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things are perishable and your money is gone. In five years you have lost things are perishable and your money is gone. In five years you have lost to \$300.00, to say nothing of what the sum would earn.
Put it another way—

You save \$5 a month and deposite it with

You get 3 per cent Compound Interest for your money.

In five years you have \$343.79. Which course is wisest?

# Suitable Presents for Xmas

Most beautiful designs in

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Handkerchiefs Handkerchiefs in great variety.

Linens of all kinds. Pillow Covers and Pillows.

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Our Prices the Lowest-the Finest Goods.

Fur Boas and Collarettes That will surely please, both as to quality and

Always Something New.

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#### THE BUSY REAPER

DEATHS OF MRS. RUSSEL, LUCINDA TRAIN,

Uriel Snow, Mrs. Stinchcomb and Simmle Cittey.

Electa E., wife of Eugene H. Russell, died at her home at Luther Dec. 9, at the age of 51 years. Funeral services were held at Belding under the auspices of the Lady Maccabees, of which order the deceased was a member. She was the daughter of the late Newcomb Godfrey and was born in Vergenues Aug. 5, 1849. She married Mr. Russel Oct. 17, 1869.

Lucinda Train, daughter of Mrs. Edson Train, died at her home on the South side, last Friday, at the age of 29 years. Funeral services were held on Sunday. Deceased was born in the township of Boston July 11, 1871 and came to Lowell

Uriel Snow died Sunday morning has this: last at his home on the Lowell-Cascade town line, at the age of 79 years. Funeral services were conducted at the Snow church by Ada Lodge, F. & A. M., of which the deceased was a member, Revs. Bennet and Holcomb officiating.

Mr. Snow lived on the farm, where he died, for 50 years. His nearest neighbor at one time was two miles distant. He was an upright honorably man, respected by all who knew him.

Caroline, wife of Christopher Stinchcomb died at her home in this township on Monday, Dec. 17, at the age of 75 years. Funeral ser-vices were held at the Dupee school house yesterday at 11 a. m., conduc-ted by Rev. J. W. McAllister.

Of ten children born to Mr. and Mrs. Stineheomb, six are living.

Simmie Cilley, of Holton, Mich. died at the home of Amos Rexford in Ada township, on Sunday, Dec. 16, at the age of 39 years. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Lillie of Ada.

Mr. Cilley was afflicted with a cancer and about five weeks ago came to the home of his sister in Ada for care.

He leaves two sisters and one brother; Mrs. Amos Rexford of Ada. Mrs. Griffin of Keuka, N. Y., and Calvin Cilley of Holton, Mich.

#### Committee's Visit to the Soldiers' Home.

Gen, Louis Kanitz of Muskegon and S. P. Hicks of Lowell, two of of the three members of the committee appointed by the state organization of the Grand Army to make the annual investigation in the affairs of the Soldiers' home performed their duties last Thursday.

They found everything in apple pie order and the old veterans well satisfied. They were well fed and C. Cared for and had no complaints ell. to make. In the woman's annex, however, the committee found a condition that it styles "disgraceful." Owing to the lack of the kitchen and dining room in the annex, the old ladies, many of them infirm and feeble, are compelled to expose themselves to the elements three times daily in the walk to the dining room of the main building, where the bill of fare that is relished by the old soldiers is not always suited to the invalid ladies.

The committee will recommend a reform in this and hopes to see it carried into effect.

#### M. E. Church Notes.

A special Sunday school chorus choir under the leadership of W. J. Hull is preparing some excellent music for Xmas eve.

We will hold a devotional watch night service in the church to see old century out and the new one in. A cordial invitation is extended to

The committee on program for Xmas eve are maturing a very attractive exercise. All who wish to put presents on the tree will please leave them at the church on Monday

and not later than 2 p. m... The election of officers and teachers of the Sunday school will occur Thursday evening after prayer meeting. All the members of Sunday school board are requested to

The "Ideal Entertainment comany" will hold forth at Train's opera house on Saturday evening, Dec. 28 under the auspices of the Knights and Lady Maccabees of Low ell. Admission children 10c adults them while they last for 50c. 20c. Tickets on sale at VanDyke's.

A. J. Howk &

#### NABBED A DESERTER.

Ionia County Soldier Came Home and got Caught.

Ionia, Dec. 14-Deputy Sheriff Fred Smith went to Smyrna, this county, and brought back James B. Bignell. He is wanted at Fort Gribble, R. I., on a charge of desertion. Bignell was a member of Battery A. Seventh regiment, U. S. artillery. On Sept. 14 last he came home. He is a son of Charles Bignell of Smyrna, - Grand Rapids Press.

#### Reunion of Third Michigan Infantry

Benj. Morse and wife and Comrades Moon of Keene, L. Andrews of Vergennes and Hicks of Lowell attended the 29th annual reunion of the Old Third Michigan cavalry at Sweet's hotel, Grand Rapids, lest Thursday.

About sixty of the veterans were were present and the reunion was an enjoyable one. After a banquet, speechmaking was indulged in. The Democrat's report of the meeting

Comrade S. P. Hicks being called upon said the Old Third had not received more than its just meed of praise. The strong bond which welds the old soldiers together could be felt by them, but could not be explained to others. If anyone thought there was no fire left in the old soldiers they were mistaken. In conclusion he reged to have kept alive the sentiment: "Cheers for the living; tears for the

Mr. Morse had the pleasure of meeting a comrade whom when wounded Mr. Morse carried off the field of battle to a place where surgical attention was given. He was a grateful Dutchman and said: "Nothing is too good for Ben."

#### HOME NEWS.

Brownie kodaks \$1. at Oliver's. Buy your toilet sets of C. O.

Buy your Christmas fruits of Mc-Mahon Bros.

See Oliver's line of gold watches from \$10 up. Best feed cooker made, \$10., at

R. B. Roylan's. Send THE LEDGER to your friend

for Christmas. Take children to Murphy's studio and get perfect photos.

Read Clyde Collar's adv. on page 2 and save your money. Fountain pens-best makes-de-

sirable presents. The finest line of new books ever n Lowell at W. S. Winegar's.

Go to Mrs. Eggleston for fancy materials for Christmas work. Braces that will hold your friend-

ship and your friend's trousers. Chas. Althen. For fancy China and glassware

C. O. Lawrence has the best in Low-I have the best selected stock of general jewelry in town. A. D. Oli-

Weldon Smith got some neat sign cards printed at this office last

You can get what you want at W. S. Winegar's for Holiday pres-

The pension of Simon Petitt of Lowell has been increased to \$12

per month. Get your oysters, celery and let-tuce, for the Christmas dinner, at

McMahon Bros.

Do not buy any holiday goods until you see C.O. Lawrence's great stock of goods.

Lowell Maccabees hold their annual election of officers Monday evening, Dec. 24.

The Lowell Specialty company got their first batch of printing done at the Ledger office.

We sell what we know is good and know what we sell is good, inside and out.

You will make a mistake if you do not look over W. S. Winegar's line of holiday goods before buying. McKanlass will be at Train's opera

house, Friday, Dec. 28, with "the genuine Alabama Warblers," 15 Mrs. F. M. Johnson left Tuesday

to spend the remainder of the week with her sister, Miss. A. E. Dickerson at Almont. We have closed out R. H. Lane,

of Toledo, Ohio, on the velvet embroidered, patent quarter gents' slippers at 40c. You can have

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# Wood heaters at Cost.

Have been doing a splendid stove business this fall but would like to do better, hence the price.

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Stock completely new,
No old goods in our entire stock.

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Although the sale of Rubbers and all winter footwear has been much larger than ever before we have plenty left yet and can fit you out with any kind of an outfit you may be looking for at prices as low as good fresh goods can be sold for. We never buy any factory damaged rubbers so as to be able to cut the price a little and the customer that buys them is sure to lose what little money he

You will find the Mishawaka and Lambertville Rubbers herethe only one we know of not made by the trust. Either brand has worn better than any other make we have sold within the last twenty

While we have been talking about Rubbers lately don't forget that we carry every article of footwear usually found in a first-class shoe store and everything warranted to be as represented.

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Part of Christmas joys consists in buying for others. To know where and what to buy is the problem. But not so hard to solve if you come to our store. We have thousands of articles that would make useful presents and each and every article has the ring of value to it. Come to us and make your purchases. You will not regret it. We have made great preparations for your wants. We will enumerate only a few as it would require several pages of a newspaper to tell it all.

Teble Linens Napkins, Towels

and Lunch cloths

Every piece of Linen in our store is a bargain.

Table Linens from 25c to \$1.50

per yard. Napkins 98c to 4.00 per doz. Towels 5c to 1.00 each. Prices the Lowest.

Rottons

and Furnishings

This department includes excellent values in Ribbons, Golf Gloves, Silk and Wool Mittens, Kid Gloves, Ladies' and Children's Tights, Jew-eiry, Hoods, Gents and Ladies' Scarfs, Ladies' and Children's Knit Counter.paues Lace Curtains and Handkerchiefs A elegant line of these goods bought especially for Christmas.

Counter-panes, 98c, 1.25, 1.56, 1.75 2.50 and 4.00 Lace Curtains, 1.25, 1.75, 2.00, 2.50 3.25 and 4.00 per pair. Ladies' Handkerchiefs from 4e to 50c

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Special Sale 1-4 Off on All Cayes and Jackets from Now On

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The opportunity to give a token of friendship and esteem to your friends on omes once a year and a such time you should endeavor to give them something useful as well as ornamental and with this end in view we purchased a handsome holiday ine which cannot fail to please them and our prices are such that your money wil buy twice as much here as elsewhere—a dollar purchasing two dellars worth, which neans a great deal at hristmas time. Come early and get the plums of our stock.

