

The Lowell Ledger.

"INDEPENDENT IN ALL THINGS. NEUTRAL IN NOTHING"

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LOWELL, MICHIGAN, JANUARY 4, 1900.

WHOLE NO. 340.

The City Bank

Hill, Watts & Co.

Opened for business, December 1st, 1897

Co-Partners Responsibility over \$100,000.00

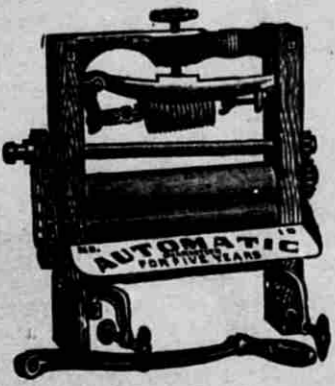
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ORTON HILL, Lowell Mich. P. H. GILKEY, Capitalist, Richland, Mich.
W. A. WAITS, " ASA SEBASTIAN " " "
E. W. BOWMAN, Banker, Kalamazoo, Mich. R. S. WILSON, Cashier Union Bank, Richland, Mich.

Drafts issued available in all commercial cities of the world.
Commercial papers discounted.

Interest bearing certificates of deposits issued.

3% Interest Paid on Savings Deposits.



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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.



We make an extra effort to keep our stock abreast of the times. No old stock accumulating. Our prices are such as to keep goods moving.

THE WHITE FRONT PEOPLE'S STORE.

A. D. OLIVER.

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

MATTERS MATRIMONIAL.

Hunt-Potter.

Married, Dec. 30, 1899, at the parsonage of the Second Congregational church, Grand Rapids, by Rev. Henry Marshall, John S. Potter of Cincinnati, O., and Bessie E. Hunt of Lowell.

The bride is one of Lowell's most popular young ladies, the daughter of Hon. and Mrs. L. H. Hunt, with whom the happy couple will stay for a short time previous to locating permanently.

Blakeslee-Abbott Wedding.

A pretty wedding occurred at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Blakeslee in this village, at 6 p. m., last Thursday, when their daughter Carrie May was united in marriage to Will R. Abbott by Rev. J. W. McAllister. Only the immediate relatives were present. The happy couple were the recipients of many pretty gifts. They will make their home in this village. Among the guests from outside were: Mr. George Abbott and Miss Florence Abbott of Guelph, Ontario; Miss Esther Abbott of Detroit; Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Abbott of Wesley; Mrs. C. B. Wood, Miss Etta Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Dan'l Black, Miss Martha Black, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clark and daughter of Grand Rapids.

The occasion caused a reunion of the Abbott family after a separation of 15 years.

Another Young Life Gone.

Burtis, the fifteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Collar of Vergennes, died Saturday, Dec. 30, of diabetes, after a decline of nearly a year, during which time all that medical science and loving hearts could suggest was tried in vain to arrest the progress of the disease.

Funeral services were held at the Bailey church, Tuesday, conducted by Rev. Jas. Wesbrook.

W. C. T. U. Work.

The regular semi monthly meeting of the Phila A. Clark W. C. T. U. was held with Mrs. C. A. Slade Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. D. P. Atwater presided. Mrs. Phila A. Clark addressed the members in words of congratulation, encouragement and cheer. A delightful program of music was furnished by Mrs. Geo. Giles and Misses Hunter and Covert, directed by Mrs. Slade. The solo, "Consider the Lilies" was rendered by Mrs. Giles in a most beautiful manner.

Among the good work being taken up by the Union is that of collecting reading matter to be forwarded to the lumbermen. All having such to donate will please leave same with the secretary, Mrs. O. O. Adams, Lyon Block, with whom the Union will next meet Jan. 16.

Death of Oscar Hatch.

Oscar Hatch, who removed from South Boston to Anniston, Alabama, about a year ago, died at the latter Dec. 21, 1899.

He was born in Monroe county, Ashtabula county, Ohio, and at the age of 16 came to South Boston 56 years ago, justly entitling him to a place among the honored pioneers.

He was a brother of Addison Hatch of South Boston, of the late William Hatch and of John Hatch and Mrs. A. Sherman of this place. He leaves a wife, daughter and one son to mourn his loss. Peace to his ashes.

