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LOWELL, MICHIGAN, MARCH 2, 1899.

WHOLE NO. 296.

The City Bank.

ORTON HILL, Pres.
W. A. WATTS, Cashier

Responsibility
\$100,000.00

Commercial and Savings Departments
Interest paid on time certificates.

Co-partners—P. H. Gilkey, Asa Stratton, Orton Hill, W. A. Watts, E. W. Bowman, R. S. Wilson.

Drafts sold on Grand Rapids, Detroit and New York.

HILL, WATTS & CO.
Lowell, Mich.

Lowell Plating Works.

I am now prepared to do all kinds of Fine Plating in Gold, Silver, Nickel, Copper, Royal Silver Metal, etc.

Make Watches, Jewelry, Tableware, Bicycles, etc. like new.

A. M. GIBBS.
3 miles west of town in Fred Hodges neighborhood.

THE DEATH RECORD.

Mrs. Augusta Norton
Died, February 23, at her home in Otisco township, of consumption, at the age of 45 years. The funeral was held at Muir on Sunday last.

Mrs. Della Barnum
Died at her home in South Boston on Sunday, February 26, at the age of nearly 82 years. Funeral services were held at the South Boston M. E. church at noon Tuesday.

Edward L. Austin
Died in Grand Rapids, February 24, at the age of 63 years. The funeral services were held in that city, and the remains were brought to Lowell, the former home of deceased, for interment, on Monday.

Citizen's Village Ticket.

The citizen's caucus at Train's opera house, Monday evening, was called to order by E. O. Mains. W. S. Winegar was chosen chairman, W. H. Clark, secretary; and I. A. Anderson and E. O. Mains tellers.

About seventy voters were present and the caucus was a lively one. President Bergin and Trustee King declined renominations. W. S. Winegar was the unanimous nominee of the caucus for president but positively declined to accept. R. VanDyke was then offered the honor but he chose to treat it as a joke and refused to consider it in any other light.

The caucus proceeded to nominate the trustees, clerk, treasurer and assessor and returned finally to the matter of presidency. A. W. Weekes, who was not present, was then nominated by acclamation.

This is the ticket as finally completed:

President, A. W. Weekes.
Trustees, J. E. Lee,
R. VanDyke,
C. Bergin,
Clerk, T. A. Murphy.
Assessor, L. H. Hunt.
Treasurer, P. C. Althen.

As village committee the chairman appointed I. A. Anderson, H. A. Peckham and L. K. Clark for the ensuing year.

To Bicycle Buyers.

Don't be led astray by some one else's assertions. Just you wait and see what we are going to do for you.

We have always done the largest Wheel business here and always expect to. Prices, Quality, and Confidence is what has done it.

We shall be ready in a very short time to show you the points of superiority of our 1899 Wheels.

Builder's Hardware.

We have a very large stock of builder's hardware, bought before the advance, and shall give our customers the advantage of the low prices we obtained.

Going to build a house?
Going to build a barn?
Remember us we will do you good.

KLARK & KLARK.
K-K-K-K HARDWARE.

LISTEN!!

We make a specialty of Builder's Hardware. As we buy for Cash the price will be right. Come and let us figure on your jobs.

Respectfully,
R. B. BOYLAN.

Benjamin Rexford
Died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Abbey, in Otisco, February 21, of the grippe, at the age of 58 years. Funeral services were conducted at the Congregational church in this village on Friday last, conducted by Rev. H. Marshall, and the remains were interred in the Fox cemetery, in Vergennes.

Mrs. Marcia Proctor
Died at her home in Whitneyville February 18, at the age of 62 years. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William C. White, and was born October 22, 1836, at Tubbridge, Vt. She came to Michigan with her parents when but 8 years old and located in South Boston, and three years later located at Whitneyville, where the greater part of her life was spent. Marcia E. White was married March 4, 1859, to Oliver R. Proctor, a resident of Caledonia township. After spending five years in that township she settled with her husband in 1863 on the farm where she has since lived. Four children were born of whom Mrs. Lucy VanAmburg, Mrs. Avella Thomas and Ward W. Proctor survive. A sister, Mrs. Adeline Weston is also living.

Funeral services were conducted at the house on Tuesday, conducted by Rev. Mr. Freeman of Bowne Center, and the body was laid to rest by that of her husband who died in 1878.

Lowell Man in Jail.

Ionis, Mich., Feb. 24. —Sheriff Moon last night arrested Thomas R. Graham, of Lowell, on a warrant charging him with unlawful cohabitation. The complaining witness is Florence J. Graham, who claims that Graham has not lived with her in about four years. The other woman in the case is Florence Foote, and it said Graham has been living with her in this town about four months. They were found in a house on Dexter street. Graham pleaded not guilty before Justice Curry today, and is in jail in default of \$500 bail. He has engaged an attorney and will fight. — [Grand Rapids Herald.]

LOWELL PLANING MILL,
FRANK R. ECKER, Prop.

GEAR FENCE POSTS, LUMBER.