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Chamber Sets at prices that will astonish y

Opal Ware Something new. Come is see it and you'll buy it.

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Be Sure and Examine ou

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Now is the time to give you wife that Dinner set you promised her so long ago. We have some beauties for you to take your pick

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Special prices offered to Sun-day schools. We have also beautiful Christmas tree trimmings,

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Collar's

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The Women Died from Exposure and

Deaths in Michigan.

Deaths in Michigan.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 15.—There were gasted for November corresponding to a death rate of 12.5. The month of November corresponding to a death rate of 12.5. The month of November corresponding to a death rate of 12.5. The month of November corresponding to a death rate of 12.5 the plant of the preceding month, and the bodies of Mrs. Shields and Wm. Mr. Cauly, lighthouse keepers on Squaw island, and the bodies of Mrs. Shields and the rate of 12.6 deaths returned for November caseded that returns if for November caseded that returns if for November and the process of the proc

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"Upon receiving orders to close the lander of the lan

returned a verdict of guilty.

sailing from the island to the main land. Lucien Morden, of Montsgue, Mich., was also an occupant of the boat when it capsized and was drowned before he could be lashed to the overturned craft.

The number of deaths returned for the last returned for the month was over double the number relationship in the criminal part of the United States circuit court at New York Fright and pleaded not guilty. Judge In the criminal part of the United States circuit court at New York Fright and pleaded not guilty. Judge In the criminal part of the United States circuit court at New York Fright and pleaded not guilty. Judge In the criminal part of the United States circuit court at New York Fright and pleaded not guilty. Judge In the criminal part of the United States circuit court at New York Fright and pleaded not guilty. Judge In the criminal part of the United States circuit court at New York Fright and pleaded not guilty. Judge In the criminal part of the United States circuit court at New York Fright and pleaded not guilty. Judge In the criminal part of the United States circuit court at New York Fright and pleaded not guilty. Judge In the criminal part of the United States circuit court at New York Fright and pleaded not guilty. Judge In the criminal part of the United States circuit court at New York Fright and pleaded not guilty. Judge In the criminal part of the United States circuit court at New York Fright and pleaded not guilty. Judge In the criminal part of the United States circuit court at New York Fright and pleaded not guilty. Judge In the criminal part of the United States circuit court at New York Fright and pleaded not guilty. Judge In the criminal part of the United States circuit court at New York Fright and pleaded not guilty. Judge In the criminal part of the United States circuit court at New York Fright and pleaded not guilty. Judge In the criminal part of the United States circuit court at New York Fright and pleaded not guilty. Judge In the criminal part of the United States circuit court at New Yo

"At one time we were within a short distance of the main land and would soon have been washed on the beach, when, to our dismay and horror, the wind changed and we gradually drifted without offense without offense wind changed and we gradually drifted without offense wind changed and we gradually drifted without offense without

Make an Attempt to Loot Harris- Fatal Fire in New York Normal ville's Banking House. and Training School.

The Robbers Gave Up Drilling the Safe

as Bad-Job, Stole the Sheriff's Best
Horse, Buggy and harness and Made

Mysterious Burning of New York State
ley, and his plurality 25,200 less than that of McKinley.

The total vote for Republican and Democratic candidates for cangress is Harrisville, Mich., Dec. 17 .- A bold Dunkirk, N. Y., Dec. 15 .- From the 20,395. attempt at bank robbery took place at smoldering ruins of the Fredonia state Smith, R., 29,945; Martin G. Loenneck-

about 2 o'clock Sunday morning. Two normal and training school, which was men entered the Alcona county bank by breaking the lock in the front door.

Smith, R., 29,945; Martin G. Loenneck-enter of the Fredonia state of t by breaking the lock in the front door, morning, one charred body has been Edward L. Hamilton, R., 26,883; Rowent to the rear end of the bank and, recovered and a revision of the list of man I. Jarvis, D., 20,498. Fifth district

inquired who was there. In a moment his door was opened and he was covered by a revolver with an order to hold up his hands. The two men entered his room and tore a strip from his bedspread, bound his hands and feet while one of them stood over him with a gun. The other drilled the safe. They asked him if he knew the combination. Apparently they did not expect to find any one in the building. They asked him how he came to be there.

dents in the building, of whom succeeded in safe with a gent of the building in company with a matron and 50 other young women, who succeeded in escaping by the fire escapes. The body which was recovered from the ruins is supposed to be that of Miss Storms. It was burned beyond recognition. To account for the origin of the fire puzzles the local board of managers, as there was no fire in the building, the

there asked him how he came to be there.

Long told them that he was an editor and was only rooming there.

After drilling a hole about seven inches deep in the safe they concluded that it was getting too late, and the job was abandoned. The robber's lock did many the left.

Long was left, still bound. The robber's consisting of watch chains and pins and then left.

Long was left, still bound. The robbers went to Sheriff Edwards's barn, took his best horse, buggy, harness and robes, and were gone before daylight. Had hey cracked the safe they would have obtained but very little, at the bank never keeps but a very small amount on hand at any time.

The sheriff and his deputies are scouring the country in all directions. The robbers are small men and wore overcoats and caps but no masks.

New Michigan Corporations.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 17.—The following corporations filed articles of association with the secretary of state during the past week: Automatic Wringer-Co., \$40,000; Toledo Math. Co., Grand Rapids, \$200,000; H. Brew.

\*\*Rever & Co., Fecumsek, \$100,000; Kalamanoo, \$30,000; Deriot Trust Co., Deriotic, \$500,000; Holland & Chicago Steams ship Co., H

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 14.—Both Wm. J.
Bryan and D. E. Thompson make unqualified denials of the truth of the story printed in New York wherein they are alleged to have made a Republican fusion deal whereby they could be elected to the United States senate from Nebraska. Mr.

Bryan and D. E. Thompson make unchanged with the murder of Lewis Campbell, has been removed from Creenville to the Stanton jail. He was driven across the country and fire escape. They were piled across the country and felt relieved when the journey was completed, as he feared an attack en

the boat and was lost. My wife and her niece, McCauley and myself, lashed and clining to the boat, were the considered and clining to the boat, which was the man and fight was at once started, which continued until the train the scale of the construction departs the construction departs the ment at the Norfolk havy yard was supposed to wait the set of the construction departs the construction departs the total the set of the construction departs the construction departs the ment at the Norfolk havy yard was destroyed by fire Sunday night. The story and the last with crutches, owing all the construction departs the construction departs the north of the construction departs the north of the construction departs the construction departs the north of the construction departs the construction departs

State Canvassers' Returns of Michi-

gan's Vote at the Election. ansing, Mich., Dec. 17.-The board election in Michigan as officially de-clared, gives McKinley electors a total EDITOR BOUND HAND AND FOOT

BIX WERE YOUNG LADY PUPILS

Clared, gives alceling the vote of 316,269; Bryan, 211,685; Mc Kinley's plurality, 104,584. For governor, Bilss received a total vote of 305. 1612; Maybury, 226,228; Bliss' plurality.

after lighting a lamp, proceeded to drill a hole through the side of the safe.

H. M. Long, publisher of the Alcona County Echo, was sleeping in an adjoining room. On hearing the noise he inquired who was there. In a moment his door was opened and he was covered and a revision of the list of missing makes it certain that seven persons perished in the fire, which also entailed a property loss of \$200.

There were 75 young women students in the building, of whom six perished. The other victim was the aged by a revolver with an order to janitor.

The covered and a revision of the list of missing makes it certain that seven william F. McKnight, D., 21,498. Fifth district—William F. McKnight, D., 21,498. Sixth district—Samuel W. Smitn, R., 27,885; William F. McKnight, D., 21,497. Sixth district—Edgar Weeks, R., 22,915; June tin R. Whiting, D., 15,938. Eighth district—Joseph W. Fordney, R., 21,522; Wellington R. Burt, D., 17,212. Ninth district—Roswell P. Bishop, R. 21,408;

which is often taken by boats coming up the lake. In this manner we passed Friday night, suffering terribly from cold and hunger until Saturday at 1 p.m., when we succeeded in attracting the attention of the lookout of the Manhattan. Although the weather was very rough, the captain of the steamer, after much manoeuvering, succeeded in rescuing us and also picking up the bodies of my wife and niece."

At the banquet of the Royal Danish Shooting club, at Copenhagen Friday Prince Cfristian presiding, L. Swenson, United States minister to Denmark, responded to the toast to the Manhattan. Although the weather was very rough, the captain o. the steamer, after much manoeuvering, succeeded in rescuing us and also picking up the bodies of my wife and niece."

LASHED.TO OVERTURNED YAWL Dunkirk, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Bodies of five more victims of the normal school fire were recovered Sunday, making amount of work is required of the stu-

W. S. WINEGAR.

A YULETIDE DAINTY. The advent of the winter was marked by the Halloween celebration. This

the Christmas pudding a reminder of more or less affected by it. belonging to the establishment. Steaming hot, it was placed on a great plat
dogs and cats and other animals with natural fur, which, according to populations and the properties of the most distressing cases. a bowl of honey was poured over lar supposition, are the direct output of tions? lt, a sprig of mistletoe adorneddts sum- the French capital.

procession of cooks, pot washers and ware, wooden toys and blown glass procession of cooks, pot washers and scullions, who flourished spoons and Christmas tree ornaments is done alspits in token of their craft and ex- most exclusively by children. pected to be rewarded for their labors by gratuities from the guests.