Free to Sufferers

From piles, eczema, salt rheum or any itching, burning skin disease, Dr. A. W. Chase of Buffalo, N. Y., will send a sample box of Dr. Chase's Ointment, a guaranteed cure for skin troubles. Enclose stamp for postage. Many have been cured by sample box, and you are only asked to pay the postage.

FOR SALE.—A large Art Garland coal stove with oven, in good condition, for sale cheap. W. A. WAITS.

THE PERE MARQUETTE.

Regular Trains To Begin Running Next Monday.

It will not be known as the Grand Rapids, Belding & Saginaw hereafter, but as the Pere Marquette.

Trains are expected to begin running next Monday between Grand Rapids and Saginaw via Lowell.

The schedule of trains is not yet completed; but W. H. Clark informs us that trains will probably pass Lowell as follows:

Going west at 10:30, a. m. and 8:30, p. m.; going east at 9:15, a. m. and 6:30, p. m.

Local service between Belding & Freeport will be maintained by the present Lowell & Hastings crew.

It is expected that the new depot will be so far completed as to permit its occupancy next Monday and the trains will stop at that place.

Mary A. Rolf.

Mary A. Patrick was born at Ripley, Chataqua county, N. Y., August 4, 1827, came to Lowell with her parents in 1838 and settled on Grand River. December 21, 1856, she married Samuel Porter Rolf, who preceded her "to that bourne from whence no traveler returns."

Mrs. Rolf died at Lowell, Dec. 26, 1899, aged 72 years, 4 months and 22 days, leaving an aged sister and a host of friends to mourn her loss. She was held in high esteem and greatly loved by every one that knew her.

Tax Payers Take Notice.

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

HOME NEWS.

Dress goods sale at A. W. Weekes. Miss Ella Kopf, Grand Rapids, is spending the holidays at home.

Mrs. Mary Carr returned Tuesday from Tecumseh.

Mrs. Dr. Whitfield of Grand Rapids spent New Years with relatives.

We acknowledge receipt of subscription from J. Uebele of Toledo.

Will Gramer and Miss Mary Wilson were in Grand Rapids Saturday.

Will Gramer returned to Detroit Tuesday where he will work this winter.

C. E. Watts and family returned to Galesburg today after a visit with the family of W. A. Watts.

Our dress goods sale begins this week Saturday and ends the Saturday following. A. W. Weekes.

Mrs. Slade gives private lessons in music and French and parlor kindergarten. Studio in Jones block.

The rooms over the State bank recently vacated by W. B. Rickert are being rapidly fitted up for the public library.

B. B. Bristol and daughter May Belle of Traverse City and Miss Daisy Bristol of Ada are guests of Mrs. Isaac Mitchell.

Preaching at the Baptist church next Sunday morning and evening by Rev. Davidson. Everyone cordially invited.

Mrs. H. Tredenick was fortunate in having the bag and purse lost in Grand Rapids returned to her with its contents intact.

Word has been received of the safe arrival of Mrs. Robert Owen and daughter Reva at Chandler, Oklahoma on last Friday.

The Vergennes Dancing club will give its next party at Train's opera house on Thursday evening, Jan. 18. See cards for particulars.

Mrs. Fred Thompson and Miss Beattie of the Valley City and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hartwell of Cansonsburg are guests of Mrs. O. O. Adams.

The New Year's dance at the opera house was very largely attended, there not being sufficient room to accommodate the dancers. Adam's orchestra furnished music.

The Lowell W. C. T. U. has called a general meeting to be held with Mrs. Phila A. Clark at the residence of Joseph Yeiter this afternoon for the purpose of formulating plans for the public reading and lunch rooms to be opened soon at some desirable location on Main street.

We are desirous of disposing of the balance of our HEATING STOVES, Coal and Wood and for this purpose will make special prices for cash.

Our trade has been excellent for which we thank our patrons and now wish to make room for other goods.

Come in and get warm at our expense when in our vicinity.

Your friends,

Clark & Spraker.

A Happy New Year

To our customers and friends we wish you the same success and prosperity which we have obtained the year just closed. We have always given you the BEST in quality and PRICE and continue to do so.

