

# THE LOWELL LEDGER.

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WHOLE NO. 377.

## Bank for Workingmen

THIS institution was intended to meet the wants of people who work, who make little, and who save but a little at a time. Every help is extended to make the way easy to accumulate a Bank Account. Small sums from One Dollar up are received, and the absence of formalities, and the very small sums needed to maintain the account explain the popularity of the Savings department of

The City Bank...

Orton Hill, President.  
W. A. Watts, Cashier.

3 PER CENT INTEREST PAID ON SAVING DEPOSITS.

## FRUIT GROWERS

NOTICE!

We have the California and Hachmuth side hill STEP-LADDERS and Evaporator supplies. Prices are right. Yours,

R. B. BOYLAN.

## Are you a Frequent Visitor?

WE want to have the impression get abroad that visitors are welcome to this

Store. We like the good, old-fashioned notification that "our latch string hangs outside." It has a comfortable sound. We believe our store has a good reputation for making people feel at home who come in to look around, but we want to be sure that it has. Therefore we address this to you, to whose eye it may come. Your are welcome to Oliver's.

The White Front.  
The People's Store

A. D. OLIVER, Prop.

## Bottled or in Bulk Good Perfumes

If you are looking for with dainty, lasting odors of the fresh flowers we think we can suit you.

Bell Phone 89. HUNT'S DRUG STORE. Open Sundays.

## Another New Line of Hosiery Just In

Finest and Largest Stock in Lowell. Come and see what we can do for the children And let us remind you of our

Cloaks, Capes, Fur Collarettes, Misses Jackets.

Best Goods. Best Assortment. Lowest Prices.

J. B. NICHOLSON.

East Side.



OUR NEXT CONGRESSMAN, WILLIAM F. McKNIGHT.

The following is what William F. McKnight's election to Congress means. Are you in favor of it?  
Good government and an impartial administration of all laws.  
Equal rights to all and special privileges to none.  
No government by injunction.  
No imperialism, no trusts, no monarchy, no kings, no dukes.  
No large standing armies.  
No large army expenditures in times of peace.  
Hensions for all all deserving soldiers.  
No vacillating, wabbling policy.  
No conquest of territory that does not wish to come to us willingly.  
No Sultan of Sulu with a harem of 300 wives to be supported by the taxpayers of America.  
Abolition of the trusts.  
No colonies for this republic.  
The establishment of an income-tax law.  
The election of all United States Senators by the people direct.  
Governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed.

## IN BOY'S CLOTHES RE-UNION COMPANY M

### MARGARET WALLACE RAN AWAY FROM HOME.

Injured in Jumping From Train, Saturday Evening.

Jessie Garrison, a man employed as farm hand by Owen Byrnes of Vergennes, was made to jump from the Grand Trunk train here, Saturday evening, Sept. 8. With him was a girl in boy's clothes, Margaret Wallace, aged 16 years, daughter of an iron worker at Elk Rapids. The girl in following her friend, received severe injuries on her head and one hand. The couple went to the adjacent home of Mrs. McEwen and Dr. M. C. Greene was summoned to attend to her injuries. The lady of the house gave the girl clothes suitable to her sex and Doctor Greene notified the girl's parents. A reply came from the latter expressing gratitude and agreeing to send for her.

Last Saturday night Garrison and another man drove to the house and the girl was taken away. The next morning the clothes which Mrs. McEwen had given her were found on a brush heap. Tuesday, the girl's Uncle Lewis of Elk Rapids arrived here and Deputy Sheriff Morse's services were enlisted. He located the girl in a house at Ionia with Garrison's mother and found her there only half clothed and apparently insane. Mr. Morse brought her to Lowell, her antics on board the train attracting much attention.

She met her Uncle here and, was allowed to return to Ionia, saying that she was going to marry Garrison. Dr. Greene says that the girl is simply foolish, not insane. And the reason she was allowed to go her way, was because she said if she was taken home, she would run away again.

In either case the girl should be taken care of by her parents or by proper authorities.

Finest assortment of ladies' and gents' gold watches at Sherman's ever seen in Lowell.

### TWENTY ANSWERED TO ROLL CALL.

Island Park Chosen for Permanent Meeting Place.

Company M, Sixth Michigan Calvary, Custer's Brigade, held its annual reunion at Island Park Tuesday with twenty of the original 100 present, many accompanied by wives and children.

The following responded to roll call: Miner Hayward of Wayland; Wm. Godfrey, Freeport; Jeff Godfrey, Belding; John Hartley, Freeport; M. B. Meals, Coral; Wm. Stone, Alto; Lester H. Pease, Maple Rapids; Abram C. Barclay Hersey; Chas. Winks, Lowell; Edwin Bunker, Bowne; F. O. Hudson, Clarksville; Alexander Sprague, Saranac; Erastus Hull, Keene; Sheldon R. Curtis, Orange; Justus Case, Lyman; Levi Barnard, Orange; Bradley Croninger, McCords; Cornelius Densmore, Saranac; Robert McNee, Freeport; W. M. Gibson, Saranac; Ezra North, (deceased) of Saranac, was represented by his widow, S. P. Curtis, (deceased) of South Lowell by his widow and son Earl, and W. J. Ecker by his widow.

In the election of officers for the coming year, Bradley Croninger was chosen president and Levi Barnard secretary.

Speeches were made by Abram G. Barclay, Chas. Winks and M. B. Meads and Mrs. S. P. Curtis read a description of the battle of Winchester as written by Captain Curtis.

Comrade Winks treated the old boys to grapes and-pears in liberal quantities.

Island Park was chosen as a permanent place for annual meetings. Comander Pease, the baby of the company, is 6 feet 4 inches tall and weighs 235 lbs.

### Weaving Wanted.

I will weave for ten cents per yard until further notice, good work both in coloring and weaving guaranteed. Fourth house west of Upper Bridge. oct11 Mrs. H. E. Faulkner.

## A Word about Stoves...

We have them of all kinds and sizes.

### Garlands

First prize at the Paris Exposition.

### Jewels

The largest Stove Company in the world

Wood Heaters, Soft Coal Burners, Hard Coal Base Burners, Cook Stoves and Ranges.

Cash or Payments.

