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MASONIC PROGRAM

For Dedication Entertainment-
 Wednesday Evening, Feb. 7.

Arrangements about completed for the dedication of the new Masonic temple on Wednesday evening, Feb. 7. The committees have left no stone unturned to make this the star event in Masonic history.

After the dedicatory services the following will be rendered:

PROGRAM:
 Out of the Old into the New.
 WARREN WAITE, Gratton.
 Fraternity. AARON CLARK, Caledonia.
 Song, "He was a Prince," F. Lynes
 MISS BESSIE McCARTY.
 Song, "Creole Love Song," Edgar B. Smith
 MISS ANNA MAYNARD.
 JUDGE HORACE S. MATNARD, Charlotte,
 (Subject not yet announced)
 Masonry Past and Present.
 JUDGE E. H. WILLIAMS, Allegan.
 Song, "Ye Merry Birds," Fred Gumbert
 MISS DAISY GILLES.
 A Leaf from Masonic History,
 PROF. F. R. HATHAWAY, Grand Rapids.
 Eminent Men in Masonry.
 REV. W. H. THOMAS, D. D., Ionia.

After the program comes the banquet for which the Eastern Star ladies are making extensive preparations. Then comes the ball and "After the Ball" who can say what will happen?

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

Social, Art Loan and Entertainment
 at Train's Opera House.

On Thursday evening, Feb. 1st, instead of Feb. 2nd, the Christian Endeavor society will give their "night-cap social."

An art loan will be one of the attractions. No admission will be charged to the hall; but 5 cents will be charged to enter the art department. Come one, come all and be sure to bring your caps. The following program will be given after which refreshments will be served.

Instrumental solo Mary Whitney
 Recitation Marguerite Southard
 Vocal Solo Mrs. Geo. Giles
 Recitation Nina Hiller
 Vocal Solo Fred Jury
 Recitation Johnnie Miller
 Vocal Solo Fern Clark
 Recitation Esther Ruben
 Instrumental solo Clara Lawrence
 Recitation Freda Ecker
 Vocal Solo Daisy Covert

In Memory of Mrs. Sherrard.

Mary Louise Wickham was born in Clayton, Mich., Dec. 31, 1868, where she lived with her parents until five years of age when her father died and she went to live with her uncle, S. W. Wickham of Oakley, Mich., and resided there until her marriage to Wm. Sherrard, Jan. 1, 1888. They went to Langford, S. D., the following spring where they have since resided. Three children were the fruit of this union. Mrs. Sherrard was of such a sunny disposition that she made warm friends wherever she chanced to be and her friends unite in saying they never knew a truer friend or a better wife and mother than she was. About a year ago her health began to fail and as the summer passed away the stricken husband realized that his dear companion was going from his side and in October, last, they came back to Michigan. Soon after they came their youngest child, Ernest, a beautiful boy of three and a half years old was taken from them leaving their hearts wounded and sore; but not long was the mother separated from her baby, for on Jan. 13 the messenger came and whispered that her Heavenly Father was waiting and she departed, leaving a heart broken husband and two sons, Earl aged 19 and Clare aged 7 to know that grief that only the death of a dear one can cause. There are also a mother, brother and a host of friends who sincerely mourn her loss.

Don't Tear Down—Build Up.

The old fashioned theory of the advent of Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve and Blood pills, which cure by creating new rich blood and nerve tissue. Through the medium of the circulation and the nervous system they strengthen and invigorate every organ in the human body. 50 cents, J. L. Druggists, or Dr. A. W. Chase Med. Co., Buffalo N. Y.

A \$55 Singer sewing machine to be
 lost out at \$19 at Stocking's.

HODGES' HARD LUCK.

The Grand Rapids Alderman Stricken
 With Paralysis.

Many Lowell friends of Frank Hodges will read with regret the following announcement clipped from last evening's Grand Rapids Press.

Alderman Frank E. Hodges of the Eleventh ward suffered a stroke of paralysis last night and as a result is very ill at his home on Madison avenue. Mr. Hodges was attending a party at the club house of the South End Ladies' Literary club on Cass avenue. The stroke came about 10:30, and Mr. Hodges was immediately attended by physicians, four of whom chanced to be present. He was removed to his home. Inquiry at his home this morning elicited the information that he was no better.

