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LOWELL, MICHIGAN, APRIL 20, 1899.

WHOLE NO. 303.

The City Bank.

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

Responsibility
\$100,000.00

Commercial and Savings Departments
Interest paid on time certificates.

Partners—P. H. Gilkey, Ass. Stratton, Orson 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.

Sold at Last.

THE STOCK OF THE LOWELL WATER AND LIGHT, West Michigan and Peninsula Companies.

As announced last week in THE LEDGER a gang of surveyors are at work at the West Michigan Electric Company, accompanied by a number of laborers. Chief among these are R. J. M. Danely, W. O. Segell and D. Skeels.

It is said that the holdings of the Lowell Water and Light, the West Michigan and Peninsula companies, which include the completed electric and water plant, the big enterprise begun and the Grand Rapids line and franchise have been sold to J. G. White & Co. of New York; and that the new company will proceed at once to develop its property to its fullest extent.

Work on the Railroad Begins soon

W. H. Clark informs us that it is proposed to begin work on the extension of the Lowell & Hastings railroad about the first of next month and it is proposed to have the work finished in four months. It is not yet decided whether the road will go to Smyrna or not. The people along both routes are working for it, a deputation from Smyrna being in town last Saturday. The route that looks most promising to the railroad company will be the one selected.

The Teachers' Meeting.

The meeting of the Kent county teachers at the M. E. church in this place last Friday and Saturday called to town about thirty teachers from outside, and the sessions were well attended by Lowell teachers and patrons of the schools.

The program rendered was an interesting and instructive one. Prof. Ferris of Big Rapids Industrial school delivered several addresses and was the star attraction of the occasion. Other participants were Supt. Marvin of Sparta, Prof. McClure of Lansing and Prof. Ludwig of Lowell.

On account of an unusual demand for space this week THE LEDGER is unable to publish the minutes of the sessions so kindly provided by the association.

A BARGAIN.

The Riverside Fruit, Fish and Poultry Farm of 30 acres for sale. Fruit of all kinds in bearing. The best facilities for raising broilers. Fish pond with plenty of brook trout ready for market and the fountain spray just restocked with 5000 young trout. Actual cost of place \$2,750. Will sell for \$1,500 cash. For further particulars enquire of J. O. CHAPIN, Lowell, Mich.

HOME NEWS.

The roads are drying up fast. Get your fruits and green stuff at VanDyke's.

The Columbia and Crescent chainless at Boylan's.

Allen Bennett was in Grand Rapids over Sunday.

Miss Pant of West Lowell is visiting at Fred Bowen's.

Chas. Koph of Grand Rapids was at home over Sunday.

Call at Boylan's and examine his line of wheels.

Miss Dottie Buckley is visiting friends near Smyrna.

Ed. Crow of Grand Rapids spent Sunday with Lowell friends.

Miss Pearl Mosher began teaching in the Potter district April 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Oliver were in Grand Rapids last Saturday.

Mrs. R. W. Swayze is making two weeks visit with Detroit friend.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Kunkel visited their son Clarence of Caledonia, last week.

Mrs. Fullington of Crystal Springs is visiting her sister, Mrs. Joseph Jones.

Mrs. Davis of Cascade has our thanks for a years subscription for Mrs. Laraway.

The people of Belding in their city election stood by their council, all the old members whose terms of office had expired were re-elected. That shows how the Belding folks stand on the lighting contract with Lowell.

"ALGE" IS DEAD.

Lowell's Bright Boy Stricken With Small Pox at Manila.

Monday's papers containing a list of dead at Manila, brought sadness to the people of Lowell and the desolation of despair to Mr. and Mrs. N. Perry Gardner.

"Alge," whose cheerful letter of March 9th was printed in this paper only last week, was dead of that loathsome disease—small pox—even while his latest letter was being read in hundreds of Lowell homes.

The blow to the parents whose sole information is that their boy is dead, is a heavy one; and the sympathy of the entire community goes out to them.



