

The Lowell Ledger.

"INDEPENDENT IN ALL THINGS. NEUTRAL IN NOTHING"

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LOWELL, MICHIGAN, DECEMBER 28, 1899.

WHOLE NO. 339.

The City Bank

Hill, Watts & Co...

Opened for business, December 1st, 1897.

Co-Partners Responsibility over \$100,000.00

Co-Partners:
 ORTON HILL, Lowell Mich. P. H. GILKEY, Capitalist, Richland, Mich.
 W. A. WAITS, " " 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.

SAD CHRISTMAS FOR THE FRIENDS OF THESE.

Another Sudden Death.
 Mary A. Roll died Tuesday morning Dec. 26, of heart failure, being sick only a few minutes before death, at the home of her step-son, Alva Roll, at the age of 72 years.

Bright Young Life Closed.
 Robert, son of Eugene S. and Lotie Parrish, died at his home in Tecumseh, Dec. 24, of pneumonia after an illness of about 10 days.

Deceased was an exceptionally bright young man with brilliant prospects. He was a graduate of the Pharmacy college of Ada, Ohio. He was a grandson of Mrs. Mary A. Carr of this village and had other relatives here.

Death of Gaylord Speaker.
 Gaylord Speaker died at his home in this village, Saturday, Dec. 23, at the age of 75 years, of softening of the brain. Funeral services were held at the house Tuesday conducted by Rev. McAllister. Interment in Oak Hill cemetery.

Mr. Speaker has been failing for several years but his death at last came suddenly, as he was about the house when stricken.

A Sudden Death.
 Truman T. Maynard died at the residence of James L. Harvey in this village, last Sunday night, at the age of 77 years. Death came suddenly and was caused by a congestive chill.

Funeral services were held at the house yesterday and the remains were taken to Grand Rapids township for interment.

Deceased came to this place with his daughter, Mrs. Harvey, only a few days prior to his death; and only three days before made a pleasant call at THE LEDGER office, informing the compositors that he worked at the printing trade in his younger days.

J. T. Maynard was born in the town of Chester, Berkshire Co., Mass., Feb. 8, 1822, married Dec. 29, 1842 and came to Canada and settled for a short time, then to Michigan in 1845 and has lived here ever since excepting 8 years in Indiana. There were eight children born, six of whom are living—two daughters in Allegan, one in Sunfield, two sons in Fallsburg and daughter, Mrs. Harvey.

His wife died little over a year ago. He was a kind and loving husband and indulgent father.

A Double Wedding.
 A double wedding occurred at the home of Rev. Jas. H. Westbrook in this village, Dec. 20th when that gentleman officiated as knot-tyer for Wm. H. Oberly of Alto and Gertrude Lampman of South Lowell and for Ralph J. Story of South Boston and Katherine Oberly of Alto.

Some Changes in Teachers.
 When school opens after the holidays, the pupils of two grades will find new teachers at the helm.

Mr. Merriman, principal of the West Ward school, will take charge of the eighth grade in the East Ward, formerly presided over by Miss White who recently became Mrs. Gulliford.

Mr. E. R. Washburn, who comes from the Ferris school at Big Rapids, will take up Mr. Merriman's work in the West ward.

Notice to Creditors.
 Persons indebted to the undersigned are hereby notified that they may have until January 1 to settle accounts with me. After that date those remaining unsettled will be placed in the hands of M. N. Hine with instructions to enforce collection. Let there be no misunderstanding. Yours truly,
 I. B. MALCOM.

Pillows and feathers cheap at Blain's. New stock of watches and clocks at Sherman's.

HOME NEWS

The Governor's message in full is given in this issue.

J. S. Adams and wife spent Xmas with Portland friends.

A. L. Peck and family spent Christmas with Saranac friends.

A good Elgin watch to exchange for good wood. U. B. Williams.

W. E. Reasoner of Olivet spent Christmas holidays with Lowell friends.

Mrs. Frank New is visiting her mother, Mrs. W. S. Winters of Grand Rapids.

Bert Randall and family of Saginaw spent Christmas with Lowell friends and relatives.

Regular meeting of the L. D. C. of H will convene in A. O. U. W. hall, Tuesday evening, Jan. 2.

Transfer: William H. Parker to Geo. W. Parker e 1/2, n w 1, sec. 31, Vergennes township, \$3,000.

The Lowell W. C. T. U. will meet at the home of Mrs. N. Blair on the west side, Friday, Dec. 29, at 2.30.

