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The City Bank

Hill, Watts & Co...

Opened for business, December 1st, 1897.

Co-Partners Responsibility over \$100,000.00

Co-Partners:
 OREN HILL, Lowell Mich. P. H. GILKEY, Capitalist, Richland, Mich.
 W. A. WATTS, " " ASA STRATTON " " "
 E. W. BOWMAN, Banker, Kalamazoo, Mich. R. S. WILSON, Cashier Union Bank, Richland, Mich.

Drafts issued available in all commercial cities of the world.
 Commercial papers discounted.
 Money loaned on farm property.
 Interest bearing certificates of deposits issued.

3% Interest Paid on Savings Deposits.

Something

New Gold Coin Ventilator

Burns Soft Coal, Hard Coal and Wood
 We would ask you to examine this stove before you buy.
 We also sell the Genuine Round Oak. It burns all kinds of fuel and with its new dress is a beauty. Call and see it.

R.B. BOYLAN.

WHITE-GULLIFORD.

A Popular Lowell School "Marm" Springs a Surprise.
 Miss Bessie White and Mr. Frank M. Gulliford, both of this village, were married Saturday, December 2nd, by Rev. H. Marshall at the parsonage of the Second Congregational church, 178 Quimby street, Grand Rapids.

The bride is Lowell's popular and successful 8th grade teacher and the groom is in the employ of the D., G. H. & M. railway at this point.

If Mr. Gulliford should insist upon having "Miss White" all to himself to the detriment of the Lowell schools, we fear his popularity would suffer; but if he consents to divide up, so that the lady can fulfill her contract with the district perhaps the matter can be arbitrated without recourse to arms.

By the way we are informed that Mrs. Gulliford's pupils insisted upon sprinkling her liberally with rice Monday morning and that the lady submitted gracefully joining in the fun, after which the pupils cleared up the litter and school work was resumed.

The LEDGER extends hearty congratulations to the happy couple.

WILEY-WIECHMAN.

Marriage of M. Agnes Wiley and Dr. Gustav Charles Wiechman.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. William Pullen was the scene of a festive occasion Wednesday evening, Nov. 29, when the latter's daughter, M. Agnes Wiley was united in marriage to Dr. Gustav Charles Wiechman.

The apartments were beautifully decorated with American Beauty roses and asparagus vine and the "white wedding" was honored with a large attendance, among the guests being quite a number from abroad.

Mr. Earl Hunter officiated as groomsmen, Miss Ella Travis as maid of honor, Miss Fred Ecker as ring bearer and Misses Ethel Moore, Bessie McCarty, Florence Whitney, Evelyn Travis, Edyth Daily and Cora Poutz as honorary maids of honor.

The bride was gowned in white organdy over white silk, and the ceremony took place under a canopy in one corner of the back parlor, banked with evergreens and chrysanthemums. Rev. J. W. McAllister officiated in the most approved manner.

After an elegant wedding supper, the happy couple took the 9:39 train for their future home at Bonduel, Wis., being accompanied to the depot by several busloads of enthusiastic friends who did their part so effectively that a famine in the local rice market was greatly feared by witnesses.

The guests from outside were: Mrs. Rudolph of Antigo, Wis., and Mrs. Bixby, Mrs. Miller and Misses Jetta Miller, Eva Miller, Bertha Robinson, Cora Poutz, Edyth Daily, Evelyn and Ella Travis and Nellie Rogers and Mr. Ed. Henry all of Grand Rapids, Miss Florence Whitney of Tomahawk, Wis., and Mr. and Mrs. V. S. Ward of Bradner, Ohio.

Tax Payers Take Notice.

I will be at McMahon's store on or after December 1, to receive taxes.
 D. T. BUSU,
 24th Township Treasurer.

ANNUAL CANADIAN EXCURSIONS.

Via Grand Trunk Railway System.
 Excursion tickets will be sold from all stations in Michigan and Indiana (except east of Pontiac, Armada and Inlay City) to stations in Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick, good going December 14, 15, 16, and 17, and for return leaving destination until Jan. 6th, 1900. Long limit; low rates; first class sleeping, coach, dining car and train service; optional routes via Detroit or Port Huron. Full information from all agents of Grand Trunk or connecting lines, or write to Ben. Fletcher, Trav. Pass. Agent, Detroit.