Christmas Menu. Ovsters Served on Half Shell. Fish, Continental, Oyster Sauce Browned Potatoes. Turkey. Cranberry Molds. Creamed Cauliflowe Celery, Mayonnaise. Wafers. Pumpkin Pie.

SCOTTISH CHRISTMAS.

Festival Not So Popular as In Some native foliage. In Scotland they wish one another "a merry Christmas," like the rest of Christendom, and exchange gifts, but the festival of the Nativity has not and cypress are unlucky except for been popular among the Scottish people, at least since the reformation, says the Chicago Record. It is only in recent years that Christmas has begun to be regarded as a holiday to be observed with religious and social rites. The whiter festivities in Scotland in the olden time consumed fully six weeks before the sun entered Capricorn and turned again with light giving power of the sun entered Capricorn and turned again with light giving power of the regarded, then thrashed, and flually it becomes the flower of the family.

A lubly is like a crop of wheat. It is first cradled, then thrashed, and flually it becomes the flower of the family.

No one can reasonably hope for good health unless his bowels move once each day. When this is not attended to, dispending the stomach arise biliousness, headache, dyspepsia and piles soon follow. If you wish to avoid these ailments keep wour bowels regular by taking Chamber-over 300 years.

Dewitt's Witch Hazel Salve is the cause injury. The original DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve is a certain cure for piles, eczema, cuts, soalds and gentle in effect. For sale by

A Singular Allment. One of the leading allenists of Chiwas for many years one of the most cago, with a practice of 30 years bedistinctive and widely observed of hind him, had an experience not long

a whole package, I should say-and she wish in curing rheumatism, pain in the

"Then she burst out, sobbing:" "That's just what I'm here for-I wonderful discovery

sightseers and their ways gave rise to long and honorable service: many an odd experience. Once, it is Notice: Loafing either in or about who came to stare at him.

Decorations of evergreens for tem- strain. oles and houses during the winter "No, madam," said he, "and if I could in that city, in speaking of this, says: months were popular among the Ro-naus and Druids, who practiced it for should not be troubled either." the same reason, in order to give aid to the dryads and wood spirits, who must the betroubled either.

Help is needed at once when a person's to result in pneumonia." For sale by D.

Christmas Notes.

Christmas greens proper are the holand other throat and lung trouble.

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They average 500 a

turned again with light giving power best liver pills ever made. Easy to take and in the light giving power in its apparent course. Easy to take and Taft & Co. D. G. Look, Druggist.

Thousands Have Kidney Trouble and Don't Know it.

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FRANK R.

shire town is posted on the wall of the little railway station. The paper on Tennyson's well known aversion to which it is printed bears evidence of

the dryads and wood spirits, who must die unless they had the shelter of their native foliage.

Help is needed at once when a person and to result in pneumonia.

G. Look, Druggist.

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The crust of the earth under Japan must be comparatively thin, judging the worst cases of cr. up, bronchitis, grippe by the number of earthquake shocks.

They average 500 a

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Musical Mdse., Sewing Machines, Needles, Oil

> cheaper than any other house in the country for the next 30 days at

R. D. STOCKING'S

Fine Gun repairing and Scissor Sharpened ವಿಲ್ಯೊನ್ನಾಲ್ಯೊನ್ನಾಲ್ಯೊನ್ನಾಲ್ಯೊನ್ನಾಲ್ಯೊನ್ನಾ



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# Ring Out Ye Christmas Bells ...

and proclaim to the people of this and the surrounding vicinity that I have the Largest and Best Selected Stock of Jewelry, Watches, Clocks, Fancy China, Silverware, Glassware, Etc., ever offered in Lowell for the Holiday Trade. Come in and look at them and you will surely buy. If you make a purchase we will lay it aside for you until you are ready for it.

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Our Watches are all guaranteed to keep accurate time and they make the finest kind of a present, being a most useful as well as an ornamental



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bought for slim pocket-books.

Medallions

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Our ware is not this cheap stuff that you can pick mos anywhere but is time tried and tested and fully guaranteed. Silver Knives and Forks

Sugar Bowls, Sugar Shells, Meat Forks, Pickle Dishes, Olive Dishes Tea Sets, ake Baskets, Silver Mounted Plateaus

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Some very choice pieces a a very low price including Water Bottles. Perfume Bottles, Salt Cellars

We also have some fine pieces in Glassware. Be sure and see them.

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We have everything that can be found in any first-class store in the country and it's warranted, too-not a cheap thing in the store only the price. Here are a few remind-

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in bottles 10c, 15c, 25c and 50c; also in bulk. We are also agents for the Mexican Amole Toilet Soaps

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from 5c a cake up-Guaranteed to be made of vegetable oils; we also carry the celebrated Palm-olive Soap.

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We have hundreds of other Fancy China pieces that will fit your pocket-book so nicely that you will never miss the money paid for them.

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All the latest styles in Photo cases Glove cases, Handkerchief cases, etc.

A FULL LINE OF OPTICAL GOODS AT VERY LOW PRICES

Fine Stationery Fine and well selected line, either in bulk or package

Sterling Silver-

ware Movelties

#### Port Huron, Mich., Dec. 17.—Chas. Blood will begin a rigid investigation F. Burnham, a young attorney of this at once, which will inquire into all matcity, is behind the bars and a charge ters connected with the structure of ters connected with the structure of Bay City, in the fourth round in the

Scottish festivals, especially among the ago that was entirely new to him. are put in the windows on Christmas eve, and the village seems illuminated, the inhabitants little suspecting that this usage is thousands of years old the festival is now a thing of the festival is now at the festival is now a thing of the festival is now at the fes and had its origin in the fact that ev- the past. The Yule festival, a remnant make an appointment for the next ery devout fire worshiper kindled a of the old pagan rites paid to the great day. The third one, a stranger, would fresh fire on his hearthstone on the eve of the sun god's festival and opened his doors and windows, too, if he ed his doors and windows, too, if he ed his doors and windows, too, if he their way from the south across the doctor, "and she had been told that I had any, to let the blaze shine out into border, and during the Christmas fort. was in a hurry. She came across the night much charming hospitality is room in a most leisurely fashion, how-

The Christmas carol is a relic of the dispensed in house and hall. A happy ever, taking three times as much time The Christmas carol is a relic of the song songs once sung in honor of the sun; spirit is abroad, and rich and poor are songs once sung in honor of the sun; spirit is abroad, and rich and poor are was chewing an unusual wad of gum— was chewing an unusual wad of gum— Root, the great kidney remedy fulfills every that shape in honor of the sun and served to our lusty ancestors at this toylor.

Christmas Toys.

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Was chewing it with desperate vigor.

She sat down slowly, and I asked of the urinary passage. It corrects inability served to our lusty ancestors at this joyful season. Beef, mutton, pork, fish, anything that was handy, entered into the composition of these monstrous wursts. A hash of all means that could be procured was mixed with flour and boiled in the largest pot belonging to the establishment. Steam-

mit, and in solemn sigle it was borne They are a picturesque people, these toymakers. Whole families and colo- can't stop-I've got to chew-and I've and a book that Sometimes a chief distinguished him. nies of them are engaged in toymak-been chewing just this way for more about it, both sent self at a neede by preparing puddings ing. A father makes doll heads, for in. than two years," - Chicago Tribune. record where these festival dainties were carried by four men, preceded by a couple of pipers and followed by a procession of cooks, not washers and washers and the other members of the family paint the features, affix the wig and assemble the parts of the body. The decorative painting on toy china-

> Stuffing For Bucks. Chop the liver fine and saute in a ta despoonful of hot butter with a tablespoonful of chopped onion. Mix with said, he complained to Queen Victoria, this room is strictly forbidden, and four ounces of bread (a fourth of a loaf) and a fourth of a cupful of butter the Isle of Wight owing to the tourists
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> Among the tens of melted in a fourth of a cupful of hot

ly, mistletoe, laurel, lvy and pine. Yew

convincing proof that the kidneys and blad-

best. Sold by druggists in 50c, and \$1. sizes. You may have a sample bottle of this

and Guns and Ammunition

water. Add one tablespoonful of parsley chopped fine and the beaten yolk
of an egg.

Old Time Superstitions.

who came to stare at him.

The queen, with a kindly irony, said
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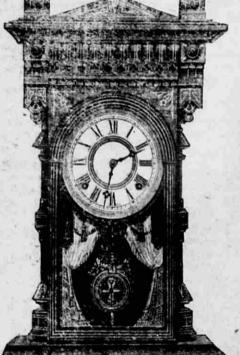
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A baby is like a crop of wheat. It is No one can reasonably hope for go

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are to be here in all their pleasing designs. They cannot be duplicated for the same money elsewhere. They make a "timely" gift.



A Clock similar to the above from \$3.00 up to \$4.50 and others according-

Candlebras

can be found in town

Pocket Books

ly; also Porcelain and Gilt Clocks.

schools last week.

English and science.

LOWELL, KENT COUNTY, MICH.

FRANK M. JOHNSON. Entered at Lowell post office as second baving lived in it.

SUBSCRIPTION ONE DOLLAR YEARLY.

ADVERTISING RATES.

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

Page and half-page ads, \$8.00and \$4.00. Business notices among local items 5c per line per issue. Those taking run of paper outside of local matter 3 cents per with the matter in the spring.

A Lowell business: man has requested The Ledger to go on hammering for the footbridge over Flat river, between the Central school building and the Congregational church and said: "I hope you will keep on pounding away until the much needed work is accomplished." Trustee Flanagan thinks that something will be done with the matter in the spring.