ALGERNON A. GARDNER, CO. G., FOURTH U. S. INF.

"Alge" was an employe in the LEDGER office at the time of his enlistment with Capt. Browne in the Fourth U. S. Infantry last October. He had been with us for more than six months, a faithful worker, a bright apprentice and a cheerful and happy companion. His last dinner in Lowell was taken at the table of his employer with his fellow-worker at his side. While we had no desire to part with him, it was partly upon our advice that he enlisted. In common with other friends, we felt that the army experience would be valuable to him, though at that time none of us imagined that he would be sent to the faraway Philippines as a sacrifice to the ancient spirit of conquest.

Since "Alge's" departure we have noted his progress with much interest, and his letters published in this paper showing his rapid improvement have attracted much attention. A postscript to his letter published last week says: "Tell F. M. that I will write him a long letter soon." We hope that the poor boy had time to write it.

May the Divine Providence make up to "Alge" the lost years of his manhood and comfort his stricken parents in their great sorrow.

Algernon A. Gardner was born at Wyman, Montcalm county Mich., June 5, 1880 and came to Lowell with his parents in 1890. A father, mother, sister and little brother are mourning his untimely death.

The best line of bicycle sundries at Boylan's.

Mrs. Mary Kilgus of Bowne was the guest of Mrs. M. J. Koph, Sunday.

Miss Mabel Boakey of Cannonsburg spent Saturday with Lowell friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Courter of Berlin were the guests of Mrs. E. Train last week.

Mrs. Coats and son, Wesley, of Rockford visited friends in Lowell over Sunday.

Chas. A. Dake, an old resident of Lowell, died recently at Edmond, Oklahoma.

Born in Lowell, April 13, an eight pound daughter to Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Clark.

Abram Buck and son, Allen, of Grand Rapids visited his father, Ira Buck, over Sunday.

Dr. J. H. Rickert of Greenville spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Rickert.

W. A. Watts and M. C. Griswold attended a state bankers meeting at Grand Rapids last week.

James Chambers has been employed on Mr. Tilden's farm near Greenville for the last few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis King, Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. King and Misses Helen and Florence King returned from a six weeks trip to Georgia, last Sunday evening.

The elder couple stood the trip better than the younger people, as the latter were sick during much of their stay in the South.

Clark & Spraker

is the name of the new firm that will carry on the hardware business formerly kept by Klark & Klark and we shall endeavor to merit your patronage.

Gasoline
and
Blue Flame
Oil Stoves,
Screen Doors,
Window Screens,
and such
summer
goods
we have
at
reasonable
prices

Farmers, don't forget that we have the Ellwood Woven Wire Fence which in price is as low as any first class fence can be sold.

We shall carry the Cleveland Line of Bicycles and a number of other good makes.

Don't forget that we have the most complete repair shop in Lowell and have with us two practical repair men, one of whom has spent 5 years in a Bicycle Manufactory and repair shop and both understand their business.

If you contemplate building, come and let us figure on your hardware.

Clark & Spraker,

K-K-K-K HARDWARE.

Grand Millinery Opening.

Mrs. Carr will have a formal opening of her new store and elegant new Spring Stock of Millinery on

SATURDAY, APRIL 22.

The ladies of Lowell and vicinity are respectfully invited to attend. Mrs. Carr has just returned from Chicago with an elegant line of goods and is prepared to do trimming in the latest and most approved style.

MRS. JAS. CARR.

GROCERY SATISFACTION

In this store means something more than low prices...it means high-grade goods the guaranteed kind...it means prompt attention...quick delivery...it stands for all you can possibly expect from a high-class grocery store.

Grocery Satisfaction is found in its fullest sense at

R. VanDyke's.

"If you get it at VanDyke's it's good."

EXCURSION NOTICE

DET. GD. RAPIDS & WEST 'N

Grand Rapids and Grand Ledge, Sunday, April 23d. Baseball at Grand Rapids. Grand Rapids vs. Detroit. Train will leave Elmdale at 10:05 a. m. Leave Grand Rapids at 6:00 p. m. Rate \$40. ap20

Sunday Excursion to Detroit.

