

# The Lowell Ledger.

"INDEPENDENT IN ALL THINGS. NEUTRAL IN NOTHING"

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WHOLE NO. 309.

**The City Bank.**  
 Capital \$100,000  
 Commercial and Savings Department  
 Interest paid on certificates.  
 Officers—P. H. Hill, W. A. Watts, R. W. Bowman, R. Wilton.  
 Drains sold on Grand Rapids, Detroit and New York.

## A Great Offer

**FARM JOURNAL**  
 From \_\_\_\_\_ to December 1903  
 Only 5 Years.

By arrangement made with the publisher the FARM JOURNAL we are enabled to offer that paper to every subscriber pays for the LOWELL LEDGE year ahead, for only \$1.00 both papers the price of ours only: our paper and the FARM JOURNAL from to December, 1903, nearly 5 years. Farm Journal is an old established, enjoying great popularity, one of the best and most useful farm papers read.

## Saranac Fired.

**FIRE BUGS SUCCEEDED IN THEIR WORK AT LAST.**

**Three Business Buildings Burned Last Night.**

Fire started at 11:15 last night in the rear of the two story brick building owned by F. M. Lord and used by R. Arthur as a grocery store, on the west side of Bridge street, which runs north and south. The wooden grocery store of W. G. Clark & Son was next to go. Mrs. Harmon lived overhead and most of her goods were saved. F. M. Crawford's two story brick building occupied by Frace & Weller as a shoe store and overhead by Williams' law office and the village council rooms was then burned. At one time it looked as if the entire business portion of the town would be wiped out and the Grand Rapids fire department was appealed to for aid; but by the herculean efforts of the fire fighters it was kept from spreading and the request to Grand Rapids was withdrawn.

It was only a week or two ago that fire bugs attempted to burn Milton Wilkinson's meat market but were defeated by the prompt discovery of the flames. Our sister village had better ferret out her criminals and send them to Jackson.

## MEMORIAL EXERCISES.

**Sunday Service at Baptist Church and Memorial Day at Island Park.**

The program as announced in the Ledger for Memorial Sunday and Decoration day was well carried out, the weather being fine and attendance large on both occasions.

The Memorial sermon was preached by Rev. S. G. Anderson at the Baptist church and the large congregation was treated to a thoughtful, able and patriotic discourse.

The business houses and residences put out their holiday colors in honor of Decoration day and there was a Fourth of July crowd in attendance upon the exercises at Island Park at 3 o'clock, p. m.

President Weekes made a feeling speech in opening the exercises. The Lowell Military band rendered a fine selection; and Rev. H. Marshall invoked the Divine blessing. A chorus of mixed voices rendered a patriotic song and Miss A. L. Lappets gave a pleasing recitation. Another song by the chorus and then Rev. L. N. Pattison made the address of the day, which was full of sense, humor, pathos and patriotism. Though the wind was blowing rather strongly the elder made the people hear; and though he is at all times a pleasing and popular speaker, he never succeeded better in pleasing a large audience than upon this occasion.

After singing, "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground," the procession headed by the Military band marched to the Cemetery No. 1, where gathered one of the largest crowds in the history of that beautiful city of the dead. Here loving hands had decorated the graves of the departed friends with beautiful flowers and it was a pleasing sight.

The decorating committee did its work of love for the soldier dead, and the band played at the grave of the unknown dead, where a large crowd assembled to hear the address of Rev. H. Marshall, who fully sustained his high reputation for sense, pleasing oratory and patriotism.

It was a most interesting and profitable day and the people returned to their homes. The day was well and appropriately observed and was marked by the games of our town.

Lowell today continues to be a busy place. The press.

## MANILA LETTER.

**Guy R. Wheaton to His Mother.**

**Not in Love with the "Niggers."**

Division Hospital, Manila, P. I.  
 April 27, 1899.