MANUFACTURERS OF:—Sash, Doors, Blinds, Frames for Doors, Windows and Screens, Exhibition and Shipping Coops for Poultry, Dried Apple boxes, Wooden Bave Troughs, etc.

Dealers in LATH AND SHINGLES.

Silverware, Jewelry, Clocks and Repairs.

100 Watches

to select from.
Tea Sets, any number of pieces.
Silver Novelties, Rings, Chains and Bracelets.
Childs Sets.
147 Rogers Bros. Tableware [1847.]

HIGBYS,
The progressive Jeweler.

Mrs. Louisa Covell
Died at her home in this village, February 28, at the age of 62 years. Funeral services were held at the M. E. church this morning, conducted by Rev. L. L. Pattison, and the remains were taken to Cascade for interment.

Mrs. Covell was born at Greenwich, Ohio, October 20, 1836. She came with her husband, Gideon Covell, to Cascade in 1852. Mr. Covell served in the Civil war and Mrs. Covell was a member of the Lowell Relief Corps. About seventeen years ago Mr. Covell died and his widow moved with her children to Lowell, which has since been her home. Four children survive: Wm. R. Covell of Trent, Mich., Mrs. Hattie Morse, Mrs. Nettie Balcom and Mrs. Alice Covell of Lowell. A sister, Mrs. Mary Clough, of Bailey, Mich., was present at the last sad rites.

Real Estate Transfers.

Howard G. Bartlett to Orton Hill, wife and part w. n. w. 1, sec 34, Lowell tp. \$3500

Marcia E. Proctor to Ward W. Proctor, sec 1 se 1, sec 26, Cascade tp. \$800

Willis R. Peake and wife to Albert E. Stauffer, part sec 22, Bowne tp. \$300

Sharp Witness.

Attorney Myron H. Walker was trying a case before a country justice one day last week and his client's reputation was under fire. The other side had put a witness on the stand who swore that the client's reputation for truth and veracity in his neighborhood was bad. The witness had the appearance of a green, backwoods countryman and when it came time for Mr. Walker to cross-examine him he began with the question: "What is your own reputation in your neighborhood?" "I don't know," was the answer. "Haven't you heard your neighbors say that your reputation is bad and that you were a liar?" "If I had they'd carry a worse black eye than you've got," was the reply, and the witness was not examined further. Walker tells this story on himself and says he had thought for several days that his injured eye was not noticeable. — [Grand Rapids Democrat.]

REAL ESTATE EXCHANGE.

People having property that they wish to dispose of can list the same with me. No expense incurred unless sale is made.

EIGHTY-ACRES 3 miles from Charlevoix, 2 miles from a good saw mill. Timber enough to pay for it. 38 acres under cultivation. A good log house and frame barn. Price \$850, \$300 down and balance to suit purchaser.

EIGHTY ACRES of choice timbered land in Oscoda county, a fine farming lot, with beech, maple, hemlock, basswood and 30000 feet of white pine, cedar enough for fencing. Has a fine hay meadow of several acres and a trout stream heads into it. Near the village of Mio and schools. Settled neighborhood. 12 or 15 improved farms within 3 miles. Only 4 or 5 miles from railroad. Price 600 cash or will trade for good Lowell property.

FORTY-ACRES, 3 miles from Lowell in Vergennes. House of 8 rooms, barn and out-buildings, 2 wells, 50 apple trees, 800 peach trees 5 years old budded full for next season's crop, also 400 young trees and 8 acres more available for planting. A young team, one cow, and all farm tools to be sold with place. Price \$1600, or without stock and tools \$1300. Will take

Dew Drop in

and examine my splendid lot of samples of

Spring Suitings and Pantings.

Place your orders now and avoid the rush later on.

B. C. Smith.

Clubbing List.

We will furnish THE LOWELL LEDGER in combination with the following papers for 1899, the price given being in each case for two papers, ours and the one named.

Michigan Farmer (weekly) \$1.50
New York Tribune (weekly) 1.25
Detroit Free Press (semi-weekly) 1.70
New York World (tri-weekly) 1.70
Grand Rapids Herald 1.60 (semi-weekly)

Other papers and magazines furnished to our patrons at wholesale rates.

Situation Wanted.

Strong and healthy young married couple, intelligent and full of days works, want situation together. Apply at this office.

Notice to Political Committees.

We hereby notify the various township committees of all political parties wherever this paper circulates that the columns of the Lowell Ledger are open to the free use of each and all for the purpose of calling caucuses, and all are urged to avail themselves of the opportunity.

Publisher Ledger.

First come first served; so march up and pay back dues on the LOWELL LEDGER and a year ahead. This will secure that good little paper, the Farm Journal, five years without any further pay. New subscribers who pay a year in advance are in on this. Shall we hear from you within one week?

Clover and timothy seed, F. L. Fallas.

Call at Behl's city bakery for baker goods and lunches.

Galvanized steel tanks for stock watering. Call and see them.
N. HASK.