E. R. A. Hunt and family now of Grand Rapids are spending the Christmas holidays with Lowell relatives.

Miss Jennie E. Ball writing from South Bend, Ind., requests to have the LEDGER forwarded to her at that place.

F. W. Davy and family have moved from Galion, Ohio, to Kalamazoo. Better come back to Lowell, while you're about it, friend Davy.

Franz and John Pattison, who are attending Yerrington's business college at St. Louis, are spending the holidays with friends in this vicinity.

Chas. McCarty leaves today for a two months trip to the Pacific coast. He will visit his son Will at Seattle and his daughter Bertha at Pueblo.

After January 1, the furniture and undertaking business formerly run under the style of G. C. McConnell & Co., will be conducted by G. V. McConnell, proprietor.

Boston Lodge No. 146, F. & A. M., will dedicate the new Masonic hall at Saranac on January 4th, with a banquet and entertainment. Lowell lodges will be represented in attendance.

The Vergennes W. C. T. U. will hold their next regular tea meeting, Thursday, Jan. 4, at the home of Mrs. W. J. Botzen. Meeting to begin promptly at one o'clock.

Forest City Encampment No. 125, has elected the following officers: C. P., J. W. Crawford; H. P., J. H. Nicklin; S. W., W. E. Crofoot; G. W., A. E. Campbell; S. S., G. V. McConnell; F. S., A. E. Ryder; Tre., B. C. Smith.

A Card.

As all have seen by last week's issue of the Journal that John Shaw has me advertised, I would like to say that as for me leaving his bed and board, I took my bed and I earned my own board and his for two years, and as for my getting anything on his name, I couldn't. **ETTA SHAW.**

A PRIZE HOLIDAY POEM.

For the first correct answer we will give a pair of Slippers for Xmas. For the last correct answer up to noon Jan. 1, 1900, we will give 1 pair of slippers for New Years. Bring in your answers.

What is it that that men and women most despise,
 Yet each and all most dearly prize,
 Which never was for sale, yet any day
 The poorest beggar can the best display;
 What kings are not supposed to have,
 Yet sure am I that luxury they of-
 ten crave,
 Which oft we give away, yet long to keep,
 And ofttime touch yet never eat,
 A thing most useful to the growing corn,
 And which the husbandman would never scorn,
 The very thing to take to a sick room,
 Though coming silent as Spring's early bloom,
 A little thing, oft wet with mother's tears;
 A great soft yielding thing that no one fears.

Remember, we have the finest line of Holiday Slippers in Lowell.
J. E. LEE & CO.

And we have some fine

New Years Goods Too...

Silver Plated Knives and Forks,
 Spoons, Carving Sets,
 Cutlery of all kinds and
 Oh! so many other things that
 make nice Presents.

Cover your roof with
 Neposet Red Rope Roofing, sold by us.

Clark & Spraker.

1900 JANUARY 1900

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
Start Right	1	2	3	4	5	6
We will close	7	8	9	10	11	12
will close	14	15	16	17	18	19
Sunday	21	22	23	24	25	26
during	28	29	30	31		

Every Day Buy Everything You Need at
VAN DYKE'S and You Won't Want To Turn
 Over a New Leaf Next year.

You Need Them.

SHOES that will fit.
SHOES that will wear.
SHOES that bring comfort to you.
SHOES that give satisfaction.
SHOES that save you money.

You will find above points in the

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

Sold by

Butts & Owen,

LOWELL, MICH.

Tax Payers Take Notice.

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

Old Mexico Tours.

On Tuesday Jan. 23, a special vestibuled train of Pullman palace cars, compartments, drawingroom, library, observation and dining cars will start from Chicago for the City of Mexico and other prominent cities of the Republic, returning via New Orleans, making the tour of all Mexico complete. The party will be strictly limited and absolutely first-class. Tickets include all expenses everywhere.

The tour will be under the personal escort and direction of Mr. Reau Campbell, General manager of the American Tourist association.
 For maps, books of the tour, tickets etc., call on agents of the Detroit, Grand Rapids & Western R. R. or the General Passenger agent at Grand Rapids.

Candies for New years.

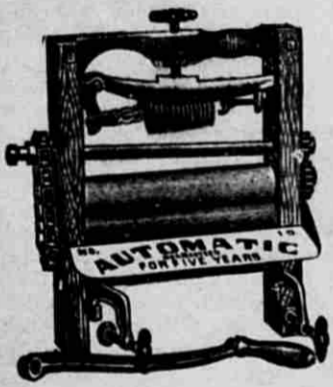
All sorts and grades. Prices to suit all, from 10c per lb. up.
CHOCOLATES.
 From 20c for assorted flavors, creams, up to 60c for
LOWNEY'S FANCY PACKAGES
 The Finest Made.