DEAR MOTHER:

As the mail leaves for the States tomorrow I will write you a few lines to let you know that I am still alive and well as usual. I received your ever welcome letter the other day and was glad to hear that all were well and hope this will find you the same. We are still fighting the natives and driving them back into the hills. I hope that we will get through with them before long for when the rainy season comes it will be awful for the boys. It is hot here now and I wish we could get out of here. It is right in the hottest part of the season now and we suffer here in the hospital; but it is worse out on the firing line. There were five North Dakota boys killed the other day. They went out scouting and ran into an ambush. They were the first ones we had killed in our regiment on the firing line. I cannot half write tonight as there are about twenty boys talking all at once and you know about how that would be, nearly as bad as a lot of women would be together. The boys are talking about going home and of course you know how it is with me I have listened to it all that night. All they talk about nowadays. One of the natives tried to kill Gen. Wheaton the other day; but all the harm he done was to break three ribs. They thought he was too good a fighter. He knows how to fight and gets right after them. He is in command of the flying brigade. We have two of these flying brigades and they just make the negroes fly. I don't know when I will get home but I think the volunteers will be home in a couple of months; but won't I be glad when I am a free man again—it is a good deal like being in jail. I suppose there is a lot of news in the papers; but they don't anything about it. They ought to be down here and see some of the things we do. I wish I could write like some can I would write a story that would make their hair stand on end and perhaps turn white. You say that it has been very cold there. I wish it would come cold enough here to freeze all the "niggers". It would be the best thing that could happen to them. Well, it is nearly time for the mail to close so I will say good bye. I will write again next mail. Write soon.

I remain your loving son,

GUY R. WHEATON.

Plain English.

That is the secret of advertising. We make all kinds of baked goods, ice cream and soda drinks. Come in and see us, we want to get acquainted.

WELDON SMITH,  
 Baker and Confectioner.

A Shocking Accident.

One feature of the Memorial day exercises had not been announced, an exhibition of the force of electricity. The large flag of the King Milling company got caught upon the barbed wire that anchors the electric poles together. Drayman Pickard accordingly drove his wagon under the wires; that men with fish poles could loosen the flag. Without warning, the barbed wire broke, fell over the electric wire and struck one of "Pickard's" horses between the ears. The animal fell as if shot and when he attempted to rise fell again. The end of the wire struck Mr. Pickard at the same time but the poor horse got the blow and the driver escaped. The animal seems not to have been injured by his shocking experience; but if he could speak would probably say that folks can attend to their own flags and fireworks hereafter.

A car of women's fence just received at R. K. Press.

During the balance of May and all of the month of June we will give FREE with each

## REFRIGERATOR

bought of us, ONE MONTH'S ICE. One Ice Pick, One Pair Ice Tongs, One 'drip pan. Get it now. Don't delay. You always lose money if you don't find out our prices before you buy.

CLARK & SPRAKER.

## Charley Nimerick in Trouble.

Under date of May 29, A.

Burnett writes from Saranac that Charlie Nimerick, long employed in the livery barns in Lowell, was in jail at Ionia charged with assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder.

"Art." says that Charlie was working for Phil Taylor who had a Swede working for him and that Charlie and the Swede got into a row, in which the Swede went for the other with a pitchfork and Nimerick hit the Swede with a stone and broke his arm. Taylor told Charlie that if he would pay the doctor bill he would not have him arrested, but the latter said he was not to blame and would not pay it. So, Nimerick was arrested and in default of bail was lodged in jail.

Mr. Burnett suggested that a statement from Lowell people who knew him to be an inoffensive and peaceable fellow would be of help in his defense. R. Quick and F. T. King took the matter in hand and circulated such a paper among the business men for signature, meeting with a ready response.

## Ladies of Lowell.

Watch our windows for a nice display of baked goods.

WELDON SMITH,  
 Baker and Confectioner.

