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LOWELL, MICHIGAN, APRIL 6, 1899.

WHOLE NO. 301.

The City Bank.

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

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The Election.

LOWELL REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES ELECTED WITH TWO EXCEPTIONS.

Vergennes and Grattan Democrats Elect Their Men.

Lowell township elected the entire Republican ticket with the exception of S. P. Hicks for justice and W. H. Murphy for highway commissioner, M. N. Hine and C. R. O'Harrow, Democrats, being elected to those offices.

Following is the township vote:

Supervisors, F. N. White 430, C. Bergin, 319
Clerk, C. G. Stone 438, S. F. Edmonds 297.
Treasurer, D. T. Bush 384, R. Van Dyke 356.
Highway commissioner, W. H. Murphy 281, C. R. O'Harrow 464.
School inspector, Fred W. Hinyon 412, Willard M. Hunter 312.
Member Board of Review, A. S. Houghton 412, Chas Winks 319.
Constables, Benj Morse 369, Frank Pickard 346, Lincoln Dygert 405, Chas. Yeiter 332, Chas. D. Blakeslee 390, D. V. Denick 339, W. D. Chatardon 392, N. P. Gardner 341.
On the state tickets Grant, rep., got 400, Barkwith, dem., 256.
The vote on candidates for circuit court judges was: Wolcott 419, Perkins 374, Adair 291.
For school commissioner, Chapel got 394, Herman 261.
On the proposed amendments the township voted 218 no to 185 yes on circuit court, 180 no to 151 yes on state printing office, 197 no to 161 yes on judicial, and 252 yes to 148 no on bridges and culverts.

HIGHWAY APPROPRIATIONS VOTED.

The following highway appropriations were ordered.

- \$150 for road from lower Grand river bridge to town line.
- \$75 for road south from F. Yeiter's to Alex Blakeslee's.
- \$150 for lower Grand river bridge west to town line.
- \$50 from Farland's s. w. cor. to McBride's school house.
- \$75 Fred Morse's cor. s w to Matthew Hunter's.
- \$75 Blakeslee's w line to Ed. Lewis' cor.
- \$50 U. B. church e to Hall place.
- \$50 West of Morse Lake school house.
- \$50 North of Morse Lake school house.
- \$50 Wm. T. Condon's e to Kerkas.
- \$50 Between secs 4 and 5 from river road to John Engle's n line.
- \$75 to repair culvert in District No. 21 on n line township e of S. Braisted.
- \$100 to improve roads in District No. 36.
- \$75 town line road n of James Green.
- \$50 s of E. Stinton.
- \$50 to operate stone crusher in District No. 20.

VERGENNES, GRATTAN AND CANNON.

Vergennes elected the entire Democratic tickets with majorities as follows:

G. J. Howard supervisor 73, E. E. Alger clerk 63, J. H. Wright treasurer 62, W. B. Hoag justice 62, C. S. Beckwith highway commissioner 52, O. J. O'Dell school inspector 56, D. E. Pratt, board of review 63, constables 63.

Grattan elects entire Democrat ticket with small majorities.

Cannon went Republican except that Chas. N. Tuxbury and John Joyce, Democrats, were elected supervisor and treasurer.

Keene township elected the entire Silver ticket with by small majorities.

In the county, the Republican candidates for circuit judges and school commissioner were elected.

In the state Judge Grant was re-elected over Barkwith by an estimated majority of 25,000.

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Starved His Stock

A BOWNE TOWNSHIP FARMER'S CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

Fred Blakely Believed to Be of Unsound Mind.

Fred Blakely, a rich Bowne township farmer, was arraigned in Justice Cowan's court Monday, charged with starving his stock. Last Friday several neighbors called upon Humane Agent Randolph and urged an investigation. It was found that Blakely had neglected to care for his sheep until their dead carcasses were strewn over the entire farm. His cows are mere shadows and three of his horses were found down in mud and water and unable to stand up. Every animal visible on the farm was found in a starved condition.