SMITH'S BAKERY.

Not Once...

Have we ever been asked to refund the money our customers have paid us for a bottle of **Lavender Cream**. Like all other preparations bearing our name, this cream is made from the purest and best ingredients obtainable.

Price 15 cents.
 If not satisfied with Lavender Cream say so, your money back.
L. H. TAFT & CO.



Xmas..

has gone but we have a few Heating Stoves left which we will close out at less than the present cost price.

Call and see our \$10 Automatic CLOTHES RINGER. Something new, warranted for five years.

R. B. Boylan.

THE WHITE FRONT THE PEOPLE'S STORE

A. D. OLIVER, PROP.

I wish to thank all of my old customers and the many new ones for their patronage during the past year and hope that I may come in for my share of your trade during the coming year. With this I wish all "A Happy and Prosperous New Year."

DON'T JUDGE US

Until you know what we can do for you in the way of saving, a cash saving, in the price of your FOOTWEAR. We cannot prove it unless you give us the opportunity.

We are making special prize inducements for the balance of the year. Come and see for yourself. Don't wait until your neighbor tells you how cheap he bought them at How's before you know anything about it.

The Old Reliable Shoe House....

A. J. HOWK & SON

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

IN OUR GREAT STATE RELATED IN A BRIEF FORM.

Mrs. A. J. ... Confessed Child Murderer ...

Child-Murders on Trial.

In the last of the past, the criminal history of ...

Mr. Meek's Speeches Agitated.

The jury in the Sanderson case rendered a verdict of not guilty at 12:30 a. m., on Dec. 23.

Our State Banks.

The comptroller of the currency on the 23rd gave out an abstract of reports of the condition on Dec. 2 of the 21 national banks in Michigan.

STATE GOSSIP.

Bay City was visited by a \$75,000 mill fire on the 20th.

World Parliament of Labor.

After the longest session in its history the American Federation of Labor on the 20th adjourned its 10th annual convention in St. Louis.

Prominent Men Asked to Resign.

On the 20th a resolution of the Michigan State Bar Association was adopted calling for the resignation of several prominent men.

State's Money Loaned to Corporations.

The grand jury at Lansing will return a great many more indictments than a great many more indictments.

A Proposed Reform.

The Michigan State Political Association which met in Detroit on the 19th adopted the following resolution:

Editor Gets Out of Bed.

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney John E. Brigham has notified Alva Wilburn, F. A. Brigham, Elmer Moses and Charles Van Kirk of Metamora.

Reports to the State Board of Health.

Reports to the state board of health show that the influenza epidemic has not yet subsided.

Lawrence will Make a Fight to Obtain County Seat.

Lawrence will make a fight to obtain the county seat for Van Buren county.

Factory is to be Established at South Frankfort for the Manufacture of Hardwood Flooring and Wooden Spealties.

Marshall claims to have the only man in the state outside of Detroit and Grand Rapids.

SPECIAL SESSION DO NGU.

The extraordinary session of the legislature convened on the morning of the 19th.

AT HOME AND ABROAD.

A SUMMARY OF THE NEWS FOR THE WEEK BY WIRE.

It Now Looks as Though England had More Trouble Ahead of Her—Boundary Line Don't Suit.

Aspirants and England may yet separate. Menelik, ruler of Abyssinia toward Britain is displayed in London.

Dwight L. Moody Dead.

Dwight L. Moody, the famous evangelist, passed away at his home in East Northfield, Mass., on Nov. 22.

Both Houses Passed the Bills Straightening Out a Tangle in the Soldiers' Pension Laws.

The senate and house have passed the bill which straightens out a tangle in the soldiers' pension laws.

Brooke May Relieve Anderson.

Brooke may relieve Anderson, commander of the department of the lakes, with headquarters in Chicago.

11 Children Buried to Death.

While the school children of St. Francis parish school at Quincy, La., were rehearsing on the afternoon of the 22nd.

The Grand Jury Resolved to Issue a Warrant for the Arrest of the Men Who Had Been Shot.

The grand jury at Lansing will return a great many more indictments than a great many more indictments.

WAR NEWS.

Major-General Henry W. Lawton was killed at San Mateo on the 18th.

LIVE STOCK.

New York—Cattle, Sheep, Lambs, Hogs, Poultry, etc.