## The American Safety Casket Lowering Device.

Ever ready to adopt any improvement suggested by art or science in the manner of conducting their calling, whenever such improvement proves practical and useful, Messrs. Yeiter & Wadsworth have added to their undertaking facilities, the American Safety Casket Lowering Device, after giving it several trials, when it was pronounced by all who saw it as being a grand success. As one spectator remarked: "It robs the grave of half its terrors."

The following testimonial from a former pastor of the Lowell M. E. church will be of much weight among the people of this vicinity.

OVID, MICH., June 15, 1898.

I am glad of the opportunity afforded me of recommending to the public, the device of Mr. E. B. Voorhees' of Ovid, Mich., for lowering caskets into the grave. During a long period in the Christian ministry, I have, of flicated at many funerals each year. It has been my observation, that one of the most trying circumstances attending these sad occasions is the extreme difficulty experienced by bearers in properly lowering the remains to their final resting place. This device entirely relieves this embarrassment and pain. The draping of the grave is also an important feature in its recommendation. One needs but to see it used to be convinced that it should be universally adopted.

A. P. MOORS,  
 Pastor M. E. Church, Ovid, Mich.

## Printed Calling Card Bargains.

A bargain lot of fine white Bristol calling cards. While they last we will print them in nice script 25 for 15c or 50 for 25c. Post paid to any address, cash with order.

THE LEDGER, Lowell, Mich.

## EVACUATION NOTICE

DET. GD. RAPIDS & WEST N

Detroit, Lansing, Grand Ledge, Sunday, June 4. Train will leave Elmdale at 7:35 a. m. Leave Detroit at 7:00 p. m. Rates very low as usual. Ask agents. Jul

## Arbeter Detroit Excursion, Wednesday, June 14.

D. G. R. & W. will sell tickets to Detroit and return at low rates on above day on account of the Arbeter celebration. Trains will leave Elmdale at 7:55 a. m. Leave Detroit at 6:10 and 11:30 p. m. Rate \$2.60. Get ready to go and have a good time. Ask agents for full information. 7jun

## Los Angeles, Cal. Half Fare Excursion.

Ask agents or write to the General Passenger Agent at Grand Rapids for information about the tickets to the C. & W. M. and D. G. R. & W. lines will sell to Los Angeles and return at one fare rate (plus \$2.00) on June 24th to July 8th, on account of N. E. A. Association Convention. Return limit Sept. 4th. 7jun

## Painless Dentistry.

Dr. C. M. Cook of Grand Rapids, Specialist in painless dentistry, will be at Waverly Hotel, Lowell, Thursday Friday and Saturday, June 1 to 3. Teeth extracted absolutely without pain or danger, free when teeth are ordered. Teeth without plate, and all up to date dentistry. If you want the best call, no charge for consultation.

## This Is Your Opportunity

to begin our new and thrilling first installment of which appears in this issue.

Get your Pension DOUBLE QUICK

By APT. OPARRELL, Pension Agent, New York Avenue, WASHINGTON, D. C.

## COPIES NEW DISCOVERY

is the quick relief and cures worst on the market. It is a 30 day's treatment. In a few days, the patient is cured. It is a new discovery. It is a new discovery. It is a new discovery.

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Loves best values and appreciates economy. Every woman finds peculiar satisfaction

## CHALLENGE ICE REFRIGERATOR

For beat they no peer, for economy they no equal. A good assortment to select from. Price \$10.00 to \$16.00 according to size.

## R. B. BOLL

## The Secret of Our Success.

Values Way Up

A gripple, a sort of new big, tall man ting starting at "Fiddlesticks!" she marched down room where sat Mr. Markleman at her. Mr. and insura an old woman were have in tre. But in session almost said he, affabl "No sir," sorely "O, same. me just y "No, sir, Lizzie, she w or not she w "Things

Good Service

## GRADE GROCERIES

AT "WAY DOWN ES."