HOME NEWS

Dry hard wood, Clark & Spraker.
 Buy your lamps of C. O. Lawrence.
 New stock of watches and clocks at Sherman's.

Fresh oranges and lemons at McMahon Bros.

Will Watt of Bowne Center was in Lowell on business Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Boylan ate turkey in Portland Thanksgiving.

Miss Grace Brown of Saranac visited Miss Leah Rogers last week.

Call and see my fine assortment of fancy china. C. O. LAWRENCE.

Mrs. E. B. Ranney has returned from an extended visit in Indiana.

Mrs. Cynthia W. Hunter visited over Sunday with relatives at Easton.

Robert Robertson of Greene, Ia., is visiting friends in Lowell and Keene.

Miss Leah Rogers has resumed her school work after a vacation of three weeks.

Mrs. M. A. Hewitt is visiting W. W. Robertson and Mrs. Anderson of Ravenna this week.

Mrs. D. E. Rogers ate Thanksgiving dinner with her daughter, Mrs. G. V. Payne of Saranac.

Mrs. Maag, wife of Rev. Maag of the German M. E. church, has been very ill for the past week.

Mrs. Weldon Smith and daughter Tuba have returned from a visit with Grand Rapids relatives and friends.

C. O. Lawrence has the largest and most complete line of Dinner Sets and best bargains ever shown in Lowell.

Miss Maston, primary teacher in the Central building, spent Thanksgiving holidays at Sparta and Grand Rapids.

The annual election of officers of Joseph Wilson Post, No. 87, will be held on Thursday, Dec. 14, at G. A. R. Hall.

Mrs. Ida Goodenough of the Valley City was the guest of E. R. Collar and other relatives during Thanksgiving holidays.

The Grand Rapids, Belding & Saginaw railroad have an option on the Frank Terry residence property for railroad yard purposes.

I have a large stock of Gloves and Mittens and I will close the entire lot out at cost. These goods are all new C. O. LAWRENCE'S Dep't Store.

New quarters have been secured for the public library over the Lowell State Bank. Mrs. Robinson, librarian, will reside in the same block.

Mrs. E. Taylor returned from Grand Rapids Thanksgiving day where she had been caring for Will's wife, who was quite sick for a few days.

A valuable horse belonging to Professor Merriman of South Lowell was kicked by another horse last Monday and so badly injured that it was found necessary to kill it.

C. W. Klump and Dwight Henry, the latter of Grand Rapids, have purchased the tools, stock and good will of J. E. Lee's meat market, and will continue business at the old stand.

John H. Brown and Wilson Hart were before Justice Walker last Saturday for fighting on the street in the forenoon of that day. They were fined \$8.60 each, including costs.

The fourth number of the Epworth League lecture course which was to have been filled Monday evening was postponed owing to the inability of Hervey Smith McCowan to make his train.

An interesting letter from Georgia and a timely article on the slaughter of hoppers in Michigan during November will appear in our next issue. Fern's description of McCords is also unavoidably laid over till next week.

Merchants are preparing their holiday stocks and expecting a large trade. Advertisements for our next issue must be in by Tuesday morning to insure insertion. Early orders—Saturday or Monday—will be thankfully received and well taken care of. Laggards must take their chances.

N. P. Husted suffered a severe fall, owing to indigestion, while transacting business at the Lowell State Bank, Nov. 25, and a bad gash was cut in the back of his head. He was conveyed to his room in Hotel Waverly in an unconscious condition and medical aid summoned. His daughters Bessie and Nora came from Grand Rapids to attend him and he is now rapidly recovering.

"Radiant-Garland"

Self-feeding Slack Burner for Soft Coal, Slack or Lignite

The Great Sensation for 1899

Burns Slack, Sweepings, dirt from the coal bin, lignite or any soft coal. A magazine stove, a self-feeding stove, is durable and the greatest heater ever made. The stove has all the draft, as in ordinary stoves, admitted through the bottom grate; does not contain any of the humbug features of down draft combinations.

It is Smokeless and keeps fire with slack for 48 hours. In ordinary use it will keep a steady self-fed fire over night, like a hard coal base burner. This makes the cost of heating your home less than one half that of any other stove. The proportions of this stove are such that the gas and coke of the coal are burned at exactly the same speed. There is a steady flame giving the most brilliant effect and a steady heat all of the time. You cannot make the stove smoke when adding fuel, when removing the ashpan or when cleaning the grate. It is perfectly clean; no stove was ever made which so effectively prevents smoke.

