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## The City Bank

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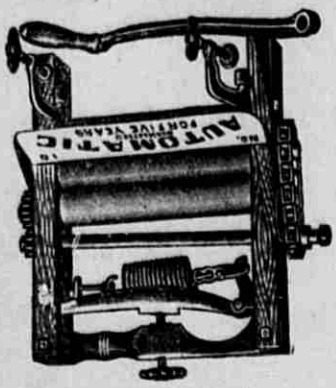
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### NINETY-THREE YEARS.

Newcomb Godfrey Lived to That Grand Old Age.

Newcomb Godfrey, one of Alton's pioneers, died at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Fletcher, in this village, Saturday afternoon, Jan. 6, at the age of 93 years. Funeral services were held at the Baptist church, yesterday at 10, a. m., conducted by Rev. J. H. Westbrook and the remains were interred in Alton cemetery.

Mr. Godfrey was born in Batavia, Genesee county, N. Y., June 9, 1806. When about 12 years of age he moved with his parents to Ontario. He was married to Rachael Holden, Sept. 9, 1830, and in '38 they moved to Indiana. In the spring of '39 they came to what is now Alton and settled on a farm which he retained till last spring.

Eight children were born to them five of whom survive: James H. and Mrs. Geo. N. Fletcher of this village, Mrs. Alvira Aldrich of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Emma Russel of Luther and Mrs. Adelia White of Lake View. The youngest son, Augustus C., gave his life to his country, serving in Co. I., 26th Mich. Inf.

In 1880 Mr and Mrs. Godfrey celebrated their golden wedding and in May, 1885, the wife passed over to the other shore. Nine years ago Mr. Godfrey came to this village and has since resided with his daughter. He has been in feeble health for several years but kept up nicely for a man of his age. He had a slight stroke of paralysis a few years ago which somewhat weakened his right side though he still had the use of it. Tuesday morning when spoken to he did not reply and when his friends went to his bedside they found he could not speak. His throat seemed to be paralyzed and from that time to his death, he could not speak or take any nourishment.

Mr. Godfrey experienced religion early in life and has been a kind and hospitable neighbor, loved and respected by all.

### JAMAICA LETTER.

Jay J. Evans Writes from the Big Banana Land.

Writing from Bath, Jamaica, under date of Dec. 7, Jay J. Evans says that he will start for home January 25th, also that he has taken much pleasure in reading THE LEDGER from week to week. Then he continues as follows:

Our weather here is very mild. The mercury ranges between 65° and 75° where I am now. This island wrapped in its living green, the beautiful palms and all tropical fruits is a magnificent sight, especially when we think of the wintry blasts that usually sweep over old Michigan.

In this portion where I am now located are hundreds of acres of bananas. One man furnishes over 2800 bunches each week. Prices are very low at present. Our finest bunches are only bringing 9 cents, or 18 cents. Cocoanuts are selling at \$1.50 per 100. Prices will brighten up though in March.

I shall remain home but a few weeks and that upon business, and then return to the land of flowers to remain a number of years. I will see you when I return to America.

Yours respectfully,  
 JAY J. EVANS.

### Good Sleighting in Northern Mich.

Wm. Hull of Rockland will spend several months with his parents while taking medical treatment here. He has never recovered from the electric shock received last September when Mrs. Hull was killed by lightning. Mr. Hull reports 18 inches of snow in the Upper Peninsula and good sleighing as far as Mancelona. Mercury stood at 5° below 0 when he left Rockland.

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

### OKLAHOMA LETTER.

Reva Owen Writes of Her Journey, New Home and Schools.

CHANDLER, OKLA., Jan. 8.

DEAR EDITOR:

We started from Lowell on the 4-10 Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 27, and reached Chicago at 7.25, Thursday morning, where we had to wait four hours, leaving at 11.20 instead of at 9.10 as we expected. They have a very nice depot in Chicago but it was very tiresome waiting so long.

We reached St. Louis at 7.20 Thursday evening, where we had but an hour to wait. The car on our next train was very cold and did not get warmed up until sometime the next forenoon. St. Louis was our last change. We reached Chandler at 4.06 Friday afternoon.

Chandler is a place of about three thousand inhabitants. The business portion is on one main street. The court house is near the northern end of the business portion. Back of the court house is the jail. The fire bell is also in the public square, near the court house.

The soil right around Chandler is red while a little way out it is white.

A good many of the inhabitants are colored people.

