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LOWELL, MICHIGAN, MARCH 9, 1899.

WHOLE NO. 297.

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, Orson Hill, W. A. Watts, E. W. Bownau, E. S. Wilson.

Drafts sold on Grand Rapids, Detroit and New York.

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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.

A HOT TIME

IN BELDING OVER THE LIGHTING CONTRACT.

A Legal Fight to the Finish Now On.

The following article from the Belding Banner of last week will make interesting reading for Lowell people.

As a result of the action of the council two weeks ago relative to granting a franchise and entering into a contract for street lighting the city will be obliged to defend a suit at law and answer a bill of complaint made by the Belding Land & Improvement Co., asking the circuit judge to grant an injunction restraining the board of aldermen from carrying out its contract with the Citizens' Light Co.

Last Friday a copy of the bill of complaint and allegations were served on Mayor A. L. Spencer by Deputy Sheriff E. E. Fales commanding him to appear at Ionia March 4th to make answer to the charges therein set forth.

The bill of complaint covers over 42 pages of type-written matter and has a copy of all the proceedings of the council referring to the lighting project, beginning with the vote taken in November at the polls. It is sworn to by W. P. Hetherington the agent and attorney in fact of the said Belding Land & Improvement Co. and contains 21 allegations against the action of the council.

It sets forth that the said company is a large owner of real estate in the city and a very heavy taxpayer. The bill attacks the legality of the vote taken by the citizens in November on the street lighting question as being illegal and void. It charges the council in advertising for bids and granting a franchise and claims that its action in accepting the bid of the Citizens' Light Company was void because there was no such company in existence at the time the contract was made, that its proceedings are in aid of a private enterprise and therefore against public policy; that the bond filed was void; that the bid of the alleged Citizens' Light Company as accepted was not the bid advertised for and also make the claim of a combination and conspiracy between the council and the promoters of the so-called Citizens' Light Company in rushing the bid through at one meeting and closing up the contract at the same time.

A special meeting was called by the mayor Monday night to take action for putting up a defense and he was empowered to employ legal talent sufficient to carry it on. Hon. A. B. Morse was retained immediately, who with City Attorney Roosevelt, H. L. Benschoten and Dwight C. Sheldon, will look after the interest of the city. I. L. Hubbell and McGarry & Nichols are attorneys for the complainants and it is expected that with this array of legal talent every point will be contested vigorously.

Going West.

Will McCarty, Earnest McCarty, Frank Tidd and a party of young men from Grattan will leave Lowell Next Monday for a trip to Washington, where a large tract of timber land is to be thrown open to settlement.

The boys propose taking up land and locating either permanently or temporarily. Here's hoping that they may all come back rich.

To the Public.

By request of numerous citizens I have decided to be a candidate for village clerk at the election, March 13, and slips will be provided for that purpose.

E. O. WADSWORTH.

Village Elections.

The annual village election will be held in the corner building of Train's Opera House block on Monday, March 13, for the purpose of electing

One President—one year.
Three Trustees—two years.
One Assessor—one year.
One Treasurer—one year.
One Clerk—one year.

The polls will be open from 7 o'clock p. m. until 5 o'clock p. m.
E. O. Wadsworth,
Village Clerk.

REAL ESTATE IS HIGH

In the Immediate Vicinity of Belding. At Least the L. & H. People Think So.

The redoubtable Andy Fyfe who has been at work in the interests of the Lowell & Hastings railroad extension, is having no end of trouble in securing the right of way for his road into Belding. Things went on swimmingly for a long time and the most of the right of way was easily secured, some giving it outright, others asking only a nominal sum, while still others wanted a fair remuneration for the land taken for the road. All this could have been got along with easily enough, but just now, when success for the proposed road seemed almost assured, another small contingent appears, who are asking what Mr. Fyfe is pleased to think is an exorbitant figure for the property wanted by the road. Fortunately there are only three or four of this latter class, and it is hoped that they may be yet brought to see things as others see them in order that all obstructions to the work may be speedily and satisfactorily removed.