### Spraker

& Cambell.

## BLAIN

Sells the famous

Black Cat Stockings



BLACK CAT BRAND Chicago-Rockford Hosiery Co. KENOSHA, WIS.

The best on earth. Try a pair for the boy that is hard on his Stockings and they will please you.

## CONGREGATIONALS

### MAKING EXTENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS

On Church, Painting, Decorating and New Pews.

Services were resumed in the Congregationalist church last Sunday after an intermission of several weeks, during which time the interior of the building was thoroughly renovated and elegantly decorated. A handsome electric chandelier hangs from the center of the ceiling and the other electric lamps have been lowered by suitable devices. The walls are beautifully tinted and adorned with handsome borders, while the ceiling is "a thing of beauty and a joy forever."

Comfortable new pews will complete the interior improvements for the present; and the painting of the exterior is still in progress, vastly improving its appearance.

Our Congregational friends have thus made a long stride in the improvement of their house of worship and with the zealous and gifted Rev. Morris for pastor we can see no reason why the church and society should not continue to prosper—unless it be the lack of a foot bridge for the benefit of would-be east-side attendants. For this much-needed reform, the united strength of the church and society should be exerted at once.

Mr. Morris announced "a talk" next Sunday morning, to hear which a full attendance is desired.

### REV. J. W. MCALLISTER

Welcomed Home by a Large Congregation Last Sunday.

Large congregations greeted Rev. J. W. McAllister at the M. E. church last Sunday to welcome him back for another year. At the morning service, a review of conference proceedings was given, especially of the Sabbath services.

The pastor gave a brief outline of Bishop Goodsell's great sermon and of the very impressive services at the ordination of the young ministers. Miss Maynard sang a very pleasing solo in the morning and in the evening a very beautiful trio was rendered by Misses Maynard and Westbrook and Mrs. Murphy.

The church has greatly enjoyed the work of Miss Maynard in the past and we are very glad to know that the committee has secured her services for another year.

On Friday evening a sociable will be held at the church, to

which all the members and friends of the church are invited; there will be music, speeches and a general good time. Light refreshments will be served. No collection.—[Com.

### Stop Paying Rent.

Do you own your own home? Are you poor and paying your money out for rent as fast as you get it? Why not apply that same money on purchase of a home of your own and have the use of it while you are paying for it? You can do it. Others have. Ask "Norm" Blain how Mrs. Hanson got her home.

The Lowell Building and Loan association will loan you the money to buy with, and with the money you will otherwise pay out for rent you can in ten years own your own home. More than that; you can employ your leisure hours in improving and beautifying the place, knowing that you and yours will get the benefit of it.

There are still several bargains in Lowell houses to be had and the prices are lower than they ever will be again, with building material going higher and higher.

Act now, before it is too late. Stop paying rent. Own your own home!

### THE LITTLE MINISTER.

"We consider Gibeon Garl an artist of very rare type. His presentation of the "Little Minister" at Moor's opera house last evening was a favorable surprise. The large audience was delighted and showed their warmth by frequent outbursts of applause.

Babbie was their favorite, however, and well she was deserving of extraordinary appreciation favorism, as Mr. Garl's quaint portrayal of the pretty gypsy girl, together with his artistic costume and make up, presented a very natty character. As the minister, his rich voice and clerical mannerisms were without fault.

His conception of lowly Scotch life—though lines of merriment—the pathetic accent, together with Nanny's personality, presented a somewhat sad effect yet rendered jovial by Babbie's cute and witty remarks."—[Nevada (Mo.) Democrat.

At Trains opera house, Oct. 2.

Sherman's prices on gold watches are below competition.

New nobby suits. Suits for boys just arrived; come in boys and look them over. We will do you no harm and we may do you some good. The Godfrey Brothers.

# FROM ALL OVER MICHIGAN

## Happenings of a Week Stewed Down for Ready Reading.

### A WHOLE REGIMENT OF ITEMS.

#### Polish Laborers Get Into an Altercation at Jackson and a Gun was Brought Into Action With Serious Results—Another Wreck in St. Clair River.

#### Shooting Affray at Jackson.

John Mallack, a Polish laborer, residing in Jackson, on the evening of the 23d, settled a controversy with Frank and Stephen Gowski in summary manner. Frank Gowski, aged 17, and his brother were visiting in Mallack's neighborhood with their father. On their way home they became involved in an altercation with a Polish neighbor of Mallack. During the interchange of compliments Mallack took a hand. He came to the door of his house with a shotgun, threatening to shoot. The Gowskis thought he was not in earnest and continued their banter. Mallack became enraged and dropping his gun, picked up a cane and went out into the road where the Gowskis were standing, struck Steve a violent blow on the arm. Gowski's brother, Stephen, saw the blow and rushed to the aid of Mallack and punched him quite severely over the head. Mallack then broke away, retraced to the porch of his house, picked up his gun and fired at short range at the two boys as they stood together. The single charge struck Frank in the face and the other boy in the arm. Both boys were severely injured, and it is thought will die.

#### Complete Blockade in St. Clair River.

Without a word of warning, the steel straight back Yuma crashed into the barge John Martin in tow of the steamer Maurice H. Grover, on the 21st instant. In a few seconds, carrying down three men and a woman with her. The accident occurred in the rapids, just below the Fontana wreck, above Fort Huron, on the 21st, and the channel is completely blocked, stopping navigation. The Grover and Martin were bound down loaded with lumber. The Yuma was bound up. Just as the Martin had nearly cleared the Fontana wreck, the Yuma, which had evidently slowed down to clear the wreck, struck the Martin about half way through the rapids. Gabriel Peterson, of Cleveland, took the steering of the Yuma at the wheel when the Yuma struck the Martin, and they are the only two who were saved, and so far as known, of the entire crew.

#### No Increase This Year.

Auditor-General Dix will make the appropriation of the census department for two weeks, and as he cannot obtain from the census department at Washington a statement as to the population of Michigan collected by the present census, he will be compelled to report the state military and naval reserve taxes according to the population as determined in 1904. The military reserve tax is \$11,208.20. Under the new census an increase of at least \$10,000 in the two funds was expected.