Blakely was brought before the court Saturday and promised to feed and care for the stock if he were allowed to. He wept in court and said he knew he had done wrong. He was sent home and informed that if he did not feed the stock he would be arrested. Sunday word was brought to the prosecutor that the stock had not been fed, and Monday Deputy Sheriff Provin and Humane Agent Randolph made a trip to the farm. He was urged to feed the stock, but in a careless, indolent way that indicated the man was feeble and imbecilic in mind, he said that he intended to feed them but at night or in the morning would do. He seemed indifferent to the fact that animals must eat to live. Randolph and Provin then endeavored to make the stock comfortable, placing straw under the horses and covering them with blankets. Blakely having shown no disposition to care for them, was arrested. The case will be heard next Friday.

Blakely is wealthy man, owning a large farm in Bowne, a half interest in a farm near Lowell and one at Green lake. The family also owns a block on West Fulton street, where Blakely did business some time ago. He also draws revenue from other reuted property. It is the opinion of the officers that the man's poor conception of how stock should be cared for is due to a deflection of the mind, as from a commercial point of view he was the loser by the cruel acts.—[Grand Rapids Democrat.

Died of His Injuries.

Willis I. Gibbs died at his home in Cascade, Monday, April 3, at the age of 20 years. Funeral services were held at Ada at 10.30 this morning, conducted by Rev. Mr. Bennett.

Willis received mortal injuries from a falling tree only a week before his death.

MANILA LETTER.

Private Bert Colvin writes to an Old Friend.

Manila, P. I., Feb. 20, '99.

O. W. Stanton, Fallasburg, Mich.

Dear friend:—I received your letter today and was very glad to hear from you. We only get about two mails a month to and from Manila, so you can imagine how glad we are to hear from friends at home. My brother and I are both well.

We are fighting the natives now. We came here to free and protect them and now they have turned against us. We have given them an awful lesson, having killed at least 10,000 with a loss to ourselves of 47 killed and 204 wounded. That is a great odds but nevertheless it is a fact. The slaughter was terrible. We would scare them out and shoot them like rabbits. They most all have rifles but they are poor marksmen.

Feb. 21. We had a large fire in town last night, burned up a lot of bamboo shacks that the native sharpshooters were hiding in and firing at our boys. It burned from 8 until 1 o'clock last night. I suppose you are having cooler weather than we are here. Everything is as green here now as it is in Michigan in June. We are quartered about a mile from the beach on an old tobacco forty.

The mail leaves for the United States today at 12 o'clock.

Your old friend and schoolmate,
Bert Colvin.

Manila, P. I., Co. A. First Reg. Idaho Vol.

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GEN. OTIS

in the lead. So is the American Steel Fencing and for the next TEN DAYS will sell American Steel Fencing at the old price as I bought before the advance and will give you the benefit.

R. B. BOYLAN.

War Investigation.

Ping gets a Puff for Pingree Shoes from the Front.

Lansing, March 28. The war fund investigation still drags on. Gen. White was recalled to the stan tonight. A peculiar incident occurred at a recent meeting of the committee. Chairman Phillips produced a letter from his son, who is serving with the 35th Mich. Vols. Mr. Phillips with his usual spirit of fairness so necessary to one occupying a judicial position, proposed to read a few extra lines reflecting on the matter under investigation. The other members of the committee insisted that the entire letter should be read, and lo and behold Young Mr. Phillips said the Pingree Shoes he got at Island Lake outwore three pairs of the kind issued by the United States.

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Builders Hardware, Steel Goods, Refrigerators, Gasoline and Oil Stoves, in fact, every article for Spring Trade has been purchased by us before the recent advance, consequently we are in shape to give you the best there is in it.

We wish you to bear in mind always that you are here to buy, We are here to sell. Yours for 1899 business,

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

GULLIFORD-MORSE

Marriage of a Popular Young Lowell Couple.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Gulliford, last evening, occurred the wedding of their daughter, Anna M., to George B. Morse.

Rev. L. N. Pattison tied the knot in his most approved style and congratulations were tendered by a throng of guests estimated at from 200 to 300 in number.

Mr. Will Kopf, cornetist, played the wedding march, accompanied by Miss Floy Morgan on the piano.