## R. VAN DYKE

LOWELL.

used to demonstrate our Ability to "way up" goods at "way down" price

"If you get it at VauDyke's!"

## Fair Warning

The postoffice department at Washington warns persons sending letters without having the name and address of the recipient on the envelope. Millions upon millions of letters are returned to the sender for this reason. There is no excuse for going without printed LEDGER JOB DEPARTMENT will print your name and request for return if not delivered, upon

## 100 Nice White Envelopes, 0

envelopes, printing and all if taken from this office. delivered at any express office in the state for 85c, cash order. Business is a little slack just now and we are keeping the hands busy. Don't wait, take advantage of the

THE LEDGER,

Postoffice,

Lowell Ledger.

F. M. JOHNSON, Publisher.

It is the heartiest welcome of the day that this tells the tale.

Agulnaldo is a great traveler, with a specialty for fine trails.

Kissing as a theory is far less satisfactory than a practical experiment.

The top round of the ladder of fame is as difficult to reach as the north pole.

The optimist who can't appear cheerful when he is in a bad humor is a bad counterfite.

Some men resemble rivers; when their hearts are swelled by realizing it, they overflow from their mouths.

Hate of men try to imagine they have poor health when the only thing that ails them is laziness.

If a man was hurt every time he is accused he would never like to reach the three score and ten limit.

Our idea of a truly great man is one who had traveled extensively and neither lectures nor writes about it.

If a young man is unable to win a girl's affection in any other way he might as well write her parents to oppose the match.

There are numerous women inventors, but not one of them has ever been able to invent a bride that would curb the feminine tongue.

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Only one will come to the city.

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Preparings for Campaign.

Gen. Otis Arranges for Operations During Rainy Season.

REGULARS TO DO THE WORK.

Volunteer Recruits Return to Manila as Soon as Possible—Skriming in the Mountains—Macabebes Show Their Loyalty to the United States.

Manila, May 21.—Troops are being distributed for the operations which will be carried on during the rainy season. Regulars are replacing volunteers as quickly as they are needed.

The volunteers return to Manila as soon as relieved, and are preparing to start for the United States coast.

Gen. Lawson is in Manila. Gen. Hodge is temporarily commanding the troops at Malolos. San Luis, San Juan, and Balag. Shots are exchanged nightly between the American soldiers and the insurgents in the vicinity of Balag.

The Macabebes are reported as being exceedingly anxious to form a regular and cooperate with the army against their old-time enemies, the Tagals.

REVOLT IS PRACTICALLY ENDED.

President Takes No Stock in Scare Stories Sent from Manila.

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LUTHERAN SYNOD'S FINANCES.

Total of \$4,250,000 for 1911. Funds for Two Years.

Gen. May 21.—Monday was church extension day in the general synod of the Lutheran church in the United States.

The board reported that the total receipts from all sources for the past two years amounted to \$4,250,000. Loans, years ago, and special appropriations have been made to 112 different points.

The total assets of the board for the past two years amounted to \$8,500,000.

The board also reported that the total liabilities for the same period amounted to \$4,250,000.

The board is optimistic of the future of the church, and expects to reach a total of \$10,000,000 in the next few years.

The board is also planning to increase its work in the field of church extension and social welfare.

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TALMAGES' SERMON.

THE BRIDE OF NATIONS. LAST SUNDAY'S SUBJECT.

From chapter LXII of Isaiah, verses 1-5.

The Republic is Cursed by Greedy Monopolists.

As the greater nations have done, so we are doing. We are not to be an exception to the general rule.

Our country is full of greedy monopolists who are enriching themselves at the expense of the people.

The people are suffering from the greed of these monopolists, and their lives are being ruined.

The government should take action to protect the people from the greed of these monopolists.

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HIS NEW PURCHASE.

For ten years Hugh Markelman had been a wanderer upon the face of the earth.

He had seen the world and all its wonders, and he had learned the lessons of life.

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SCIENTIFIC TOPICS.