BELOW WE HAVE

Something Special to offer while they last

Ladies fine kid lined, heavy sole shoe, bal, were 2 50, now only	2 00	Men's Tan Russian Calf, bal, calf 2 48	
Ladies Tan Calf, storm, heavy sole shoes, bal, were 3 00, now	2 50	Men's Tan Russia Bal, heavy sole, were 3 50, now	2 98
Ladies Kid, welt sole, Shoes, bal, were 3 00, now	2 60	Men's Black Box Calf, Bals, were 2 50, now	2 10
Ladies Vici Kid, welt sole Shoes, bal, were 3 50, now	3 00	Men's Black Box Calf, Bals, heavy sole, were 3 00, now	2 60
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		Men's Black Vici Kid, leather lined, heavy sole, were 3 50, now	2 98

This Sale Lasts 30 Days.

Commencing January 1st, 1900

Come Early before sizes are gone.

BUTTS & OWEN.

If you ever buy anything of us you don't like, bring it back and get your money. A. W. Weekes.

The ladies of the L. O. T. M. met yesterday afternoon. Extensive preparations are being made for a public installation of officers to be held in February. The Knights and Lady Maccabees will occupy the lodge rooms now tenanted by the Masons when the latter vacate.

A cake walk was given at the dance Thursday night last at Train's opera house. Mrs. Philip Althen and Wm. Burdick were the successful competitors and generously distributed the gigantic "two story" cake among the crowd present. Stocking's orchestra furnished music.

Our subscribers, readers and friends are requested to call up Bell phone No. 53 and give local items to Mrs. Johnson. Please remember that by so doing you will confer a favor upon THE LEDGER.

The answer to the prize holiday poem of J. E. Lee & Co was "old shoes;" Charles Barnes had the first correct answer and Mrs. H. F. Clark had the last one. They get the slippers.

Peter F. Ronan and brother Will of Grand Rapids expect to take a trip to California next Wednesday. They will visit two sisters at Los Angeles whom they have not seen for eighteen years, and expect to be gone about six weeks.

A number of young people were pleasantly entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Moore Friday night. Carom was the amusement. Mrs. Chas. Kopf and Mr. Claud Lane won first prize, after which refreshments were served.

The Physical Culture club, numbering twenty of Lowell's progressive ladies, met at the home of Mrs. J. D. Kelly last Thursday afternoon. A series of lessons were planned and participated in. Dainty refreshments were served and enjoyable social time was had by all. Miss Margaret A. Kelly of Muskegon was a guest.

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

NOTICE.

Having leased the Ems & Bradford 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 speed prospects, also some extra heavy pairs.

GEO. E. LAKE.

THE LOWELL MARKET REPORT.

Corrected Jan 4, 1900.

Wheat	@	67
Corn	@	40
Oats	@	25
Rye	@	50
Flour per cwt	@	2 00
Bran per ton	@	15 00
Middlings per ton	@	16 00
Corn meal per ton	@	15 00
Corn and oats per ton	@	19 00
Butter	17 @	18
Eggs	16 @	18
Potatoes	30 @	38
Apples per bb	2 25 @	2 10
Beans	1 25 @	1 65
Beef	5 00 @	6 00
Veal	6 00 @	6 50
Pork	4 00 @	4 50
Chickens	7 @	8
Turkeys	9 to	10
Ducks	7 to	8
Straw per ton	3 50 to	4 00
Hay per ton	6 00 to	8 00
Wool washed	20 @	26
Wool unwashed	16 @	21
Onions	25 to	40
Clover Seed	3 25 @	4 00
Hay	8 00 @	9 00
Straw	3 00 @	4 00

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.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

OUR GREAT STATE RELEAS

Second County Couple Married Under... Mrs. Kate Green of Colburn...

The God Didn't Bother Them... Herma Willey and Miss Mary Yax...

Farmer Will Erect Sugar Factory... About 50 farmers residing in the...

Mrs. Perkins Gets Life Imprisonment... The Askins murder case at Frankfort...

Wants a Railroad and Must Have It... The residents of Hubbard, Midland...

Largest Dog in Michigan... W. J. Brown, of Birmingham, claims...

Copper Range Road Completed... A copper spike was driven at the...

Michigan News Items... Traverse City may have a wool...

The new Cass county court house has...

A terrific blizzard prevailed at School...

Potato buyers are paying 50 and 60...

Lumbermen in Osceola county are...

The state taxes of the L. S. & M. S. Ry...

The large mortgage on the Wabash...

Plaintiff is to have a pickle factory...

The grist mill, which was recently...

Snow has fallen in Arenac county...