It was with no little alarm that Mr. Hodges' friends learned of his sudden illness, particularly owing to the nature of it. The alderman's father died of paralysis, as did also one of his brothers; and another brother, Chester Hodges, has been ill for two years with the dreadful disease and has suffered three strokes of paralysis.

LIVED NINETY-FIVE YEARS.

Death of Mrs. Burroughs, An Aged
 and Respected Pioneer.

The remains of Rosetta E. Burroughs were brought here from Auburn, N. Y., Saturday, Jan. 20, and laid to rest in the cemetery at Fox's corners beside those of her husband, James C. Burroughs.

In 1847, Mr. and Mrs. Burroughs left their home in Seneca Falls, New York, and came to Michigan, locating in Vergennes township on the bank of Flat river, where he built the flouring mill later known as the Fox mill.

After living there for seventeen years Mr. B. died, when his widow moved to Lowell and remained here until the Summer of 1874. She then returned to the state of New York and has lived with her grandson, Jas. W. Burroughs in the city of Auburn until the message came for her to go up higher. Her end was calm and peaceful. She had no pain but gradually grew weaker from day to day until the last.

Born, May 6, 1805, died Jan. 18, 1900. Mrs. Burroughs leaves very many warm friends in Lowell and vicinity.
 A FRIEND.

HOME NEWS.

McCarty & Co. have a new adv. in this issue.

Allie Knee of Ionia was in Lowell Monday.

Chas. R. Hine of Grand Rapids was in town Tuesday.

Dr. P. L. Cambell of Ionia spent Sunday with his parents here.

S. S. Courtright of the Davison Gazette was in town last Friday.

Joseph Kinyon has been granted an increase of pension from \$6 to \$8 per month.

Letters at Lowell post office for Rev. Geo. Atchinson and Maryanna Kszoler.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Brown and children are guests of Dr. and Mrs. O. C. McDannell.

Just received a case of boys heavy fleeces lined underwear. To sell at 25c at W. S. Godfrey's.

Mrs. B. C. Smith returned to her home from the hospital at Grand Rapids last Saturday.

Dr. A. E. Cambell and wife spent Sunday with the latter's sister, Mrs. Charles Oliver at Ionia.

Miss Anna Maynard gave a pupils' recital at her home last evening. A pleasant time was spent.

Leon Burnett has gone to Detroit to fill a position similar to the one he had on the old L. & H. R. R.

Lost.—Friday, Fox terrier dog with nickle plated collar and tag No. 96.
 C. A. KELLOGG.

A marriage license has been issued to John J. McGinnis of Allendale, N. D., and Elizabeth Verlin of Ada township.

William F. McKnight is arranging for a meeting of the Kent County Democratic club. A banquet with some "big gun" speakers is proposed.

Announcement is made of the approaching marriage of Miss Hattie Stone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stone, of this place to Dr. D. K. Thyng of Willow City, North Dakota, to take place Feb. 7. Miss Hattie has been employed since last June with her uncle, C. E. Lawrence, who is station agent at Willow City.

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

1 1/2 fine kid lined, heavy sole shoe, bal, were 2 50, now 2 00	Men's Tan Russian Bal, heavy sole, were 3 50 now 2 98
Ladies Titan Calf, storm, heavy sole shoes, bal, were 3 00, now 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, 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
Men's Tan Russian Calf, bal, calf lined, heavy sole, were 3 00, now only 2 48	

This Sale Lasts 30 Days.

Commencing January 1st, 1900

Come Early before sizes run out.

BUTTS & OWEN.

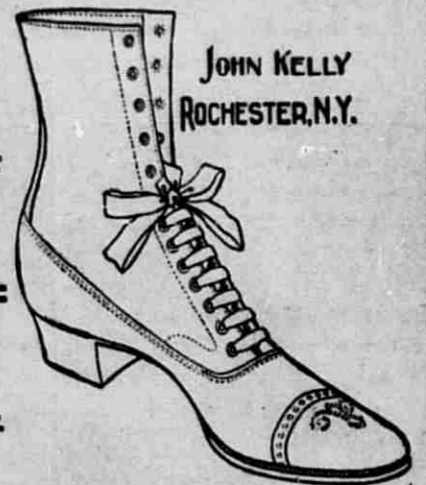
HUNT'S PINK

Never Fail.