There are only two school houses here and these are only one story high, have but two rooms each and stand side by side. I think the grades are farther advanced than in Lowell. Here the eighth grade takes up Algebra and Book Keeping. I think the other studies are the same as there. In the seventh grade they take up History and Orthography. In the ninth grade comes Latin, Rhetoric, Physics and Civil Government. My studies are mostly in the eighth grade, although I do not have Algebra or Book Keeping. I have Arithmetic in the seventh grade.

The text books are somewhat different here also. We use Maxwell's Grammar; Harkness' Latin Reader and Martin's Physiology. We also use Barnes' History, the same as at Lowell. The Harkness' Latin Reader covers about the same amount of work as Jones' only it is arranged entirely different.

Mr. Ferrel is the principal of the schools here. I recite all my studies to him but Arithmetic which I recite to Mr. Robertson in the next room of the same building. All of my recitations but Physiology come in the fore noon.

Every evening a Mr. Stevens teaches Book Keeping in Mr. Robertson's room. He teaches for \$10 a month and gives a diploma. A person only has to go for one month to receive a diploma.

There are six churches here, the Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Catholic, Episcopal and Christian. The Congregational church was destroyed by the cyclone a few years ago but there is talk of rebuilding it.

Hoping to hear from all Lowell friends, I remain yours respectfully,

REVA O. OWEN.  
 Chandler, Lincoln county, Oklahoma.

### CORNSTALKS WANTED.

Twenty loads of bright, clean cornstalks. Apply  
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Pillows and feathers cheap at Blain's

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 and 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,	2 00	Men's Tan Russia Bal, heavy sole, were 3 50, now	2 98
Ladies Titan Calf, storm, heavy sole Shoes, bal, were \$3	2 50	Men's Black Box Calf, Bals were 2 50, now	2 10
Ladies Kid, welt sole, Shoes, bal, were 3 00, now	2 60	Men's Black Box Calf, Bals, heavy sole, were 3 00, now	2 60
Ladies Vici Kid, welt sole Shoes, bal, were 3 50, now	3 00	Men's Black Box Calf, Bals, heavy sole, were 3 50, now	2 98
Men's Tan Russian Calf, bals were 2 50, now	2 10	Men's Black Vici Kid, leather lined, heavy sole, were 3 50, now only	2 98
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MRS. M. A. CARR.

### FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE.

I offer my Lowell property consisting of good house, barn and three lots for sale or exchange for a farm or Grand Rapids property. Inquire on premises. 29tf  
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### OAK LOGS WANTED.

Wanted white, black and yellow oak logs for which highest prices will be paid. Also custom sawing done. For further particulars see  
 J. C. TRAIN, Lowell.

### NOTICE.

Having leased the Enos & 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 speed prospects, also some extra heavy pairs.  
 GEO. E. LAKE.

### THE LOWELL MARKET REPORT.

Corrected Jan 11, 1900.

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



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LANSING SCANDALS—WILL THE PEOPLE PROFIT THEREBY?

The Ledger wishes to congratulate its growing army of readers on the outcome—such as it is—of the special session of the Legislature.

Governor Pingree was warranted in calling the session; and although his chief purpose and aim was through legislative action to equalize the burden of taxation; and although this most just purpose was temporarily sent to the demerolion bow, the people of our state have had a chance to see how it was done.

Any one who fails to see that the dominating purpose of the assembled Solons at Lansing has been and is to fight Pingree and to put down whatever he desires to accomplish, regardless of any intrinsic merit in his not always clearly defined plans, could not see a hole in a ladder.

"Down Pingree" is the cry and the injustice of unequal taxation is smothered by a Senate, which if it represented the desires of the immense majority of the people, would have helped the Governor in his efforts to benefit the great mass of the people.

"You cannot fool all the people all the time" and we trust the Lansing lesson will yet bear good fruit.

But this feature of the affair is not of such supreme importance at this hour as are the results actually accomplished by the Grand Jury.

A search-light has been turned on those who have made our state Capitol a den of thieves.

The action of the Grand Jury in uncovering a straight sample of the kind of men who through the supineness of voters, the use of money and by political intrigue are enabled to get into places of power and plunder a worth many times its cost, is the people will but heed the lesson.

Thieves in high places have deliberately stolen from the State of Michigan forty thousand dollars and our grand Grand Jury has put its fingers on some of the rascals; one has fled and some are trembling and are calling on the hills and mountains to cover them from the faces of an indignant people.

The Ledger and all independent journals, all voters who desire only the best good of the whole people of our land will rejoice and be exceedingly glad of this outcome.