The Grand Trunk R. R. will run its first excursion to Detroit, Sunday April 30. For rates and time see small bills.

E. B. Millar & Co's coffees. Best on earth at VanDyke's.

Our guarantee with every purchase: Goods the best, prices the lowest. Bergin, the reliable grocer. 2541f

Baby Wardrobe Patterns.

Twenty seven patterns for different articles in long clothes with full and complete directions for making same, showing necessary materials, sent post-paid for 25c in stamps. Fifteen patterns of short clothes 25c, or both for 40c. "Information to Mothers" sent free with each order. Address GEIGER PATTERN CO., Churubusco, Ind.

1899 SPRING STYLES.

Elegant line

Wall Paper

now on exhibition.

Window Shades.

We want everybody to see them.

Inside and outside House Paints at

L. H. HUNT & CO'S.



THE FAMOUS Queen Quality Shoe

For Women.

Price \$3.00

Trade-Mark on Every Pair.



STYLE 508

Foerderer's Vici Kid used Exclusively.



have no equal.

Sole Excuse for

A. J. HOWK & SON.

NEWS FOR MICHIGANERS.

A Whole Regiment of News Items From Michigan Towns

CAPTURED FOR BRIEF RELEASE.

Mortuary Return in the State for the Month of March - A Bedford Man the Victim of a Murderous Assault - L. G. M. Annual Report.

2,878 Deaths in the State for March.

During March there were 2,878 deaths in Michigan, this being exactly 500 less than in February. As March has three more days than February this represents a considerable decrease in mortality. The death rate for March was 16.5 per 1,000 estimated population, as compared with 20.7 per 1,000 for the preceding month. The death rate for the rural population was only slightly greater than that of the cities, instead of being markedly greater as in February. There were 622 deaths of infants under 1 year of age, 244 of children aged 1 to 4 years, and 930 of persons aged 5 years and over.

The principal causes of deaths were as follows: Pneumonia, 945; influenza, 241; cerebral spinal meningitis, 156; consumption, 32; other forms of tuberculosis, 79; typhoid fever, 31; diphtheria and croup, 30; scarlet fever, 20; measles, 19; whooping cough, 22; diarrheal diseases of children, 41; peripneal pneumonia, 17; cancer, 112; accidents and violence, 99.

I. O. T. M. Flourishing.

The Lady Macabees of Michigan, in session at Detroit last week, have given out their annual report for balance on Jan. 1, 1898, of \$25,174.53; received from assessments, \$2,700.00; interest, \$182,672.24; total, \$200,550.87; disbursed from fund in 98, \$181,725.89; balance on hand Jan. 1, 1899, \$18,824.98.

Emergency fund - \$500,000.

Jan. 1, 1898, \$1,078,062; received in 98, \$9,592.59; total, \$3,070,132; paid out in bonds and premiums, \$16,121,507; deposited in bank, \$4,028,715. General fund - Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1898, \$2,814,971; amount received from supplies, fees and taxes, \$28,492.23; total, \$3,143,463.23; disbursed in 98, \$3,194,077; balance on hand, \$3,292,387. Grand total - Amount included \$15,000 invested in United States bonds, \$51,733.22.

Murderous Assault.

Three unknown men brutally assaulted, robbed and left for dead, John Haberstrang, a German who lives alone in a small house four miles east of Bedford. The men called at his home and asked for a drink of water. He went to the pump with a dipper to give them the water, when one man seized him and another man struck him in the face, knocked him down and then kicked him into insensibility. They then completely ransacked Haberstrang's house, stole his horse, carriage and left. They secured \$32 in money, but overlooked quite a sum that Haberstrang had secreted.

Good Roads Amendment Carried.

Official returns from 35 counties give the amendment relative to a state printing office a vote of 137,800 to 59,026. These returns, however, include Wayne and Kent counties, which gave the amendment a majority of nearly 45,000. There is little doubt that the returns from the balance of the counties will defeat this amendment, and the two court amendments polled nearly the same vote, they have doubtless met a like fate. The indications are that the good roads amendment carried.