THE NEWS CONDENSED.

It is rumored at Paris that the Bank of Russia has advanced the Bank of England \$2,000,000.

PUT THE HOSS BLANKET UP.

remembered everything that was done and said, as if it was with the black and white of the forge.

JIM BEGAN TO CRY.

his wife was sick and his children not overfed.

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

He Says the Extraordinary Session was Imperative BEFORE FALL ELECTION IN 1900.

As the People of the State Demanded Legislation Which Will be Effective in Bringing About Equality of Taxation—Repeals the Expensive Income Tax.

The Message in Full. To the Senate and House of Representatives.

CONGRESSIONAL NOTES.

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Entered at Lowell post office as second class matter.

SUBSCRIPTION ONE DOLLAR YEARLY.

ADVERTISING RATES.

Space advertisements one insertion 10¢ per inch. Same more than once 7¢ per inch with 10 per cent discount on yearly contract.

Page and half page ads. \$7.50 and \$5.75 to three months respectively. Single insertions 75¢ per inch.

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

Card in directory column \$1.00 per line per year. One inch \$5.00 per year. Cards of thanks 50¢.

Resolutions on condolence \$1.00. Postively, no deviation from these rates.

Taft & Co.

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

IF THERE is any class of men who are entitled to our sympathy it is the editors of the English comic papers.

IT MAY be safely assumed that before permitting his constituents to elect him to Congress, the Sultan of Sulu will ascertain the fate of Mr. Roberts.

THERE have been two resolutions introduced in Congress to recognize the Boers as belligerents, but it seems to us they have already demonstrated that their belligerence does not require any special recognition.

AFTER the success of the Philadelphia national convention, the jokes that usually emanate from Chicago on the lethargy prevalent in Philadelphia, will have to be withdrawn from circulation.

Brave Men Fall

Victims to stomach, liver and kidney troubles as well as women, and all feel the results in loss of appetite, nervousness, headache and tired, listless, run-down feeling. But there's no need to feel like that. J. W. Gardner, of Idaville, Ind., says: "Electric Bitters are just the thing for a man when he don't care whether he lives or dies. It gave me new strength and good appetite. I can now eat anything I wish with a new lease on life." Only 50 cents, at L. H. Hunt & Co.'s Drug Store. Every bottle guaranteed. [See

NOTICE

Having leased the Evans & Brad field barn, corner of Monroe and Avery Sts., I will conduct a Livery Feed and Sale Stable. I want to buy coach and carriage horses to ship East. I want special prospects, also some extra heavy pairs.

GEO. E. LAKE.

A Card to Correspondents.

We should be grateful indeed were you to neglect to acknowledge the elegant Christmas gift presented us by the correspondents. It will be prized through life as a reminder of the kind donors.

Gratefully yours,
Frank M. Johnson
Merrill C. Johnson.

At this time, too, it is proper to express our appreciation of the faithful service rendered by all our correspondents in the past. To them THE LEDGER owes very much of its growing prosperity. We earnestly request your continued aid during the coming year and shall strive to do all in our power to make the task a pleasant one.

Editor Ledger.

The modern and most effective cure for constipation and all liver troubles—the famous little pills known as DeWitt's Little Early Bitters.

Taft & Co.

Smyrna.

F. L. Spencer of Belding was in town last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Bigzell entertained relatives on Xmas.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Dickens are spending a week in Williamston visiting friends and relatives.

The Xmas tree at the church was a grand success.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hoppehn entertained the latter's brothers and sisters Xmas.

Miss doesn't indicate quality. Beware of counterfeit and worthless sales offered for DeWitt's Little Early Bitters. DeWitt's is the only original. An infallible cure for skin and all skin diseases. Taft & Co.

Lowell-Cascade Town Line.

Mrs. Carl Sparker of Lowell has been spending several days with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bailey. Carl came and spent Christmas with them, returning home Tuesday.

Mrs. Buff of Grand Rapids is visiting friends here.

The Christmas tree was well attended and a large number of nice and useful presents being distributed.

Stella Bates spent a few days recently with Mr. W. Sabin and family of Ada.

Mrs. Westbrook and son Ira attended the Christmas exercises at Ada Saturday night.

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Mrs. Allen Craver of South Wales, N. Y., was the guest of her cousin, Mrs. G. W. Crosby, last week.

Della James is home from the normal school at Ypsilanti for the holiday vacation.

George Lee who is attending a business college at Ypsilanti came home Friday evening to spend the holiday vacation with his parents.