Let us with renewed courage keep arm buckled on and fight the best way we may all the hosts of selfishness and sin.

A GLOIOUS British retreat is announced. Hipl! Hipl! Hurrah!

The activity of the Russian arena shows that the Czar intends to preserve the peace if he has to fight to do it.

The big Chicago drainage canal is now open.

What's the matter with Michigan anyway? asks someone.

Too big to fight in politics for one thing.

Too much "going straight" whether the ticket is good or not.

That's the way rascals are elected to office and that's the reason our taxes are twice as high as they ought to be.

The remedy is simple. It consists in giving your own private interests preference over party politics.

We are pleased to learn that Geo. DeHaven is to be retained as general passenger agent of the Pere Marquette railroad system.

The Spanish at Manila were not hard to defeat. Dewey's daring lay in attacking them before he knew this. Neither would the entrance to Santiago have been hard to force.

SENATOR GRAHAM would like to be Auditor General. He is not a senator, but he is a citizen.

His Wife Saved Him. My wife's good advice saved my life from F. M. Ross, of Windfield, Tenn.

Fallsburg. Minnie Rose of Lowell is spending a few days with Ada Booth.

John Scott and wife of Lowell visited his parents, Henry Scott and wife Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lomas have moved into Mrs. Elsie Kennedy's house in Kearsarge.

Mr. and Mrs. Obery and sister, Loria Lampan of Eldorado visited Mrs. Bert Hartwell last week.

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South Lowell. Nosh Allen has moved his saw mill into C. O. Hill's woods.

Business Directory. O. C. McDaniel, M. D. Physician and Surgeon.

E. E. Campbell, Insurance, Loans Notary Public, Real Estate Agent and Collector.

Edward O. Mains, Attorney-at-Law. Office in Train's Opera House Block.

E. A. Hodges, Dentist. Ricker's old stand, Lyon Block.

Aneta P. Watts, Pianist and Accompanist. Teacher of Piano.

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### HOME NEWS.

J. C. Train wants to buy oak logs.  
New milch cow for sale. Wm. Cheetam. 2w

Isaac Mitchell is confined to the house by illness.  
Miss Minnie Rouse is visiting friends at Fallsburg.  
Mrs. A. E. Cambell returned Monday from Lake Odessa.  
Trustee Look was doing business in Grand Rapids Tuesday.  
Miss Dottie Buckley has been visiting friends in Grand Rapids.  
Stair cards in large new type only 10c each or 6 for 50c. at this office.  
Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Parks have returned from a two weeks trip to Ft. Wayne.  
The new time table of the Pere Marquette railroad is published in this issue.

E. L. Baker of Adrian was the guest of his cousin, Mrs. L. P. Thomas last week.  
Miss Ethel Moore returned Saturday from a weeks visit with Grand Rapids friends.  
Mrs. Hattie Sweeney of East Bloomfield, N. Y., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. Brower.  
The Phila A. Clark W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Adams, Tuesday, Jan. 16th at 2, p. m.  
Supervisor White and Attorney Perry went to Grand Rapids on the Pere Marquette Monday.  
Rob Jones' unlucky star still follows him. He was badly injured in a Washington mill recently.  
A. W. Weekes advertises to close out his cloaks and jackets at 50c. on the dollar. Great opportunity.  
The passenger trains of the Pere Marquette were viewed by large cro at the new depot Monday.  
Rev. Wm. Chapple of Cascade madb this office a pleasant call Tuesday and left an order for some job printing.  
The death of A. B. Waterman, formerly landlord of Hotel Brace, is reported as taking place at Saranac yesterday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Levi Jerome and son Myrna of Tuscola, spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Sayles and other relatives.  
Born in Vergennes New Year's morning, a 74 lb. son to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Potruff. A "happy New Year" sure enough.  
A draft for \$3,700 was forwarded from Grand Rapids to Amsterdam last week Wednesday to be used for the relief of widows and children of Boers killed in the present war in South Africa. This makes nearly \$5,000 the Hollanders of Grand Rapids and Ottawa county have contributed for such purposes.

Smokeless coal at Clark & Spraker's Fifteen bars Fairbank's Dandy soap only 25c at McMahon's.  
Four percent interest is now due on all unpaid taxes. D. T. Bush, Township Treasurer.  
Lost.—Small wheel from baby's go-cart, Saturday evening. Please leave at Laundry.  
WANTED.—Bright girl or boy to learn printing trade. A good chance will be given the right candidate.  
The new Pere Marquette depot is to be lighted by electricity. It will be an ornament to the village when completed.  
Alonzo E. Culver has purchased the Ed Crow residence property of the Building & Loan association, consideration \$675.  
WANTED.—Six copies of this paper of December 14. It was a 12-page paper and copies must be complete. Will pay 5c. each for them.

