, costs but \$1.00 per year. Subscribe for the LEDGER now and get all the news.

oom?
—That is what we want—
We will sell
refrigerators
—At Cost while they last.—
Gasoline Stoves, new and second hand at greatly reduced prices.
150 foot Thresher Belts **\$25.00** to close out.
R. B. Boylyn.

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.

Wright-Duff.

The marriage of W. J. Wright, formerly of this place, to Miss Mildred Duff, of Chatham, Ont., took place in Ann Arbor, Saturday, July 23. Mrs. Wright has been head saleslady in King's china store in Detroit for a number of years and is a very estimable lady. Will's friends join in best wishes for their future happiness. —[Com.

Girls Wanted.

Two or three competent girls to do housework two miles out of Grand Rapids, Address 54 South Ionia St.

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.

A nice line of 5 cent plants for sale by Miss Pattison.

Important to Correspondents.

I wish to see every correspondent of the LEDGER at this office on Saturday at 4 p. m. A matter of importance and of a pleasing nature will be laid before you. Don't fail.

ED. LEDGER.

The Bicycle Races.

The Lowell Bicycle Club gave the second of a series of races on their track last Friday evening with the following score:

One Quarter Mile Dash—Broad-

bent first; McMahon second. Time—35

One Half Mile Dash—Lynn first,

McMahon second, Copeland third,

Broadbent fourth. Time—1:15.

Mile Dash for Club Championship

—McMahon first, Lynn second, Cope-

land third. Time—2:38.

Five miles—George Morse first,

Copeland second, Lynn third.

A hundred yard foot race was won

by McMahon first, Kelly second,

Bieri third. Time—11 seconds.

Other races will be given soon.

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