Headache Tablets

HUNT'S DRUG STORE.

SPECIAL
 LOW
 PRICED



For the remainder of this month. Several odd lots of shoes which we want to clean up before spring comes. We are making low prices as an inducement to sell quickly. Among the lots are Shoes for Men, Women, Misses and Children. Good Shoes but not all sizes.

1 Lot Women's Shoes regular price \$3 00 now 7 50
1 " " " " " 2 00 " 1 00
1 " " " " " 1 25 " 1 00
1 " Misses " " " 1 50 " 1 00
1 " " " " " 1 50 " 1 25
1 " Men's " " " 2 50 " 2 00
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Special Prices on Men's Heavy Winter Shoes, Other Bargains. Our regular prices are as low as good Shoes can usually be sold for; But at our Special Prices—they are rare bargains.

J. E. LEE & CO.

Rubber Weather

is here and so are we with the largest stock of RUBBERS we ever had at this time of the year. From now on is just the time you need rubbers if you ever do. Our Rubbers are Warranted to cure all forms of diseases caused by wet feet—if worn regularly. Buy our Rubbers and save yourself much sickness and expense. Yours for Good Health and More business, The Old Reliable Shoe House,

A. J. Howk & Son.



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.

NEWS FOR MICHIGANERS.

A Whole Regiment of News Items From Michigan Towns

CAPTURED FOR BRIEF READING.

When the Report of the State Tax Commission Starts Publishing It Will Furnish Some Startling Information Regarding Tenth Cent of Taxation.

Another Year of Struggling From the State.

The state tax commission, in pursuance of its duties of investigating the system of assessed valuation and taxation of the state, has already been through its list of 85 counties in the state.

Two-thirds of this work is done, and from a brief survey of a small portion of the field covered by the commission, there is no question that when the report is finally made to Gov. Plagge, or to the next legislature when it meets, will prove most startling.

Apparently hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of property, both real and personal, is escaping taxation yearly, owing to the most flagrant neglect of the assessing officers of the townships and counties throughout the state.

At Muskegon a millionaire was found who was paying taxes on \$1,000 worth of property when the same was actually worth \$500,000.

Since the special session of the legislature adjourned, the commission have investigated for two months, with little or no rest, in order to make the eight or ten new counties. Instances after instance have been found where the large property owner is escaping taxation altogether.

Another \$100,000 loss in Detroit. Shortly after midnight on the 17th fire was discovered in the building occupied by the Mutual Storage Co. at 25 to 27 West Grand.

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Accounting Cashier Caught.

Clifford A. England, former cashier of the Warren-Scharf Asphalt Co. of Detroit, who is alleged to have embezzled from the company in August, 1907, and for whose apprehension a reward of \$1,000 was offered, was arrested in Chicago on the evening of the 16th.

England, being a confidential book-keeper and cashier of the above firm he experienced no difficulty in securing the money from a local bank in the name of a check, cashed by another and having it cashed.

When arrested he acknowledged his crime and said he would return to the city and offer the penalty. He and his wife visited many points of interest in Europe and then traveled in Asia, coming back to Chicago by way of San Francisco.

Shortly after reaching Chicago he secured a position as manager in John McLean's wholesale furniture store, which position he was still holding when arrested.

England was a highly paid man, and made many friends, and had the confidence of his employers. His downfall is attributed to his wife.

Mrs. England is a woman with a history. She was formerly Miss Dorothy Winford Smart, daughter of Henry Smart of Cleveland. Prior to her marriage she lived at the Hotel Belmont, Detroit, with a man named White, who was, or pretended to be, a traveling man from Cleveland. They lived as man and wife, and his behavior was such as not to arouse the slightest suspicion on the part of either the proprietors or guests.

After living quietly at the Hotel Belmont, White paid the bill, and the two moved out.