#### Speed and Pope on Trial.

The ghost of the Ingham county grand jury attack, in which the political case on the morning of the 18th when the contempt proceedings against Judge Speed, of Detroit, and Judge Pope, of Alpena, were pending, is being revived. It will be remembered that Speed and Pope were attorneys for Gen. A. F. Marsh and of the interest of the military purchase of the case going on. Judge Speed promptly appointed a committee to investigate their conduct with the result that they were both cited to appear on the 21st. The case was then adjourned for a week, and it is expected that the case will be decided on the 21st.

#### Huron County Abstracts May Cost More.

The big abstract scrap which has been razing at Bad Axe for about three years, was declared off on the 18th when the Huron County Abstract Co. sold out to Charles E. Thompson, abstract Co., successor to the Huron Insurance Abstract and Title Guarantee Co. Ltd. The price was \$3,500 and prices on abstracts a little soon county will probably be a little soon.

#### Disease in Michigan.

Reports to the state board of health show that diphtheria, rheumatism, neuralgia, dysentery and cholera infantum in the order named caused the most sickness in Michigan, during the week ending September 15. Smallpox was reported at 4 places; cerebro-spinal meningitis, 5, whooping cough, 11, measles, 13, diphtheria, 31, scarlet fever, 49, typhoid fever, 124, and consumption, 172.

#### The Spring Fire in the northern counties destroyed many partridges, and fall sport will be behind previous years.

At 34 years service as county clerk, the late Hon. Altona county comes up for re-nomination without opposition.

In addition to a carload of supplies and a carload of furniture Grand Rapids has sent \$2,000 to the Galveston sufferers.

### MICHIGAN NEWS ITEMS.

#### Brooklyn is to have a new cemetery. A test oil well will soon be put down at Willow.

#### There are nine students from Cuba at the Albion college.

#### Over \$100 was raised at Jackson for the Galveston sufferers.

#### Horse thieves have been operating in the vicinity of Willow of late.

#### The Lansing Presbytery has voted against a revision of the Westminster creed.

#### A movement is on foot at Jackson to establish an independent telephone system.

#### Appellate is to have a new bank, which will be opened for business very shortly.

#### Deer licenses will be being shipped to the county clerks by the secretary of state.

#### The 5th Michigan regiment will hold its 31st annual reunion at Mt. Clemens, Oct. 16-17.

#### Oxford people can afford to be sick nowadays. The drug stores in the village are having a price war.

#### The office of sheriff of Alcona county purchased \$300 worth of traps, and this fall there are eight applicants for the honor.

#### Thieves secured \$75 in cash and \$100 worth of stamps from the postoffice at Chaucery, Kent county, the other night.

#### Work has begun on the construction of a new planting mill at Grand Ledge, to take the place of the one recently burned.

#### The Three Oaks Creamery Co., the members of which corporation are all farmers, says out about \$1,000 each for milk.

#### Nine Finlanders, at East Tawas, threw up their allegiance to the czar on the 19th by taking out their fall papers of citizenship.

#### All grand jury cases will go over until after election, as the circuit court for the county of Ingham on the 24th voted to adjourn until then.

#### There will be an adjourned session of the Detroit presbytery at Grand Rapids on Oct. 10, and the next regular meeting will be held in Detroit on Oct. 17.

#### The Democratic campaign was formally opened in Detroit on the night of the 19th. The speakers were: Rev. S. W. Sample, of Minneapolis; Mayor Jones, of Toledo, and Senator Wellington.

#### The appearance of the stars on the night of the 23d marked the beginning of the season for \$50. In the different temples in Detroit services broke forth with the blowing of the ram's horn and lasted for 48 hours.

#### Applied for citizenship in the order around Grandwell that they are rotting in heaps on the ground. There is little prospect of the evaporator plant being operated this year on account of the large crop of apples in the east.

#### In 1899 a total of about \$5,000 was paid for deer licenses in Michigan.

#### The population of the county of Dickinson was \$1,496, which was paid in Dickinson county. The smallest sum was \$4.25, which was collected in Alcona county.

#### The Cadillac people for free mail delivery in their city has been revived by the news that a government inspector has been ordered there to inspect the military post and see if conditions are favorable for the institution of the service.

#### A couple of Mormon elders have been working Harriaville and vicinity in the interest of their church. They are confining their attention almost entirely to women and weak-minded men. The local ministers are not looking with pleasure on the movements of the Mormons.

#### A tramp named Jos. Greening was burned to death near Benton Harbor on the night of the 23d. He had been taken from the penitentiary to his home at the Morrill fruit farm, and came home drunk and set the building on fire. Loss on building and windward \$1,000.

#### Traffic cannot be very heavy on Cheboygan's streets; on some of them at least. A lady that city lost her eye yesterday morning, and she was found dead in the middle of the street, just where she had dropped them. A woman who had been in the city for some time was not injured in the least.

#### The peppermint farms around Deatur are expected to yield from 20 to 15 cents per bushel this year. From 40 to 70 pounds have been realized from these lands in years gone by, but wet weather and frosts have reduced the average with persistent regularity on the 100 'wills' that dot the big fields, only a few are in use. Strange to say, the price of oil has gone down as fast as the output has decreased.

#### The Kalamazoo Valley Electric Co. has begun work at Marshall on the electric road it proposes to build across the state. The franchise granted by the city council of Marshall provided that work on the line must be commenced within six months. The time has now expired, and the road is not yet open to operation. Considerable grading work will be done all along the proposed line this fall, although little steel will be laid before spring.

#### A Shelby cat takes the cake in that respect. She recently killed a rat, after eating it found that a family of little ones had been left by her victim. Instead of serving them forth as she had the mother she nursed them for some time, until they were so large that they could be taken care of by themselves, and then she proceeded to live high for a couple of days without the exertion of hunting her food.

#### The Michigan Federation of Labor is in session at Muskegon on the 19th and 20th, report the past year a prosperous one for all kinds of labor.

### From Kansas Swept Away.

Advisedly the Wagon train that the 23d, says: Heavy rains on the upper Brazos brought down a 15 foot rise in the river today. This evening the river showed signs of flood and was rising slowly. The water rose eight feet of leaving his banks. Residents of the flats in East Waco are moving out tonight fearing that later reported today may cause an overflow. The Texas Central lost its bridge across Deep Creek, north of Groc. A watermelon crop is being raised on Brownswood and its vicinity today and the rise in Pecan bay swept crops, fences and farm houses away. The water got up three feet in the city of Brownswood and much damage was done. The rain was accompanied by high wind which wrought much destruction to crops and improvements.