George Krum has just completed a nice new hen house. Go, all ye farmers and do likewise.

Caterpillars and mosquitoes were creeping and buzzing around last week. How's that for December weather? and sparrows built a nest in November.

We hope all had a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. W. J. Botsen Jan. 4.

BRIDGET.

G. H. Appleton, Justice of the Peace, Clarkburg, N. J., says: "DeWitt's Little Early Bitters are the best pills made for constipation. We use no others." Quickly cure all liver and bowel troubles.

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Cascade-East Paris.

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A Drone in the Hive May Cause Serious Trouble.

One day man in the factory or on the farm may hamper the entire force of workers. A few minutes lost each day by only one man may cause serious trouble on the profit. The man who desires to sleep at his post of duty must be dismissed or changed his habits.

At some times during the life of average the liver becomes inactive and torpid. It's a drone in the hive of the human organism, and refuses to do its share of the work. Then the whole system soon becomes run down and serious loss is the result. It is not a loss of money, but a loss of health, which is far more valuable than loss of gold.

When the liver becomes torpid, the stomach refuses to do its work, the case needs attention, and it is ample time to take steps to compel the liver to do its share of the work. The system needs a remedy that will go directly to the seat of the disease, make the torpid liver active, the blood pure and build up the patient generally.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People are a new combination of the best remedies known to medical science to accomplish this end. They have been thoroughly tried and tested. A single box will be worth more than gold to the sufferer.

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A few more pairs of those cheap Blankets from 50¢ per pair to \$1.50 per pair.

The very low prices we are making on Carpets is closing them out, pleasing our customers and pleasing ourselves as well.

The finest line of ladies' Skirts ever shown in Lowell and at very low prices. Another large lot of the best 25¢ Corsets in town.

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BURIED YEARS.

[By S. H. Hampton]

Yet another year lies buried. And the steady flow's unchecked Like Man's Eternal Destiny. Beyond material airtight Hope leads.

And time aparts, while the years—Nay, Centuries! have their wings.

The solemn train of memories Alone turns back, digging among The dust and mould of vanished days. The best we knew of joys Were dreams.

So it seems, with the fall And earthy nothingness for all.

Alike are sorrows sealed within The silent tomb, and wisdom leads Along the highway filled with Hope. Break down unkind regret For light.

Successes slight, and your tears Sully fits with gladdening cheers.

Another Century tuncel for song. Begins with even, tireless pace. Nor flinching that man's power beyond No mortal thing escapes.

Nor stays Pleasing days, and the years Lead to Eternal Life—past tears

By loving mothers, and their baby brother.

It is a terrible thing to say that there were those among who were responsible for the existence of these little ones, and that they did nothing—absolutely nothing—to warm, feed and clothe them. There was a father and a mother. The family had moved into the room during Christmas week. Moving was not a difficult task, for there were not enough household goods to warrant the removal of a single piece of bed-covering, and the mother bore the more important articles—some important because cups and plates might break and could not be replaced. But a baby—fourth? That was nothing! So cheap does human life become when daily bread is something more than a mere form of prayer.

Meanwhile the father was drunk. He knew no intermediate degree of intoxication, he drank to get drunk. The superior merit of Dr. Chase's Ointment, but it is perfectly true, and endorsed by the grateful testimony of thousands of men and women who have been cured by it after years of suffering and after trying many preparations and consulting the most eminent physicians of this horrible disease.

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and everything in its proper season. If you fail to find what you want elsewhere and it's something that ought to be in a Dry Goods Store, come to us. "We've got it."

By the way, did you get a Christmas present from an unexpected source? Would you like to return the compliment by making a NEW YEAR'S GIFT. Come to our store and we will help you make an appropriate selection.

Yours truly,

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HOME NEWS.