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FARM AND GARDEN.

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO AGRICULTURISTS.

Some Epiphytic Hints About Cultivation of the Soil and Theoretic-Horticulture, Viticulture and Floriculture.

Increasing Demand for Good Mutton. C. F. Curtis, in a report to the Department of Agriculture says: "The American people have been characterized as a nation of pork eaters and pork producers, with little or no appreciation of good mutton. However, this may have been in the past, the conditions are rapidly changing. There is now a constant demand for good mutton in all sections of the country. The demand is largely accounted for by the rapid increase in the price of wool, which has been steadily increasing since 1890. At any rate, there is a constantly increasing demand for good mutton in the United States. The Chicago market alone in 1898 took nearly a million more mutton carcasses than during any previous year, and the receipts during 1898 are the largest on record. This is a significant fact, and one which should be of great interest to all concerned with the mutton industry.

Rescue Grass. This is known scientifically as Bromus unioloides. It is apparently a native of the southwestern part of the United States, and is considered exceptionally favorable. The result of this experiment showed that the grass was capable, after being deprived of all its roots and branches, and pruned, of sending out a new root system and a top to correspond. The dwarf pear, standard pear, German prize, and Early Richmond cherries are all well adapted to making very little root development on the pruned trees.

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Quickly Cures Colds. Neglected colds always lead to something serious. They run down your general health and deprive you of sleep; or they end in genuine consumption with all its disastrous results. Don't wait, but take Ayer's Cherry Pectoral just as soon as you begin to cough. A few doses will cure you. But it cures old colds, too, only it takes a little more time. We refer to such diseases as bronchitis, asthma, whooping-cough, consumption, and bird winter coughs.

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A LOST RECORD.

Mary Wetherell had become accustomed to the idea of spinning and weaving in the very intonation which was so often heard.

During the next few weeks Mrs. Westinghouse had an opportunity of observing the reputation which this young man inspired in his father. Even when he endeavored to be amiable he could not restrain a habitual sneer. His appearance must have caused his bad manners, but it could not account for his unrestrained curiosity and his pertinacious presence.

His father spent much time with him, talking with him upon general topics, and endeavoring, apparently, to interest him in subjects such as men of intelligence enjoy. But Mrs. Westinghouse's manner in which she managed to convert the dismal rooms of the old house into sunny and artistic apartments seemed little less than a miracle to him.

With frightful forebodings she rushed to her husband's room and found him with hand hanging from his sleeping couch, murdered. His throat had been cut.

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THE BOERS FIGHTING HARD.

Buller's Force Meeting with Stubborn Resistance. BRITISH PUSHING FORWARD.

Spurgeon's Camp, Natal, Jan. 22. 9:30 a. m. - Early Sunday morning General Warren commenced a flanking movement on the extreme left of the Boer position. The infantry advanced at 6 o'clock in the morning along the irregular Tabanyama Mountain, which ends at Spion Kop. The artillery occupied position behind and on the plain.

One morning Mrs. Westinghouse, descending from her room, noticed upon the wall above the stairs the imprint of a bloody hand, and the sight of it was so startling in itself, but what added to her horror as she looked at it was the fact that it was the imprint of a hand which had lost its index finger.

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"I have used your Peruna both for myself and my mother. Mrs. Hannah J. Bennett, now in her 88th year, and I find it an invaluable remedy for cold, catarrh, hay fever and kindred diseases; also a good tonic for feeble and old people, or those run down and with nerves unstrung." Yours truly, Belya A. Lockwood.

Catarrh may attack any organ of the body. Women are especially liable to catarrh of the pelvic organs. There are one hundred cases of catarrh of the pelvic organs to one of catarrh of the head. Most people think, because they have no catarrh of the head, they have no catarrh at all. This is a great mistake, and is the cause of many cases of sickness and death. "Health and Beauty" sent free to women only by The Peruna Medicine Co., Columbus, Ohio.

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HOME NEWS

When trouble strikes, the light soap 1c a bar at McMahon's. Miss Lizzie Terwilliger was in Ionia today.

Air guns at less than cost at R. D. Stocking's.

Heavy woolen socks for 20c per pair at W. S. Godfrey's.