### Minnesota Visited by a Cyclone.

The village of Morrowtown, Minn., was visited by a cyclone on the 24th. The storm came without warning upon the citizens from a south-westerly direction, passing over to the north-east. The length of its path was less than half a mile, but owing to its peculiar action the distress and damage resulting were not as great as might have been expected. The storm made jumps of one block, but whenever it came down everything was crumpled by the power of the wind. The only people who had taken refuge in a saloon. There were 16 people in the building when the storm struck it and only three of them escaped alive.

### Seven Sailed in New York.

An epidemic of suicide seems to have struck New York on the 23d. A number of such cases was considered by the police as being extraordinary in that the cold weather of the last few days has superseded the period when such cases are common. The police handled a number of cases where the persons failed to accomplish their purpose. They were taken to the hospital where some took their own life on the above date.

### Bank in Fifty Feet of Water.

A Santa Fe passenger engine crashed through a wharf at Point Richmond, Cal., on the 23d and sank in 50 feet of water carrying with it Engineer H. A. Allen, Telegrapher Mulcahy and Fireman Press S. Adams. The body of Adams is pinned beneath a hundred tons of steel at the bottom of the bay. The two other men were injured but not fatally.

### NEWSY BRIEVITIES.

#### Russia is now trying to secure a loan in New York.

#### Grovo, West Africa, will experiment in growing cotton.

#### Cholera deaths in India for week ending Sept. 1 totaled 5,951.

#### Mexico City subscribed over \$9,000 for the Galveston sufferers.

#### Thirty-one new cases of yellow fever were officially reported at Havana on the 23d, making nearly 100 new under treatment.

#### The Kuratu and Tabual islands were formally annexed to France by the governor of Tahiti, Aug. 21, at the request of the natives.

#### Sugar exportation from all Cuban ports for the eight months ending with Aug. 31, aggregated 266,843 tons, and there are 7,423 tons on hand for export.

#### An explosion occurred at the Frish Glueck shaft in Duquoy, Pa., on the 19th. Thirty-five persons were killed and 13 injured, and five persons are missing.

#### Four Negroes, in jail at Poncha-tone, were taken from the jail and hanged by an angry mob of whites on the night of the 30th.

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### CYCLONE IN MINNESOTA.

#### Leveled Buildings to the Ground in Short Order.

### THIRTIETH PEOPLE WERE KILLED.

#### Heavy Hails in Texas Cripple Rivers to Overflow Endangering Lives and Property—The Iron and Steel Mills are to Resume Work.

#### Trouble in Manila.

#### There are rumors of attacks on the railroad and of trouble in Manila. Refugees are arriving there from Laguna, Morongo and Pampanga provinces. The natives of Manila are restless and many are leaving the city. The hostilities are particularly marked along the railroad and on the shores of Laguna de Bay. The insurgents have attacked garisons and outposts. In some cases they have charged towns, feeling, when pursued. Guigay, Manila and Alabaca have been subjected to this treatment. The Manila mail escort of 30 men was attacked at Caburga Lake, a two hours' ride from Manila. The escort was also attacked, the telegraph office was being destroyed. The insurgents have burned the village of Rosario. They have been cutting telegraph wires and railroads at certain points. Armed insurgents have developed in the districts of San Jose, San Mateo and Moravia. As soon as the night of the 23d, the river bank for miles was strewn with the bodies of the dead.

#### With the German proposition to postpone peace negotiations with China until the matter of the Philippine insurrection is settled, the Philippine commission held a long session on the 19th and passed the civil service bill.

#### The conference committees of the Amalgamated Association of Iron & Steel Workers and the Philippine commission held a long session on the 19th and passed the civil service bill.

#### Another terrific Wild Storm in Texas.

#### The northern and northwestern part of Texas was visited by one of the most disastrous rain and electrical storms experienced in years on the 23d. The damage is heavy, but is confined largely to cotton and railroad interests. Farmers declare that the injury to the cotton crop is about 10 per cent. The Rio Grande river at Dallas has risen nearly 20 feet and has overflowed its banks. Sheriff Hughes sent out mounted officers from Dallas to notify farmers and other residents along the valley to move out.

#### Puerto Rico's Demand on Cuba.

#### For the repayment of more than \$2,500,000 Cuba has demanded that military operations against Cuba have been the source of considerable amusement. The Cubans are asking why they should repay funds lent to the enemy for the express purpose of subduing them. Gen. Wood will return the documents forwarded from Washington to Gov. Allen of Puerto Rico, together with a check for \$2,500,000.

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### CHINA WAR NEWS.

#### The refusal of the United States to accede to Germany's proposition regarding the Chinese settlement is prominently commented upon by the entire German press. In spite of the previous intimations through Washington telegrams the refusal has come as a great surprise. A high foreign official, referring to the matter on the 24th, said: "Germany adheres firmly to her proposal. She has no occasion to regret that favorable answer will come from all the other powers. We have received hints that Russia will agree to the German note and the same course is confidently expected of Japan and Great Britain. We hope the answer of the United States is not final, especially in view of the possibility that it was influenced by temporary conditions."

#### Details of a horrible massacre at Blagovestehansk has been received, which was undoubtedly carried out under direct orders from the Russian authorities and which then let loose the tide of slaughter through Amur. The entire Chinese population of 5,000 souls was exterminated. Three company sheriffs and a small posse of the sheriff had summoned on ground went to the Indian River of the Blagovestehansk to visit the river bank, was ordered to cross over to the Chinese side. He was surrounded and killed. The river is a mile wide. The Chinese were flung alive into the stream and were stabbed or shot at the least resistance, while Russian soldiers lined the bank, clubbed or shot any who attempted to land. Not one escaped alive. The river bank for miles was strewn with the bodies of the dead.

#### With the German proposition to postpone peace negotiations with China until the matter of the Philippine insurrection is settled, the Philippine commission held a long session on the 19th and passed the civil service bill.