Convicted on the Third Trial.

Fred Linsted has been convicted by a Port Huron jury of a charge of robbery from the person while armed with a dangerous weapon. Twice before a jury was unable to agree. The extreme penalty is 15 years. The crime was committed in the city of Port Huron several months ago when he murderously assaulted James Davis, thinking that he had a large sum of money on his person. Linsted was acquitted on a \$2 bill which appeared to Canada disguised as a woman.

Late Judge Vayce has sentenced.

Late Judge Vayce has sentenced 400 convicts to the penitentiary. Mrs. M. K. Keith, aged 41, living five miles north of Cassopolis, was last sent into the middle of a field and set herself on fire. When help reached her she was badly burned that it was feared she would die. Her husband, Edward, shot her the mother of six children and was undoubtedly insane.

Lake has been found in large quantities.

A new discovery will be made at Stephenson to White Rapids, where an immense new paper mill will soon be erected. In the bed of the river, in the immediate vicinity of the mill, large quantities of iron ore were discovered. It is estimated that fully 50 per cent of the best iron ore in the vicinity of Marshall will be a failure this season. The expected warm April rains did not show up and the wheat has steadily advanced.

Mr. Taylor, sent to Ionia from Oakland county.

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MICHIGAN NEWS ITEMS.

Several fever and measles are epidemic at St. Joseph.

The two banks at Linden have been consolidated. It will be Aug. 1 before Mt. Clemens can have free mail delivery.

It is reported that a wall paper factory will locate at Watervliet.

The contract for St. Joseph's new \$30,000 brick school has been let. The Michigan Central car shops at Jackson are now running 10 hours a day.

Ninety-seven kids failed the judges of the baby show at Jackson the other night.

Frank Hamilton, convicted of burglary at Grand Rapids, got 12 years at Jackson.

Tokosha has been without a saloon for 10 years. Now a woman wants to open one.

The Michigan fish commission has stocked Sycamore river with 10,000 brook trout.

Linden has but one bank now, the two formerly existing there having consolidated.

The West Bay City coal Co. will sink another shaft in Frankfort township near Piquette, 945; influenza, 241; cerebral spinal meningitis, 156; consumption, 32; other forms of tuberculosis, 79; typhoid fever, 31; diphtheria and croup, 30; scarlet fever, 20; measles, 19; whooping cough, 22; diarrheal diseases of children, 41; peripneal pneumonia, 17; cancer, 112; accidents and violence, 99.

Newberry is going to have another building work on a construction of which will begin immediately.

The village of Laurium, Houghton county, will bond for a \$35,000 sewer system to be put in this summer.

A building boom is in sight for Royal Oak.

Severals buildings will be built during the coming summer. The annual conference of the northern Michigan K. O. T. M. and L. O. M. association will be held at Cadillac, June 9.

Options have been secured on 2,000 acres of coal lands in the vicinity of Chesaning, and prospecting will begin next week.

Thieves broke into the Michigan Central depot at Mason, but secured only \$9 worth of revenue stamps for their trouble.

Dowagiac has a military company which will try to secure admission to the state national guard when the latter is reorganized.

Ground will shortly be broken for the Duesenberg home for indigent workmen at Detroit. When completed, it will accommodate 25 old women.

Four young Burr Oak boys went fishing one night recently and returned the next morning with 14 bushels of blue fish, pickerel, perch, sunfish and eels.

Sanilac county is to have another paper, which will begin publication at Peck about May 1. T. G. Graham, a local attorney, will be the publisher.

Railroad Commissioner Osborn reports the January earnings of Michigan railroads to have been 419,000.

The new sandstone department building for Red Jacket was recently completed at a cost of \$35,000. It is one of the finest fire engine houses in Michigan.

Mayor Lonckeck, of Jackson, has notified the clergyman of that city that he will enforce the Sunday laws to the letter if 50 prominent citizens will request him to do so.