Guests from outside were: Mr. and Mrs. Will Gulliford of Allegan, and Misses Lillian Walker, Lena Talbot, Christie Lloyd, Lottie English, Jennie Miller, Stella Meade and Mr. Don Miller, all of Grand Rapids.

Refreshments were served, and the company broke up near the midnight hour.

Mr. and Mrs. Morse will make their home in this village.

An Interesting Event.

The coming of Henry Post and Paul Davis to Lowell next Saturday is an event to be hailed with delight.

Henry Post is a musician of rare ability and fully deserves the success he has attained in Grand Rapids as a teacher and player.

Paul Davis is now the leading teacher of elocution in Grand Rapids and a reciter whose efforts never fail to please.

Mr. Post and Mr. Davis have been able from their well-filled time to give a few entertainments in Grand Haven and other cities which have been attended with much success.

This entertainment will be a treat and it is hoped that Lowell will show her appreciation by filling the hall.

THE FAMOUS Queen Quality Shoe

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LOWELL, MICHIGAN

Lowell Ledger complete their education by marrying.

Riches, perhaps, do not so often produce crimes as in this country.

When an army officer smokes cigarettes he is reduced to the ranks.

No man is absolutely worthless. A good skeleton will bring \$25 cash.

The sting of a stub often proves to be most irritating to the one who makes it.

What makes Italy so mad is that she demands the open door in China away the wrong way.

When a man reaches the top he should kick the ladder over if he wants to remain there.

The majority doesn't always rule. One bad little boy sometimes gets a dozen good little boys into mischief.

In Berlin sheet music is sold by weight. In this country the author of the bass drum supplies it by the pound.

The certainty that life cannot be long and the probability that it will be much shorter than nature allows ought to awaken every man to the active prosecution of whatever he is desirous to perform.

No diligence can ascertain success; death may intercept the swiftest career; but he who is cut off in the execution of an honest undertaking, at least the honor of falling in his rank, and has fought the battle, though he missed the victory.

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The writer, indeed, spreads his reputation to a wider extent, but receives little pleasure or advantage from the diffusion of his name, and only obtains a kind of nominal sovereignty over regions which he may not tribute. The colloquial wit has always his own radiance reflected on himself, and enjoys all the pleasures which he bestows.

By every one that approaches him, sees friendship kindling with rapture and attention waiting upon praise.

Miss Rella C. Harber of Trenton, Mo., secretary of the Interstate Good Roads and Public Improvement Association, appeared in Springfield, Ill., last week to inaugurate the work of the organization of the state in the interests of hard roads.

It is proposed to hold a state convention in Illinois in the summer, and plans will then be made for the organization of every county in the state. There is at present a hard-roads association in Illinois, and it is not proposed to organize a rival association, but to make the existing one perhaps the nucleus for a great organization. The object of Miss Harber's visit to Springfield at this time is to interest the members of the legislature in the project.

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REBEL STRONGHOLD IS OURS.

American Flag Flies Over the City of Malolos.

GEN. AGUINALDO A FUGITIVE.

Insurgent Leader Left His Capital Two Days Ago—Honor of Capture Falls to the Troops Under Gen. MacArthur—Our Casualties 5 Killed and 43 Wounded.

The American forces captured the town of Malolos March 31. Gen. MacArthur's troops were the first to enter. It was found that the insurgents had directed the city and fled northward. Aguinaldo and his cabinet left in that direction two days ago. Our casualties in the day's fighting was 5 killed and 43 wounded.

Latest News from Manila.

A contingency now feared in army circles is that the long fighting, continuously aggravated by rough country and climate, may exhaust the troops before they reach Malolos.

The war department is giving serious consideration to the advisability of sending another regiment to the Philippines in addition to those en route and under orders.

The most positive details are given to the statement that President McKinley has decided to call for the 35,000 volunteers authorized by the army reorganization act.

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THE TRADE REVIEW.

By Decrease in Commercial Collapse Is Noted.