There are 5,400 mortgages in force...

The business portion of Charlotte was...

A coast company, with a capital...

SPECIAL SESSION DOINGS.

The legislature convened again on...

At Le Roy, Osceola county, dry hard...

Mrs. Perlinia Batts aged 92, of near...

The body of Geo. McCree, a farmer...

Judge Person, of Lansing, has de...

The popularity of St. Joseph as the...

Grand Rapids claims to be the banner...

The construction work on the new...

At a chancery sale in Lansing one...

Rep. Burch precipitated a long dis...

A severe earthquake shock was felt...

The rebels who fled from Pany to...

Science is all the time finding new...

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AT HOME AND ABROAD

Col. Lockett with a force of 5,000...

More than \$10,000,000 will be paid...

Gen. Ota has issued a decree author...

On Jan. 1 every soldier of land in...

Gen. Santa Ana, with a force of in...

A detachment of the 34th infantry...

The 34th regiment on the 24th had...

A husband's Awful Promise. The char...

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THE BASUTO CHIEF.

HE IS THE TROUBLE FACTOR...

The Basuto is the troubling factor...

Success came to the Basuto when...

James Whitcomb Riley. Success came...

The progress of the construction...

Letter to die of heart failure...

Miss M. Genevive Burnett. Letter to...

Clearing water will remove tea...

THE GRIP CURE THAT DOES CURE...

Riches have wings and poverty has...

There is no problem equal an achin...

AMERICA SAYS SO. The Entire Country...

Cigarettes Candy Cakes Did It and...

From every part of America comes...

There are 5,400 mortgages in force...

The business portion of Charlotte was...

A coast company, with a capital...

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"An Empty Sack"

Neither can you, weak, thin blood...

Hoop's Sarsaparilla is established as...

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HIS WORD OF HONOR.

A Tale of the Blue and the Gray.

But Florence was silent. She only...

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CHAPTER VI. As the door closed behind...

CHAPTER VII. Florence looked timidly at...

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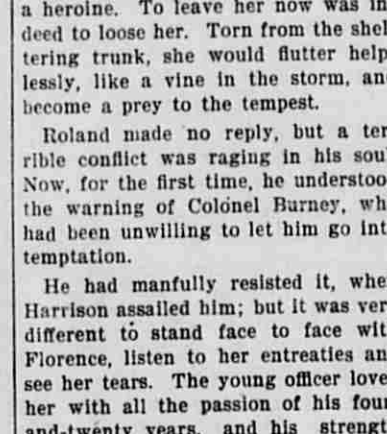
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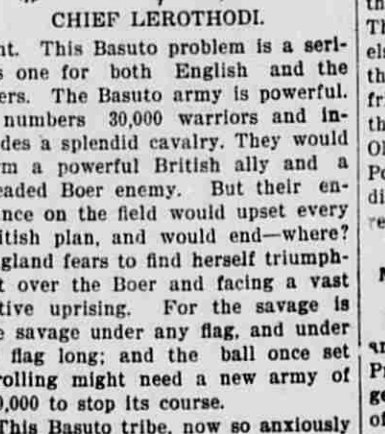
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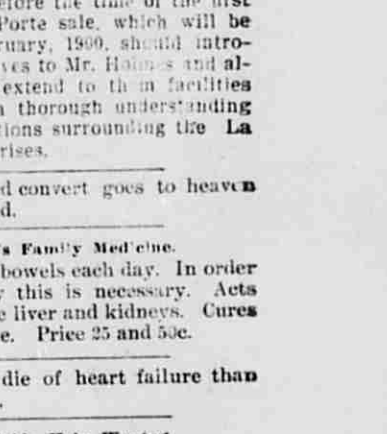
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WE
COMMENCE
OUR

FIFTH ANNUAL DRESS GOODS SALE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 1900,

And continue the Slaughter through the week following. We are not going to let the cost to us of any of our DRESS GOODS cut any figure in the price at which we shall sell them. We have but a very few old pieces of any kind of Dress Goods in our store—most everything being New, Up-to-Date Stuff, bought for this season's trade at much lower prices than they could be replaced for.

Big Selling Means Big Values.