They sing, work and ne'er get tired Each happy as a Jew. They do their work, they do it right And none could do it better. Work all day till late at night, Suit McCarty to the letter. Bushels of beans picked each day. Hundreds of stories told, And songs sang every way. Should a stranger wander by thinks that something will be done with the would think it Kalamazoo l.

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Card in directory column \$1.00 per line per year. One inch \$5.00 per year.

Cards of thanks 50c.

Resolutions of condolence, 50c.

A "Merry Christmas" to all our readers.

Thinks that something will be done with the matter in the spring.

There can be no question about the necessity for a footbridge. People from abroad whose attention is drawn to the matter, get a poor opinion of Lowell enterprise when they learn that for lack of a little energy and a small sum of money, Lowell neones have been tranging.

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Was ever known to shirk. So we keep working right slong. Working the whole day thro.' That is as well as Charlie Mack Or anyone else can do.

PINGREE's attempt to re-instate himself in public favor by giving a farewell, dinner consisting of a varied assortment of strong drinks, will not succeed. He is a dead duck politically and even whiskey will consistent of the council will get through the preliminaries this winter and get down to business next spring. Gentlemen, there's but one way to do husiness and that is to get the council will get through the preliminaries this winter and get down to business next spring. Gentlemen, there's but one way to do husiness and that is to get the council further and get down to business and the council further and get down to business and the council further and get down to business and the council further and get down to business and the council further and get down to business and the council further and get down to business and the council further and get down to business and the council further pills made are DeWitt's Little liver pills made are DeWitt's Little farly Risers. They never grippe.

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Our colored brothers must make the proposition of the wealthy express corporations not to pay their lawful portion of the war stamp tax, but to load it off the war stamp tax is to the exact truth of a public utterance, a mere difference to a courteous and kindly in South Boston.

May Bowen is working for Mrs. Page in South Boston.

When the stomach is tired out it mus his to it on the forehead by a load to gram to to the stomach is tired out it mus his to eat the misfortune to get hit on the forehead by a load to difference of opinion as to a fact. Now, it is a very sad thing, if an editor in the discontance of opinion as to a fact. Now, it is a very sad thing, if an editor in the discontance of opinion as to a fact. Now, it is a very sad thing, if an editor in the discontance of opinion as to a fact. Now, it is a very sad thing, if an editor in the discontance of the without for success to get hit on the forehead by a how at out in south scout in the without for success what you can eat all the good ford the opinion as to a fact. Now, it is a very sad thing, if an editor in the discontance of the without form the ware rest, but we can the work in the stomach is tired out it mus for \$1.40. the wealthy express corporations not to pay their lawful portion of the war stamp tax, but to load it off onto their poor patrons, should be resented by every honest citizen. Not one package should be expressed where freight will do as well. This is only another instance of how their ich refuse to abide by someone else, it need not be law that is forced upon the poor. If this kind of business continues to increase it will breed a revolution that will destroy those who are responsible for it.

The hog it all determination of friendly and gentlemanly manner friendly and gentlemanly manner of with an abcess on the liver.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sparks and son were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wikinson Sunday.

The next Aid will meet at Rev. Wespected thas the ladies of the society will train the ladies of the society will train the ladies of the society will train the ladies of the society will that we are enmity with him or are trying to "do h m up;" for the probability is the gentleman from whom we chance at that time to be differing will be one of our late well.

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Grace Norton of Oakfield is staying withher uncle, Jack Malone, and attending sechool at Parnell academy.

The ledger one year for \$1.10.

The Detroit Twice-a-Week Free Press, Year Book and Ledger \$1.75.

From Pross, Year Book and Ledger without year book, \$1.65.

New York Thrice-a-week World and Ledger \$1.70.

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Mrs. Mark Br

there was just one man who on

several occasions took the editor

to task for his course in that con-

man referred was that of a GENTLE-

A FORMER resident of Lowell came back to the old town last week expecting to attend the animal meeting of a society of which he is a member. The meeting was duly announced in the Ledger, and had taken place the week before; but the gentleman, although he has been threatening although he has been threatening to take this paper for a number of the came back to the old town last week expecting to attend the animal meeting of a society of which he is a member. The meeting was duly announced in the least from whom we chance at that time to be differing will be one of our ited her mother, Mrs. T. Daniels last week. Florence Bowen is in Belding learning the dress making trade. She attended the dress making trade. She attended the Marguerite, spent Sunday with Mrs. P. W. Mrs. Frank Sayles has been spending a a few days with ter sister at Grand Rapids. Mrs. F. Flanagan is on the sick list.

Jack Cahoe is hauling his beans to mosler.

It token made my heart ache write needs Rocky Mountain Tea. A priceless boon to men. 35c.

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Saw Death Near.

It often made my heart ache write sevence with the sunday with Mrs. P. W. Others fully as good.

Call, or address.

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Jack Cahoe is hauling his daughter in the measles.

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Jack Cahoe is hauling his daughter in although he has been threatening to take this paper for a number of years has not done so yet. So the timely notice in the Ledger did not help him and he spent his good money for railroad fare and did not get to the annual meeting after all. The same thing happened to the same man when the Masonic temple was dedicated. He Masonic temple was dedicated. He work here after it to take this paper for a number of some "boss" can be accommodated elsewhere. The commodated elsewhere accommodated elsewhere accommodated elsewhere. The commodated elsewhere accommodated elsewhere accommodated elsewhere. The commodated elsewhere accommodated elsewhere accommodated elsewhere. The commodated elsewhere accommodated elsewhere accommodated elsewhere accommodated elsewhere. The commodated elsewhere accommodated elsewhere. The commodated elsewhere accommodated elsewhere accommodate

Masonic temple was dedicated. He got here after it was all over, just because he did not take the Ledger in which the event had been duly announced. The expenses of these two trips would pay for the home paper for ten years. Friend, when you get through fooling around with a substitute, plank down one of those cheap, fifty-cent dollars and take the real thing awhile. Then when you want to attend a meeting in Lowell, you'll know when to come and meet the "boys," and not waste your money on "wild goose chases."

your life and that is through an optention," were the startling words heard by Mrs. I. B. Hunt of Lime Ridge. Wis., from her doctor after he had vainly tried to cure her of a frightful case of ston.ach trouble and yellow jaundice. Gall stones had formed and she constantly grew worse Then she began the use of Electric Bitters which wholly cured her. It's a wonderful Stomach, Kidney and Liver remedy. Cures Dyspepsia and Loss of Appetite. Try it. Only 50c. Guaranteed. For sale by L. H. Hunt & Co.

Hand Sales week.

Mrs. E, Train has the sym many friends in her great by the loss of her last child. A company of young people and the store of the loss of the last child. A company of young people and Loss of Appetite. Try it. Only 50c. Guaranteed. For sale by L. H. Hunt & Co.



test. Since that time, we have been | O. Hendershott has been enterte told that the man referred to was a cousin from the southern part

in Canada during the civil war, state.
when he should have been else. Thursday night where. This man's son was one of Conklin's friends and neighbors came and those attending a big caucus some-where once where votes were bought up at two dollars a head. Our in-J. N. Hubbel, in behalf of the company, formant says that he saw the man's son "get his money." For these reasons, and another that cannot be parted to their homes feeling amply paid stated without violating an obliga-tion, we did not take kindly to this man's advice and instruction. Thursday was the 20th wedding anniver-

When we want advice about our business, we will ask some one who the immediate relatives of the contracting business, we will ask some one who knows at least as much about it as we do ourselves. When it comes to a question of right or wrong, if we are in doubt, we will ask some one who has a reputation among his fellows for honesty,—politically, morally and religiously. Strongly in contrast to the conduct of the moral part of the conduct of the immediate relatives of the contracting parties assembled and informed them of the fact. Mr. Gilbert had tried every way possible to butcher on that day but as Providence would have it was deferred. The friends came with well-filled baskets about the conduct of the conduct of the immediate relatives of the contracting parties assembled and informed them of the fact. Mr. Gilbert had tried every way possible to butcher on that day but as Providence would have it was deferred. The friends came with well-filled baskets are the fact. Mr. Gilbert had tried every way possible to butcher on that day but as Providence would have it was deferred. The friends came with well-filled baskets are the filled baskets are the filled baskets. The friends came with well-filled baskets are the filled baskets

Fallasburg man to whom we went for counsel Ima wishes to extend a merry Xmas recently. He was a public official to the editor and family and the many

whose political faith is the antipode correspondents. Have not heard from of ours; the subject discussed was one that concerned the official and Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Denny and Mrs. F. a sharp criticism of actions for Sherrard were guests at John Wright's in

which he in part was responsible was proposed. He defended, as he is abundantly able to do, his position with Mrs. Anna Lux of Botster.

express your own opinions on any and all questions, as free as I should want to be if I were in your place."

and the institution with which he Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pottruff of Vergennes is connected, but concluded his re- called at Ira Pottruff's Sunday. marks with these words; "Mr. The social given at Mrs. Moon's home Editor, I don't wish to dictate as to Friday evening by the Fallasburg Sunday your course in this matter or any school to help pay for the organ purother. I want you to be FREE to chased this spring, was largely attended and

educated and hard-headed business man. He is the kind of men we like to tie to, and he will never have to ask us twice for a favor if in our power to grant. May he live long in this world to make it better for having lived in it.

MCCarty's Merry Bean Girls.

There are ladies young and old And girls just in their 'teens All working for McCarty-In the bean room picking beans. Some are singing "Old John Brown," "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" While the hoppers "click, click, click," And the beans begin to roll.