High water has carried away the Van Evert mill dam at Franklin. Heavy ice picketed and carried away the dam. The indications are that the good roads amendment carried.

Roberts' Ackerly was out with the boys at Month throwing pebbles across the river, making them skip on the edge of the water.

He had a pocket full of flat stones and became so interested in the sport that he threw a stone into the water, which he had in his pocket before he realized that they were pebbles.

Gallen has a dog that became locally famous the other night.

The dog was seen in the evening and the train quickly came to a standstill. It was a bulldog, but he missed his hold.

Angus Cameron, who lives five miles from Prescott, bought a cow about 18 months ago which recently died of a mysterious disease.

A postmortem was held and a four-page report was passed. The cause was a mysterious disease. The dog was seen in the evening and the train quickly came to a standstill. It was a bulldog, but he missed his hold.

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Mr. A. Spencer, who lives alone at his home in Alma.

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FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE.

By Telegraph Giving a Brief Review of the Week's Events.

RELIABLE AND INTERESTING.

Germany has Made Known Her Position in the Samoa Matter - The Cuban Minister Halls Have Been Transferred - Chinese and British Straps.

Germany's Position in the Samoa Matter - The minister of foreign affairs, Baron von Bülow, has announced to the Reichstag that an agreement had been arrived at with Great Britain with regard to sending a commission to Samoa. The intervention on Samoa was presented by Dr. Lohr, an extremist German, and was replied to by the minister of foreign affairs, Baron von Bülow. In the course of his remarks he said that the Reichstag should be informed of the situation in Samoa. He said: "In the interest of the tranquility of Samoa and in the interest of former relations between the powers, should they be in a position to accept that the defect which made that practically useless was remedied by providing that the relief may extend to expenses already incurred by the United States. The rate was also raised from four-one-hundredths of a mill, and an amendment was made providing that in any specific case the world today for this disease is our 'Five Drops' remedy, 'Five Drops' is not a new discovery, but it is now acknowledged to be such by the medical profession, many of whom use it in their daily practice, and they state to us that it is the only thing which can cure the disease. It is not only acknowledged to be such by the medical profession, many of whom use it in their daily practice, and they state to us that it is the only thing which can cure the disease. It is not only acknowledged to be such by the medical profession, many of whom use it in their daily practice, and they state to us that it is the only thing which can cure the disease." The whole statement is in entirely accurate and complete manner. The U. S. military authorities make no attempt to reconcile the 4,000 non-commissioned officers and 42,000 non-commissioned officers and privates. The whole statement is in entirely accurate and complete manner. The U. S. military authorities make no attempt to reconcile the 4,000 non-commissioned officers and 42,000 non-commissioned officers and privates. The whole statement is in entirely accurate and complete manner. The U. S. military authorities make no attempt to reconcile the 4,000 non-commissioned officers and 42,000 non-commissioned officers and privates.

The Cuban Army Matter Bode. The Cuban army matter rolls which were recently delivered to Gov. Gen. Brooke through Senor Domingo Mexico Capote are prepared in neat clerical style. The rolls amount to 40,000 names. It is not only acknowledged to be such by the medical profession, many of whom use it in their daily practice, and they state to us that it is the only thing which can cure the disease. It is not only acknowledged to be such by the medical profession, many of whom use it in their daily practice, and they state to us that it is the only thing which can cure the disease.

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STATE LEGISLATURE.

The governor has sent to the senate the following nominations: Arthur L. Wood, of Detroit, Wayne county, as a member of the state board of corrections and charities for the term of eight years, from and after May 1, 1899; to succeed Henry Loss, of Detroit, Wayne county, for the term of six years from and after May 1, 1899, to succeed Eugene H. Hill; Herman P. Nagel, of Detroit, Wayne county, as a member of the board of jury commissioners for Wayne county, for the term of six years from and after May 1, 1899, to succeed David Meginty; Wm. F. Moeller, of Detroit, Wayne county, as a member of the board of jury commissioners for Wayne county, for the term of six years from and after May 1, 1899, to succeed Eugene H. Hill; Herman P. Nagel, of Detroit, Wayne county, as a member of the board of jury commissioners for Wayne county, for the term of six years from and after May 1, 1899, to succeed David Meginty; Wm. F. 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HOME NEWS.