If our prices for DRESS GOODS were not lower than elsewhere, our sales would not be so large. If you think this over you will see the force of it and will feel inclined to come here for your dresses whether you have purchased here before or not. Once a customer always a customer, for it is values such as we are offering that hold our friends and constantly increase their ranks. See a few of the prices, all are correspondingly low:

Pebbled Cheviot in Blue and Black
The 1 25 kind for **88c**
The 1 00 kind for **69c** These are the very
latest and most desirable goods worn.

A. W. WEEKES.

One lot of All Wool Novelties
The 25c kind for. **17c**
20 Pieces of 15c Plaids for **8c**
And over 200 pieces of other desirable things
just as cheap.

Lowell State Bank

Organized under the general Bank-
ing Laws of this State.
CAPITAL - \$25,000 00.
OFFICERS:
FRANCIS KING, President.
CHAS. MCCARTY, Vice-President.
M. C. GRISWOLD, Cashier.
DIRECTORS:
Francis King M. C. Griswold
E. L. Bennett Charles McCarty
Frank E. King Geo. W. Parker
Geo. H. Force C. Bergin
A General Banking Business
Transacted.

HOME NEWS.

G. W. Parker is on the sick list.
New milch cow for sale. Wm. Cheetam. 2w
Good wood heater for sale. Inquire at this office.
Dress goods sale, one week and one day at A. W. Weekes.
Miss Rhoda Mills returned to Grand Rapids Monday.
Mr. Allen of Lyons called on G. W. Parker last week.
Chas. Blakeslee and wife visited at Carson City last week.
J. Denton and wife of Coral are visiting his sister, Mrs. Milo Hart.
C. A. Barrows of Cascade made this office a pleasant call yesterday.
Marion Hill goes back to her studies at Monroe today to remain till June.
C. F. Strowbridge of Grand Rapids made G. W. Parker a short visit last week.
Miss Bernice Ecker entertained a company of her young friends last evening.
Miss Hattie Fox spent the holidays with her friend, Miss Audie Condon of Smyrna.
Dan Blakeslee and wife of Carson City have been visiting relatives in this village.
The Gleaner lodge had a pedro party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Condon in Smyrna, Dec. 30.
Mrs. Geo. Parker entertained at dinner Sunday. Among the guests was Mrs. G. W. Schneider of Albion.
Mrs. F. H. Bacon of Sunfield has returned to her home after spending a week with her sister, Mrs. J. D. Harvey.
The installation of the officers of the W. R. C. will take place at the next regular meeting, Wednesday, Jan. 10, at 3, p. m.
Visitors at J. R. White's New Years day were Messrs. and Mesdames O. Ford, T. Mueller, B. Morse and J. Frost.
Mrs. Orton Hill and daughter Marion spent Tuesday in Grand Rapids visiting Mr. Hill's niece, Mrs. Calkins, on South Union street.
Miss Mary Gulliford of Grand Rapids was the guest during the holidays of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Gulliford and of her sister, Mrs. Anna Morse.
Officers for Eddy Tent No. 398, K. O. T. M., for the year 1900: Com., J. D. Crawford; L. C., C. A. Perry; R. K., M. Langworthy; F. K., E. Bailey; Chap., G. Kline; Phy., R. R. Eaton; Serg., Chas. Buckley; M. at A., Chas. Force; 1 M. of G., Dell Kenyon; 2 M. of G., W. Kenyon; Sen., A. F. Jay; P., Zeno Post.

Miss May Brower has returned to Grand Rapids after spending the holidays with her parents.

Mrs. D. Atwater entertained Miss Emma Cole, botanist, of the Grand Rapids schools, last week.

Miss Ina Bauldry and Mr. Chas. Mapes of Pontiac spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Dell Harris.

John Blakeslee and wife of Carson City attended the wedding of their niece Carrie last Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Francisco have gone to Belding for a few months to stay with their daughter, Mrs. Krum.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Stone and children spent New Years day with the family of Henry Stone in Grand Rapids. The girls remained two or days with their cousins.

On Friday evening the young girls' club was entertained by Lotta Rubin, in honor of Marion Hill and on Saturday evening Miss Marion entertained them at her home.

Mrs. G. W. Schneider of Albion returned to her home New Years day after a two weeks visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Robinson and other Lowell relatives.

Harry H. Hunter of Mt. Pleasant spent several days of the last two weeks with old Lowell friends. He looks as if Mt. Pleasant were a healthful and prosperous town.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Gulliford and little daughter Florence returned to their home at Mancelona, Monday, after visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Gulliford and other relatives.