They sing, work and ne'er get tired

many friends in her great bereavement i A company of young people gave Mr and Mrs. Baldwin a pleasant surprise

Hangs On

You have used all sorts of cough remedies but it does not vield: it is too deep ! seated. It may wear i itself out in time, but produce la grippe, pneumonia or a seri-! ous throat affection. You need something that will give you strength and build friends in Paris township, - Demoup the body.

SCOTT'S **EMULSION** 

will do this when everything else fajls. There is no doubt about it. It nourishes, strengthens, builds up and makes the body strong and healthy, not only to throw off this hard cough, but to fortify the system against further attacks. If you are run down or emaciated you should certainly take this

nourishing food medicine. SCOIT & BOWNE, Chemists, New York,

THE ADVENT OF SPRING.

he liver, stomach and bowels in an unhealthy

soon righted and the entire system piaced in a natural condition.

Bufferers thus afflicted can with one box o mill. Just examine them before

owel troubles.

If your druggist cannot supply this new anteed in color and quality.

H. Nash. remedy, send fifty cents to the Knox Chemica Co., Battle Creek, Mich., and a full sized box will be sent postpaid.

Now is the time when croup and lung troubles prove rapidly fatal. The only harmess remedy that produces immediate results is One Minute Cough Cure. It is very pleasant to take and can be relied upon to quickly care coughs, and all lung diseases. It will prevent consumption.

L. H. Taft.

It is tore. Trial bottles free.

NEW YORK WORLD Thrice-> Week Edition.

Cascade-East Paris Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ecker were guests

Miss Prescett, who is teaching our winter school is doing first class work. Miss Jennie Clark is somewhat better.

Horace Richard, who has been ailing so long, does not make the improvement that his friends would like.

The presidental campaign is over but the world goes on just the same and it is full of news. To learn this news, just as it is—promptly and im-

sister, Mra. M. Davis, has returned to his home.

Wednesday evening, Dec. 12, Marie L. Teeple, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Teepleof Cascade, was united in marriage to Fred A. Cook of Paris township, in the presence of about one hundred friends and relatives. The bride was accompanied by Miss Bertha Lee of Lowell and Walter H. Brooks of Grand Rapids acted as best man. The ceremony was preformed by the Rev. Mr. Silas of Wayland. The bride and groom were the recipients of many beautiful and the columns of The New York World which comes to the subscriber 156 times a year.

The Thrice a-Week World's diligence as publisher of first news has given it circulation wherever the English language is spoken—and you want it.

The Thrice-a-Week World's regular subscription price is only \$1.00 price per year. We offer this unequaled newspaper and The Lowell Ledger together one year for \$1.70.

The regular subscription price of the two papers is \$2.00. The bride and groom were the recipients of many beautiful and valuable presents. After a two weeks sojourn in the East, Mr. and Mrs. Cook will be at home to their

McCords 1

Will Vanderlip and wife were in Valley ales their kindness.

J. Scott has exchanged his property in with Ward Proctor for his farm near Whitneyville. Albert Scott has moved his family there and they are welcomed by suffering with an absess on his left arm. Wm. Patterson and wife wish to extend

their heart felt sympathies to Mrs. Uriel Snow and family in their sad bereavement. Snow and family in their sad bereavement.

The 'Circle of Progress" of Morse Lake school held their first public exercises Dec. 14. There was a nicely arranged program rendered after which the question for debate resolved that cheap printing has proven a blessing to mankind. Bertie Ellis taking the affirmative and John Curtiss the negative. A ballot was then taken by the patrons and was decided in favor of the affirmative.

Snow and family in their sad bereavement.

Buy your guus and ammunition of R. D. Stocking.

Go to Sherman's for your holiday presents. He has a fine stock of silverware. watches, rings, chains and novelties. It is to your interest to get his prices before buying affirmative.

WANTED-ACTIVE MAN OF GOOD character to deliver and collect in Michigan for old established manufacturing whole-sale house. \$900 a year, sure pay. Honesty more than experience required. Our reference, any bank in any city. Enclose self-adversaced stamped envelope. Manufacturers, Tuird Floor, 331 Darborn 8t, Chicago. 180?

What could be more acceptable than a fine photo from Marphy's elsewhere.

Horse For Sale.

Eight years old gray gelding weight 1200, sound and all right, Whole Year.

No season of the year is more exhibitarating than spring. All nature is awake and takes a new phase of life after her long sleep during the cold months.

We works single or double anywhere, good roadster and perfectly gentle.

80 buys him. John Wells, with D. W. Grody, 2½ miles N. E. of Lowell.

4 weeks.

a new phase of life after her long sleep during the cold months.

With the approach of spring the human system takes on a charge and it must necessarily throw off the impurities from the blood, which have accumulated there during the winter months when one cats hearty, solld food.

Many times one feels a languid, sleepy feeing, especially after meals, which is a positive indication that the blood is impure and had liver, atomach and howels in an unhealthy.

Lowell.

4 weeks.

Notice to Tavpayers of Verges nessoffice of C. Guy Perry, over Look's drug store, Lowell, on Saturdays until further notice, to receive taxes for Vergennes.

Dec. 27

L. J. Robinson,

Treasurer

Blanket your Horses. Sufferers thus afflicted can with one box o Kodol Stomach Tablets demonstrate to them selves that this sarsaparills in a tablet form qis a panacea for all stomach, blood, liver an offered you. Every blanket guaroffered you. Every blanket guaroffered you. Every blanket guaroffered you.

- Treasurer

Clubbing List

The publisher of THE LOWELL Tuesday evening.

Dr. Graham, our presiding elder, was with us Saturday and Sunday

The M. E. Sunday school elected the peliminaries this winter and get down to business next spring. Gentlemen, there's but one way to do business and that is to get at it and do it.

An Indiana man was robbed and murdered by Negroes and three of the latter have been promptly hanged to Colored brothers must make. Our colored brothers must make to colored the business for you and assume all trisks. By special arrangements we coffer the ensuing year:

Superintendent, A. M. Andrews: Assistant was with us Saturday and Sunday

The M. E. Sunday school following presching service. At Keene, Sunday school following

It often made my heart ache writes L. C. Overstreet, of Elgin, Tenn., to hear my wife cough until it seemed

Thrice-> Week Edition. Almosta Daily at the Price of a Weekly.

The presidental campaign is over Walter Cornell, who has been visiting his and impartially-all that you have to his do is to look in the columns of The

Smyrna Miss Cora Hoppough left for the south-ern part of Alabama Thursday to visit her friend, Miss Ackley, for a few .weeks. Mrs. D. A. Wood, who has been earing for her daughter, Mrs. Ray Haskins, and grandson of East Grand Rapids, returned home Friday.

The donation for Elder Hill held at the Baptist church Tuesday evening was a success. The total amount being \$72. This cess. The total amount being \$72. This donation was gotten up by the people in this Ellis VanSickle is visiting his grand-donation was gotten up by the people in this parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. VanSickle of vicinity and members of his church. The elder is a fine old gentleman and appreci-

> MC CONNELL. Mark Hoppough was in Grand Rapids one day last week.

Holiday Candies

Dewest of **Novelties** 

**Largest Stock** 

—at Rickert's—

A Rickert's

PERFUMES

SACHET POWDERS

TOILET ARTICLES

stace being in business:

He! He! That's where we laugh thinking of the low prices. Years of buying experience did it.

The experience and low price

Thum's Drug-Store,

Shipper's Mistake

By a mistake of the shippers,

SIDEBOARDS

intended for Lowell, Mass., were

sent to Lowell, Mich. I took

advantage of the opportunity and bought them at about

60c on the Dollar

the benefit of the bargains thus

thrown my way. If you want a Sideboard, this is the chance of a lifetime.

Furniture and Undertaking.

quantity of fine

WALTER K. SCHMIDT, Prop.

are yours - making you a custo

Steam Chicken Piez Caundry Saturday, Dec. 22



There to stay, not a fly-hynight concern, with men of
many years experience in the
Laundry business to do your
work and do it right. Our work will bear the closest inspection and cannot be excelled by any Grand Rapids laundry or any other laundry for that matter. Our wagon will eall and get your packages Mondays, Thurs-days and Fridays and you can have them any day you want them delivered at your door.

For the people of the surroun ing communities we have made your packages with the following John Godfrey, Clarksville John Mishler, Alto

Mr. Philipps, Freeport

F. F. JOSEPH,

For Exchange \$400.00 Grocery Stock or my \$1,100.00 home or \$700.00 house and lot at Lowell for farm or village lots. Mrs. Stein, 356 East St., Grand Rapids.

EXCURSIONS PERE MARQUITT

Cickets on Dec. 22, 23, 24, 25, 31 and Jan. 1, all good to return until Jan. 2 at one and one-third fare, to all local stations, and to points on connecting lines, including Chicago and Canadian points. Ask agents for full particulars. H. F. Moeller, G. P. A. R. B. Boylan C. M. Watters J. E. Lewis Schreiner's dandy driving whips. There's no use driving all over town to buy good Christmas gifts.

Here is the Greatest Bargain we have Ever Offered our Readers.

The Lowell Ledger Twices Work.

house and I was gone with the horse not knowing that they were coming and my wife told them that the pony was in the barn that since they were there they could take the pony if they would put up a note as required in the adv. They did not take him nor come back after the horse. I have the horse yet and he is well worth \$80 and it is lucky for me that they did not have sand enough to take him.

ecorations at McMahon Bros.'

nesses for a Christmas present for Hubby. While we are there, I believe I will get brother Tom one of those beautiful blankets Schreiner sells so cheap. Couldn't get a nicer Pere Marquette agents will sell ey anywhere. And there, I almost R B Boylan

connecting lines, including Chicago and Canadian points. Ask agents for full particulars. H. F. Moeller, G. P. A.