CURRENT NOTES OF DISCOVERY AND INVENTION.

A Million Miles.—The Frodoe Ice Age of the World.—Turning Wine Into Water, an Experiment—Electricity as a Partner—Solving a Phenomenon.

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FOR MICHIGANDERS.

A Whole Regiment of News Items From Michigan Towns CAPTURED FOR BRIEF READING.

One County's Wheat Crop Will Equal the Needs for Bread and Feed—Lato in Michigan With a Membership of 22,500.

Y. M. C. A. Report. The report of the Y. M. C. A. in session at Grand Rapids is as follows: Of the 1,420 associations in existence, 1,341 sent reports, which showed an aggregate membership of 22,500 and an active membership of 108,562.

John Beauchamp, aged 21, who is serving a sentence in the county jail at Saginaw, attempted to commit suicide by hanging himself in his cell. Turkey Daskin was arrested by the officers of this city on Monday, and discovered Beauchamp's body dangling from a cell door.

The burning of the creamery at Grass Lake has put the farming community in a state of alarm. The creamery was built four years ago, since which time the farmers have been steadily adding to their dairy stock until they now have over 400 patrons owning from five to seven cows each, and some over twenty.

The case was dismissed by the order of the court. This is the celebrated Whittaker case which was tried there in July, 1898, the above named respondents having been charged with making false reports to the banking commission.

Several Storms in Berrien County. One of the most disastrous storms that ever visited Berrien county struck St. Joseph at about noon on the 25th. Seven houses in Benton Harbor were badly damaged by lightning.

Michigan News Items. Corn planting is going on Calhoun county. Strawberry picking has begun in Berrien county.

What Prospects Very Bright. The outlook for wheat in Iowa is decidedly poor—it will not be a half crop in most cases, and many fields will not yield the bushels per acre.

The total number of persons who have at any time been students at the University of Michigan is about 130,000.

Reliable sources it is learned that the coming wheat crop of Cass county will not be equal to the needs for seed and bread.

On the 14th of the month the court completed the canvass of the returns from the counties giving the votes cast at the April election.

While Mrs. Silas Squire, of Albion, was smoking her pipe the other day her clothes caught fire, and before the flames could be extinguished the selected bars, which owing to her advanced age of 81, will probably prove fatal.

The route of the proposed railroad between Lakes Superior and Michigan will be from Coldwater through Union City, Burlington, Tekonsha, Marshall, Bellevue, Olive and Charlevoix to Lansing.

Frank Nichols, a former convict one mile north of Camden, committed suicide by the optum route on the 26th. The man was 38 years of age and regarded as rather eccentric.

Emma McElhannon, a 14-year-old girl, of Spring Lake, was lodged in jail on the 27th on a charge of attempting to commit suicide by taking poison.

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The Macomb and Sanilac Soldiers and Sailors' association will meet at St. Clair, Aug. 20.

Marshall and Tekonsha will unite in a Fourth of July celebration this year at Lyon Lake, several miles south of Marshall.

RELIABLE AND INTERESTING. That Canadian Lumber Difficulty is Likely to Cause the U. S. to Retaliate Upon Canada—The President has Issued Orders For Our New Possessions.

Fire and water badly damaged Peter J. Nappa's store at Calumet the other night. Mr. Nappa was sleeping at the store and was badly burned about the head and body in making his escape.

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STATE LEGISLATURE. Bills signed by the Governor. The following bills have been signed by the Governor:

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FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.

SOME GOOD STORIES FOR OUR JUNIOR READERS.

A Letter from a Cat—Saw Himself in the Mirror—A Queer Indian Legend—Running from Death, a Story from One of Our Nearest Towns.

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AN INDIAN LEGEND.

A Curious Legend, which are told that the Indians believe and relate to this day. It is about a natural spring of water in some sandstone, which rises clear and stark eight inches from the base to top.

THE CAT'S WORK.