R. G. Dun & Co., in their weekly review of trade, say: "Failures during the first quarter of 1899 have been in amount of liabilities not more than \$26,830,320, against \$31,710,142 last year, and \$48,097,910 in 1897 and \$25,525,125 in 1896.

"Business is not at present improving. There has been something like a check, partly the result of heavy buying since Jan. 1 to anticipate the market, partly caused by the uncertainty about the operation of many combinations, and a shade of doubt about foreign affairs also had some influence.

"Railroad earnings for three weeks of March have been 41 per cent larger than last year and 53 per cent larger than 1897.

"Failures for the week have been 191 in the United States, against 227 last year, and 25 in Canada, against 27 last year."

Passenger Vessel Goes Down Off Island of Alderney.

The passenger steamer Stella, with seventy to 120 of her passengers and crew, was lost off the island of Alderney in the English channel. One hundred and fifty persons were saved.

Col. Jonathan Merriam Will.

Col. Jonathan Merriam, pension agent at Chicago, has recovered his health so as to be able to return to his duties.

That Illinois Newspaper Pill.

Washington, March 31.—The Constitution congress adjourned, in June, 1858, from Philadelphia to Princeton. It had been surrounded by the raw recruits of the Pennsylvania line, "soldiers of the day," who mutually swore that they would not be sent to the front.

Congress asked the state authorities to call out the militia to restore order, and upon their refusal it hastened to Princeton and requested Washington to remove his quarters to the neighborhood of that town.

William Dunlap, who years after became the vice president of the National Academy of Design, was then a boy of seventeen years, amusing himself with painting crayon portraits. He visited Princeton at this time, and was the guest of Mr. Van Horne, whose residence was on Red Hill, being a short walk from Washington's quarters, was frequently visited by the general.

Young Dunlap was introduced to the commanding general, who granted the boy's crayon portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Van Horne and consented to sit to him. A triumphant moment for a boy of seventeen, but also one of anxiety, fear and trembling.

Washington was so much pleased with the youthful artist that he often invited him to breakfast and to dine at headquarters, where he met members of congress and other distinguished men. His portrait of Washington led to the sitting of Mrs. Dunlap, and both were highly prized.

In his "History of the Arts of Design," written fifty years after the fact, Princeton editor, Mr. Dunlap says that Washington "was not an austere and stern disciplinarian. In fact, there are those who have said he was almost a martinet. So faithful was he to his own duty that he was ready at all times to sacrifice or martyr himself for his country and the expectations of his countrymen.

But Gen. Garcia was never without sympathy for his followers. There never was a time when he would not sacrifice himself for one of his men.

During the siege of Guimaro, in December, 1898, in which he captured six hundred forts in ten days, one after another, he was reconnoitering one day when a young private who had cast his lot with the insurgent band was struck by a Spanish bullet in the chest, and fell to the ground within a few feet of the general, mortally wounded.

Garcia dropped his field glass and hastened to the young fellow's side. The Spanish was at a loss for an anecdote, but, heedless of the bullets, the general raised the soldier's head and took from him a message to his sweetheart at home. Garcia stayed with the soldier to the last and escaped unhurt.

Weeks later, in another part of the island, the message was delivered to a dark-eyed girl, who waited in vain for her lover.

Shortly before war was declared between the United States and Spain, Garcia was sitting one day watching a soldier who was cooking the half-depleted commissaries afforded for the general's dinner. With wistful eyes two soldiers stood a short way off, one very bulky and strong. One day he ordered a black boy to catch a young pig, that it might be roasted for dinner.

"The boy was chasing the pig as Van Horne and Dunlap arrived from a walk. The pig, not wishing to be roasted, refused to be caught.

"Last night, general."

"What a pistol, sir. I gave the other half to Manuel here."

"Well," said Garcia, pointing to the fire, "take those pistols and eat them all. We have work to do tomorrow."

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According to Final Returns—The Republican Also Won 71 Majority of the Circuit Judges—Constitutional Amendments Said to Have Carried.