A new milch cow for sale by J. C. Wilson, Pratt Lake.
Mrs. Hart of Bellevue is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. Blaisdell.
Miss Edith Mangle is home from Olivet to spend her holiday vacation.
Miss Donna Wisner is home from Olivet to spend her holiday vacation.
Wesley Fox of Freeport was in town Wednesday on a business trip. New ads. this week for Williams, Weekes, Oliver, VanDyke and Boylan.
Frank C. Alger and wife have moved into the village for the winter.
Mrs. C. M. Hunter and daughters visited relatives at Three Rivers during Xmas.
The winter term of the Lowell schools will commence on Wednesday, Jan. 3d.
Miss Mary Owen of Grand Rapids is spending her holidays with friends in Lowell.
J. C. Train and family have moved into their new home south of the railroad track.
Dr. Saylor of Lake View will accompany Charles McCarty on his western trip.
Miss Rhoda Mills came home from Grand Rapids to spend the holidays with her parents.
Roy Hill of Charlotte is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orton Hill.
Mr. and Mrs. LeGrand Rathbone of Grand Rapids spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Gunn.
The Ladies Aid Society of the Cong. church will meet at the State bank parlor, Tuesday, Jan. 2, 1900, at 3, p. m.
Superintendent Nicholson was presented with an elegant inlaid rocking chair by the pupils of the High school on Christmas eve.
Committees have been appointed to arrange for the dedication of the new Masonic hall, which will take place sometime during the third week in January.
Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Fleming and son of South Boston and A. W. Burnett, wife and daughter Tassa of Saranac spent Christmas with Mrs. Wm. Burnett and family.
Officers elected for Court Lowell No. 1213 for the year 1900: C. R., W. J. Drew; V. C. R., J. Pinkney; R. S., E. S. White; F. S., A. Brunner; Treas., J. McCall; Chap., Leon Blakeslee; S. W., John Gramer; J. W., Chas. Myers; S. B., W. Flynn; J. B., C. Hatch; P. C. R., F. J. Morse; Trustees, S. P. Hicks, C. O. Lawrence; Finance Committee, T. A. Murphy, F. McMahon.

Everything in cannel goods at McMahon's.
Mrs. O Hill and children are spending a few days in Grand Rapids and Grand Ledge.
Mrs. Sprague Keene and daughter Pearl are spending a few days with friends in Burton.
Mr. Enos, son and daughter of Grand Rapids spent Christmas with F T King and family.
Services at the Bailey church, Vergennes, Sunday, Dec. 31, at 10.30. a. m., in Keene at 7, p. m.
Miss Marilla Chapman of Grand Rapids is spending her vacation with her sister, Mrs. Dr. Greene.
Mr. and Mrs. C. Bergin entertained relatives and friends from Howell and Grattan to the number of 35 at dinner Sunday.
Messrs. and Mesdames Waldo Francisco and Charles Krum of Belding were Christmas guests at the home of Charles Francisco.

The Phila Clark W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. C. A. Slade, Jan. 2, 2 p. m. All interested in the work of the union invited.
Dr. J. I. Buell of Grand Rapids will preach at the Methodist church Sunday morning. The pastor will preach in the evening.
George Gulliford, wife and child of Mancelona are visiting their parents, Messrs. and Mesdames James Gulliford and Alvah S. Ford.
Lost:—Just east of Lowell, book, "Light Among the Shadows," inscribed "From Mrs Broedie to Ray." Please leave with E O Mains.
Miss Martie Hine, who has been attending school at Monroe, is spending her vacation with her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Hine.
The officers elect of Hooker Chapter, No. 83, R. A. M., and Lowell Lodge No. 90, F. & M. were duly installed last evening at Masonic hall.

Misses Mary and Bernice Budway of Cedar Springs and Saranac respectively spent Christmas with the family of their sister, Mrs. Carl English.
Mrs. O. A. Robinson and her daughter Bertha spent Christmas at Muskegon with the former's daughter's Carrie Shaw and Lizzie Robinson.
Miss Agnes Perry returned last evening to her work at Grand Rapids after spending Christmas and a few of the holidays with her parents and sisters.

Mesdames Mary A. Carr, Octavia R. Eaton and Ella Price have gone to Tecumseh to attend the funeral of Robbie, son of Eugene S. and Lottie Parrish.
Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Curtis and John Smith and family of Berlin and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Mains of Lake Odessa spent Christmas with E O Mains and family.
Mr. Gristwood, the enterprising stone-process miller, has our thanks for a sack of his prime graham flour. This fine product is finding deserved favor with the people of this vicinity.

The teachers of the High school and several other departments treated their pupils to candy, pop corn and nuts after recess last Friday, just before closing for the Christmas holidays.
Chas. McCarty has had the Frank Terry house moved from the railroad property and placed on his lot near the Central school building. He bought it for \$50 and moved it without a scratch. Charlie has a strong scent for bargains.
The Vergennes Dancing club will give a New Year's party at Train's opera house, Lowell, Monday evening, Jan. 1, 1900. Floor managers, A. Armstrong, T. A. Murphy, A. E. McMahon. Music by Adam's orchestra. Bill to dance 50c, to join club, \$1.50, including horse care. Supper at Hotel Central, 50c per couple.