The Most Extraordinary Stove Made.

Clark & Spraker.

POSTAL CARD.

United States of America.

THIS SIDE FOR ADDRESS ONLY.

R. VAN DYKE,

Progressive Grocer,

Lowell.

DEAR SIR:—

Fully realizing that your superior stock of groceries will cause you to be overrun with orders in a few days, I desire to place an order for my Thanksgiving supplies early so that there will be no delay in their delivery. Please deliver as follows:

- 8 lb Fancy Jersey Potatoes
- 2 bunches Celery
- 2 cans Lakeside Peas
- 2 quarts Cranberries
- 1 lb Mountain Java Coffee
- 4 quarts Bulk Orsters
- 2 doz. Fancy Dill Pickles
- 2 cans Prepared Pumpkin
- 1 Full Cream Cheese
- 1 lb Honey

It is needless to ask you to carefully select these goods, for we know that "if you get it VanDyke's it's good."

Yours truly, MRS. WELL PLEASED.

You Need Them.

SHOES that will fit
 SHOES that will wear
 SHOES that bring comfort to you
 SHOES that save you money

J. W. JENKINS & CO.'S \$2.00 SHOES.

Sold by

Butts & Owen,

LOWELL, MICH.

EXCURSION NOTICE

DET. GD. RAPIDS & WEST'N

Christmas in Canada.

C. & W. M. and D. G. R. & W. agents will sell on December 14, 15, 16 and 17 tickets to Canadian points at one way fare for the round trip. Return limit January 6. Ask agents for rates.
 Dec 14 Geo. DeHaven, G. P. A.

Buy your dolls of C. O. Lawrence. Suitable Xmas music for church use at Stocking's.

Oysters fresh from the bay in bulk or cans at McMahon's.
 Good guaranteed watches for boys Xmas Presents from \$2.00 to \$3.00 at Sherman's.

Your feet support you. The least you can do in return is to keep them in comfort. Our heavy soled shoes are natural foes of pneumonia and friends of comfort and fashion.
 Lee & Co.

Home Made

Mince Pies,

Pork Cake,

and Cream Puffs

are a few of the good things to be found at

Smith's Bakery.

Closing out guns and ammunition at less than cost at Stocking's.
 We pay the highest market price for butter and eggs. J. Giles & Co.

Gentlemen Get Ready

For the first snow storm which is sure to come in Michigan, usually sooner than this,

We have a full and complete line of everything to keep a gentleman's or lady's feet warm.

The prices are low enough to please every one that has bought so far. Look before you buy and then trade where you can do the best.

The Old Reliable Shoe House,

A. J. Howk---Son.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

OUR GREAT STATE RELATED IN A BRIEF FORM.

It is already returned by the...

Deed of a Maniac.

Most horrible and brutal murder...

Now that Caro has a sugar factory...

The Methodist of Saline dedicated...

An Effort to Recruit G. A. R.

Four carloads of stock were shipped...

The annual reunion of the veterans...

The first sugar made by the new best...

A \$10,000 brick manufactory...

How many people know that Jackson...

Three indictments returned.

Two more indictments have been returned...

That New Fruit Law.

Historic Band Stand at Farmington.

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STATS GOSSIP.

White Cloud is to have electric lights...

The postoffice at Five Lakes was broken into on the 26th and about \$65 taken...

Reno can secure a stove factory if a suitable building is donated for the purpose.

Diphtheria seems to be epidemic in Florence and Northwest townships, Hillsdale county.

The new opera house now in course of construction at Sheridan is fast nearing completion.

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AT HOME AND ABROAD

A SUMMARY OF THE NEWS FOR THE WEEK BY WIRE.

A Wisconsin Member of the Republican National Committee Recommends a Change in the Representation at Conventions—Other Items.

Proposed Change in Representation.

Henry C. Payne, the Wisconsin member will present at the meeting of the national Republican committee...

Secretary Gage, of Washington, on the 27th forwarded to ex-Congressman Stephenson at Monmouth a draft for \$2,000 in payment for the lot at that place...

After a session lasting since Nov. 13, the grand jury at Bay City, finished its work on the 26th, returning three indictments to the circuit judge...

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TRANSVAAL WAR ITEMS.

WAR NOTES.

Gen. MacArthur is now in Bayampong (or Bayamban), preparing to swing over to the other side of the line...