J. W. Broadbent who has been buying potatoes in car lots in Oceana county spent several days in town, returning to his work Monday.  
Mr. and Mrs. George Severy have returned to Otsego after two weeks visit with their parents and other friends, Miss Elva Sayles accompanying them.  
Edward E. Wright fell from the scaffold in Music hall, Monday, striking on the back of head and inflicting very severe injuries. Dr. Greene is attending him.  
Milo Barney is the fortunate possessor of a bran new tricycle. His many friends will wish him "much joy" with it. We know of no one more deserving of good fortune than Mr. Barney.  
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Murphy entertained at dinner on Sunday. Among the guests were Messrs. and Mesdames James Murphy, Christopher Bergin and John Bergin.

Word was received last week of the death of the infant son of Dr. and Mrs. Brooks at Florence, Col. When Mrs. Peck returned from there two weeks before she left the child in its usual good health.  
Hoyt L. Conary in "A Man About Town" is the next number of the Epworth League lecture course, Jan. 23. Prof. Nicholson has seen this entertainment and speaks very highly of it.  
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Parker entertained to dinner Sunday. Following were the guests: Mr. and Mrs. E. D. McQueen and son, Wm. Perrine and daughter, Mrs. Hicks, and Will Perrine of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Bethel McLean has been transferred from his former position to that of baggage master at the Lowell depot of the Pere Marquette railroad. He has rented the Martin Barber house to remain here permanently.  
Walter Gibson and Maurice Lang planned a very pleasant surprise on Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Andrews last Thursday evening, about twenty-five of their friends participating. The evening was spent in dancing and refreshments were served at twelve.

The nuptials of Mr. Robert Hefferan and Miss Anna McCarthy of Grattan were celebrated with Nuptial High Mass at the Parnell Catholic church on Wednesday morning, Rev. Fr. Byrne officiating. Friends and relatives of the highly popular contracting parties attended from Lowell.  
Last Friday evening about eighty guests gathered at the home of Michael Downes of Vergennes. The evening was spent playing progressive pedro. The head prizes were captured by George McCabe of Cannon and Mrs. Thomas Lally of Vergennes. Edwin Downes of Ada and Miss Jennie Wright of Vergennes received the boobies. A most delightful evening was spent by all.

A barrel of fine ginger snaps at McMahon's only 25c. This is a snap.

### WHAT'S The Matter With it?

If there is anything the matter with your watch, let us take a look at it.

Don't let it go on ticking itself to destruction; a few particles of dust will, in a week, do more damage than the ordinary wear and tear of a year of keeping time.

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Miss Cora Moon, who is attending a Chicago medical college, has been spending her holidays with her parents in Keene. She visited Miss Myrtle Taylor one day last week.

A marriage license was issued Monday to Freeman Winters of Lowell and Mary Froman. Rev. McAllister performed the ceremony Tuesday afternoon. A wedding supper was served at Mr. Winters' home.

#### Church Notes.

The services of Rev. D. T. Morris of Grand Rapids have been secured by the Congregational church and regular preaching may be expected at the usual hour Sundays.

The annual meeting of the Congregational church and society will be held at the church Monday evening next for election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. A full attendance is desired.

The M. E. church will begin revival meetings Sunday, Feb. 4, and continue as long as the interest demands.

The Epworth League will give an Experience social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Quick, Tuesday evening, Jan. 16. The young people will tell how they earned a dollar. They are earning these dollars to buy a new piano. Music and refreshments. Everybody invited. Ten cents from all excepting those who earned a dollar.

Meetings conducted by Rev. Davidson at the Baptist church, Thursday and Friday evenings of this week and Sunday morning and evening. Sunday evening address will be given to young people especially.

The Christian Endeavor society of the Cong. church are very much encouraged over the outlook for the new year. With Mr. R. D. Bancroft as president and a fine corps of officers and committees they are full of hope that the present year will be fruitful.

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#### Work of the Temperance Ladies.

The Federation of the local W. C. T. U's. which suspended its meetings over a year ago was revived yesterday at a meeting called for that purpose at the prospective reading room on East Main street, Mrs. Ruby Fox presiding.