Have Ever Offered our Readers.

The Lowell Ledger, Twice-a-Week Detroit Free Press and the Free Press and the Free Press Annual Book and Encyclopedia for 1901, a valuable book of over the poisons from clogged bowels, the poisons from clogged bowels

SAY

and in the Book line you can make a pleasing selection for young and old.

Have you seen the finest display of Holiday Goods er exhibited in your city. The display consists of

This stock of Holiday goods was carefully selected in the east and bought at a price that will enable us to D outdo all our former efforts at selling for low prices. Call and see us and realize that we are telling you

Yours, as a Leader in Holiday Bargains,

D. G. Cook...

Crest Wave Ware,

Games of all kinds

As the editor of the Belding Banner refused to publish my letter I write you, as you said you would nublish it. In regard to the advantage of the Belding pastor on Friday at 3 p. m., by possibly be taken up before the senate convenes after the holidays. Senator Lodge is very hopeful of securing an arregment Monday to yote upon the publish it. In regard to the advertisement in The Banner and copied to be present. Roll call at 3:30. by you, those men came to my house and I was gone with the horse COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

enough to take him.

He is sound and true as set forth

n the adv Wallage Davenport

The wind adviced.

Yeas Flanagan, Look, VanDyke, Watts

Yeas Flanagan, Look, VanDyke, Watts

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HOME NEWS.

A handsome line of link cuff buttons at Williams.

If you pant a good lamp buy it of C. O. Lawrence.

Mistletoe and holly for Christmas decorations at McMahon Bros.

Absent Lee and White.

An ordinance relating to the public peace and order of the village of Lowell.

Sec. 1. The village of Lowell ordsins as follows: It shall be unlawful for children under the age of fifteen years, either singly or in groups, to loiter, or be, or assemble on the public streets or alleys. after the hour of eight o'clock standard time in the evening unless they are in company and under the control of their parent or parents or guardian.

An ordinance relating to the public peace and white.

Monday is individual suspension day under the rules, but only a brief time will be occupied with suspension business. Several bills to divide judicial districts and the Lanham, Tex., claims bill probably will be passed. The remainder of the oay, under an order made Saturday, will be devoted to the consideration of private pension business. Several bills to divide judicial districts and the Lanham, Tex., claims bill probably will be passed. The remainder of the oay, under an order made Saturday, will be devoted to the consideration of private pension bills.

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CONGRESSIONAL BUSINESS.

There were ten visitors in the The Subsidy Bill the Order of Business . The fourth month of the school Washington, Dec. 14.-For nearly year ends Friday. Cards will be given in all grades, Monday, Jan. 7. three hours Thursday Mr. Hanna, of Interesting Christmas exercises have been prepared by all the schools for Friday afternoon. Parents and friends of the schools are While he has spoken heretofore on the

Written tests were held last week of it. Since coming to the senate Mr. a arithmetic and general history. Hanna has devoted much tine and la-The class in U. S. history is be-ginning the study of the Civil war. School will close Friday for two weeks and will resume. Monday,

Jan. 7. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas will spend the vacation at South delivery of the address. He spoke with Bend, Ind; Miss Hamilton at Almont; Miss Masten and Mrs. Baker times was forcible and intense. At the at Grand Rapids.

The High school reading table will be started after the holidays. It it intended to use the periodicals furnished for reference in history, session and at 3:25 adjourned.

HOUSE. Washington, Dec. 14.—The debate Baptist Church Notes. upon the war revenue reduction bill

The exercises in the various de partments of the church next Sun-partments of the church next Sun-tments of th partments of the church next Sun day will bear upon Christmas.

The Bible school is arranging for a very fine Christmas cantata to be given on Monday evening in the auditorium of the church at 7:30.

Spoke were Messrs, Grosvenor (O.), Bartholdt (Mo.), Hill (Conn.), Boutell (III.), McClellain (N. Y.), Newlands (Nev.), Levy (N. Y.) and Underwood (Nev.), Levy (N. Y.) and Underwood the auditorium of the church at 7:30.

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There will be a Christmas tree and the childran both young and old will be delighted to go and receive presents. Those intending to place presents on the tree should send them at as early an hour in the afternoon or evening as possible.

The women's band received many words of praise from their friends for the neat and tasty manner in

words of praise from their friends for the neat and tasty manner in they have fitted up their new and convenient basement. They had net proceeds from their supper of \$21.69 and to this was 500 be added \$11 in donations making \$32.69.
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Pagan Customs In Its Celebration.
Origin of the Name of the Festival.
Customs and Superstitions.

EASANTS of the mountains of Montenegro have a peculiar Christmas eve custom. After the Yule log has been lighted Customs and Superstitions. HERE is something akin to sadness in the fact that in tracing the origin of many of our church festivals we find it in pagan celebrations antedating the Christian era, writes M. E. Munroe in the New York Home Journal. There is nothing certain even about the birth-little wine even the cildst female of the sad of the house and the son who acts as the shepherd of the sheep flock go to the stables with candles and light up each corner of the interior alternately. Then they return to the door, and as each holds his candle high the animals are driven in one by one. The bousehold wife then sprinkles a who are in need of his services.

nothing certain even about the birth-day of Christ. Some authorities assert that December was in the rainy season, when no shepherds could have been "watching their flocks by night." Others clean that it was in the dry season. ers claim that it was in the dry season, when shepherds were on duty day and night. In the controversy over the date, extending from December to May, Pope Julius (337-352) had an investigation made by St. Cyril and was satisfied that the 25th of December was corrected to the control of the

tion made by St. Cyril and was satisfied that the 25th of December was correct. It was so established in the Roman church, and before the end of the fourth century the dictum was universally accepted.

This acceptance was made easiet because the date was that of the great festival of the winter solstice, the saturnalia, which was celebrated in all parts of the world from Dec. 25 to Jan. 6. At that season houses, temples and shrfnes were profusely decorated with evergreens, holly, laurel and sometimes lay. No mistletoe was used in the decorated with content of the profusely second to the profusely second to the decoration of the profusely second to the decoration of the profusely second to the decoration of the profusely second to the profusely second to the decoration of the profusely second to the decorate with the profusely second to the profusely second t Ivy. No mistletoe was used in the decling the Christmas festivities. orations on account of the Druidical superstitions regarding its peculiar and dangerous power. One of these superstitions, however, has become the herself of the carving it no rib of the creature must be broken. Otherwise a dire case of the Christmas feast —sheep, pig or goat—is roasted whole. In carving it no rib of the creature must be broken. Otherwise a dire case of the Christmas feast —sheep, pig or goat—is roasted whole. In carving it no rib of the creature must be broken. Otherwise a dire case of the Christmas feast —sheep, pig or goat—is roasted whole. In carving it no rib of the creature must be broken. Otherwise a dire case of the Christmas feast —sheep, pig or goat—is roasted whole. In carving it no rib of the creature must be broken. Otherwise a dire case of the carving the christmas feast —sheep, pig or goat—is roasted whole. In carving it no rib of the creature must be broken. Otherwise a dire case of the christmas feast —sheep, pig or goat—is roasted whole. In carving it no rib of the creature must be broken. Otherwise a dire case of the carving the christmas feast —sheep, pig or goat—is roasted whole. In carving it no rib of the creature must be broken.

The early Christians incorporated as many pagan customs as possible with their celebrations and festivals as a matter of expediency, and in the Romatter of expediency, and in the Ro- year. man saturnalia, with its decorations, When writing of Saxon Christmas

monial.

During the saturnalia all restraint was removed, and the stemming of the able to change their infinite variety.

time customs are the customs of to-day, and time seems to have been until the customs are the customs of to-day, and time seems to have been until the customs are the customs of to-day, and time seems to have been until the customs are the customs of to-day, and time seems to have been until the customs of the customs tide was so nearly impossible that it is not hard to realize the dimensities the Christians had in weeding out the evils



a CHRISTMAS EVE CUSTOM IN HOLLAND.

origi I'v a hymn to Saturn, for one of the principal features of the saturnalia was the singing of hymns of praise to the gods Saturn and Bacchus, and the sort, end of the sort, end of the sort, end of the sort and shoots his arrows. Rocky Mountain Tea make bright eyes.

Bright eyes are an infallible index to youth, nice windows from which Cupid shoots his arrows. Rocky Mountain Tea make bright eyes. the gods Saturn and Bacchus, and the composers of odes in their honor were richly rewarded. Even the family banquet, so dear to our hearts, is a banquet, so dear to our hearts, is a or husband of the person to whom the of the hasebanalian era. bone belongs. Various were the early superstitions

in different countries, the most curious being in Scandinavia. In the German Alps it was held that on Christmas eve "cattle fell on their knees in adoring for the regulation turkey. A very WANTED—ACTIVE MAN OF GOOD "cattle fell on their knees in adoring worship." being given the power of speech during that one night, but woe to the person who overheard or listened to their converse, for the reaper Death would surely find him, let him hide as he would, before seven days were passed. Maidens thought to find the key which would unlock the door to their future life, and especially among the peasantry of Poland was full reliance placed upon the result of these mystic rites.

Or tender duckings may be substituted for the regulation turkey. A very tasteful dressing is made by mixing a minced onlon that has been fried in butter with two cupfuls of crumbs, a tablespoonful of butter and half a cupful of thick, stewed tomatoes. Season highly. Baste every few minutes and roast rare. Skim the fat from the gravy in the pan, add the stewed giblets and thicken and season. A tart jellylike currant or plum or spiced plums should accompany it.

PERE MARQUETTE these paystic rites.