Enlistments for the Boer army, it was learned on the 27th, are making some progress in New York...

British Ambassador Parnocete has informed the secretary of state that he has been directed by Premier Salisbury...

When President Prager and Confe met to split their forces into small detachments...

Three hundred Spanish prisoners were escorted by the captors before the American advances...

Secretary of War Root's Final Report.

The first annual report of Secretary of War Root, published on the 1st, is an exceptional interest, dealing as it does with large questions of insular policy...

The 12 census supervisors of the state held a conference at Lansing on the 1st, to discuss the methods of work and the interpretation of certain blanks...

Reports to the state board of health show that rheumatism, neuralgia, and other high fever diseases are being reported as usual...

When Judge Smith gave Mrs. Joseph Ferguson Oriskany \$11,000, he made an order forbidding her husband from marrying again within two years...

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KITTY'S HUSBAND

By Author of "Hetty," Etc.

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"Much more natural for me," I returned, looking up at him with sparkling eyes.

"I thought," I confessed, "that you ought to have told me long ago."

"You couldn't be sure," I said doubtfully.

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NOTABLE SILVER ANNIVERSARY

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"A MERRY CHRISTMAS"

is coming, a time when—if ever—selfishness is forgotten and people practice the Golden Rule and give good gifts, tokens of friendship, love and esteem. It is pleasing to note in this connection that it is becoming more and more the custom to give

Sensible, Useful and Ornamental Presents

Instead of senseless Knick-Knacks and gewgaws that are of no use or benefit and that only serve to litter up the house. Probably there is no place in Western Michigan (certainly not in Lowell) a store where you can do better in buying appropriate gifts for every member of the family than at ours. A large portion of our immense stock was bought before the recent advance in price and will be sold in many cases below present wholesale prices.

Silks, Satins, Velvets For Dresses, Waists, Skirts, Trimmings and fancy work.	Colored Dress Goods For ladies' dresses, waists, wrappers, dressing sacks, skirts. The same for misses and children.	Black Dress Goods Crepons, all grades. Broadcloth for all purposes and a great variety of other grades and styles.	Wash Goods Prints, Gingham, Percales, Outings, Shirtings, etc., etc.	Linen Materials Table Linens, Napkins, Towels, Crashers, Handkerchiefs, Sheetings, etc.
Blankets Enough for all Cotton, Part cotton, wool mixed, pure wool, all prices from 47c to \$6.00.	Hosiery and Underwear Ladies', Misses', Children's and Men's, in cotton, wool and silk.	Ribbons, Beautiful All colors in baby ribbon, satin, taffeta, fancy, velvet, satin or linen back.	Kid Gloves All colors. Ladies' from 49c to \$1.50.	Cloaks, Jackets, Capes and Fur For Ladies, Misses and children. A fine line at lowest possible prices.

Lowell's Leading Dry Goods Store

A. W. WEEKES.

Bell Telephone No. 99

Lowell State Bank

Organized under the general Banking Laws of this State.
CAPITAL - \$25,000.00.
OFFICERS:
FRANCIS KING, President.
CHAS. MC CARTY, Vice-President.
M. C. GRISWOLD, Cashier.
DIRECTORS:
Francis King M. C. Griswold
E. L. Bennett Charles McCarty
Frank T. King Geo. W. Parker
Geo. H. Force C. Bergin
A General Banking Business Transacted.

HOME NEWS.