The active work to be taken up by the Federation will be to open and conduct a free reading and lunch room.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Phila A. Clark; secretary, Mrs. C. A. Slade; treasurer, Mrs. W. Merriman.

Mesdames Merriman, Brower, Adams and Watts were appointed a committee to act with the president in drafting a suitable constitution and by laws. Other committees were appointed to further the work taken up. A special meeting will be held Saturday at 2.30, p. m., to complete unfinished business and receive suggestions as to the plan of work.

Co-operation and attendance from the community at large is kindly solicited. Over one hundred dollars have already been subscribed by the business men and others of the town

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#### West Lowell.

I. Gristwood of Fenwick is visiting his brother for a few weeks.

The officers of the Sunday school were elected last Sunday for the ensuing year and are as follows: Supt, Mrs. Gristwood; Asst, H. Peters; Secy, C. McIntyre, Asst, W. Mullen; Treas, J. Holmes.

P. Thompson went to Ionia Tuesday to visit his brother, Ed.

Elder Chapple of Cascade was the guest S. Gristwood and wife Monday night.

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#### Cascade-East Paris.

Fred Stark is visiting friends at his old home at Hudson, O.

Viola McGrath of Chicago and friend, E. Senbring visited at Mrs. John Eardley's Wednesday.

Robert Patterson who has had a struggle with the gripe is around again and resumed his duties as teacher Monday.

Mrs. Eunice Shuman has just lost a valuable horse.

Those on the sick list are Mrs. Joe Davis, Mrs. Chas. Clark and daughter, Jennie, DeWitt Spaulding and Mrs. Cornell.

Etta and Bertha Davis of Grand Rapids were here over Sunday.

Another of the pioneers has gone to join the silent majority, Andrew J. Hood at his residence on the Thornapple road, at the age of 75 years. Mr Hood came here early in the 50's with his wife and four little children. He bravely met the trials and hardships which fall to the lot of the early settlers. There was nothing he did but what he did with a will. Himself and wife when they concluded to build, went to Vergennes to find something suitable to build after. They decided on Geo Crosby's residence which they improved upon. He said: "I built so that those who come after me will not have to build over." Mr Hood lived and died highly respected by all who knew him. He leaves a son and two daughters to mourn his loss.

The friends of Wm Teeple met at his home to celebrate his 43d birthday. The surprise was a complete one but none the less very successful. There were about 40 present and all seemed bent on having a good time and were assisted by host and hostess. After refreshments were served music and games were indulged in and all departed wishing him many happy returns of the day.

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#### Aiton.

Mrs John Denton of Coral visited a few days recently with her parents.

Elder Mudge will be here next Sunday. Mrs Dorus Church visited friends in Grand Rapids and Grandville the latter part of last week.

The next aid society will be with Mrs Willis Purdy Jan 17.

Mr Pant had a narrow escape from being burned out New Year's eve. Some one threw kerosene on the back side of the house and set fire to it.

Henry Slayton purchased the engine at the grist mill last week and moved it to his home.

Mrs Wm Andrews of Bowne visited relatives here recently.  
Elmer Bar of Otisco has moved into Dick McGee's tenement house.  
Mrs Amanda Watkins of Grattan is the guest of Mrs H White.  
Chris and Abe Blosser received a cablegram this week that their father had a stroke of paralysis and was at a hospital in Switzerland.  
Ralph Ford returned from Tennessee Monday.

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#### DEATH OF MY BELOVED WIFE, MRS JOHN DUFFY

Departed this life on Jan 3, 1900, at her home in the township of Vergennes after an illness of several months which she bore with great patience until God was pleased to call her to her just reward. The funeral services were conducted by Rev Fr Byrne at St Patrick's Catholic church in Grattan. Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord and may the perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

My dear wife, Bridget O'Riley, was born in the county of Cavan, Ireland, in the year of 1827. She emigrated to New York in 1840, thence to Grand Rapids, Mich., in Sept 1856. We were joined in holy wedlock on the 18th day of October, 1857 in Grand Rapids and lived there until April 1859 and then moved to Cascade and remained there until May 1866, thence to the township of Vergennes where we have lived continually until it pleased God to take her. I thank my many friends and neighbors for their kindness during my troubles and affliction and their attendance at the funeral and will make special mention of Messrs John Bergin and Peter Ronan of Lowell for their coming so far; also our amiable school teacher, Miss Eva Murphy who dismissed her school to attend the service and Mesdames Richard Morse and Mrs Tinkler of Lowell.

Dated this 9th day of January, 1900.

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