WAYNE HOTEL, DETROIT
AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN PLAN.
\$2 TO \$3.50 \$1.00 TO \$2.00
SINGLE MEALS, 50c. UP TO DATE CAFES

ANELEGANT LOT OF

Carriages, Buggies, Phaetons
Surrey's and Family Rigs

Just received, as fine as silk and we will sell them at prices that will astonish the oldest inhabitant.

H. NASH.
On th. Brdg.
LOWELL, MICHIGAN.

Oliver Childs Plows, Studobaker Wagons, Agricultural Implements.

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MICHAEL
The pace that kills is often a slow running race.

Swallowing sawe tea is one way to drink in wisdom.

If it wasn't for the grip the cable roads would be doomed.

A Kentuckian says waterproof coats are all right for the stomach.

Few men can keep their good resolutions and a diary at the same time.

People would have fewer troubles if they spent less time in talking about them.

It's a poor kind of repentance that doesn't insure against a repetition of the offense.

What a jolly old fellow this world is for anything on the whole as attractive as the shop windows.

Traveling often takes the conceit out of a man, but coming home puts twice as much of it in him again.

Some men resemble postage stamps; they stay on one thing until they are used—but you've got to lick them first.

Col. Letter will find it difficult to hold the milk trust in shape so long as the comb and chalk are not in the combine.

Representative John M. Mitchell of New York city is known as the Adonis of congress and the handsome man in public life.

"Deves may be a regular cannibal," remarked old Mrs. Grigby, who said she read that he recently ate a Filipino with a young lady.

A revolution is in progress in Nicaragua. No reason is given; but reasons are not necessary for revolutions there that way.

There will be no racing at Washington Park club this year, as the members do not wish to have any more trouble over pool selling. This decision does not seem to indicate that the club doesn't care so much about racing as about gambling. The officials might try the one without the other, even if it loses the revenue from the book-makers.

The time seems to be approaching when the various trusts will have a complete grip upon the nation. At present only eleven commodities are outside the pale of the voracious monster which threatens to do the country what the lightning insect does to the grain fields of the farmer. With the power of combined capital the trust octopus is attacking the very basis of the country's institutions, and taking away, we might say, the right of the common people to exist unless they go to the exciting trust and pay its exorbitant price for the necessities of life.

Now that the legislative bill to prohibit the immediate use of the female form and form in advertising is advanced to a third reading it seems high time for somebody to throw a protesting arm around the quivering sensibilities of millions of men who have been outraged by indiscriminate displays of the male figure for the last purpose of keeping on the sale of meat extracts, hatters and other things supposed to be necessary to the well being of the man. What is more disagreeable to a gentleman whose own limbs are knobby and his than to see an Apollo Belvedere depicted on every tin can of meat extract, the admiring glances of the women of the opposite sex? If the male figures must be shown in advertisements, let only the "before taking" ones be used.

Corners of the state of Illinois will present to the legislature this session a bill for an act relating to a misdemeanor for any person to remove the body of a person meeting unexpected or violent death from the spot where it is found, except for the purpose of transferring the corpse to the nearest suitable shelter for protection from weather or conditions of traffic. The amendment is aimed at the Chicago police and the undertakers who have had the benefit of the police system, which permitted the removal of the body to the nearest undertaking establishment. Under the proposed bill the coroner, his arrival at the place where the body lies after examination, is obliged to order it taken to a morgue, and after the inquest to turn the body over to friends, or, in the event no friends appear, to have buried at county charge. This provision is intended to stop the practice, said now to prevail among undertakers of preparing the body for burial as soon as it comes to their possession and then instating upon payment by friends.

Many people in Kansas and Maine, the only states that hold on to prohibition in the face of a resumption, but it is not likely to succeed. Senator Ingalls states the why and wherefore. "The prohibitionists have their pretensions," he says, "and the whisky men have their whisky, and there is no great kick coming on either."

If the campaign of military subjugation is to extend to the other 1,296 islands, some people are wondering where the magazine articles will end.

BATTLE RIGES IN MANILA.

One of the fiercest engagements of the War.

DARING MOVE BY NATIVES.

American Use of Communication Cut Off by a Native Action—Hosts Force Ultimately Routed with Heavy Loss—Our Casualties Were Light.

On Feb 21 one of the fiercest fights, for small one, since the war began, took place at and around Tondo bridge, near Manila.

A body of daring insurgents, about 250 in number, passed Gen. McArthur's left wing along the swampy shore near Caloocan during the night and entered the Tondo district.

Building five trenches across the road, they took possession of Tondo bridge, which they held until 2 o'clock. Thus they were in the outskirts of the city, and the American line of communication with the front was cut.

Two Minnesota companies sustained the first attack, but held on until reinforcements arrived, when the attack was repulsed in short order. The enemy's loss must have been very heavy. Our casualties were light.

Now a Bridge Trust.

Another gigantic trust, embracing 90 per cent of the bridge manufacturing companies of the United States, is in progress of formation. The combine will represent over \$50,000,000 of capital.

Detroit Man Elected President.