Near Stoughton, Cal., is a cat by the name of Bilhad, who mixes, Miss Angle Eddes, also owns some almonds. When these nuts are ripe, she starts to pick them up.

It was a very old and very fat cat. It had been in the house for many years. It was a very good cat, and very fond of its master.

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M. C. Griswold, Cashier.

Directors:—Francis King, Chas. McCarty, E. L. Bennett, C. Bergin, M. C. Griswold, F. T. King, G. H. Force, Geo. W. Parker.

A General Banking Business Transacted.  
Money loaned on real estate security.

### HOME NEWS.

Some fine rains thankfully received last week.

"No wheat" is the universal cry among the farmers.

J. B. Goodsell of Lake Odessa was in town Sunday.

Just take a look at R. VanDyke's "ad" in this issue.

Mrs. E. W. Burnett is recovering from a serious illness.

J. W. Toles of Saranac made this office a call Monday.

Mrs. Hamilton of Ionia joined her husband here last Saturday.

Principal Merriman of the West ward was in Ionia Saturday.

Miss Pearl Sayles has gone to Kalamazoo to spend the Summer.

Stephen Bergin of Howell has our thanks for renewal of subscription.

R. B. Boylan has sold eight miles of woven wire fence in six weeks.

Mrs. Chas. Althen returned last Saturday from her visit at Ionia.

The Phila Clark W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. John White Tuesday June 6.

Advertised Letters.—John Phelps, John Decker (2), M. Walker, care of Mr. Husted.

Mrs. Charles Althen was the guest her daughter, Mrs. Simpson of Ionia last week.

Earl Hunter has entered the employ of Frank Ecker in capacity of book keeper.

C. T. Moore of Jerome, Ariz., made us happy with a two years' subscription Monday.

Hotel Brace was fitted out with office stationery by the LEDGER job department this week.

Mrs. John Nicklin is visiting friends in Grand Rapids. John put in Sunday there this week.

Bert Randall and wife returned to their home at Saginaw, Monday, after a visit with Lowell friends.

Little Edith Drew, a popular and bright girl of the eighth grade, is very sick at the home of her parents in Segwun.

The Lowell Cutter company are laying a new steel roof over their main building, requiring 7,500 square feet.

Monday, Geo. A. Roop received a message saying that his foster father, Benjamin Roop, of Carson City, was dead, at the age of 72 years.

At the Baptist church Sunday morning "The Lord's Supper or a Scriptural View of Christian Communion." In the evening the subject will be: "Who are Scriptural Subjects for Christian Baptism?"

Flat river suckers are dying in great numbers. The air along the banks above the Lowell Water and Light plant is poisoned by the smell of the dead fish that have been washed ashore.

William Delaney died of a cancer at his home in Vergennes on Saturday May 27, aged 50 years. Funeral services were held at the Parnell Catholic church on Monday, conducted by Rev. Fr. Byrne.

Steve Murphy and Henry Doyle sheared 105 sheep for Mike Downes of North Vergennes one day recently; and they were good average weight fleeces too.

Amos Andrews returned to Lowell and began working for the Journal this week in place of Miss Washburn who has returned to her home at St. Johns.

The Beldin Banner observed its tenth anniversary, May 25, with a handsome souvenir edition, magazine form with colored covers. Brothers Cowdin & Lapham have our best wishes for ten more years of usefulness and prosperity.

A reception will be given Friday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. R. W. Graham in honor of Messrs. James Bodwell and Koon of Grand Rapids. Mrs. Bodwell is superintendent of the kindergarten department. The ladies will discuss the subject: "Moral Training" at the Baptist church in the evening. A program consisting of music and recitations will be given in connection. Admission free.

Will Chapman and wife came over from Grand Rapids Saturday to visit Lowell friends a few days. Mrs. Will came on the cars—like a sensible person—but Will tried to come over on his bike and of course he punctured his tire in Ada, and was tired when he reached Lowell. Don't know whether he returned the atmosphere with any interesting remarks or not but we'll bet the soda that he kept up a deuce of a drinking.