Did You Get a Present?

that you did not expect? One that you would like to reciprocate with some useful, lasting article One that can be engraved to preserve a remembrance of the occasion?
Although we enjoyed a good Christmas trade we still have a nice line to select from and the engraving will be done as you wish it without extra charge.
Our prices on our goods have been greatly reduced rather than carry them along.



Mr. and Miss Edwin and Helen Ballaird of Stanwood accompanied J. P. Needham Jr. from Grand Rapids Saturday to spend the holidays with J. P. Needham and other friends in this vicinity.
The Christmas tree and entertainment at the M. E. church on Saturday evening was a decided success. The church was crowded to the doors and all present were well pleased with the program.
Lowell I. O. O. F. No. 15 have elected officers as follows: N. G., W. E. Crofoot; V. G., E. E. Reed; Sec., S. B. Avery; F. S., W. Abbott; Treas., B. C. Smith; Trustee for 3 years, J. K. Fisher.
Newly elected officers of Island City Rebekah lodge, No. 282: N. G., Besie Swayze; V. G., Grace Wheaton; Sec., Elsie Reed; P. Sec., Fannie Morse; Treas., S. A. Williams. Installation Jan. 10.
Rev. D. B. Davidson will occupy the Baptist pulpit next Sunday, Dec. 31, morning and evening, and remain during the week of prayer conducting said services. The members are earnestly urged to be present and every one is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Francisco gave a family dinner on Christmas day. The guests were: Messrs. and Mesdames Geo. White, Will Brown, Waldo Francisco and Charles Krum of Belding and Mr. and Mrs. Jake-way of Grattan.
The Grand Rapids, Belding & Saginaw railroad will go under the management and control of the Pere Marquette system on the first day of January, 1900, and through trains from Grand Rapids to Saginaw via Lowell and Belding will commence running next Monday.

People who want to secure a lot of first class reading matter for very little money should not fail to look over our clubbing offer on magazines in our last issue. They are the biggest values we know of in the magazine line. See the three months trial offer in this issue.
Paid Dear for His Leg.
B. D. Blanton of Thackerville Tex., in two years paid over \$300.00 to doctors to cure a running sore on his leg. Then they wanted to cut it off, but he cured it with one box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Guaranteed cure for Piles. 25c a box. Sold by Hunt & Co., druggist.

Ora Hayden of Petoskey is visiting Lowell friends.
W Morgan and wife leave today for Canada to remain with relatives for two months.
FOUND:—Key chain and keys. Owner can have same by paying for this notice. R. VanDyke.
FOR SALE.—A large Art Garland coal stove with oven, in good condition, for sale cheap. W. A. WATTS.
The Chataqua Combination Drawing Board and Writing Desk recently introduced here by Prof Walker of Albion College is especially designed for home kindergarten work and will hereafter be handled exclusively by Mrs C A Slade, Jones block, who will gladly show the article and demonstrate the use of the roller attachment to all desiring to inspect it. This article is of great educational value, of extreme utility, invaluable to children. Our Rob Roy is delighted with it. EDITOR.

When Doctors Fail
To cure that weak, lame back or any trouble of the kidneys, liver or stomach, try Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills they are absolutely guaranteed to relieve any case, no matter of how long standing: 25 cents, all druggists or Dr. A. W. Chase Med. Co., Buffalo, N. Y. Send stamp for samples. They will help you.

\$10 Reward—Lost.
A black and white POINTER DOG about 9 years old, weight about 80 lbs. Head black, body black and white, black predominates. Has a cut on front of one hind leg. Has on heavy collar with ring and small name plate, but no name. The above reward will be paid for return or information leading to recovery.
DR. E. D. McQUEEN,
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J. I. Bevery, Logan, Pa., writes, "I am willing to take my oath that I was cured of pneumonia entirely by the use of One Minute Cough Cure after doctors had failed. It also cured my children of whooping cough." Quickly relieves and cures cough, cold, croup, grippe and throat and lung troubles. Children all like it. Mothers endorse it. Taft & Co.

A dancing party is announced at Train's opera house for Thursday evening, Dec. 28, at which a prize will be given for the best cake walk, with F. T. King and Marks Ruben for judges. Music by Lowell orchestra. Bill 50c. Spectators charged.

F. B. Thirkield, Health Inspector, of Chicago, says, "Kodol Dyspepsia Cure cannot be recommended too highly. It cured me of severe dyspepsia." It digests what you eat and cures indigestion, heartburn and all forms of dyspepsia. Taft & Co.

Call at Behl's city bakery for baked goods and lunches.