The Michigan State League of Republican Clubs, Grant W. A. Harst of Detroit president, elected W. J. Hudson having declined re-election.

FAMOUS NEWS-GATHERER NOT TO DEATH.

Baron Paul Julius De Reuter, who is critically ill in London, has done more than any other man for the spread of general intelligence throughout the earth. He is the founder of the great Reuter agency for the sending of news by telegram, and his success has opened an office in the last named city.

Large Immigration from Spain.

The immigrant authorities say that since the close of the war with Spain the immigration from that country to America has increased 100 per cent.

Says Americans Suffer Heavily.

An official telegram received at Manila says that the insurgents continue to attack Manila, inflicting heavy losses upon the Americans.

QUN Force Is Strengthened.

Gen. Otis has been re-appointed at Manila by that portion of the Twentieth Infantry which was on board the transport Scowdry.

Indiana Foreman Elected President.

The state meeting of Indiana Foremen elected C. W. Ennis, Union City, chief ranger. The next meeting will be held at Peru.

Waiting for Their Chances.

An unconfirmed and improbable rumor is current that the Duke of Orleans and Prince Victor Napoleon are in Paris.

China Orders Locomotive Works.

Eighty-one locomotives have been ordered by Chinese railroad projects from the Baldwin locomotive works at Philadelphia.

Terrible Drought in Australia.

Terrible droughting drought is widespread in Australia. The rain is appalling. Cattle are starving to death in hundreds.

Removed Defeat of Khalifa.

It is reported that the Khalifa has suffered a severe defeat at the hands of the Senegalese friendly to the Anglo-Egyptians.

Senator Jones Is Recovering.

A material improvement has taken place in the condition of Senator Jones of Arkansas and his recovery is assured.

Will Not Increase Carriage.

The budget committee of the German Reichstag rejected the government's proposal to increase the car tax.

Change Sails for England.

Joseph H. Choate, the new ambassador to the court of St. James, has sailed for England.

NATURAL GAS EXPLODES.

Seven Persons Seriously Injured at Walton, Indiana.

A natural gas explosion occurred at Walton, a village in Casey county, near Logansport, Ind., whereby seven persons were injured. They are Daniel Beckton, Mrs. Daniel Beckton, their son, Charles Beckton, aged 23; Jesse Beckton and his wife and their two daughters, Millie and Nellie, aged 3 and 5 years, respectively.

WANTS THE OREGON.

Admiral Dewey Makes a Somewhat Sensational Request.

Admiral Dewey has sent the following dispatch to the navy department: "Manila, Feb. 24.—For political reasons the Oregon should be sent here at once."

Cool Mining in Illinois.

The total output of the coal mines of Illinois last year was 15,589,299 tons, while the estimated capacity of the mines with their present equipment is more than double this amount.

Cleveland Wants Third Term.

Grover Cleveland, it is stated on excellent authority, is to be a candidate in 1904 for a third term as president. His platform will be anti-imperialism and anti-expansion.

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FARM AND GARDEN.

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO AGRICULTURISTS.

Somewhat-to-Date Hints About Cultivation of the Soil and Various Branches of Horticulture and Floriculture.

Agricultural Education in Russia.

A report sent up by the United States department of agriculture says: "The government of Russia is planning for the establishment of a quite extensive system of agricultural education. At a recent meeting of the agricultural council, an advisory body of which the minister of agriculture is chairman, an outline presented by the minister was considered at length and a general plan of agricultural education was elaborated. The truly inferior soils of western Europe. Almost everywhere in Russia the primitive processes of farming are still being followed. Notwithstanding the fundamental importance of agriculture to Russia and the great fertility of some of the agricultural lands, the farmer is only one-third to one-half as large as those harvested from the incomparably better lands of the United States. While the number of persons who are fitted by education and training to disseminate information on the agricultural and horticultural sciences is very small, it is being rapidly increased. The scheme outlined for a higher education, furnished by independent agricultural institutions, is in the first place to provide for the education of young men who will be raised on an acre of land, but with the experience I have had with sheep I think it is quite within the possibilities, and the farm will improve from year to year. To do this on a farm of one hundred acres there should be about seventy acres of pasture, ten of which might be in ryegrass. This would afford two weeks of early pasture, allowing the other pastures to get a good start before turning on the sheep. The advantage of this is too well known to require any comment. This ryegrass will produce two cuttings of feed even in the driest seasons. It will cover the soil, and thus it would be thirty acres for grain, roots, and green crops. Suppose we take twenty of this for grain, oats, peas, and clover, and the other ten for the purpose of the green feed, and if it is a little on the green side the straw would make good winter feed. The balance of the ryegrass would be for roots and green feed. The green crop would be composed of several varieties. Corn might form a part. A mixture of oats and peas is very good, but perhaps the best would be a fair estimate, which should not require any comment. This ryegrass will produce two cuttings of feed even in the driest seasons. It will cover the soil, and thus it would be thirty acres for grain, roots, and green crops. Suppose we take twenty of this for grain, oats, peas, and clover, and the other ten for the purpose of the green feed, and if it is a little on the green side the straw would make good winter feed. The balance of the ryegrass would be for roots and green feed. The green crop would be composed of several varieties. Corn might form a part. 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SOME men expect a newspaper to sacrifice everything for mere, petty "politics"; but they would never think of running a market, a mill or a store for the benefit of a party or a clique. All are business enterprises and one can not be run on wind or charity any more than the others.