Gossip and Chat about People and Things You Know.

The Colonial Minstrels are coming.
Get a lamp of R. D. Stocking. He has the best.
Leslie Marshall was down from the Plant over Sunday.
Sewing machines at R. D. Stocking's are very cheap.
Big treat coming. Colonial Minstrels, Music hall, May 3.
Colonial Minstrels 1776 at Music hall May 3.
Harry H. Hunter of Mt. Pleasant is in town this week.
Miss Bertha Robinson of Grand Rapids spent Sunday in Lowell.
Mrs. S. O. Littlefield is visiting friends at Saranac and Ionia.
Miss Edith Munge returned to her studies in Ypsilanti, last Saturday.
Dr. M. C. Greene rides a new Clipper chainless bought of R. D. Stocking.

Mrs. Perry was in Grand Rapids on business Monday and Wednesday of this week.
Wait for the Colonial Minstrels, Music hall May 3, Colonial Minstrels 1776.
S. O. Littlefield went north Monday on a two weeks avetravelling campaign.

Second hand stove for sale. A New Process gasoline stove for sale at R. B. Boylan's.
The Phila Clark W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Gil Johnson Tuesday April 25, 2 p. m.
A marriage license was issued Monday to John Castello and Rose Komers both of Grattan.

Do not delay if you wish to avail yourself of Stocking's special low priced sale of organs.
Bicycle oil only 5c per bottle and everything else equally as low in price at R. D. Stocking's.

One of our business firms contemplates branching out and occupying two stores instead of one.
Stocking has the finest line of wheels ever shown in Lowell which he is selling at very low prices.

Miss Agnes Perry has been confined to the house for the past week with a severe attack of rheumatism.
Mr. and Mrs. Ring of Belding were recent guests of Mrs. Ring's brothers, Geo. and John White and families.

Advertised Letters—Mrs. Lizzie Andrews, Mrs. Clara Duga, Mrs. E. Petibone, Cora Canada, Miss Velley.
Lieut. Fred Tilden of the 35th Mich. Vol's. was the guest of his cousin, Miss Jessie Tilden, the fore part of last week.

"A Race for Gold," by Capt. J. H. B. Robinson, a story of the Klondike gold region will begin soon in this paper. Sut scribe now.
The best 40c tea in Michigan a Bergin's for 35c. Try a pound and if not satisfied get your money back. This is "straight goods." 2541f

Marriage licenses have been issued to Walter C. Salisbury and Agnes McGinnis both of Lowell and to Owen J. Byrnes and Catharine M. Weeks both of Grattan.

The Misses Eva Bergin, Lizzie S ally and Flora Morgan, and Messrs. P. F. Roman, Frank Bergin, and P. VanDusen spent Sunday at Patrick Curley's, in Bowne.

A number of our patrons have spoken of the omission of the Tallmadge sermons from recent issues. The publication of these will resumed shortly, together with a very interesting continued story on our inside pages.

We have it on good authority that negotiations are under way for a performance in our city sometime in May, by the pleasing musical organization, "The Schubert Symphony Club and Lady Quartette." Many of our readers have heard this popular company and no doubt every one knows of the high favor in which it's eight years of success has placed it. Miss Mable Delaney, the brilliant soprano, Lovie Zenit Purcell, the phenomenal contralto and that wonderful little artist, Master Tommy, are still with the company. The great variety and popular character of this company's program has endeared it to the hearts of American music-lovers, until today it stands undoubtedly first in their affections. Their new program is said to be the best they have ever presented, and no doubt their house will be large here if they are secured for an entertainment.

Boss minstrel show at Music hall May 3.

Stocking will fix your punctured tires and line up your wheels.