#### The conference committees of the Amalgamated Association of Iron & Steel Workers and the Philippine commission held a long session on the 19th and passed the civil service bill.

#### Another terrific Wild Storm in Texas.

#### The northern and northwestern part of Texas was visited by one of the most disastrous rain and electrical storms experienced in years on the 23d. The damage is heavy, but is confined largely to cotton and railroad interests. Farmers declare that the injury to the cotton crop is about 10 per cent. The Rio Grande river at Dallas has risen nearly 20 feet and has overflowed its banks. Sheriff Hughes sent out mounted officers from Dallas to notify farmers and other residents along the valley to move out.

#### Puerto Rico's Demand on Cuba.

#### For the repayment of more than \$2,500,000 Cuba has demanded that military operations against Cuba have been the source of considerable amusement. The Cubans are asking why they should repay funds lent to the enemy for the express purpose of subduing them. Gen. Wood will return the documents forwarded from Washington to Gov. Allen of Puerto Rico, together with a check for \$2,500,000.

#### Chas. B. Bayne, president of the Red Cross society, who went to Galveston, Tex., to distribute relief supplies, was stricken down while ministering to the victims of the disaster.

#### In an engagement between a body of Filipino numbering about 1,000 men and detachments of the 15th and 37th U. S. Infantry regiments, the Americans killed 200 and wounded 45 and 5 missing.

#### Gov. Sayers, of Texas, says that the loss of life occasioned by the storm in Galveston and elsewhere on the southern coast cannot be less than 12,000 lives, while the loss of property will probably aggregate \$200,000,000.

#### A dispatch from Athens to Lloyds, giving further details of the disaster, says that the Egyptian mail steamer, which was on shore on the island of Andros, on the Cyclades, says that 40 of the passengers and crew were drowned.

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EARLY BASEBALL

What is known as the genesis of the so-called National Sport.

Somewhere about 1845 the first recorded match was played by a club that organized in New York city and called the Knickerbockers.

The game in New York was in many respects different from the one played in Boston, but our present "old cat" is the basis of both.

It is interesting to note that the pitcher stood at three to ten paces behind the "striker," as the batsman was called.

And it seems also that the catcher stood at three to ten paces behind the "striker," as the batsman was called.

When you are in the Great West you go and you go long time.

When the Farmer Boy was sitting on the fence he was a very old dog.

CAMBRIDGE'S WITTY LAWYER

Examples of the Exquisite Gift of Repartee of the Late Henry W. Palma.

Whenever a group of Massachusetts lawyers get to talking yarn it is doubtful if the conversation comes out with his hand full of nickels the man on the platform leaned over and whispered:

The Emperor of China is thirty years old. His reign nominally commenced in 1875.

Except on these occasions no foreigner except Prince Henry of Prussia has ever seen the Emperor.

Shortly after his accession to the throne the Emperor became very anxious to learn English.

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PERE MARQUETTE

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THE TEXAN CYCLONE

LETTER FROM ONE WHO WAS IN THE STORM.

House Blown to Pieces But Inmates Escaped Safely.

We are permitted to publish the following letter received by Mrs. Phebe Tate from C. W. Benson of Alvin, Texas, regarding the terrible storm that left death and desolation in its track.

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Men's Suits

Men's extra heavy wool suit from 35 to 44.

Men's extra heavy Oxford gray Sack Suit, well lined throughout.

Men's Black Clay Sack Suit, 16 oz. farmers satin lined, yoked and piped, fancy sleeve linings, former price 15.50.

Men's 18 oz. imported all wool French buck, four button, Sack Suit, black, extra heavy farmers satin lined, French yoked and satin piped, fancy sleeve lining, K. N. & F. make. Former price 18.50.

Men's 20 oz. imported French buck, extra fine three button cut-away frock, K. N. & F. make, genuine Italian lining, French faced and satin piped, smooth sleeve linings, former price 20.00.

OUR PILLAR

OF PRICES

Furnishing Goods

Regular 35c Undershirts and Drawers, natural grey, heavy weight. You can buy them of Marks for This Sale Only 21c

Detroit Cotton Fleece Undershirts and Drawers, Edson Moore 40c goods. You can buy them of Marks for This Sale Only 27c

Extra Heavy Wool Fleece Underwear, fancy colors, regular 65c values. For This Opening Sale 48c

Boys Fleece lined extra heavy Undershirts and Drawers, sizes from 26 to 34, regular 40c values. You can get them of Marks for 25c This Sale Only

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# Lowell State Bank

Organized under the general Banking 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 T. King Geo. W. Parker  
 Geo. H. Foroe C. Bergin  
**General Banking Business Transacted.**