The action of the Democratic county convention in making only one nomination for circuit court judge and inviting the Republican county convention to unite in nominating candidates upon a non-partisan basis, is to us eminently right and proper. Our courts should be rendered independent of partisan politics. We may add that the renomination of Judge Adair is but a just recognition of the valuable service rendered by that gentleman to the public.

The people of this country were enthusiastically in favor of the war with Spain for Cuban independence; but we do not believe that they will approve of the war being waged against the Filipinos on the opposite side of the globe. It may seem right to shoot human beings down for wanting to be free; but really we cannot view the matter in that light. Neither do we believe that this country has outgrown the wisdom of Washington, Jefferson, Monroe, Webster and Lincoln. It will be a sad day for this country when it spurns the advice of those great statesmen and follows the leadership of the Mark Hannas and Dick Crokers of the present day.

A Narrow Escape.

Thankful words written by Mrs. Ada E. Hart, of Orton, N. D. "Was taken with a bad cold which settled on my lungs; cough set in and finally terminated in Consumption. My doctor gave me medicine I could live but a short time. I gave up and my friends determined I could not stay with my friends on earth. I would meet my absent ones in heaven. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption and Cough. I gave it a trial, took it in all eight bottles. It has cured me, and thank God, I am saved and now well and healthy woman." Price 50c. Sold by L. H. Hunt & Co.'s Drug Store. Wholesale and Retail. Guaranteed or money refunded.

Alton.

Mrs. Bert Norton died at her home in Orton, Feb. 23. She was taken to Milan for burial.

George Weekes and son, Orin, were in Grand Rapids one day last week.

Z. H. Covert and daughter, Mary, of Lowell spent Sunday at D. A. Church's.

Mrs. Maria Corey died at her daughter's home, Mrs. Jack Welsh, in Grattan, last week.

Funeral was held at the home and interment in Alton cemetery.

Messrs. Frye and both of railroad fairs were here last week and procured the last right of way for the new railroad.

Mrs. Jack Welch died of pneumonia and funeral was held Tuesday.

Orin Ford and wife are spending the week with their son, Charles.

Mrs. Geo. Ford is better.

Madames Bookley and Herrington and their daughters spent Friday night at D. Church's.

Our school closed Friday with a box social at the Grange hall in the evening.

Max Denny of Fallsburg and Mrs. F. Vandenberg rendered the music for the "trip the light fantastic." A large number were present and spent a very pleasant evening.

We are sorry to learn that our miller, Guy Norton, is about to leave us for a position in Grand Rapids. All regret to have him leave us for he is an excellent miller and he and his wife are very pleasant neighbors.

Chris Betts had the misfortune to break his leg Thursday while in the woods chopping last week. He has our sympathy in his affliction.

UNO

A frightful blizzard.

W. W. Botsen is recovering from a severe attack of heart trouble.

Died, Feb. 25, of pneumonia, Herbert, infant son of Geo. Krum and wife, aged 6 months and 23 days. Grieve not dear friends for your dear little one, the tender bud, is only transferred to the garden of God to bloom forever more.

Funeral was held at the house Tuesday conducted by Rev. Pattison of Lowell.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Frank Fox March 9 at 2 p. m. This will be a Willard memorial meeting.

Allen Benson and son, Linnell Robinson of Grand Rapids visited Della June's school one day last week and spent the evening with her at her boarding place, H. Barber, of West Boston.

BRIDGET.

Everybody knows what Bergin's coffee are, and the best in the world at the price.

Genuine home-made bread "like other makes" at Bush's bakery.

B. F. Wilkinson of Keene made Geo. Blakeslee a pleasant visit Monday.

Born—To Milton Sterling and wife, Feb. 26, a boy.

BECKY.

Spain's Greatest Need.

Mr. R. P. Olliva, of Barcelona, Spain, spends his winters in Keene, N. H. He has had a most interesting and profitable business career in the United States. He has been a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and has been a member of the Spanish Society in Keene. He has been a member of the Spanish Society in Keene. He has been a member of the Spanish Society in Keene.

Rev. Bennett of Ada is assisting Rev. Freeman in revival meetings at West Lowell this week.

Miss Barnett of Grand Rapids was a guest at D. Wood's last week.

Mrs. Eileen of Grand Rapids is visiting her brother, John Huisinga, and other relatives in this vicinity.

Mr. Jellema and wife were guests of Mr. Blakeslee's family of Ada Wednesday.

Living Patterson and sons, Ralph and Ray, of Cassopolis, spent Sunday with his brother, Wm. Patterson, and family.