Ten pages this week.
Everything in canned goods at McMahon's.
C. O. Lawrence has a fine assortment of hand-sleds.
Order your cut flowers for all occasions of C. Guy Perry.
Mr. Stoughton, on old gentleman on Monroe street, is very ill.
Will Morse and wife of Saranac ate Thanksgiving dinner here.
E. Lovette now of Grand Rapids spent Thanksgiving in Lowell.
Satisfaction given away with every pair of shoes sold by Lee & Co.
Perry Barker of Grand Rapids transacted business in Lowell Monday.
Mrs. Wm. Rexford and Mrs. Bert Priest drove to Belding last Tuesday.
Clyde Collar was in Grand Rapids Monday looking after holiday goods.
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miner of Portland spent Sunday with J. S. Adams and wife.
The W. R. C. will elect officers at their regular meeting next Wednesday p. m.
The Wisner mill fairly glistens in its new coat of paint. A great improvement.
Headquarters for games of all kinds and toys at C. O. Lawrence's Department Store.
Myra Waite and Bertha Carson of Grand Rapids spent Thanksgiving with Minnie Rouse.
Maybe it's an "extreme" idea to put brains in shoes, but that's what we do.
Lee & Co.
Will Broadbent who is employed in Grand Rapids spent Thanksgiving with his parents here.
N. Perry Gardner left Monday for the north woods in the interests of the Grand Rapids Veneering company.
Daisy M. Sitter was granted a decree of divorce from Sidney S. Sitter by Judge Adsit Monday on the grounds of non-support and extreme cruelty. She was also granted permanent alimony in the shape of a farm in Bowne township. The parties are residents of Bowne township.
Mr. Koscia Clinebell, representing A. W. Bowen & Co. of Logansport, Ind., is in town completing the work begun last spring by Prof. Hebart of writing up Lowell and vicinity for the Grand Rapids and Kent County Genealogical Record. This elaborate and elegant work will be issued sometime in 1900, and no pains are being spared to make it the best work of similar character ever published. Mr. Clinebell will be at Hotel Waverly for several days where he may be seen by any person interested in the forthcoming volume.

Mrs. Geo. Force spent Thanksgiving at Morley.
Quarterly meeting at Keene church next Sunday.
Sewing machines in fancy woods at Stocking's.
Miss Ella Kopf of Grand Rapids visited Lowell friends last week.
Billy Barber is on the claim list of the Kansas City base ball team.
D. P. Barrett of Grand Rapids was in town on business last week.
Robert Jones left last week for Aberdeen, Wash., where he has secured employment.
Riley Luce of Elmdale was the guest of his aunt, Mrs. H. E. Faulkner, Sunday.
Miss Francis Richmond of Vergennes spent last week with Lowell relatives and friends.
Band No. 1 of the Baptist church will have a cake sale in the post office Saturday afternoon.

Pick out your Xmas presents at C. O. Lawrence's department store and have them laid away.
E. B. Fisher of Grand Rapids was in town Tuesday, looking after the interests of the Citizens' Telephone company.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Priest and son left for Muskegon Monday. Mr. Priest was an engineer on the new railroad.

Hary Kinsley and Leo Walsh left Monday for Gallion, O., where they will be employed by the Davey & Buggy company.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bostwick of Grand Rapids spent Thanksgiving with the latter's mother, Mrs. Wm. Young.

A Stacy, superintendent of construction of the Citizen's Telephone company is on the ground to install the new exchange here.

Mrs. Huntley and daughter Neva and Miss Lois Bushnell of Grand Rapids joined the party around the Thanksgiving table at J. W. Broadbent's.

The thing of next importance to your deed is your insurance policy. Be sure that it comes from the C. Guy Perry agency.

As the time for the election of officers draws near for the various secret societies their secretaries are requested to furnish THE LEDGER with the new lists of officers for publication. No charges.

The shaving room of the Lowell Cutter company was found on fire last Friday evening shortly after 6 o'clock and but for the timely arrival of Night Watch Davis the buildings might have been destroyed.

Arthur M. Clark of Lexington, grand lecturer of the Masonic order for Michigan, was entertained by the local lodges Tuesday evening. He gave instructions in ritualistic work and a banquet was served.

Mrs. Geo. Plummer has returned to her home at Elmdale from a seven weeks stay at an Ann Arbor hospital. She returns greatly benefited by her treatment and with good prospects of complete recovery.

Miss Kate Edmonds on the eve of her departure from Detroit to New Orleans was tendered a farewell reception by her fellow employees of the Parke-Davis company. An original poem in her honor was read and the popular lady was presented with a handsome brooch.

The Lowell Cutter company has laid the foundation for a two story addition to its machinery department some to be 20x60. The enterprising gentlemen who are running the Lowell Cutter factory mean to sustain their reputation for having the biggest thing of the kind in the world. Lowell is justly proud of its factory and its proprietors.

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Mr. and Mrs. S. Brower spent Thanksgiving with their niece, Mrs. Edward Thompson and other relatives at Ionia.

SMILES.

"You must remember," said the proud Yankee girl, "that I am a Daughter of the Revolution!" "Pooh!" exclaimed the beautiful, dark-eyed woman from Central America, "I am a Daughter of Six Revolutions."—Chicago Times-Herald.