Final weather in the state did not bring out as large a vote as might have been expected. Returns thus far received indicate that Judge C. B. Grant was re-elected by an estimated plurality of 27,478, and Col. Elmer H. Sutton and Col. Henry S. Dean were elected regents of the university by a plurality of perhaps 25,000, elected a third of their ticket in many localities. The Republicans also retained a big majority of the circuit judges in the 20 judicial circuits of the state, although the result was doubtful in one or two districts. Returns from 48 cities in the state show that the Democrats elected 11 regents and 10 circuit judges, the Republicans 27 and 20.

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Gaylord is to have a beet sugar factory. Gov. Pingree has named April 28 as Arbor Day.

Amateur counterfeiter are worrying the people of Michigan. The Michigan Electric railway from Cheboygan to Petoskey is in course of survey.

The balance in the state treasury at close of business March 31 was \$1,530,623.70.

Several cases of scarlet fever have developed during the past week in Cadillac.

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Kalamazoo is to have a new hotel. A company with a capital stock of \$50,000 has been formed.

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HOME NEWS.

Gossip and Chat about People and Things You Know.

Vard Train was in Grand Rapids last week.

Robins were heard singing in this village Monday.

Mrs. B. C. Needham visited in Grand Rapids last week.

William Atkins is having a serious time with his ulcerated foot.

Geo. Severy of Otsego was in Lowell the first of the week.

Mrs. M. J. Koph visited at Maggie Pollis' in South Lowell Friday.

Ellis Faulkner has secured a position in a drug store at Hastings.

GIRL WANTED for general house work. Enquire of L. H. Hunt & Co.

Miss Nellie Marshall commenced teaching in District No. 2, Monday.

Mrs. Mary Robertson returned Monday from a week's visit at Coopersville.

Mrs. W. J. Mann of Buffalo, N. Y., is visiting at the home of F. W. Davey.

The Phila Clark W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. George Parker Tuesday, April 11.

Mrs. Clara Kincaid of Lansing spent Sunday with the family of W. S. Godfrey.

F. P. Hakea, who is now traveling in New York, spent Easter with his family in Lowell.

Letters at Lowell post office for: Mrs. Chauncey Miller, A. B. Rumsey, Wm. M. Kerkhoff.

Romey Jones and Albert Hoffman got home to Lowell from their western trip last Saturday.

Mr. F. L. Thomas of North Dorr has been visiting his brother, W. S. Thomas for a few days.

Mrs. D. C. Woodworth of Petoskey has been visiting her father Mr. O. B. Harris for a few days.

Transfer: John W. Everhart and wife to John I. Newell of swt sec 12, Lowell, consideration, \$3,000.

Band No. 2 of Congregational church will have a cake, cookie and brown bread sale at post office April 8.

Miss Daisy Covert has returned from a week's visit with her sister Mrs. Frank Hill, of Irving, Barry County.

Mrs. Docia Fallas was called to Grand Rapids yesterday by the serious illness of her father, Rev. W. W. Johnson.

Jesse Tompsett went to Cannonsburg, Saturday, to spend Sunday and Monday with friends and relatives and to do a little job of voting.

The man who advertised thoroughbred Plymouth rock roosters in the Ledger has sold every last one, and says "advertising pays."

J. M. Valk of Hamburg, Germany, who is making a business tour of this country, came to Lowell from Chicago last Friday, to see A. L. Peck whose acquaintance he had made while the latter was in Germany.

The fourth regular meeting of the Kent County Grange and Teachers' Association will be held at the Lowell M. E. church on Friday evening and Saturday, April 14 and 15. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend any or all of the three sessions.

Eight-years old Bob Roy is not well up in geography or politics. The family were talking of a trip up Lake Michigan to Manistiquic and the lad inquired if they would stop at New York. When he heard about the town meeting, Monday he was anxious to know if Bryan was elected.

Geo. B. Morse served a supper to the Bachelor's club, Monday evening, at the home of Mrs. S. A. Williams. About twenty guests sat down to the spread and the affair was a gastronomic and social success. On the same evening the Bachelor Maids enjoyed a "looking backward party" at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCarty, in honor of Miss Anna Gulliford. The occasion for both of these affairs was the wedding that took place last evening.