Miss Alice Young of Ionia, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. S. Brower.

The Maccabees of Lowell will put a new carpet on their lodge floor.

Mrs. M. Moye visited Mrs. M. Ryder and other friends last week.

Rev. J. J. Noble of Stratford, Ont., spent a few days with his brother, B. B. Noble.

Myron H Walker and better half of Grand Rapids were in town several days last week.

Mrs. S. C. Parrish of Tecumseh was the guest of Mrs. M. A. Carr several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Ryder were guests of Sheriff Moon and family of Ionia last Thursday.

The pension of Francis M. Godfrey of Lowell has been increased from \$10 to \$12 per month.

G. V. McConnell visited his father at Rockford Tuesday. The old gentleman is in failing health.

Miss Bertha Robinson of the probate office spent Decoration day with her mother in Lowell.

Lowell Forresters will give a dance at Train's opera house July 3, 1899. Music by Adams' orchestra, six pieces.

The farmers are stuck on that woven wire fence sold by R. B. Boylan, for it is the best and cheapest.

Attorney F. W. Hine and wife and Mrs. Carrie Hine of Grand Rapids spent Memorial day with Lowell friends.

The Island City lodge, D. of R. entertained the Alto degree staff Saturday evening. The latter conferring the degree on seven new members.

Mrs. Geo. Eyre of Grand Rapids came Saturday for a brief visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Courtright, previous to leaving for Petoskey for the summer.

Warner Bros. are pulling peach trees from Geo. Force's orchard where there are about 3,000 to come out. The boys are using a steam engine. They pulled 325 trees last Thursday.

M. J. Rogers and wife of Saranac were in town last Saturday. Mr. Rogers has about 15 acres of wheat that from present showing will hardly be worth cutting. Some miserable pest is working in the grain.

The LEDGER received a letter and subscription last week from Harold Knight, formerly of this place. He is attending the Auburn, N. Y., Business College and seems to be doing well. His many Lowell friends would be pleased to hear more fully from him.

Rev. L. N. Pattison will take for his subject Sunday morning "What the church is good." Communion services at 10 o'clock of address. In the evening the pastor will speak on "The value of a cheerful spirit." All who do not attend church elsewhere cordially invited.

The Grand Rapids Belding & Saginaw railroad will be built this summer and the line will come to this city from Lowell by the way of Snyrna.

The promoters of the extension having decided the question yesterday and notice to that effect. Our Snyrna neighbors are feeling very jubilant over the result of their effort in endeavoring to bring it their way. A large lot of ties and iron rails are ordered to Lowell and work of construction will soon begin.—[Belding Banner.]

Harvey Coons had a search of about two hours last Thursday for a missing child. Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Hale drove through the village on their way to Alton and left their five-year-old daughter with Mrs. Burgess. The child soon ran away crying and finding her parents in the village was taken on to Alton by them. In the meantime the child had been missed and traced to the village where she seemed mysteriously to have disappeared and Harvey instituted the search aforesaid and kept it up until the truth was learned when he set him down to rest.

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Wool is coming into market now at goodly rate.

A. L. Peck is clerking for W. S. Winegar.

Sydney Smith, of Ionia was in town Decoration day.

McCarty & Clark will buy wool at Saranac again this year.

Adams' orchestra played for a dance at Parnell last week.

S. P. Hicks was doing business at Grand Rapids yesterday.

Chas. Staughton is adding a porch to the front of his house.

Born, in Lowell, May 29, a daughter to J. A. Andrews and wife.

All parties desiring parrots will notify Mrs. C. W. Parks at once.

Fred Wood and John Calier caught eight nice black bass at Pratt's Lake, Tuesday.

Mrs. A. W. Burnett and daughter Tessa of Saranac are visiting old Lowell friends this week.