Sewing machines in fancy woods at Stocking's.

Home made and salt rising bread at the City Bakery.

Order your cut flowers for all occasions of C. Guy Perry.

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

It's like picking up dollars to buy your watch at our prices.
H. A. Sherman.

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

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.

Angora Goats.

A friend in Pennsylvania wants to know if the Angora goat can endure a cold climate, that is from ten to twenty degrees below zero? 2. Are they profitable? 3. Is their coat a long, coarse hair, or is it fine? 4. About what size are they? 5. Is their flesh edible for man? 6. Are they docile or do they get cross? 7. Would their pelts make good robes? 1. Yes, I think they can stand twenty degrees below zero very well, if kept in a barn where it is dry. 2. Yes. 3. Long and fine. 4. About the size of common sheep. 5. Yes, very fine. 6. They are somewhat of a wild nature, but if treated kindly they get very gentle. 7. Yes, very fine. The demand for goats is very great here in Missouri. The people are finding out that they can kill sprouts much cheaper with Angora goats than they can with the grub hoe, and much easier. It will pay every man that has sprouts to kill out to purchase about ten or fifteen Angora goats, or as many more as he can buy or handle, and fix a good shelter for them to go into in bad weather, and by taking good care of them, you will soon have some to sell to some other man that wants to make money faster and kill out sprouts and at the same time you will soon get your money back that you first paid out, and still have a fine flock left.—George Dressendorfer, Maceonia, Mo.

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

To our Friends...

It is with pleasure that we extend to you New Years Greeting, and for your kind favors of the past year, please accept our heartfelt gratitude.

Hoping you will see fit to extend us your further patronage, we assure you there will be no lack of effort on our part to serve you well.

Wishing you a Happy and prosperous New Year, we are yours for mutual prosperity,



Don't Let Cows Get Tired.

Remember that if a cow is compelled to travel back and forth over a thirty-acre field from morning till night in order to hunt a ration for herself she will not give you big pay in the pail. If she has to use the energy to secure a living that she should have expended in elaborating milk, she cannot be profitable. To do her best, the cow should be enabled to fill up well in a few hours and rest the balance of the time, as it is during the rest spells that she is grinding out your profit. There is some profit in summer dairying, but we must give very careful attention to all the details, if we would realize it.—L. W. Lightly, in National Stockman.

Cooking Feed.

Without doubt for those who are in position to do so, it is a good plan to cook the larger part, if not all the feed given to the hogs. The idea in feeding is to get all out of a given amount of grain that is possible, and I do not believe that there is a more practical or surer way of doing this than by cooking. I have in mind a farmer who has just disposed of a large number of hogs at three dollars per cwt., and has gone and stocked up again with hogs that he has purchased expressly to fatten. He says that he is confident that he can feed them to a marketable condition and then sell at a fair gain even at three cents per pound. He buys all of his grain and cooks it. I understand that he expects to feed burnt corn to this drove, which he purchases at a discount, and has it shipped to him. The success of the cooked grain is evidenced by the number of cookers that are being purchased in this vicinity by practical farmers who have the dollars and cents of the investment well in mind.

How to Fight Yellow Dock.

Please inform me through the P. F. of the best method of destroying what is known as yellow dock in meadow and tillage land?

On land that can be cultivated follow a short rotation and never let any docks go to seed. It is not much work to do this only that the work must be thorough every time, so no seeds will get back to the land. We go over the clover when about a third grown and cut off all docks at the ground. They will not go to seed then before the clover is cut. Of course, when you plow the clover you can easily keep any docks from growing up in corn or potatoes. Some years we have quite a few, but not one now where there used to be 100. We have got the upper hand of them pretty well. Seeds seem to remain in the ground a long time and then grow under favorable conditions. In permanent grass I know of no better plan than to keep the docks cut off, so they will not go to seed.

EDGAR ALLEN POE.

The Truth About His Death Told By a Friend.

The recent dedication of a bust of the poet, Edgar Allan Poe, at the University of Virginia, has revived a widespread interest in the life story of that wonderful literary genius.

Dr. R. D'Unger, of Chicago, who takes exception to the story of Poe's death as it has been told during recent years in papers and magazines, to the effect that he was dragged to death by political "rounders," says:

"This very remarkable story relating to the death of Edgar Allan Poe, which is now going the rounds of the press, would be still more remarkable did it contain a single word of truth. I am personally acquainted with all the facts as to the demise of the poet, and will give them to you in a brief way.