John Pattison of Whitneyville has been making his home at Wm. VanSickie's the past two weeks, but will go to the Wisconsin home in the near future.

J. Wooding of East Cascade attended the funeral of Maria Proctor Tuesday.

L. Wasink who has been operator at McCords for the past two years has accepted a position at Mulliken and left for that place Tuesday. His many friends regret his departure but wish him success.

One of the social events of the week occurred Saturday evening at the home of George Blakeslee of Lowell Center. We regret very much that "Beck" was not at home but found the fact striking out. The evening was spent very merrily with games and music, and Miss Lida entertained the company with her choice recitations. About midnight a beautiful supper was served and an hour spent in social chat. While all was merry within the rain was coming down torrents outside. The guests were sent very merrily with games and music, and Miss Lida entertained the company with her choice recitations. About midnight a beautiful supper was served and an hour spent in social chat. While all was merry within the rain was coming down torrents outside. The guests were sent very merrily with games and music, and Miss Lida entertained the company with her choice recitations.

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HOME NEWS.
 Gossip and Chat about People and Things You Know.

Village election, Monday, March 13
 F. L. Fallas for clover and Timothy seed.
 A. D. Oliver has a new announcement in this issue.
 The juvenile cake walk will be repeated March 17th.
 Advertised letters—Miss Carrie Jerden, Herbert Mascotte.
 Mrs. I. A. Anderson spent Saturday and Sunday in Grand Rapids.
 Miss Washburn of St. Johns is the new compositor at the Journal office.
 For spring styles and shades in men's and women's shoes, go to Butts & Owen.
 E. C. Lewis of Chicago has our thanks for a two years subscription to THE LEDGER.
 Estace E. Church, of Chandler, has been granted \$10 per month pension.
 William Lessiter, a respected Oakfield farmer, died February 18 at the age of 68 years.
 Mrs. James Bush died of paralysis at her home in Grand, Feb. 13, at the age of 74 years.
 Marks Ruben returned last week from a two weeks business visit to Chicago's great mart.
 M. J. Bergin and R. J. Hughes of Howell spent a few days of last week with the family of J. S. Bergin.
 Don't fail to attend the lecture on "The Gospel of Science" at the Baptist church Sunday evening.
 Lewis Phillips of Freeport made this office a pleasant call yesterday and got in on the Farm Journal deal.
 Columbia Rambler and Crescent Bicycles will be on sale after March 15, '99. Come and see us. R. B. Boylan.
 James Lyon and John M. Matthews are among the delegates chosen to attend the Democratic state convention.
 The Women's Home and Foreign Missionary societies of the M. E. church will meet with Mrs. J. B. Yeeter, Tuesday afternoon, March 7, Subject, "Family Life in China."
 This paper cannot publish anonymous communications. Sign all your communications, "not for publication but as an evidence of good faith."
 Little Olive Archibald was seven years old last Friday and a company of her young friends helped her to celebrate the event in a very happy manner.
 The Grand Trunk passenger depot and freight house at Ionia was partly burned Saturday morning. The fire men extinguished the blaze before the building was burned beyond repairs.
 The following were elected delegates to attend the Democratic convention at Grand Rapids last Saturday: J. M. Matthews, H. Nash, J. E. Lee, G. V. McConnell, S. F. Edmunds.
 The Rev. L. N. Pattison will take for his subject at the M. E. church, on next Sunday morning, "The Pearl of Great Price." No evening service on account of Union Service at Baptist church.
 Prize envelopes at this office for John D. Campbell, J. Malone, S. P. Curtiss, Geo. Plummer, Richard McGee, A. L. Coons, W. R. Mullien, Grant Warner, T. W. Mason, John Gramer, James Green.
 John Cutler, at one time proprietor of the Commercial hotel in this village, dropped dead on the streets of Howell, Wednesday of last week. He had been afflicted with the grip, and this death was caused by heart failure brought about by his weakened condition.—[Saranac Local. Mr. Cutler was at two different times proprietor of Hotel Brace in Lowell and was well known here.
 Prof. J. G. Rodger, formerly of the Benzonia college will lecture next Sunday morning at the Congregational church. In the evening there will be a union meeting at the Baptist church at which place he will lecture on "The Gospel of Science." These lectures will be continued through the week at the different churches.
 Lowell's rising young elocutionist, Miss Grace D. Blakeslee, filled two engagements at Grand Rapids last week, and her efforts were so appreciated that she has been honored with a request for a return date by the Good Templars of that city. Church and other societies wishing to add a pleasing feature to entertainment programs cannot do better than to give Miss Blakeslee a call.

Married, last week, Charles J. Nizer and Lillie Tripp, both of Cascade.
 Don't fail to see our spring shoes before you buy. Our stock is complete. Butts & Owen. 36
 First come first served; so march up and pay back dues on the LEDGER a year ahead. This will secure that little paper, the Farm Journal, five years without any further pay. Shall we hear from you within one week?