Keeping a dog is going to prove a costly thing for Ely Woodcock, of near Hamilton, Allegan county. Last winter his canine pet bit Clinton Gibson, of Ganges, while the latter was passing the Woodcock domicile, and as a result of the bite Mr. Gibson has been laid up all winter. Now he has demanded \$400 damages from the owner of the pup, but the latter refuses to pay and the case will be taken into the courts, where it will cost a neat sum, no matter which wins.—[Detroit Free Press.

J. S. Adams spent Sunday with friends at Portland.

Mrs. R. Heffernan is conducting a millinery store at Hart.

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Byron Goodsell spent his vacation last week with his father and brother, Clare, at Lake Odessa and returned Monday.

The Vergennes Dancing club will give its eleventh dance of the season at Train's opera house on Thursday evening, April 13.

Mrs. D. P. Atwater and Mrs. O. O. Adams are delegates from the Phila Clark W. C. T. U. to the district convention at Belding April 5, 6 and 7.

Mr. Bennett, at one time tenor singer in the Central M. E. church of Detroit, spent Sunday in Lowell and sang two solos at the M. E. church.

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P. Hogan, a D. G. H. & M. brakeman, was knocked senseless by colliding with a bridge this side of Ada last Wednesday. He was brought to Lowell where Dr. Greene fixed him up.

If interested in horses, cows or sheep take the Farm Journal. We will give this paper five years to all subscribers, new or old, who pay for the LOWELL LEDGER a year ahead. This offer for a short time only.

Dan T. Bush and Will E. Taylor have formed a partnership under the style of Bush & Taylor. They have added an elegant soda fountain to the business outfit and will serve ice cream soda to the thirsty during the season. Success to the new firm.

Rev. L. N. Pattison will take for his subject Sunday, "Conditions of Discipleship." In the morning he will speak of "Who May Become and the Denial Necessary to Become a Disciple of Christ." In the evening he will speak of "How the Disciple of Christ is to Take up the Cross of Christ."

The newest scheme which is being worked on the Michigan farmer is for a smooth agent to secure permission to tack up a few signs on the farmer's barns and fences, and then ask the unsuspecting granger to sign an agreement not to tear down the signs for ninety days. Three months afterward the farmer who was simple enough to put his name to the paper is notified that his note at ninety days, for \$300, is due.—[Ex.

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That Cough Hangs On

You have used all sorts of cough remedies but it does not yield; it is too deep seated. It may wear itself out in time, but it is more liable to produce la grippe, pneumonia or a serious throat affection. You need something that will give you strength and build up the body.

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will do this when everything else fails. There is no doubt about it. It nourishes, strengthens, builds up and makes the body strong and healthy, not only to throw off this hard cough, but to fortify the system against further attacks. If you are run down or emaciated you should certainly take this nourishing food medicine.

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Just a Minute

of your time. You can't begin keeping track of the moments as they fly too early in life. All Young Americans should have their watches and just to make it easy to comply with this timely rule, we are offering a line of juvenile watches at prices that makes you think of the early morning hours—they're so small.

Having a timepiece gives every little man a practical forecast of the future and ideas of system and order.

Inspect our west window.



Grand Ledge is to have a big cold storage warehouse this summer.

Last Wednesday afternoon a company of neighbors and friends dropped in upon Mrs. B. C. Needham to spend the remainder of the day with her. A bountiful luncheon was served, covers being laid for fifteen. As a token of esteem, she was the recipient of a very nice present.

Belding streets are in darkness these nights owing to an injunction issued as a result of the fight between the city council and the light company which formerly held the contract for illuminating the streets, but which was displaced recently by the council granting franchise and contract to a new company.

All but one of the necessary township village franchises for the proposed electric railroad between Belding and Grand Rapids have been secured, and it is expected this one will be landed before long. It is asserted by the promoters that cars will be running between the two cities by October 1 next.—[Detroit Free Press.

The Farm Journal is the boiled-down, hit-the-nail-on-the-head paper, cut-to-fit the wide-awake farmer and villager. We give the Farm Journal five years as a prize to every one of our subscribers who will pay up all arrearages and a year ahead; also to every new subscriber who pays in advance.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

Trip of the Lowell Boys to Granite Falls.