"The story as to his being 'cooped' by ward heelers, drugged and imprisoned in a room in the rear of the fire engine house on Calvert street (the old Mechanical Volunteer Fire Company had their engine house there) is preposterous, for the reason that there was no rear room in the house, the engine standing against the rear wall. Poe never had anything to do with politics, never mixed with politicians, and, besides, was not a voter in Baltimore at that or any other time, being a non-resident.

"He was not a 'bum' either, and it was only men undeniably of this stamp who were 'cooped'.

"Poe was a morose, melancholy sort of fellow, his great weakness being an inclination to drink with any and every body that invited him, but I do not believe that he ever called the 'boys' up to the bar even when he had money, which was seldom.

"He had an abundance of old Virginia pride, and would brace up after several drinks and be all 'fuss and feathers,' and then it was that he could and would talk eloquently. Periodical speaking was his greatest weakness, and the sober intervals were regulated as to length by the state of his pocketbook—never full, to my recollection, but now and then with a five-dollar bill in it.

"The winning of the \$100 prize for the 'Gold Bug' story made a fool of him. He could never stand prosperity. After getting this money he went on several small sprees, but finally on a 'great' one, as he termed it. After being intoxicated for a week he would suffer from inflammation of the stomach, and it was this complaint that carried him off, and not a poisonous drug.

"The day after his death, or perhaps two days, the story was told in the old Baltimore Patriot office, then located on North street, above Baltimore, that Poe had been or was to be buried in Potters' field. The printers, although Poe, on account of his arrogance, was not much of a favorite with most of them, did not relish the idea of a grave in Potters' field. A subscription was started, headed, if my memory serves me correctly, by Thomas Sulzer; however, the man who started the list was the foreman of the Baltimore American composing room.

"I myself was on the list for a few dollars.

"With the money thus raised Poe's remains were interred in the churchyard at the corner of Fayette and Greene streets. Poe did not seem to have any money, and for all we knew and saw of them, any friends, outside of the journeymen printers, whom he ever considered his inferiors, even when drinking the whiskey their money had paid for."

"There will always be such a great degree of interest in the life and fate of Poe that falsehood cannot greatly hurt his fame.

Cracked Wheat For Young Chickens.

Some cracked wheat should be given to chicks even before they are a week old, says an exchange. It is the best exercise their digestive organs can have. Whole wheat will be eaten when the chicks are ten days or two weeks old and should always form a part of their ration. It is especially valuable to make them to their quickly, by giving the grain containing just the kind of material necessary for feather production. Where wheat is largely grown, the fowls find enough oat and gains about the same or stack that young chicks hatched in mid-winter will become full feathered before winter, and make early spring layers.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Regular meeting of the Lowell Village Council held in the council rooms on Tuesday evening, Jan. 2.

Meeting called to order by President Weekes.

Present, President Weekes, Trustees Bergin, Lee, VanDyke, Winegar, absent Collar and Look.

The Fire Committee to whom was referred the matter of building a closet for the jail, reported that they deemed it unnecessary and asked to be discharged. Report adopted and committee discharged.

St. Commissioner's report for Dec. received and placed on file.

On motion by Trustee VanDyke, supported by Trustee Bergin the following bills were allowed.

Yeas 4; absent 2.

GENERAL FUND.

Chas. Quick	\$10 50
Lowell Ledger	1 20
Geo. F. White	10 75
H. F. Laue	29 20
R. B. Boylan	2 00
Fire Dept.	17 00
T. A. Murphy	12 50
L. & P. Fund	3 00

\$86 15

STREET FUND.

W. J. Ecker & Son	\$ 71
Geo. F. White	8 50
John R. White	3 00
Z. H. Covert	2 00
L. & P. Fund	112 50

\$126 71

L. & P. FUND.

General Electric Co.	38 00
Ecker & Son	3 10
A. L. Knapp	35 00
C. S. English	75 26
Walter Morris	31 00
Scott Fox	18 20
Electric Appliance Co.	31 77
Freight	2 73
W. S. Edwards Mfg. Co.	16 98

\$252 04

On motion by Trustee Lee council adjourned.

T. A. MURPHY, Clerk.

Women's Troubles.