## HOME NEWS.

Remember Gibean Carl Oct. 2.  
 Mill slab wood \$1.25 while it lasts at R. B. Boylan's. 2w  
 John Gallagher of Detroit spent with C. Bergin and family.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Kopf were in Grand Rapids last Tuesday.  
 The store of Stocking and Sherman has been neatly decorated.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Will Jury of Traverse City are visiting in Lowell.  
 Watch the windows this week. Extra values. Marks Ruben.  
 You can buy vinegar and pickle barrels cheap of McMahon Bros.  
 Born, Sept. 19, to Mr. and Mrs. Antone Kallinger, a daughter.  
 Gottlieb Berie returned to the Deaf Mute school at Flint last Thursday.  
 Remember the opening started Thursday, Sept. 20.  
 Marks Ruben.  
 M. J. Painter is doing juror duty in the Circuit court at Grand Rapids this week.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Bangs of Matherton visited relatives in Lowell last week.  
 School Commissioner L. A. Burhans, of Ionia Co., was in town Thursday and Friday.  
 Largest line of trunks and telescopes ever received at one time at Marks Ruben's this week.  
 R. J. Breckon of Ionia has been putting the steam heating apparatus into the shirt factory building.  
 See our decorated lamp at 63c. Second annual lamp sale begins Saturday Sept. 29. Clyde Collar.  
 Mrs. Weldon Smith and daughter Tuba went to Grand Rapids, Saturday last, for a short visit and to see the fair.  
 Marks Ruben has five dozen all wool, Dicke's Kersey pants worth \$2.50, while they last \$1.87 takes 'em. Dont be late.  
 Mrs. Bancroft entertains Band No. 1 of the Baptist church at her home on Friday afternoon. Tea from 5 to 8 o'clock.  
 A big head or a small head, either is all right if filled with brains and covered with one of Marks Ruben's stylish hats or caps.  
 Know a good thing when you see it? Marks has five dozen pants, extra heavy all wool, regular \$2.00 goods. During this sale they are going at \$1.39.  
 Mrs. Orton Hill returned last week from a trip with Mr. Hill through Indianapolis, Kansas City, Chicago and other cities.  
 Bargains in pants during my sale 4 dozen all wool Kersey pants, regular price \$1.50. Those who "get there" lively can have them at my big sale for 98c. Marks Ruben.  
 Rev. D. B. Davidson, J. B. Nicholson and wife, Jas. Scott and wife, Mrs. S. P. Hicks, W. H. Eddy and others attended the meeting of the Baptist association at Grand Rapids, Tuesday and Wednesday.  
 Four hundred and fifty men's overcoats is a big stack. Ever see that amount? Not in Lowell you haven't, and there's just one place here where you can see it now and that's at Marks Ruben's, "of course." No wonder he can sell cheap.  
 Mr. and Mrs. George Grant of Saginaw called on Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Johnson Monday. Mr. Grant is now an attorney, but twenty years ago he was teaching school at Almont and F. M. and wife were pupils. Mr. and Mrs. Grant were on their way to Freeport, where the former's father, James Grant of Ada township, is ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. McNaughton.  
 Lyon & Pond of Owosso will have a special sale of jackets, capes, and furs at the store of W. W. Pullen, Lowell, for two days only, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 5 and 6. Lyon & Pond make a specialty of having cloak sales in different towns all over the State. The very latest New York styles will be seen at this sale and at lower prices than ever before.

Got your winter's wood pile? How's your coal bin been? Call on Godfrey for sweaters at the right price.  
 J. C. English and wife have returned from their western trip.  
 The famous tiger and champion hats are sold by W. S. Godfrey.  
 Base ball at Lowell, Friday afternoon, Sept. 28, Alto vs. all Lowell.  
 The greatest line of sweaters in Lowell at Godfrey's. Prices right.  
 Henry M. Newton of Milwaukee, spent last week with M. M. Perry and family.  
 Miss Agnes Perry went to Grand Rapids Monday to work in a photographic studio.  
 Second annual lamp sale, begins at Clyde Collar's Saturday Sept. 29 and continues one week.  
 Mrs. M. J. Kopf and granddaughter, Mary Bangs, visited in Freeport a part of last week.  
 Read, stop and reflect and mark what we tell you, our prices are the lowest. The Godfrey Clothiers.  
 Mrs. J. L. Gould of Chicago was the guest of her nephew F. M. Johnson, Friday and Saturday of last week.  
 Men's cassimere socks only 10c. per pair. Bought 60 dozen to sell at this price. A big snap at W. S. Godfrey's.  
 Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Oliver have returned from their trip to Paris and spent Sunday with O. C. McDannell and family.  
 You will miss it if you do not attend the big cloak sale at W. W. Pullen's Lowell, for two days, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 5 and 6. \* \* \*  
 Among the few items that slipped our notice last week, was a mention of the young son born to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mains, on Sept. 9. — [Lake Odessa Wave.  
 Young man, your best girl will smile more sweetly and say "yeth" much more gracefully if you wear one of those elegant neckties Marks Ruben is selling for 25c. and 50c.  
 We heard last week of two good men who wanted to rent houses. At last reports they were still wanting. Why let your tenant house go empty when a few dollars in repairs would convert it into paying property?  
 Fred Hall, of Lowell, on Monday opened the doors of the Williams House, and will endeavor to give Lake Odessa another first class hotel. He has thoroughly cleaned up the place, so it now is quite attractive. — [Lake Odessa Wave.  
 Rev. D. B. Davidson, as state chairman of Ministers' Aid society, visits the Grand Rapids and White River associations this week in the interests of the society, which at present has seventy-seven beneficiaries.  
 Mrs. M. Robertson as clerk presented the annual letter to the Baptist church on Sunday morning. The year has been a very encouraging one in many respects. The church reports \$941.88 as raised and expended for local and denominational work.  
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 A decree was filed by Judge Wolcott yesterday in the case of George W. Parker against the West Michigan Electric Company et al. The defendant is ordered to pay to the complainant and the defendants, the Michigan Trust Company, administrator of the estate of Charles A. Church, deceased, and to the Michigan Trust Company, trustee, on notes due \$18,348.25, with interest at 6 per cent., before Oct. 1, or in default the mortgaged premises and other property referred to in the bill of complaint will be sold at auction to satisfy the decree. — [Grand Rapids Democrat, Sept. 19.

## Hotel Plaza.

Notice the card of Hotel Plaza in THE LEDGER, and the next time you go to Grand Rapids, try this popular home. You will find every thing neat and clean, with first class services at moderate prices. The meals are A. No. 1 and the waiters are neat and nimble. What impresses us most at the Plaza is its quiet home-like atmosphere. There is no slam-banging around but everything is done quietly and orderly. Try the Plaza next time you go to the city.

## Editor's Awful Plight.

F. M. Higgins, Editor, Seneca, Ill. News, was afflicted for years with piles that no doctor or remedy helped until he tried Bucklen's Arnica Salve the best in the world. He writes, two boxes wholly cured him. Infallible for piles. Cure guaranteed. Only 25c. onts. Sold by Hunt & Co.  
 See Godfrey's new clothing window this week.

## Wanted: A Ragged and Dirty Dollar Bill!

for which I will give you in exchange one of my brand new "NEVER BREAK" MAINSPRINGS, to replace the one that broke in your watch yesterday, and I will fit it into your watch, set it going again and guarantee the mainspring to last a year, all without extra charge.



Fix up the old house and rent it. The health of Mrs. J. H. Rickert is improving.

The best wall trunk on earth is sold by W. S. Godfrey.

Mrs. W. B. Rickert is in Hastings taking treatment for her eyes.

W. S. Barnes has been sick for three weeks with a carbuncle on his neck.

The Hot Springs Medical company is giving shows at Train's opera house every night this week.