The three parties holding out are, we are informed, Frank R. Chase, of Smyrna; J. D. Morse, of Otisco, and R. M. and David Wilson of this city. —Belding Star.

Potatoes and Beans.

Lowell boasts the best potato market in the state. The price paid Tuesday was 62 cents and farmers from fifteen to twenty miles around are hauling to the Lowell market. The bean business is looking up and big loads are coming in from all directions and the price ranges around the dollar mark.

THE DEATH RECORD.

Mrs. James Gibbs
Died at her home in Cascade on Friday, March 3, at the age of 38 years. Funeral services were conducted at the M. E. church in Ada on Sunday, conducted by Rev. Bennett.

Mrs. Ann McKelvey
Died at the home of Mr. Long at Fox's corner, Vergennes, on Saturday morning, March 4, at the age of 62 years. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. S. G. Anderson at the house, on Tuesday.

Mrs. John Loucks
Died at her home in Keene, on Saturday, March 4, at the age of 71 years. Funeral services were held at the late home of deceased on Tuesday.

H. D. Wood

An old resident, died at his home in this village, on Monday, March 6th, of creeping paralysis, at the age of 76 years. Funeral services were held at the M. E. church, yesterday at 2 p. m., conducted by Rev. L. N. Pattison.

Mrs. E. G. Patrick

Died at her home in this village, Friday night, March 3, at the age of 43 years, leaving a husband and two children. Funeral services were held at Cannonsburg, Monday, conducted by Rev. L. N. Pattison.

A Trip to Atlanta.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis King, Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. King, and Misses Helen and Florence King, left Tuesday for a trip to the South. The journey is taken by the advice of physicians for the benefit of the elder Mrs. King's health, which has been poor of late.

That the change may result in a good hoped for, will be the wish of many friends.

Registration Notice.

The village board of Registration will be in session on Saturday, March 11th, at the council rooms in the village of Lowell for the purpose of registering the names of all persons who may be qualified voters in said village of Lowell.

E. O. Wadsworth,
Village Clerk.

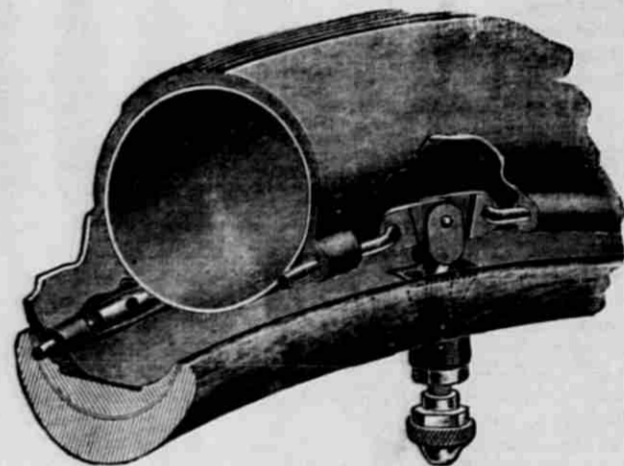
Situation Wanted.

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

BICYCLE OPENING

Watch out for our

Wait for it.



Cleveland Primer.

WHAT IS THE BURWELL TIRE? It's a detachable tire fastened on the rim of a bicycle wheel by the contraction of a wire. **HOW?** By the use of a thumb screw. This wire is shortened to hold the tire on and lengthened to take it off. So it is Mechanically Fastened. It is the only tire that is under the control of the rider at all times. Like a great many other good things it can be found on the Cleveland only. Have you seen the Cleveland anti-friction ball and roller bearing? They are interesting.

STANDS FOR THE BEST.

Don't under any consideration or offer from others buy a Gasoline or Wickless Blue Flame Oil Stove until you have seen and inspected ours. We will cheerfully show and explain them.

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

LISTEN!!

I loaned you well-tongs when you wanted them. Now I want them. Will you return them now?

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.

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.

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.

ANELEORANT 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 14th Bridge,
LOWELL, MICHIGAN.