The following are among the delegates to the Republican state convention: Donald McNaughton, Ada; Wm. Watts, Ionia; Emanuel Bergy, Caledonia; Edgar R. Johnson, Cascade; William H. Eddy, Lowell; Otis White, Vergennes; E. B. Joyce Jr., Cannon; John Hessler, Grattan.

Among the circuit court jurors drawn for the March term are: Orlando Kivon, Lowell; Chas. McCarty, Vergennes; John Crakes, Ada; John L. Kinross, Bowne; John C. Karrer, Caledonia; Mark Cogg, Cascade; E. B. Joyce, Sr., Cannon; Nelson Lewis, Grattan.

John O. Dennis of Vergennes changed his plea before Justice Watt yesterday afternoon from not guilty to guilty of assault and battery on Peter McPherson of the same township. He was fined \$10 and costs, which was paid and he was discharged.—[Grand Rapids Press, Feb. 24

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rickert of South Keene very pleasantly entertained a party of forty of their old time neighbors Friday evening with graphophone music and games. An ample supper was served after which the guests departed thanking the host and hostess for an enjoyable evening.
 The Lapeer Press printed an item to the effect that a certain resident of the fourth ward, whose name it did not give, had better stop kissing his hired girl or he might be found out. Twenty seven men from that part of the city gave themselves away by calling on the editor and threatening to thump him if he did not retract.
 Farmers and horse owners will do well to examine cornstalks before feeding them to their equines and see if there is any corn smut on the fodder. Dr. J. L. Campbell, of Birmingham, lost one horse Tuesday and another one Thursday from eating stalks which contained a quantity of smut. The horses were only sick a short time. The team was valued at \$400.
 A certain local paper, in an obituary of a man who had died in the community, said: "A large procession followed the remains to their resting place." Of course the family rushed to the print shop to have the "error" corrected. The editor explained that he could not do it until the seven years back subscription the deceased owed had been paid.
 Be sure and read our great offer of the LEDGER for a year and the Farm Journal five years, all for the price of four paper alone. Just walk up to the captain's office and draw the greatest prize you ever drew.
 Clover and timothy seed for sale by F. L. Fallas



Never swap horses When crossing a stream
 Don't even swap your money for a horse unless you know something about the horse or the people you buy from. Take no chances on strange horses or strange dealers.
 Buy where you can go back next day or a month hence and have your purchase made satisfactory if you are dissatisfied.
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 A fine line of Belt Buckles, Cyranos Chains, Neck Clasp, fancy brilliant studded hair ornaments at popular prices.



I have 2 good new milk cows for sale. WM. CHEETHAM. 27
 Two hundred numbers were sold for the Vergennes club masquerade.
 Misses Emma and Ethel Westbrook have been having a siege of the chicken pox.
 Fred W. Hastings and Frank W. Tarrleton and families will leave next week for Idaho.
 The friends of J. H. Westbrook may be glad to learn that after an illness of six weeks duration he is able to be out again.
 J. M. Medler has accepted his old position with J. Hayden & Co. of Grand Rapids, and left Wednesday morning to assume his duties.
 On account of the Old Residents' dance being on the 10th, the Vergennes Dancing club will give its next dance on Thursday evening, March 16, instead of the 9th as given out at the last dance.
 At a recent "hard times" party in a certain Hillsdale country village a tramp stepped up to the door of the house and asked for a handout, and was almost scared to death when the young lady who had opened the door said, "You're pretty well made up, but you can't fool me. Come in with the rest of the people."

The Old Resident's annual reunion and dance will occur on Friday evening, March 10, the former at Train's opera house and the latter at Music hall. An interesting program including addresses by the president and local preachers and music by local talent is being prepared and a pleasant evening is in prospect. Adams' orchestra has been engaged to furnish the dance music.
Smyrna.
 Tom Davis and wife of Grattan spent Sunday at C. W. Joslin's.
 Edna Tebble spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Walter Beebe, of Belding.
 Mrs. Edith Wright of Belding visited with her mother, Mrs. S. Skelenger the first part of the week.
 John Chapman of Muir spent Sunday at G. O. Biggell's.
 Frank Davis and wife of Grattan spent Sunday at C. W. Joslin's.
 Delos Dickens and family have moved into G. Russell's house.
INO.
Grattan-Vergennes.
 John McGee of Grand Rapids was on our street last week buying cattle.
 Mrs. Wm. Laughlin fell and sprained her arm Sunday.
 O. J. Byrne of Grand Rapids spent Sunday with his parents, Peter Byrne and wife.
 Frank Flanagan, Chas. Jakeway and O. Weeks were in Grand Rapids last week on business.
 Bruce Weekes is entertaining the grip.
 Mrs. Nelson Lewis is on the sick list; also Clinton Weekes.
 Dell Ford passed away Friday morning at 4 p. m. He was sick a number of weeks and suffered untold misery. He leaves a father, brother, three sisters and one who was soon to be his wife to mourn his loss. He was 23 years old and a good, industrious and hard working young man and will be missed by all. We have the greatest sympathy for the bereaved family.
 Grace Bailey spent a couple of days last week with Rila and Hattie Lynn of Keene.
 Mr. Rose of Grand Rapids is visiting his uncle, Horace Weekes, this week.
 Mrs. Julia Flanagan who has been confined to the house for nearly a year, was out the first time Friday, spending the day with Mrs. P. W. Byrne.
 Maggie Weekes has started to work in a hat factory in Grand Rapids.
 Quite a number from this vicinity attended the masquerade ball in Lowell Wednesday night.
 Evely Byrnes spent Friday night with her sister, Mrs. Guy Norton, of Alton.
 Mrs. John Rennells was taken ill Sunday afternoon and unable to attend the funeral of her brother, Dell Ford.
MIDGET.