Among Christmas eve customs one in Holland is of exceeding interest. In all Wives whose husbands smoke the towns and villages at the midnight again reminded in view of the aphour the men in varied costumes meet proach of Christmas that the man who 7 15 sm 14 06 am 4 10 pm in the principal squares chanting the proach of Christmas that the man who er." A large star in which are several lighted candles all shining as one is mounted on one end of a long pole terests of peace and good will.

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thus Christmas day begins. Christmas eve everywhere was the beginning of Christmas joys. In Germany the old customs still prevail to a great extent. The Christmas tree, with ifs gifts, followed by a grand supper, has long held its own on Christman eve, Christmas day being spent in pay ing and receiving visits and talking over the extent of Santa Claus' atten

Merry Christmas. Old Christmas brought his sports again, 'Twas Christmas broached the mightiest ale, 'Twas Christmas told the merriest tale; Christmas gambol oft would cheer The poor man's heart through half the year.
—Scott.

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ge of all ages:

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that even today forms part of our cere- In the Black mountain region the old This old dwelling, the oldest inhabited story being of great thickness. The upper part is of oak. At one time the Chop three-quarters of a pound of house was fortified and known by the of this festival before it became our festival of Christmas, so called from the Christ mass, which was celebrated the Christ mass, which was celebrated the Christ mass, which was celebrated the christmass, which was celebrated the christmass of a pound of the suct was a few pound of bread crumbs. Beat the yolks of five and the whites of yards from St. Alban's abbey.

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one-quarter of a dessertspoonful of "Oh, Mrs. Smith, do you know that salt, one-quarter of a pound of candied orange and lemon neel finely chopped one-sixteenin of a pound of blanched one-sixteenin of a pound of blanched

and chopped almonds and one-quarter Whatever shall I do? Where did it of an ounce of pulverized cloves and cinnamon mixed. Add one glass of "Underneath the railway arch. Bilbrandy and one nutmeg grated. Beat ly's standing there now!"—London Fun. at lowest prices. putting it into a buttered mold or cloth | Art thou one of many that has drained and let it boil steadily eight hours. the Golden Nectar that maketh thy heart Serve with burning brandy and two full of strength and gladness? If not, take sauces.

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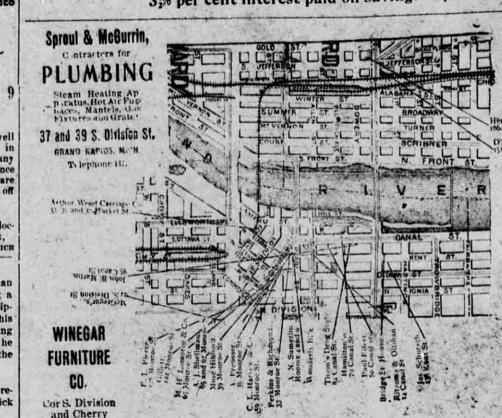
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The chimney, oh, it was so wide "Twould hold the gifts for fifty boys, And Santa had an easy alide When he came down with grandpa's toy The toys were not the dainty stuff Your fingers grasp with childish glee, But homely, and a trifle rough When grandpa was a child of three. A "comforter" dyed green and red.

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As Marie lifted the dress and shook its rich folds a slip of paper fell to the carpet. It was madam's bill, and I was ! a little startled as my eye ran over it-\$200! But then the trimmings, a rich lace and cord d'or, were perfect. It was an expensive dress, but I didn't think it would be quite that, and Mr. Gordon had said that money had been getting tight for some time back. I wouldn't show him the bill just yet, so I thrust it into a drawer of my dresser and turned to Marle, who stood walting to dress me.

I was contemplating my reflection in the mirror with much complacency when the door opened and Mr. Gordon came in. For a moment I was half frightened at his pale face and grave air, but be said: "I only stopped for a moment, Mrs. Gordon, to say that I shall not be able to join you at madam's tonight. Business affairs will keep me down town late."

Before I could ask him what he the room, and presently I heard the and saw none but clouds of gold in the thought of my dress he passed out of

shed gentleman of my set.

nosphere in the drawing room the temperature of the sharp December night without. It was pleasant to sit there with my dainty slippered feet over the register and the waves of the sharp December saw the glitter of the ball, the splendid furniture, the sliver plate, the gay the table is otherwise well laden with dessert or with sliver bowls of bon-

figure turned toward me I beheld my own. The figures glided around me, then seated themselves on the opposite side of the apartment, each looking at me steadily and with my own dark eyes. Gradually the figure nearest my eyes. Gradually the figure nearest my and all the status and marble status and marble status and the preceding one. I had not changed save to fuller and perfected beauty. Everything was as plain as day—the magnificent furnishings of the home, with Persian carpets, costly tables, bronze and marble status and gravy.

Ten years intervened between this picture openings and bake on a rack, basting every ten minutes with butter or drippings melticular edition in a little hot water. Turn the fowl often and dredge with flour after each basting. Serve with a rich, clear ments: Cattle, 143 cars; sheep and often and dredge with flour after each basting. Serve with a rich, clear gravy.



band sat. I gazed and beheld a revelation, and mechanically my eye ran over A SLENDER, BEAUTIFUL MAIDEN STOOD IN every paper he opened. The catalogue was fearful-a long array of bills right seemed to invest itself with the plate, furniture, statues, jewels, silks, accessories of a picture, and a thin a long array of which I recognized dismist hid the others from my sight.

A child of 10 summers stood in the this catalogue stood a tangled trade, yard of an old brown farmhouse, with empty coffers, with the word "Panic." he westering light of the sunset written as with a pen of fire. While streaming over the building and bath- he sat and unfolded each paper and ing her tiny fingers in a flood of gold. laid it aside I stole nearer and gazed I did not speak even in a whisper upon the one he had just taken. It was while the picture of my entire child- my latest bill, the bill for my ball dress. hood was unrolled before me, but I made a movement to snatch it from thoughts like these glided athwart my him, and the spell was broken. brain: "Was I once that happy heart- "What is it, Daisy? You asleep here

ed, wild, romping child whose great- and dreaming?" I started and to find ast care was to please her parents and myself seated in the great velvet chair whose greatest grief the loss of some and my husband standing beside me. "Did I fall asleep? I must. But you, Even while I sat gazing the scene Charles, you have not slept!" I said,

second picture before me. second picture before me.

A slender, beautiful maiden stood in the moonlight beneath the rustic porch draped with honeysuckles that climbed over the farmhouse door. It was Daisy, but a child no longer. She wore a neat but a child no longer. She wore a neat but a child no longer with a sort of pained look over my but a child no longer. She wore a neat but a child no longer with a sort of pained look over my but a child no longer. She wore a neat but me, looking over the says: Holiday trade has increased moderately and in wholesale staple lines no relapse is seen either in volume of transaction or in prices. Cold weather has helped New York, but it is still behind the rest of the country for some

the bush beside the doorstep adorned her hair. Suddenly a firm step came up the walk leading to the farmhouse. It was a young and frank faced man who joined her, and Daisy blushed, and they went in and sat down together in the Charles, and tell me that you do not ble. Oh, Charles, I have had a dream tinue good and this relives anxiety, which might be otherwise felt over the higher rates for money. Merchants' accounts are in good position, so that new sales of commercial paper are light even for this season. Industrial moonlight by the west room window. hate me." Eloquence was not necessary to love in "Can you bear the worst, Daisy?" he cumulation of new merchandise in any

don sat long in the moonlight and talk- mine. ed together. Charles always thought "Anything, anything, my dear hushe must leave at 9, but he is in no haste band. I have been blind, but the tonight. Ten, half past 10, 11 goes by, scales have fallen now. Tell me ev- sharp rise to a minimu of \$4.85 in and there they stand in the moonlight.

When they part, a tender kiss burns on

"We are," he whispered in a thick, two weeks, reflects actual scarcity of the product more than negotiations to

chamber to sleep the first dream of a happy plighted love.

Twas late Christmas eve when my ball dress was sent home, and Marie, my dainty fingered French maid, had finforce which another picture unfolds before my view.

Chamber to sleep the first dream of a happy plighted love.

For a moment I stretch out my hands toward the maiden in the farmhouse, but the scene grows dim, the figures fade and another picture unfolds before my view.

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I pressed my lips to his burning forelit was a bridal scene. Charles had head and said, amid my sobs, "No. finished products in the iron and steel

> his head. His lips lost their grim expression and there was a ripple of tears in his voice.

"Daisy, you have-saved me!" he said. "Maddened by the thought of the morrow, I know not but the result might forth a little vial labeled "laudanum" from his vest pocket. "But you have | British competition. saved me, darling."

girt my whole being when I realized | further advance in price. in all your troubles and help me from this hour to be your faithful wife."

And sitting there late in the night, with his head upon my lap, I bent my cheek to his, and the tears, baptizing ure. Both were trusting and beloved Times-Democrat.

"WHAT IS IT, DAISY?"

shine like a queen."

asked.

In a moment my question was an-

nurse's care. Live in the world and candles must all have their shades to The atmosphere in the drawing room was deliciously warm in contrast with the temperature of the sharp December

And this was the beginning of the shadow which darkened the picture. I shadow which darkened the picture. I well on a large table, especially where set forth in the Kansas City platform.

there with my dainty slippered feet over the register and the waves of lustrous silk bathing the carpet and reflect that I swam on the topmost wave of the sea of fashion in the city around me, and the Christmas chimes ringing out from the church towers and the warm air stealing up from the register soothed my senses to delictous calmness.