Oliver Chispiowa,
Studebaker Wagons,
Agriculture Implements.

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.

32 ACRES one mile from village of Lowell, bearing apple orchard, peach orchard, 41 acres raspberries, good house, stable and apple dryer. Price \$1500. Terms half cash, balance on time.

40 ACRE FRUIT FARM within a mile of the city limits of Grand Rapids. Splendid land. Successful fruit farm, peaches, berries, etc. Ample barns, etc. Splendid location. Fronts on Walker avenue and Fourth street. Big money in it for suburban residence lots. Price \$2,500, \$1,500, balance on time. This is a big bargain and bears the closest investigation.

HOUSE AND LOT in Ovid for sale or exchange for Lowell property or wild land. In good repair. Rents for from \$5 to \$8 per month and has not been empty three months in five years. Ovid is a fine town. Owner has farm near Lowell and wants a home nearby.

EIGHTY-ACRES 3 miles from Charlevoix, 2 miles from a good saw mill. Timber enough to pay for it. 36 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 3 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 \$1800. Will take \$600 down and give time on balance.

For particulars regarding these places apply to

F. M. JOHNSON,
Ledger Office, Lowell, Mich.

A man might as well try to put a quart of water into a pint measure as to make a better harness than our famous Oak Tanned hand made harness. Before purchasing it is for your interest to call and look at our goods. Brown & Schler.

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Space advertisements one insertion 10c per inch. Same more than once 75c per inch with 10 per cent discount on yearly contract.

Page and half page ads. \$7.50 and \$4.75 in three month contracts. Single insertions 7c per inch.

Business notices among local items 5c per line per week. Those taking run of paper outside of local matter 3 cents per line.

Card in directory column \$1.00 per line per year. One inch \$3.00 per year. Cards of thanks 25c.

Resolutions of condolence, \$1.00.

Positively, no deviation from these.

An up-to-date Job Printing Plant in operation. Work done neatly, quickly and cheaply. A trial order solicited.

For the Farm Journal and the Farm Journal.

By special arrangement made with the publishers of the FARM JOURNAL we have enabled our 5-year subscribers to this paper to order the Farm Journal for 5 years at a special price of \$5.00.

The name of Dewey outlines all others connected with the war for Cuba independence. No taint or scandal there.

It is announced that the Fall River cotton manufacturing companies have agreed to raise the wages of their employees to the point from which they were reduced a year ago. This is an encouraging sign, and we hope that the movement may become universal.

GENERAL WHEELER, after having served his country well in the Cuban war, was refused the privilege of a five minutes speech by Speaker Reed during the closing hour of Congress. It looks like a poor reward to the old man for facing Spanish bullets.

The editor of the Farm Journal asks: "Why have a mortgage on the farm, poor crops, rheumatism, sour bread, grippe, leak in the roof, loss in the pocket, skeleton in the closet, or any other pain or trouble when you can get the Farm Journal five years by paying all arrears and a year in advance for THE LOWELL LEDGER?" This you can do if you speak quick. But only a limited number of Farm Journals can be had, so pay up before the last one is gone.

The law which prevents the printing of a candidate's name upon more than one ticket is an unwarranted and senseless interference with the rights of citizenship. It is said that the law has been upheld by the supreme court and it is now proposed to test it. As long as the legislature is made the dumping ground of played-out, three-dollars-a-day, political hacks, this sort of work may be expected.

The attempt to hasten upon General Alger the charge of corruption will not "go down" in Michigan where he is known as a genial and honorable gentleman. The worst that his enemies were not entirely adequate to the performance of the tremendous task set before him in the war department. The newspaper mud-throwers who accuse him of jobbery will simply injure themselves.

There seems to be no doubt that thousands upon thousands of fruit trees were killed by the severe weather of early February. Whole orchards have been destroyed, it is claimed, and the peach business ruined for several years to come. We know of two Walker township farmers who have planted an orchard with a reliable nursery for entire new orchards, and they claim that in five years they will be as well off as if there had been no loss. Thousands of faint-hearted men, they say, will be discouraged and will not immediately replant, if at all. Those who do so at once will get good prices for a number of seasons before the slow ones "catch on." If you are going to replant, do it this season and get the cream.