The fine piccolo playing of Weldon Smith was quite conspicuous in the band music Tuesday.

Edwin Taylor is drawing lumber to the municipal plant for the building of the necessary addition on account of the Belding enterprise.

Miss Clara Crookshank and Adeline Butcher, of Ionia, spent Decoration day with their friend Miss Lizzie Terwilliger.

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For Sale, Rent or Exchange.

A meat market for sale or rent or will exchange for small farm. Enquire at this office.

"Only, They Breathe!"

Our father was a typical officer of the time of Nicholas I. Not that he was imbued with a warlike spirit, or much in love with camp life; I doubt whether he spent one single night of his life at a bivouac fire, or took part in one single battle. But under Nicholas I. that was of a quite secondary importance. The true military man of those times was the officer who was enamored of the military uniform and utterly despised all other sorts of attire; whose soldiers were trained to perform almost inhuman tricks with their legs and rifles (to break the wood of the rifle into pieces while "presenting arms") and who could show on a parade a row of soldiers as perfectly aligned and as motionless as a row of toy-soldiers. "Very good," Grand Duke Michael said once of a regiment, after having kept it for one hour, motionless, "presenting arms"—"only, they breathe!" To respond to the then current conception of a military man was certainly my father's ideal.—Prince Kropotkin, in Atlantic.

Death of Mrs. Thos. N. ...  
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Farewell services ...  
conducted at the house by Rev. Wm. Chappel. of Cascade village.

Death of Mrs. Wm. Parker.  
Anne A., wife of Wm. H. Parker, died at her home in Vergennes, May 24, at the age of 72 years. Funeral services were held at the late residence of deceased on Friday, conducted by Rev. H. Marshall, and the remains were interred in the Krum cemetery.

Didn't Have White Fish.  
Some time ago Tom Murphy opened a barrel of fresh fish; and when a citizen walked by he said, "Can't I sell you some fish?" "Got any white fish?" "Yes, sir."

But the fish all proved to be trout and citizen remarked as he walked away, "I don't like trout."

"Dee" Stocking, standing by, saw some fun ahead, and going along the street he suggested to cronies that they stop at Murphy's market and inquire for white fish. So one after another, so naturally as to excite no suspicion, a number of customers went in and this was about the average conversation:

"Got any white fish?"  
"No, but I have some trout. They are just as good as white fish, and some folks like 'em better."  
"My folks don't like trout. Good bye."  
"Can't I sell you something else?"  
"No, if I can't have white fish don't want anything."  
After this had gone on for some time Tom, who had been provoked at the mistake made by his fish men, broke over with indignation and when he looked down the street and saw "Dee" Stocking putting Will Price on, he tumbled to the racket. When Will came along and enquired for white fish, Tom broke out:  
"You go 'fella and you tell "Dee" Stocking to go 'fella, too!"

Miss Lillie Medler and sister, Mrs. Todd, have moved to Crystal Falls to join their brother, Jay. Mrs. Medler is visiting White Pigeon friends.

Printed Envelope Bargain.  
Just received a job lot of nice white envelopes, good size and quality. While they last we will sell 100 of them with your name, business address, etc., neatly printed in one corner, for only 25c. cash with order. Ad 10c if delivered by express. THE LEDGER, Lowell, Mich.

Card of Thanks.  
The committee of arrangements in behalf of Joseph W. Parnell, Post No. 87, G. A. R., desire to thank Rev. S. G. Anderson and a few who kindly assisted in the memorial service on Sunday, May 28, also on Memorial day, May 30, particularly Hon. A. W. Weeks, president of the day, Rev. L. N. Pattison, Orator, Rev. H. Marshall, Chaplain, Miss Anna L. Lapham, reader, members of the choir, Lowell Military Band and all others who assisted.

Dated, Lowell, May 21, 1899.  
Theo. Murdock,  
W. R. Andrews, Committee

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