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

E. B. Millar & Co.'s "Penang" spices absolutely pure at VanDyke's

Riley King and family visited over Sunday with his mother, at Elmdale.

COMPOSITE, the best shoe in this neck of the woods, \$3.00. J. E. Lee & Co.

Mrs. Loa Eggleston is visiting the family of A. W. Burnett at Saranac.

A decree of divorce was granted yesterday to Ida J. and Willard C. Denick.

Memorial services in honor of Alge Gardner will be held at the M. E. church next Sunday evening at 7:30.

We are informed that peace has been declared among the warring factions of the local Republicans by an agreement that Chas. Quick shall be postmaster with John Beery for deputy.

S. S. Courtright has purchased the Davidson Gazette and left for that place Saturday to get out this week's paper. Mr. Courtright is a good, all-round printer, having had many years of experience in city and country job and newspaper offices, and if the people of Davidson give him half a chance, he will give them a good paper. Success to you, "Court."

Jim Crawford who has shown a determination to squander all his wealth on fire-water and particularly because his name was placed on the proscribed list furnished to the liquor dealers, was sent to the county jail last week on complaint of Supervisor White, the jag law being called into requisition for the occasion. He could have been given a longer term, but at Mr. White's suggestion, Squire Hunter gave him the minimum sentence.

Here is a little item from the Marshall Statesman which farmers would do well to ponder over: "We often wonder how much a farmer would really save in a year by living on a good hard road, over which he could haul a load to town whenever he saw fit, regardless of the weather or season. He would save great wear on his teams; he would save time; he could draw larger loads, and in case of a raise in grain would sometimes be able to gain more on a single crop than the entire tax would cost him. The only way to get good roads is to begin building them."

Editor of Lowell Ledger.
Dear Sir:—
The Colonial Minstrels played to a packed house at Belding. They gave entire satisfaction and I can cheerfully recommend them giving a good performance.
Yours very truly
W. P. HETHERINGTON
Mgr. opera house.

ASK YOUR DOCTOR!

Ask your physician this question, "What is the one great remedy for consumption?" He will answer, "Cod-liver oil." Nine out of ten will answer the same way.

Yet when persons have consumption they loathe all fatty foods, yet fat is necessary for their recovery and they cannot take plain cod-liver oil. The plain oil disturbs the stomach and takes away the appetite. The disagreeable fishy odor and taste make it almost unendurable. What is to be done? This question was answered when we first made

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of Cod-Liver Oil with Hypophosphites. Although that was nearly twenty-five years ago, yet it stands alone today the one great remedy for all affections of the throat and lungs.

The bad taste and odor have been taken away, the oil itself has been partly digested, and the most sensitive stomach objects to it rarely. Not one in ten can take and digest the plain oil. Nine out of ten can take SCOTT'S EMULSION and digest it. That's why it cures so many cases of early consumption. Even in advanced cases it brings comfort and greatly prolongs life.

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A BUSHEL OF ALARM CLOCKS.

No, of course, you don't need a bushel; but you should have one as they are so inexpensive and useful and at our price you can't afford to do without one.

Our clocks are not the department store lead clocks made to sell; but are an honestly made-for-business Alarm, something built to last. Our guarantee goes with every clock—you take no chances.



South Boston—Elmdale.

School commenced Monday in the South Bell district with Hattie Fletcher as teacher.

Grace and Frank Huzinga of McCords visited at A. Stannard's Sunday.

Mrs. J. Dillenbeck goes to Ann Arbor Tuesday.

Mrs. R. Vicker has rented her house to Miss Proctor and will go to Mt. Pleasant where her daughter is attending school.

Bessie Burr is on the sick list.
Theresa Stahl has gone to Grand Rapids to work.