Wm. Chambers of Lowell and Onnie Lee of Bowne were united in marriage yesterday by Rev. S. C. Morris.

Working men, when you want ducking coats that will stand the wear and tear, buy them of Marks Ruben, "of course".

Mrs. Sadie Jackson and sisters, Mesdames Ubley and Keys have returned to Lowell after a visit with friends at Mt. Pleasant.

Orlando Kellogg has been very sick for several weeks with rheumatism. He was reported as improving slightly last evening.

Mrs. Sheldon Parker, whose long and dangerous illness has been noted in these columns, is now well on the road to recovery.

Read Marks Ruben's advertisement and his prices this week. This is no wind. He does his business, and advertising methods on sound basis.

Stocking & Sherman are now settled in their newly renovated store and with new goods are ready to serve their patrons better than ever.

A McKinley, Roosevelt & Smith banner has been hung across Main street on the east side. This is about the first political sypptom exhibited in Lowell for some time.

The steam heating apparatus is in position at the shirt factory, and the boiler placed on a substantial stone foundation is being bricked up by "Vet" Brower. The addition for boiler and wash room is well under way.

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## South Boston—Eldred.

Miss Jessie Fletcher and Mrs. R. Young are reported better.

Mrs. J. Lusk died at her home last Saturday night of cancer.

Pearl Medley who has been caring for Mrs. J. Lusk is spending a few days with Mrs. E. Jennings of Freeport.

Mamie Jennings of Freeport is spending a few days with her cousin Bell Lusk.

You can spell it cough, oof, cough, kauf, kaff, kough or kaugh but the only harmless remedy that quickly cures it is One Minute Cough Cure. L. H. Taft & Co.

## ENGAGEMENT EXTRAORDINAIRE

## One Night Only

## Lowell, Train's Opera House,

Tuesday, Oct. 2.

## J. M. Barrie's masterpiece,

## "The Little Minister"

A condensed version thereof presented in Character-Dress by that eminent young artist.

## GIBBEON GARL.

Positively the grandest exhibition of special sort of talent ever witnessed on any stage. Prices 25c. Children 15c.

## OUR SECOND ANNUAL

# LAMP

BEGINS

# SALE!

SATURDAY, SEPT. 29

and continues for one week only—until Saturday evening, Oct. 6, during which I offer my large and well selected stock which was bought right from the factory and are fully guaranteed, at prices that cannot be duplicated in Lowell for the same quality of goods. Throw away that old smoky, back number lamp of yours and come in and get one of our new, up-to-date ones, that will cause you no annoyance whatever. They are beauties. See our prices and be convinced that what we say is true.

CLYDE COLLAR...

# MARK

What we Tell You,

OUR PRICES ARE THE LOWEST...

The Godfrey Clothiers.

LOWELL, MICH.

## School Notes.

A teachers' meeting of grades above the third was held Monday to discuss plans and methods in arithmetic.

Dr. Cooke of a Chicago lecture bureau and Mr. Beggs of the Werner School Book company were visitors this week.

The schools will close Friday in order to give the pupils an opportunity to attend the State fair at Grand Rapids.

The boys practice football regularly and have sent for suits. Games with Ionia and Belding will soon be played.

Miss Starbard is out of school because of sickness.

The first school month closes Friday. Report cards will be given out Monday. Parents are urged to examine the cards carefully, speak to their children about their work and to see that the cards are promptly returned.

A general teachers' meeting will be held in the High school rooms Wednesday at 4.30, p. m.

New outlines for the work of the grades are being prepared.

There were eight visitors in the schools the past week.

## South Lowell.

Rolland Colby of West Bowne is painting Mrs. W. Cilley's new house.

Gracie Cilley is going to Stanton this week to spend a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. Crothers.

Literary exercises next Sunday evening. A fine program is prepared. Everyone come.

Nora Hill entertained Hatie Blakeslee of Lowell Friday evening, Grace Blanding of Vergennes Saturday and Ethel Soules of Lowell Sunday.

Mrs. Fero and daughter Florence spent Thursday with her daughter, Mrs. Erb of Cascade.

A number of young men wanted people to know they were not at church Sunday evening. If instead of disturbing the meeting, if they wish it we will be pleased to mention them in the paper.

## "Look" Before You Buy.

There are men who make their money.  
 Hook or crook.  
 There are men who get their living  
 From a book.  
 There are men whom paths of honor  
 Have forsook,  
 But the man of saving disposition  
 Buys of Look.  
 There are ladies who take comfort  
 In a nook.  
 There are ladies who live in hammocks  
 By a brook.  
 There are ladies who win favor  
 As a cook,  
 But their face has a rosy color  
 Bought of Look.

Always the best in everything!

D. G. Look, The Drug and Book Man.

## Bestwick

Attend the Lamp Sale at Collar's Bazaar, Lowell.

Miss Altha Lambertson of Belding is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Cora Davis.

Miss Lottie Ward returned to Grand Rapids recently after spending her summer vacation with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Blachly, Mrs. Lena Inwood and Jud Weller visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Weller last Sunday.

George Farrell visited the Weller school Friday.

The many friends of Mrs. Wm. Forte are pleased to hear that she is recovering.

Will Sowerby went to Grand Rapids Sunday.

Loved by the people, hated by its would-be rivals; the foe of disease, the friend of humanity—Rocky Mountain Tea, made by the Madison Medicine Co. Ask your druggist.

New line of potted goods, chicken, turkey, ham, tongue, pig's feet, etc., for picnic parties at McMahon's. For your fall jackets and capes, go to Nicholson's.

## THE LOWELL MARKET REPORT.

Item	Price
Wheat	75
New Potatoes	25
Beans	1 00
Pork	6 00@ 6 50
Corn	40
Oats	21
Rye	47
Flour per owt	2 20
Bran per ton	16 00
Middings per ton	16 00
Corn meal per ton	20 00
Corn and oats per ton	20 00
Butter	14 @ 18
Eggs	13
Beef	5 00 @ 6 00
Veal	6 00 @ 6 50
Wool washed	20 @ 28
Wool unwashed	16 @ 20
Onions	40
Clover Seed	5 00 @ 5 50
Peaches per bu	50
Apples per bbl	75 @ 1 00

## Something to Eat...

Anything you want—cooked steaks, chops, oysters, eggs, etc., etc.