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NO RIGHT to Unpleasant. The woman who is lovely in face, form and temper will always have friends, but one who would be attractive must keep her health. If she is weak, sickly and nervous, she will be nervous and irritable. If she has constipation or kidney trouble, her impure blood will make her complexion sallow, her eyes red and her stomach, liver and kidneys and to purify the blood. It gives strong nerves, bright eyes, smooth, velvet skin, rich complexion. It will cure a good-looking, charming woman of a run-down invalid. Only 50 cents at L. H. Hunt & Co.'s Drug Store.

UNO. His Life Was Saved. Mr. J. E. Lilly, a prominent citizen of Hamlet, Mo. lately recovered from a mortal illness from a frightful disease. In the fall of 1897, he was taken with Typhoid Fever, that ran into Pneumonia. His lungs became hardened. I was so sick I could eat or sleep. I was so weak I could not get up. I was so nervous I could not sleep. I was so weak I could not get up. I was so nervous I could not sleep. I was so weak I could not get up. I was so nervous I could not sleep.

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LOWELL CENTER-ALTO. Mrs. Mary Wink is home from Clarksville seriously ill with the grippe. We will be glad when the balmy air of the home of her son in Alto of typhoid pneumonia. He and his wife came here to care for his son's family who were ill with the grippe, when finally they were stricken with that dread disease which resulted later in pneumonia, causing his death. He seemed better Monday and expressed a desire to be dressed and go home. They complied with his request and he died in his chair and went to that across his breast where loved ones await him. He was taken to Woodland for interment. Andrew Jackson of Wayland visited Mrs. Chas. Wink's sickness has resulted in typhoid pneumonia.

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Watch for our Semi-Annual Underwear Sale about April First.

Good Stock in all lines and right prices.

We have now the largest stock of CARPETS we have shown and are making prices that will move them.

We also have a full line of samples from the largest Carpet House in Chicago and can furnish almost anything in the Carpet Line.

Call on us and be Convinced that what we say is true.

OUR GUARANTEE with every purchase: Goods the best, prices the lowest, Bergin, the reliable grocer.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Wheat, Corn, Oats, Beans, Butter, Eggs, Potatoes, Onions, Beef, Pork, Chicken, Wood washed, Wood unwashed, Apples.

See our line of WHITE Iron Beds From \$2.75 to \$12. McCONNELL.

VICK'S SEEDS. Vick's Garden and Floral Guide. Includes information about seeds and gardening.

James Vicks Sons, Rochester, N. Y. Includes information about insurance and dental services.

TREASURE OF SANTA ROSA REEF. CLARENCE HERBERT NEW. Includes a story about a treasure hunt.

That's what I've been figuring on all day, but the padre complicates matters. Draw up your chair and let's have another go at the chart.

Suppose we should change about to-morrow," he said. "Call it a hundred and thirty-one, twenty, east, by three, fifty, north. On straight runs from there, we'd have forty-two hours to Yag and seventy-five or eighty to Guzman; that is, a twelve-hour lead."

CHAPTER IV. Halstead spent the morning purposefully in giving Diaz orders about the vicinity of danger, the senior's curiosity, with possibly an unbecomingly anxious for the captain, got the better of her fears, and she followed his suggestions to the extent of winning over 40 of Don Silvestre's dollars at Sancho Pedro, in the smoking-room.

Edward O. Mains, Attorney-at-Law. YOUR PATRONAGE SOLICITED. E. A. HODGES, Dentist.

A. E. CABBELL, Dentist. OVER ROYLAN'S STORE. Includes information about dental services.

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This Man. Includes an advertisement for a man's services.

Do You Want to Learn? Includes an advertisement for a school.

Clarksville Academy. Includes information about the academy.

DETROIT GRAND RAPIDS & WESTERN R.R. Includes a timetable for the railroad.

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