Robert Burkholder of Freeport is visiting friends in Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Barrett visited friends in Saranac Saturday.

Mrs. Allan Bancroft visited at her son Charles at Alto last week.

Herbert Graham, of Chicago, is visiting Lowell friends a few days.

Condensed tomato soup only 10c at McMahon's. It's a fine article.

Mrs. N. Brayton of Freeport was the guest of her son, B. L., last week.

Mrs. Peter White is visiting her daughter Mrs. Emmitt White, at Saranac.

Mrs. F. T. King and daughter Florence were in Grand Rapids Saturday.

Mrs. Daisy Richardson, of Stanwood, is visiting her mother Mrs. Aldrich.

Fred Sargent of Grand Rapids was the guest of Miss Clara Train over Sunday.

Rumor says mean to have another railroad but it isn't worth losing any sleep over.

Mrs. M. J. King was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Parker of Campbell last week.

C. W. Perry and daughter of Howard City visited with the family of M. M. Perry over Sunday.

F. M. Godfrey has examined the buds in his peach orchard and finds them in first class condition.

The Grand Rapids Herald Almanac has reached our table. It is a very desirable book of reference.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Lane and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Moore were guests at F. E. Faulkner's in Hastings, Sunday.

Beautiful graves and etchings of landscapes and scenes given free with "Cream of Wheat" breakfast food at McMahon's.

W. B. White has left Groton South Dakota, and gone to Minot, Ward county, North Dakota, with a view to locating a homestead.

The Detroit Free Press Year Book for 1900 is at hand. It is a very valuable work of reference and its price, 25c, places it within the reach of all.

The Pere Marquette people have changed things around so at Elmdale that one cannot find the court house or opera house without inquiring the way.

The Pere Marquette time table in this issue is "strictly up-to-date." There are several changes since last week and one train has been taken off entirely.

Mrs. J. W. McAllister announces that she is prepared to take a class in "Physical Culture," term to begin Feb. 1. For information apply at M. E. parsonage or telephone 65.

W. G. Helrigle of Bowne lost two of his best cows, recently from eating too much meal. He informs us that it pays to raise Durham cows even for their hides, as they weighed 94 and 69 lbs. [Freeport Herald.

Band No. 3 of the Congregational church met at the home of Mrs. Althen last Friday afternoon and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Pres., Mrs. F. R. Ecker; vice pres., Mrs. Phebe Tate; sec., Mrs. Z. H. Covert; treas., Mrs. Chas. Althen.

Cottage prayer meetings will be held in Lowell at various places, commencing Monday evening, Jan. 29, and continue through the week excepting Thursday and Saturday evenings, conducted under the auspices of the M. E. church preparatory to revival meetings which will begin February 4.

Rev. John F. Brant of Lansing, State Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, will preach at the Baptist church next Sunday morning. He will hold an afternoon "open parliament" for better law enforcement and local option at the Congregational church at 3 o'clock. A union mass meeting at the M. E. church at 7.30. Mr. Brant speaks at all three meetings and in the evening will sing a solo.

Ray Covert is on the sick list.
 Theo. Muel'ler is under the weather.
 W. S. Godfrey sells boys reefer coats cheap.
 T. A. Murphy has something to say to the readers in this issue.
 Miss Maston entertained Miss Myers of Grandville over Sunday.
 Eugene Cambell was doing business in Grand Rapids Saturday.
 J. Flynn and Frank Pickard were in Grand Rapids on business Tuesday.
 Advertisement of the closing up of the Arvine Hunter estate appears in this issue.

If you need an ulster overcoat call on W. S. Godfrey. He is selling them at 1/2 price.
 Roy Hill went to Big Rapids yesterday to attend the Ferris Industrial school.
 Vergennes W. C. T. U. will meet at the home of Mrs. Hattie Hoag Thursday afternoon, Feb. 1.
 W. H. Bennett, manager of the Chicago branch of the Reading Hardware company, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Orton Hill.
 W. S. Godfrey sells ulster overcoats for 1/2 price. A great chance for the man or boy who wants an ulster.