Keene.
 Mrs. Ickes and daughter returned to their home in Sandusky, O., Monday.
 Mrs. Willard Hawley of North Keene spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. M. L. Kennedy, and Wednesday called on Mrs. John Loucks and found her very ill.
 Miss Grace Blakeslee returned home Monday after spending a few days with Mrs. Wilkinson.
 Mrs. Frank Sayles and Dell Bowen's family are afflicted with the grip.
 James Frederick has returned after spending a few weeks with his daughter in Chicago.
 Ed. Sayles of Grand Rapids came to attend his mother's funeral, Mrs. Chas. Sayles who was buried last Tuesday. The funeral was largely attended. The bereaved husband and granddaughter were very ill and unable to attend. Ed. had to go to his home that night as his family were all sick.

Thomas Lowden, Jr., once a resident of North Keene but a few years ago moved to Barrytown, during that very cold spell found their house on fire about midnight and they had barely gotten out when Mr. Lowden thought of a boy up stairs and went to save him but before he could get out the roof fell and they were burned up. Mrs. Lowden with the two children that were left, carried one and led the other a half a mile to a camp, in their night clothes. They all froze their feet very badly. There was nothing saved so it leaves the poor woman in a bad condition. There are a few ladies in this section trying to do something for the suffering ones.
 The Woodman case which has been contested in the circuit court at Ionia for several days went to the jury Tuesday night and a verdict was returned for Mrs. Eva L. Hilton, whose claim for \$2,350 is allowed. She was the daughter of Frank Woodman of Saranac and her claim against the estate was contested by Lewis Woodman, brother, and Mrs. Gurrier, sister, of Grand Rapids.

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 Leon LaFurgey who had the misfortune to injure his foot is much better.
 What ails the men this season anyway? R. Spaulding and Chas. Harmon both got their feet entangled with logs while loading and Wm. Eardly and F. Johnson got theirs frozen while coming from Grand Rapids.
 Mrs. Stauffer is improving rapidly.
 We hope we have had the last of the cold wave. We lost nothing only some tomatoes. Mrs. W. A. Patterson lost 90 quarts of fruit.
 Some have lost nearly all of their potatoes. We don't dare look in the pits after learning the results of our neighbors. Where ignorance is bliss 'tis folly to be wise.
 M. Davis, the new station agent, violated the Sabbath a week ago Sunday by bailing 250 gallons of water out of his cellar. He had to or else bring in his boat.
 W. Sternback and A. Davis of Rockford are visiting friends in this vicinity.
 Dear Sisters—When I look over your well written items I feel as if my own suffered greatly in comparison; but do we all bear in mind one or two admonitions of our editor when he asked us to write only that which would be useful, interesting or entertaining to his patrons; and remember to not ask to give any free advertising as many times items crowd out valuable space, which means his livelihood. Now, for instance, we have many transients in this vicinity that are here for a season and are gone, I never mention them; and again here is some bright, energetic young man who can husk corn to beat the band or can throw out potatoes as well as if he hailed from the "Old Sod." Now as to him and his whereabouts it is so much free advertising. If he will subscribe all right, if not don't notice him.

GRANDMA.
Parrell.
 Laura Hedron is on the sick list.
 Joe Carley is building a chimney for John Doyle.
 Edmund Andrews and wife of Grand Rapids are visiting at James Hurley's.
 John Hickey and John Toney are cutting 150 cords of wood in Mike Downes' woods for Rev. Fr. Byrne.
 Tom Byrne is working for J. Hurley.
 Mike Carey is getting ready to build a new house.
 Nellie Murphy is visiting friends in Grattan this week.
 Tom and John Murphy were in Grand Rapids Tuesday on business.
ONA.

Town Line Tidings
 The ladies aid will meet with Mrs. John Tibbos Wednesday, March 8.
 Fred Westbrook spent Wednesday with M. D. Court of Lowell.
 Emerson Clark went to Lansing Thursday.
 Levi Burras lost a cow last week.
 James Green is on the sick list.
 There will be a sugar social at the home of Mrs. H. Westbrook, Friday evening, for the benefit of the Snow school district. Sugar 10c a dish.
 Fred R. Westbrook went to Petoskey Friday to spend a few weeks with his sister, Mrs. L. L. Gibson.
 Rev. Fox will take for his subject next Sunday: "Gambling in all its forms."
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