Granite Falls, Wash., March 3d.

Chas. McCarty,
Lowell, Mich.

Dear Parents:—

I will open up by giving you a description of our trip. We arrived in Chicago just about ten minutes too late to catch our train so we had to stay over night. We left the next morning at nine o'clock for St. Paul, and arrived there at ten o'clock at night and found our train waiting for us. We each had about six bundles so you can imagine the time we had transferring in about 5 minutes; but after we transferred we found we had a first class Pullman car, as the tourists cars were all full. There were a party of nine fellows in this car who were going to the new gold fields in Alaska and they were all jolly and proved to be good traveling companions.

The scenery through Minnesota-Dakota and the first part of Montana was nothing very grand as the land was mostly all prairie and we amused ourselves by watching wolves, coyotes, jack rabbits and prairie dogs. While we were going through Dakota it was 25° below zero. We struck the Rocky mountains in the evening so we did not see much of them; but we had plenty of excitement for we had the tourist night that they have had in the Rocky mountains for two years. It was snowing and the wind was blowing hard and as we passed different section houses the men came out and told us we would have a bad time of it. There was an engine ahead of our train with a big snow plow and we would have to wait in one place about half an hour at a time for the snow plow to clean the track. The snow was at least twenty feet deep. I went to bed and fell asleep right away and did not notice a thing out of the way. The next morning it was fine and we saw about fourteen deer along the track. The scenery was fine through Idaho and in Washington we struck what they call the black desert and for five or six hours we passed over this barren country. I can't describe what this looks like but you can get an idea when you hear that at some time this was a coal bed and burned out so you can imagine what it looks like. We struck the Cascade mountains in the evening and but for an accident would have had to pass through them in the night; but our train ran over a cow and in some way threw a coach off the track and jammed it up in such a way that they could do nothing with it. They had to tap a wire and telegraph for a wrecking train so we went to bed and got up in the morning soon after the train started so we got all of the scenery we would have missed. These mountains are higher than the Rockies and the snow is deeper, some drifts were twenty-five to thirty feet deep; but the tracks were all cleaned off in good shape and we had a nice day. We climb these mountains by switching backward and forward and in some places we could look down the sides of the mountain and see eight tracks that we had to go over.

Well, after a good many thrilling experiences and blood curdling adventures which I have not time to tell about we reached Granite Falls Saturday. To day (Sunday) we have walked about fifty miles through the woods; but we didn't see any big bear or deer; but we shot, with our new guns at marks.

This is all the paper I can borrow. Lovingly yours,

WILL.

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Mrs. M. HILBR.

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MORTGAGE SALE.

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage dated January 30, 1893, made and executed by James Norton and Mary Norton, his wife, both of Bowne, Kent county, Michigan, to Mary E. Boughton, of Alps, Bennesseler county, New York. Said mortgage was recorded February 7th, 1893 in Liber 201 of mortgages, page 270, at 8:00 o'clock, a. m. Said mortgage came into the possession of Clarendon C. Winagar as the executor of the last will and testament of Mary E. Boughton, deceased, late of Alps, Bennesseler county, New York. The amount claimed to be due on said mortgage at date of this notice is the sum of eleven hundred ninety and 65/100 dollars (\$1190.65) as principal and interest, also the further sum of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) as an attorney fee is stipulated for in said mortgage. No suit or proceeding at law or in equity has been instituted to recover said debt or any part thereof. Now, therefore, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described at public auction to the highest bidder on Friday the ninth day of June A. D. 1899, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon of that day at the north front door of the court house in the city of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Said court house being the place where the circuit court for the county of Kent is held.

Said premises are described in said mortgage as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate and being in the township of Bowne in the county of Kent and state of Michigan and described as follows, to-wit: East 70 (70) acres of northwest-quarter of section 35 (35), town (5) north range nine (9) west. Dated March 9, 1899.

Clarendon C. Winagar, executor of the last will and testament of Mary E. Boughton, deceased, late of Bennesseler county, N. Y. S. P. Hicks, his attorney.

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