Grace—What made you think he belongs to the army? Neil—Well, when the clock struck ten, he got up and turned out the gas.—Syracuse Herald.

Man in Hard Luck—I am reduced to the painful expedient of asking you to buy the diamonds in my wife's jewelry and to replace them with imitations. Jeweler (examining the jewels)—Your wife evidently has preceded you in evolving that clever plan.—Jeweler's Weekly.

"My dear," a Moth once upon a time observed, "it seems to me our daughter devours a good many novels." The Moth's wife shrugged her shoulders deprecatingly. "Better that than to care only for clothes," she replied. This fable teaches that the taste for literature is almost always comparatively a good thing.—Indianapolis News.

"Marie, didn't you feel terribly when your engagement was broken?" "Yes; and I had another dreadful blow the same day—my new frock came home and didn't fit."

Settled the Entire Church Debt. He lives in Columbus and is known to have thousands. But his reputation by no means would justify his being called a philanthropist.

A week or two ago he went "down in the country to his old home." On his first Sunday there he went to the old church near the mill. Memories of the Sunday mornings of his boyhood days flooded him, days when he sat in the hot church and listened to the boys shouting while swimming in the old mill pond. His heart on this particular Sunday morning was grateful for all things, and especially the privilege of attending the old church again. At the conclusion of the sermon the minister asked the congregation for a contribution to pay off the church indebtedness. When the "steward" reached the old Columbus miser, whose reputation for stinginess had long been known in the little hamlet, the sanctimonious church official was somewhat startled by being addressed:

"How much is the entire indebtedness on the church?" Upon being told the would-be philanthropist before the eyes of the congregation, took out his check-book and fountain-pen and wrote a check for the full amount. The "steward" waited until the check was safely deposited in the basket before continuing the "collection." When the church was dismissed the

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ON THE BRIDGE

CLYDE COLLAR, LOWELL, MICH.

people fairly buzzed with the excitement of discussing the "payment of the church debt by Mr. Blank, the millionaire from Columbus."
And no wonder. The debt was \$17.50.

FOUND HIS FATHER'S MONEY

It Grew from \$2,000 to \$30,000 While Waiting for the Heir.

In the early days, before Fayette county was as thickly populated as it now is and when there were vast tracts of unsettled lands, Mr. Thomas Hall, who came originally from Virginia and lived several miles from the present site of Somerville, kept a kind of hotel at which all travelers passing that way usually stopped.

Just below Mr. Hall's house there was a large creek. By the side of this creek one morning while on his way to Somerville, Mr. Hall saw a riderless horse. Seated by a tree, with a bottle in his hand and his arm raised in the act of carrying the contents to his mouth was a man. Mr. Hall rode up to the man, dismounted, and, to his surprise found him to be dead. His saddle-bags were examined and found to contain \$25,000, but no name, direc-

tion or any other clue to the identity of the dead man.

An inquest was held, the verdict of the jurors being that the deceased came to his death from natural causes. The remains were then interred at Somerville. The money was turned over to the county trustees, who immediately put it out at interest.

Almost twenty-one years passed by and the incident had been all but forgotten, when there came to the hotel kept by Mr. Hall a man about 27 years of age. Mr. Hall asked him to register, remarking at the same time: "Registering might help to trace you in case you should get lost." and then told the young man of the stranger who had perished beside the creek.

The young man became very much interested in the story. He had been looking for years for traces of his lost father. He had only one child his mother had told him that his father carried \$25,000 in gold. When Mr. Hall stated that that was the exact amount of money the stranger carried the young man was certain that he had at last found traces of his dead father.

All the papers bearing on the case, the description of the man fled away and the verdict of the jury were closely examined, and though there was

some delay the identity of the dead man was established. Further investigation proved also the young man's identity and truthfulness of his statements, and when the trustees were fully satisfied of the identity of both the money was all called in, and the principal, which had increased to \$50,000, was made over to him in full.

ODD FOREIGN IDEAS.

Smoked snow water is a favorite t'pple in Lapland.

A polite Chinaman considers it a breach of etiquette to wear spectacles in company.

In several European countries, including France and Belgium, elections are always held on Sundays.

Switzerland is said to be the only civilized country in the world which grants no patents for inventions.

Calico print works use 40,000,000 dozen eggs per year, while wine distillers use 10,000,000 dozen. The photographers and other industries use many millions, and these demands increase more rapidly than table demands.