The Alma people who bought the woolen mill machinery of C. E. Clark some time ago are taking it down preparatory to its removal.
 Taft & Co., Mrs. C. M. Hunter, Mrs. C. A. Slade and Miss Carrie Hunter have put in Bell phones. Sixteen others will be put in this month.
 Dr. M. C. Greene, R. J. Flanagan and Dr. A. E. Cambell attended a session of the Masonic Grand Lodge at Detroit Tuesday and Wednesday.
 The bands of the Baptist church will serve chicken pie from 5 to 8 Friday, Feb. 2, at the reading rooms. A special invitation to all. Bill 15c.
 Miss Mary Flynn is learning the "art preservative" at the LEDGER office, and Miss Maude Court has undertaken the same task at the Journal office.

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday to Merritt Lewis of Bowne and Gertrude B. Collins of Vergennes; and to Shirley Brownell of Ada and Pearl Goodrich of Rockford.
 The Vergennes Dancing Club will give their next dance on Friday evening, Feb. 2. They will also give a Grand Masquerade Ball on Thursday evening, Feb. 22.
 Phila A. Clark Union will hold its regular semi-monthly meeting at the home of the president, Mrs. D. P. Atwater. All interested in the work, cordially invited.
 The LEDGER does its job work in such a manner that the patrons will not demand that it be done over. We are not fond of doing a job twice for the one price.
 C. T. Wooding of Aberdeen, Wash. sent S. B. Knapp a handsome 16 pound salmon and the fish has been on exhibition at the Lee market this week where it has attracted considerable attention.
 Hoyt L. Conary in his "Man About Town" was greeted by a very large audience at the opera house, Tuesday evening. As a mirth-maker he is a success and the audience seemed well pleased.

About 25 of the friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sherman dropped in to spend the evening with them last Saturday. The time was pleasantly spent with games and music and refreshments were served.
 The village library has been removed to the State bank block. The rooms include a reading room containing reference library. The Board of Education is to be highly commended for this beneficial change.
 A copy of the first paper published in Grand Rapids has been donated to the reading rooms by Mrs. H. O. Caldwell of this place. It is dated April 18, 1837, is a four page weekly, price \$4 per year; with Geo. W. Pattison editor and proprietor.
 The Oddfellows have leased the old Masonic hall for five years. Our informant who said that the Maccabees had rented it was mistaken. The I. O. O. F. will thoroughly renovate and refit the apartments before occupying the same.
 H. S. Schreiner recently purchased all the sadlery hardware of John Beadle of Saranac that the latter had in his Saranac and Lake Odessa harness stores and has moved the same to Lowell. Mr. Schreiner is selling some of the standard brands of axle grease at 50c on the dollar to close out stock. Now is your time to buy axle grease.
 The Michigan Bell Telephone company has gathered into its fold two of the independent telephone companies of the state, namely, Detroit Telephone and the New State Telephone company. By this transaction it is claimed, 70 per cent of the independent telephone business of Michigan passes into the control of the Erie system.
 The next number of the Epworth lecture course is that of G. A. Gearhart, Wednesday evening, Jan. 31. We have had plenty of mere fun and entertainment and are pleased to announce that the next number promises to be "a feast of reason and flow of soul." Mr. Gearhart is a lecturer and judging from his press notices and subjects will furnish an intellectual treat.

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50 Per Cent Discount.

JUST THINK OF IT! and if you need one for yourself or Boy come to the **Corner Store** where you can buy them for 1-2 Price.

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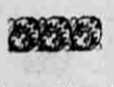
**Sale Commences Saturday Morning, Jan. 27
And Ends Saturday Night, Feb. 10th**

If you want one come early. These prices are to sell them. Don't put it off until the last day if you want an Ulster coat CHEAP. Yours truly

W. S. GODFREY.

Corner Train's Opera House Block, Lowell, Mich.

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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.

Any watch is well worth taking care of; the more your watch is worth the better worth taking care of it is.

All work guaranteed.

Williams

THE JEWELER.

On Wednesday evening, Jan. 17, a number of the piano pupils of Miss Annetta Watts gave a recital at her home. The following pupils participated in the program: Mina Eggleston, Ola Johnson, Jessie Oliver, Louie Williard, Mary Aldrich, Don Wilson, Audie Post, Otice Post and Mrs. E. R. Collar.