Fresh Candles 10 to 60c per pound

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## SUPPLEMENT.

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### Fallsburg.

Attend the Lamp Sale at Collar's Bazaar, Lowell.

Mr. Bennett of Olivet visited at Henry Booth's, Monday.

Mrs. Tower and Mrs. Steketee visited Mrs. O. Choates at Potters Corners, Tuesday.

Rev. Westbrook is with us again as we are pleased to state.

A few from this place attended the funeral of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Davenport's little baby Elizabeth's funeral at the Keene church Sunday.

The P. O. here will be discontinued next Saturday.

The announcement was made Sunday that preaching would be every other Sunday at 10:30 A. M. by the Rev. Raycraft.

Mr. and Mrs. Holuses and daughter Vivian of Saranac, visited at J. D. Harvey's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mavnard visited his sister, Mrs. Johnson of Lowell, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grove Sears of Grattan visited at Henry Scotts, Sunday.

Mrs. Henry Booth visited her daughter Mrs. Charley Booth of Lowell last week.

The most dainty and effective pills made are DeWitt's Little Early Risers. They are unequalled for all liver and bowel troubles. Never gripe.

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### Vergennes Station-Alton

Attend the Lamp Sale at Collar's Bazaar, Lowell.

Married Sept. 22 1900, in Grand Rapids Christ. Krop and Jennie Rennels

The church meeting Saturday evening was largely attended and resulted in a vote to leave the matter in the hands of the committee. A petition is now being circulated to have the building repaired on the present site and not move it.

Many from here will attend the State fair.

Leo Bignell of Palo visited his grandmother, Mrs. J. Mosher, last week. He leaves soon for Oregon.

Mrs. Mollie Delaney and children of Lowell were guests at Terry Quillan's last

week.

A flat car on the side track was ran into and slightly damaged last week.

Mrs. Eugene Rennels has been very sick.

Those that joined the Gleaners Friday night were Mrs. Tom Reed, Bell Beckwith and Pearl Mosher.

Oct. 5th will be the anniversary of the Gleaners organization. A fine literary program will be rendered and a banquet will be served.

Mrs. Griffin of Grand Rapids, daughter of Mr. Doyle was buried at Parnell, Monday.

Guy Norton and wife attended the funeral of Mrs. F. Fuller at Grattan Saturday.

Visitors at Nelson Lewis' last week were Mr. Chapman and Mr. Henton of Grand Rapids, Mr. Hogadome of Detroit and Elder Mudge of Maple Rapids.

Elder Kurby, the Wesleyan Methodist minister, is expected here Sunday

The A. O. U. W. and K. O. T. M. lodges mourn the loss of a member in the death of Earl Randall.

When you want a pleasant physic try the new remedy, Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They are easy to take and pleasant in effect. Price 25 cents Samples free at D. G. Look's drug store

### Smyrna

Attend the Lamp Sale at Collar's Bazaar, Lowell.

The three apple dryers are all running now. Northway and Insley shipped the first white fruit from Smyrna this fall. The prospect for the apple growers and apple dryers is rather discouraging.

Those on the sick list are, Mrs. Peter Kohu, Mrs. David Thompson, and Deloss Dickin's three children.

Mae Little is some better.

Mrs. Cyrus Beady went to Flint this week to accompany her son Coyt, who will attend school there.

William O. Webster of Ionia gave us a political speech one night last week.

Eva Andrews of Vergennes station visited Lottie Northway and other friends here over Sunday.

Visitors at John Purdy's over Sunday were Marton J. Davis of Alden Iowa, also Mrs. Martha Cutting of Lapeer Mich. Mrs. Purdy's uncle and cousin.

George Gelin was home over Sunday from Middleville where he is working in the apple dryer.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Northway visited friends in Keene Sunday, and in the evening entertained Mr. Withers, Mrs. Nellie Robinson, Mr. Cristinore, and Miss Pulsfor from Greenville.

Mrs. Lottie Johnson of Grand Rapids visited at William Gardners last week.

### Pratt Lake.

McMahons are headquarters for the best teas, coffees, spices, etc., and their prices are right.

About forty young people from here and vicinities gave Will Fletcher a very pleasant surprise Friday evening Sept. 21. It happened Will was away and did not return until all were there and then he gave them all a cordial welcome. All enjoyed themselves and especially enjoyed the elegant supper served by Mrs. Fletcher which consisted of coffee, cake, sandwiches fruits etc. Will expects to attend Big Rapids school soon.

W. R. Stone and wife of Canada, visited his nephew Wm. Stone recently.

Mrs. Freeman expects to go to Fenton soon to visit her daughter Mrs. Mae Minty who has another son, born Sept. 1, 1900.

M. D. Sneathen and wife attended a S. S. at Saranac last Sunday.

John Sayles of Kansas and Miss Brown of Saranac visited Levi Fletcher and family Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Lusk died Saturday night after a long and painful illness, cancer.

She selected her own text and Rev. E. W. Davis, who lived with her a long time when he preached at the South Boston M. E. Church to preach her funeral sermon. She also chose her bearers and the Ladies Quartette of South Boston to sing. We sympathize with the bereaved ones, especially Belle who has been a faithful companion to her mother.

DeWitt's Little Early Risers are prompt, palatable, pleasant, powerful, purifying little pills.

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### The News in Whitsett

The following breezy items are clipped from the columns of the Whitsett Courier by the Atlanta Constitution:—"Colonel Jones and Mart Williams water-meloned with us on Wednesday last."

"There are only two Chinese boxers in this town, and we have just succeeded in boxing them up in their laundries.

"Our missionaries who were about to sail for China have suddenly discovered that there is work enough at home to keep them busy the rest of the year.

"Colonel 'Jim' Brown was bitten by a water moccasin on Tuesday. The Colonel drank a gallon of whisky and the snake died.

"Quite a number of candidates are in the field again; but this time it's a ten acre field, under a blistering sun."

Some good second hand sewing machines for \$3.00 to \$5.00 at R. D. Stockings.

New stock of guns and ammunition just received at R. D. Stockings'.

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