Mrs. W. S. Copeland of Cortland, N. Y., writes: "My system was terribly run down and I was threatened with collapse and nervous prostration. Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve and Blood Pills helped me wonderfully in a mild and effective manner." See picture and signature of Dr. A. W. Chase on every box you buy. 50c, all druggists or Dr. A. W. Chase, Med. Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

Notice to Correspondents.

Please date and sign all letters, giving locality. To neglect this makes trouble.

A subscriber called this week and said "I wish the correspondents would not put so much silly stuff in their letters." The suggestion is a good one and this is a suitable time to reform.

EDITH.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

Has world wide fame for marvelous cures. It surpasses any other salve, lotion, ointment or balm for Cuts, Corns, Burns, Blisters, Sores, Felons, Ulcers, Tetter, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Chapped hands, Skin Eruptions; Infallible for Piles. Cure guaranteed. Only 25c at L. H. Hunt & Co.'s drug store.

Grattan-Vergences.

Wedding bells will soon ring for Anna McCarthy and Bert Hoffman.

Mrs. George Fingelton and son Pat spent Thursday with Mrs. John Malone.

Irena McGarry of Grand Rapids visited her sister last week.

Mrs. Byrne is on the sick list
A number of young people attended the dance at Grattan Center Saturday night
We wish you all a Happy New Year
MIDGET.

Smyrna.

The Smyrna K O T M band will hold their annual dance at Green Hotel Jan 19

A J Dickens and wife have returned from their visit at Lansing

Elder Close will hold a series of revival meetings at the hall, commencing Jan 9

Ray Ring and Nellie Hanks commenced the new year by getting married

Carroll Chase leaves this week for Ohio School started Tuesday after a week's vacation

Silva Short is under the doctor's care
Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers and William Short are visiting in Grand Rapids

L W Bignell of Grand Rapids is visiting his uncle, G. O. Bignell

L. T. Travis, Agent Southern R. R., Selma, 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.

Fallsburg.

Mrs. Richardson of Lake Odessa is visiting her son, Manly Aldrich.

Leon Aldrich of Lake Odessa visited his cousins, Clyde and Clarence Aldrich, a few days recently

A G Stokette returned from Grand Rapids Tuesday

Minnie Stokette visited friends in Lowell Sunday

Frank Maynard and wife attended the interment of his father, T T Maynard at Grand Rapids Wednesday

IMA.

Made Young Again.

"One of Dr. King's New Life Pills each morning and night for two weeks, has put me in my 'teens' again" writes D H. Turner of Dempseytown, Pa. They're the best in the world for Liver, Stomach and Bowels. Purely vegetable. Never grips. Only 25c at L. H. Hunt & Co.'s Drug Store.

Algon.

John Hapeman is among the sick ones

The Gleaners elected the following officers: Chief Gleaner, R B Davis; Vice Chief, Mrs. Georgia Oman; Chaplain, Mrs. Marion Weekes; Secy and Treas, Arthur Armstrong; Conductor, Thomas Reed; Conductors, Ida Weekes; Inner Guard, Mrs. Fred Condon; Outer Guard, Maria Weekes

There will be no installation of officers of K O T M and L O T M this week

Our miller had over 500 bushels of grain brought to mill for grinding one day last week

Ernest and Ed Godfrey were shaking hands with old neighbors and friends here one day last week

Norma Church returned from Cannonsburg Friday

George Ring and wife and Mrs. Cynthia King of Keene spent New Year's day with E Ring and wife

Clyde Godfrey of Lowell spent several days last week with Bert Taylor

Sunday and New Year guests at D Church's were Mrs. Herrington and son Will and wife, Claude and Ray Langfords of Cannonsburg

Myrtle Condon of South Lowell is visiting relatives here

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Old People Made Young.

J. C. Sherman, the veteran editor of the Vermontville (Mich.) Echo, has discovered the remarkable secret of keeping old people young. For years he has avoided Nervousness, Sleeplessness, Indigestion, Heart trouble, Constipation and Rheumatism, by using Electric Bitters, and he writes: "It can't be praised too highly. It gently stimulates the kidneys, tones the stomach, aids digestion and gives a splendid appetite. It has worked wonders for my wife and me. It's a marvelous remedy for old people's complaints." Only 50c at L. H. Hunt and Co.'s drug store.