Watches and clocks cheaper than ever at Sherman's.
 Closing out sale at Stocking's of guns, air guns and harmless pistols.

THE LOWELL MARKET REPORT
 Corrected Jan 25, 1900.

Wheat	67
Potatoes	30
Beans	1 28
Pork	5 00

Articles not quoted no change from last week's report.

CORNSTALKS WANTED.
 Twenty loads of bright, clean cornstalks. Apply to J. H. CRAMER, Lowell.

His Wife Saved Him.
 My wife's good advice saved my life writes F. M. Ross, of Windfield, Tenn., for I had such a bad cough I could hardly breathe, I steadily grew worse under doctor's treatment, but my wife urged me to use Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, which completely cured me. Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, La Grippe, Pneumonia, Asthma, Hay Fever and all maladies of Obest, Throat and Lungs are positively cured by this marvelous medicine. 50c and \$1 00. Every bottle guaranteed. Trial bottles free at L. H. Hunt & Co.'s drug store

I must close out two new upright pianos as soon as possible regardless of price. It is a rare opportunity for any one needing a fine piano at a low price.
 R. D. Stocking.

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 gripe. Only 25c at L. H. Hunt & Co.'s Drug Store.

Altos.
 John Andrews is preparing to build a barn.
 About 16 of the people took the train Friday afternoon to attend the show at Lowell and returned on the late train.
 Elder Smith filled his appointment here Sunday and will be here again Feb. 18.
 Mrs. A. P. Reed and son visited at A Woods in Grattan Sunday.
 Lon Culver and Hi Aldrich of Lowell were here Monday on business.
 A Vanderbrock and Mrs. Corrigan are preparing to build new residences on their farm

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You Buy The Best Meat

For the sake of your pocketbook you want to buy where you can buy cheapest. If you buy of me you fulfill both conditions for a call will convince you that I handle only the very BEST MEATS and these prices speak for themselves:

Best Beef Steak	12c lb
Good Beef Steak	10c lb
Best Beef Roasts	08c lb
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Chunk Pork	07c lb
Pork Sausage	10c lb

All other meats at equally low prices.

T. A. MURPHY

On the Bridge, East of Postoffice

Highest Cash Price paid for Poultry of all kinds, Hides, Pelts and Tallow.

Fresh oranges, lemons, bananas just received at McMahon's.

TAXPAYERS.—I will be at town clerk's office over Collar's store to receive taxes hereafter.
 D. T. BUSH, Township Treas.

The Methodist supper at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Quick, last evening, was so largely attended that the sixty pounds of turkey failed to go round.

The Citizen's telephone central office has been removed to the store of Butte & Owen. So also has the American Express office. Butte & Owen have taken the local management for both companies.

Fernando Benham and Simon Peterson of Courtland and E. W. Johnson of Rockford were in town Tuesday and Wednesday appraising the McConnell stock in the interests of the estate of the late G. C. McConnell.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.
 Has world wide fame for marvelous cures. It surpasses any other salve, lotion, ointment or balm for Cuts, Corns, Burns, Boils, 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.

J. W. Murphy and wife of Lowell were here Monday.

B Condon visited friends in Cannonsburg several days last week

Willie and Lydia Dickens of Smyrna visited their grandmother, Mrs. J. Mosher, Friday and Saturday

E Ring was in Grattan on business Saturday

The L A S will meet with Mrs S Reppells, Jan 31st

Several of the young people attended the dance at Lowell Thursday night

Fishing through the ice has begun and Chris Blosser has captured several

Philo Lavender of Oakfield visited his mother one day last week

Mr Lockwood of Lincoln Lake was here last week Wednesday

Our west railroad crossing is a dangerous one and we hope the railroad officials will show us the same favor as they did Belding and attend to it

The Saginaw and working trains came near having a collision one night last week The work train had to back to Smyrna to let the other train pass

Election of officers at Sundry school next Sunday

Mr and Mrs Henningway of Trufant were guests at Geo Ford's Sundry