Money in Capons.
They who wish to make money in poultry should turn their attention to caponizing. Any one with steady nerves and fair eyesight can do the work, and it is very remunerative. Begin by getting a book of instructions and a set of tools; then, after becoming acquainted with the directions, practice on dead chickens until you are expert. Learn to be quick and thorough. Chickens should be kept on short rations one whole day before the operation. It may be performed at any time after the chickens are old enough so that one may distinguish between pullets and cockerels. It does not make much difference as to the season, but I think fall is preferable. When you have learned to do the work well, you will find that you can make considerable by doing it for your neighbor, especially when they see how much more you get for capons than they can get for fowls that have not been caponized. One usually charges ten cents per fowl for caponizing.—Emma Clearwater, in Housekeeper.

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South Boston—Elmdale.
Louise Walling of Saranac spent Xmas with her sister, Mrs. C H Farnham.
The Christmas dinner and tree given at the Grange hall Monday afternoon and evening was a success and a good time reported.
A P Burr is home from Ionia.
Listen for the wedding bells which will ring soon.
"I am indebted to One Minute Cough Cure for my health and life. It cured me of lung trouble following grippe." Thousands owe their lives to the prompt action of this never failing remedy. It cures coughs, colds, croup, bronchitis, pneumonia, grippe and throat and lung troubles. Its early use prevents consumption. It is the only harmless remedy that gives immediate results. Taft & Co.

Alton.
Stephen Reene's granddaughter of Saranac is visiting him.
There was a family gathering at Oren Ford's Christmas.
A number of our Swiss people attended the Christmas exercises at their church in Lowell Monday night.
George Ford and family have the sympathy of this community in their bereavement.
A Happy New Year to all.
Alton Hive, L. O. T. M., elected the following officers Saturday evening: Com Francis Lavender; St. Com., Mabel Bookey; R. K., Minnie Church; F. K., Maggie Ford; Chap., Carrie Porter; M. at A., Bernice Houlihan; Sergt., Gertrude Potruff; Sentinel, Anna Norton; Picket, Maude Condon.
Alice Brown of Lowell was here Saturday.
Elder Mudge of Maple Rapids was here Saturday and Sunday and will be here again Jan. 14.
Frank Keech and wife of Johnstown spent Sunday and Monday with his parents here.
Mr. and Mrs. G. Norton and daughter spent Christmas with her parents.
James Bookey of Cannonburg called on his daughter at Dorus Church's Tuesday.
A number of the Alton L. O. T. M. visited the Lowell hive Wednesday night.
Norma Church is spending the holidays in Cannonburg.
Bert Norton and Harry Osgood of Smyrna visited the Alton K. O. T. M. Saturday night.
The annual election of officers of the Christian church took place Dec. 23. Pres., Mrs. H. White; Treas., Mrs. Clara Andrews; Ministerial Treas., Mrs. Clara Andrews; Repair Treas., John Andrews; Trustees, Mrs. Jane Church; Oren Ford, Abbie Holmes, Helena White and Dorus Church; Association and Church Clerk, Mrs. Carrie Porter.

Alton Tent K. O. T. M. elected the following officers Saturday evening: P. Com. Fred J. Ford; Com., Chas. B. Francisco; Lt. Com., Guy Norton; R. K., Dorus Church; F. K., Geo. Frost; Chap., Clara Ford; Sergt., Glen Ford; M. at A., A. J. Boulihan; Ist M. of G., Clinton Weekes; 2nd M. of G., C. A. Bligg; Sentinel, Chris Kropf; P., Chas. Keech.

L. T. Travis, Agent Southern R. R., Belvidere, Ga., writes, "I cannot say too much in praise of One Minute Cough Cure. In my case it worked like a charm." The only harmless remedy that gives immediate results. Cures coughs, colds, croup, bronchitis and all throat and lung troubles. Taft & Co.

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Corrected Dec 28, 1899.

Wheat	67
Corn	40
Oats	25
Rye	50
Flour per cwt	2.00
Bean per ton	15.00
Middlings per ton	16.00
Corn meal per ton	17.00
Corn and oats per ton	19.00
Butter	17
Eggs	18
Potatoes	30
Apples per bbl	2.25
Beans	1.50
Beef	5.00
Veal	6.00
Pork	4.00
Chickens	7
Turkeys	9
Ducks	7 to 8
Straw per ton	3.50 to 4.00
Hay per ton	6.00 to 8.00
Wool washed	16
Wool unwashed	20
Onions	25 to 30
Clover Seed	4.00