The annual Sheep Shearing Festival of South Boston was held at the grange hall April 12, with the largest attendance they ever had. E. E. Church was re-elected president and Winfield Allen was re-elected secretary. Treasurer A. P. Burr showed a fine Lincoln ram, length of wool 11 in. Ciley and Freeman showed ramblets, weight of fleece 17 lbs. Levi Fletcher showed a fine Shropshire ram, Woodman, a bunch of Shropshires, George Thirby, a fine grade of Shropshires and Lincolns. Earl English, some fine Red sale cattle that any man might well be proud of. There were three or four fine stallions on the grounds and one coach horse that was valued at \$2,000. There was a large showing of farm tools, harnesses and other implements. There was quite a showing of fancy work in the hall by the ladies. Taking it all together it made one of the finest shows the association ever held. The also nearly-doubled their membership. All went home feeling that the day had been well and profitably spent.

LEAH.

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

PROBATE ORDER.

State of Michigan, County of Kent, ss. At a session of the Probate Court for said County of Kent, held at the Probate Office, in the city of Grand Rapids, on the 11th day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine. Present, Harry D. Jewell, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Ann Lyran, deceased, John F. Byrne, administrator de bonis non of said estate, having rendered to this court his final account as such administrator, etc., and his petition praying for the determination of the heirs of said deceased and for the distribution of said estate.

It is ordered, that Monday the 15th day of May, 1899, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be appointed for the examination and allowance of said account and hearing said petition.

And it is further ordered that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the Lowell Ledger, a newspaper printed and circulating in said County of Kent.

HARRY D. JEWELL,
Judge of Probate.
ALVIN E. EWING, Register.

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, Rensselaer county, New York. Said mortgage was recorded February 7th, 1893 in Liber 291 of mortgages, page 270, at 8:00 o'clock, a. m. Said mortgage came into the possession of Clarendon C. Winger as the executor of the last will and testament of Mary E. Boughton, deceased, late of Alps, Rensselaer 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.

Vergennes.

R. P. Waters has returned from a trip to Kentucky.

W. J. Botzen has traded his farm with a Mr. Deventor for ten acres of land with good buildings, in the village of Greenville. They move this week and we wish them success in their new home.

There was a pleasant party given at Jerome Wardwell's recently in honor of Wm. Letic. Pedro was the amusement of the evening.

Our Farm Journal has arrived. Thanks to our editor for the same.

Mrs. Frank Fox gave a party last week Wednesday evening in honor of our school teacher, Miss Besie Tate. About fourteen were present. A nice time is reported.

Lena Fox is seriously ill with tonsillitis. Christine Childs of Lowell is a guest of Mrs. T. B. James this week.

L. J. Lee and wife visited friends in Grand Rapids Sunday.

George Morgan and wife of Freeport came Sunday to care for the latter's mother, Mrs. Wm. H. Parker.

We are glad to hear that Mrs. Jane McLeen has so far recovered that she is so she can be dressed. Her daughter, Mrs. Dougal, returned to her home in Washington, D. C. Monday.

Mrs. W. J. Botzen was called to Muskegon last Thursday to attend the funeral of his sister in law who died of pneumonia.

D. S. Flansburg, wife and daughter, Grand were guests of C. O. Hill and wife of South Lowell last Thursday.

John Wright and wife of Lowell were Sunday guests of W. J. Botzen and wife.

Dell Dennis and family were recent guests of Quint Hudson and wife.

BRIDGET.

A Judicial Ruling.

During the hearing of a case at the Bloomsbury county court counsel referred to the defendant, an Oxford master of arts, as "this man," whereupon defendant's counsel protested, saying he might at least have used the word "gentleman." Judge Bacon—Nonsense. That is the sort of affectation you often hear among women when they say "you ought to call me a lady." In my opinion that is a much better title than gentleman.—London Telegraph.

R. D. Boylan is always on hand to show goods.
Call at Behl's city bakery for baked goods and b'ches.



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are the kind we sell, the well-made popular kind. The kind we can sell at the prices most people think they ought to pay for shoes and we think of a kind a little better than you get for your money in any other make.

We sell the famous COMPOSITE SHOE for women \$3.00 the world over and are better shoes than many sell for \$4.00 and more.

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