Suddenly, while I sat thinking, from the dim corners of the drawing rooms seemed to glide out a train of figures, each dressed in unfashionable garments of bygone days, and yet, strange to say, each garment was recognized by me as something that I had worn in those days, and in the face of each figure turned toward me I beheld my own. The figures glided around me, content of the receipts of the content of the stricken mother's mouth and clasped my jeweled hands in anguish.

A long pause fell between, and then another, the last, picture fell before my own. The figures glided around me, content of the register and the stately apartments, and mid it all through the opened door of a neglected nursery I saw a pale, drugsed 4-year-old child slowly dying. The end came. The tiny rose-wood casket was closed over the feat and parboli one cup of rice in bolling salted water. When about half cook-d, drain and mix with it one dozen the fire chestnuts peeled and cut into small pleces, one-fourth of a pound of well washed currants and two ounces of almonds blanched and chopped. Season with a fourth of a teaspoonful each of salt, pepper and ground cinnamic another, the last, picture fell before my longitude the mother; the last, picture fell before my longitude the mother of the child slowly dying. The end came. The tiny rose-was the turkey. Wash and parboli one cup of rice in bolling salted water. When about half cook-d, drain and mix with it one dozen was fell water. When about half cook-d, drain and mix with it one dozen small pleces, one-fourth of a pound of well washed currants and two ounces of almonds blanched and chopped. Season with a fourth of a teaspoonful each of salt, pepper and

these walls I moved, a cold and beautiful woman of ice.

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A turkey garnished with sausage has a very festive not to say bacchanalian I shrank from the portraiture with dismay. But while I sat and gazed inbefore the cooking is finished festoon it to the picture glided a pale, careworn with strings of link sausage. These man wearing the same expression I you must turn from time to time so had often seen upon my husband's that every part shall be as brown as face. How changed he looked from the the bird itself. The better the flavor | Wheat-No. 2 white, 77½c; No. 2 hopeful, manly Charles Gordon who had stood before me in the manight!

the bird itself. The occurse the finer the flavor of the turkey. With this you low 40c. He had been a grave and silent man will want giblet sauce made by stew- low, 40c. ever since his boy died, but there was ing and mincing the giblets and adding now some fresh trouble eating away them to the gravy in the pan after the 271/2c. fat has been removed. "What has brought this about?"

When Holly Was Forbidden. Under the blue laws of Connecticut swered. Into the magic picture came a for a man to have a sprig of holly in shadowy finger which pointed to the his house on Christmas day was a paper strewn table at which my huspenal offense, for which the householder was punished by a fine of a shilling and confinement in the town stocks. Pilgrims Didn't Celebrate.

The pilgrim fathers forbade the celebration of Christmas as "a heathen mummery." Good Wishes.

God bless the master of this house, Likewise the mistress, too, And all the little children That round the table go. And all your kin and kinsfolk

That dwell both far and near, I wish you a Merry Christmas And a Happy New Year!

WEEKLY TRADE REVIEW.

but a child no longer. She wore a neat but simple dress of pale pink muslin, and a single white rose plucked from the bush beside the doorstep adorned to be. Oh, Charles, I have had a dream ble. here. Collections in the country con-tinue good and this relives anxiety. those days, and Daisy and Charles Gor-asked hoarsely, lifting his eyes to quarter. In spite of the break in cotton the market for fabrics is still in good position, sellers having little to offer and nothing at cuts in prices. Daisy's cheeks and a slender gold ring gleams on her finger. She and Charles are betrothed, and she goes to her chamber to sleep the first dream of a happy plighted love. "We are," he whispered in a thick, two weeks, renects actual scarcity of unsteady tone. "The crisis has carried the product more than negotiations the harmonize the trade. Even the estimates did not equal the actual decrease in furnace stocks of pig ron during November, which amounted to 84,830

bard, and mills are working on old Charles looked at me stendily, and a orders that will take them well into weight seemed to have been lifted of the new year. At Pittsburg there is such difficulty; more \_e mills have is heard. It is estimated that 1,200,000

tons of rails has been oruged for next year's delivery. American makers have have been this-see!" and he drew scored another triumph in the African bridge contract, secured in the face of Most foot wear maxfacturers have "Charles, we have both been mad!" I booked sufficient business to keep them

said, with pallid lips, and striving, for | well occupied for many weeks, and are his sake, to subdue the terror that be- refusing new contracts, except at a how uigh my husband had stood to the wretched guilt of suicide. "And God forgive me for my want of sympathy and 25 in Canada, against 26 last year.

THE COMMONER.

my husband kneeling beside me and Name of a New Paper Which W. J. WEEKLY Bryan Will Establish. Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 17.—Mr. Bryan

TRIBUNE every family. Regular subperye out the following interview Sat. "WRAT IS IT, DAISY?"
our reunion, fell upon the folds of my bad added luster to Daisy's fuller figlast folly—my ball dress.—New Orleans urday: "I have for several years had the in contemplation the establishment of a weekly newspaper and this seems an

match the principal coloring used in the decrease. Tall tubes less to the decrease in the decr

COMMERCIAL.

Detroit Grain Market. Corn-No. 2 mixed, 39 4c; No. 2 yel-Oats-No. 2 white, 28c; No. 3 white. Rve-No. 2, 52c.

Beans-December, \$2.02; January, Chicago Grain Market. Wheat—January, 70%c; May, 73%c. Corn—January, 35%c; May, 36c. Oats-January, 21%c; May, 23%c.

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\$5.25@5.60. Chicago Live Stock. Cattle—Generally weak, \$5.25@6 20. Hogs—Mixed and butchers, \$4.70@

Buffalo Live Stock. Cattle—Slow, \$7.50@7.75. Hogs—Easier, \$5.15@5.25. Sheep—Dull and slow, \$4@4.25; lambs, \$5.80@5.90.

Holiday Trade Has Increased Moder Fall and Winter ately and No Relapse Seen. Even while I sat gazing the scene slowly faded, and out from the dim mists that had infolded the figure nearest the child rose fair and clear the second picture before me.

"I have been up late, looking over seven before me."

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At length I was ready and was driven to the home of Mme. Stapleton.

One ball is so similar to another in the world of fashion that to recount how the hours passed in madam's drawing rooms would be to tax your partneree. Sufficient to say that it was long after the midnight chimes had rung I was handed from my carriage to my own door by the most distinguished gentleman of my set.

Table Decoration.

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#### HOME NEWS.

Xmas goods at Sherman's.

Girls' watches at Williams'. Medallions 25c to \$3.50, Oliver's. Kodaks and supplies. A. D. Ol

Miss Donna Wisner is home from Olivet for the bolidays.

Go to Mrs. Eggleston for fancy materials for Christmas work.

Up-to-date steel range \$28, for Christmas, at R. B. Boylan's. Nice, new Portland cutters for

John Giles & Co. For sets of dishes you all know that C. O. Lawrence has the best.

Clarence Aldrich of Ionia visited over Sunday with friends in this place.

Fresh holly for Christmas decoraat VanDyke's. Mesdames Price and Eggleston

nade a business trip to Grand Rapids Monday.

Examine the beautiful books-all the latest authors-at W. S. Winegar's drug store,

some hotel stationery printed at this office last week. LOST, a \$20 bill Monday night.

Finder wiil receive reward on returning to Mrs. J. D. Kelly. The Ideal Entertainment com-

pany at Train's opera house, Dec. 29, comes highly recommended. Buy your candy for Christmas of

C. O. Lawrence, he always furnishes a great many of the Sunday schools.

Twelve photos make twelve beautiful, inexpensive Christmas presents, if taken at Murphy's studio.

We realize that satisfaction to our customers is the fundamental principle of our success. C. Althen.

There will be a Christmas tree at the West Lowell River school able, Monday evening. A general invi-

However queer your legs or however queer your taste you'll find a pair of trousers here to suit you. Chas, Althen.

Word has been received in this city from the Rev. Henry Marshall, who was lately prstor of the Second Congregational church. He has arrived at El Reno Oklahoma, and writes that is pleased with the weather, which is at present like bamy June weather in Michigan, and that he is in hopes of it being beneficial to his son, who already seems to be improving. [Grand Bapids

Suit was begun in the ciruit court December 12 against the township of Cascade by Loren Sergeant, a resident of that township. Sergeant sues to recover damages to the amount of \$5,000 for the injury he received by being thrown from his train to return home, the D., G. H. was responsible for the horse's mis- that the collars nearly slipped over step, and since the township had their heads. When the party got been repeatedly warned of the turn- to Grand Rapids, they found one of authorities was the original cause of hunting party is a city official and him, -[Caledonia News.

Boys' watches at Williams'. Kodaks from \$1. up to \$10 at O1-

Buy your toys and games of C.

Frui , nuts and candies for Christn. wat McMahou's,

Go to Mrs. Eggleston for fanoy materials for Christmas work. Elegant line of skates and hand sleds for Christmas at Boylan's.

Sterling silver novelties at prop-Williams, er prices.

Fancy oranges, figs, dates and bananas for Christmas at Van-

Miss Marion Hill came home from her school at Monroe today for a two weeks vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Perry of Howard City visited M. M. Perry and family last week Friday.

The Village Council passed a curfew law ordinance Monday night.

Look it over and set accordingly. Miss Mary Whitney, who has been attending school at Monroe, is spending the Christmas vacation

Get your olives, Dill pickles, pepper mangoes, melon mangoes and all styles of pickles for Christmas at VanDyke's. Unclaimed letters at Lowell post

office for Alfred Thomet, Miss Leah Stalman, Mrs. Eliza Elmondorf and Nelly E. Drake. Chemical oil painting taught and orders taken for enlarging pictures,

Short time only. Call and see our work at Hotel Brace, room 9. Good or they wouldn't be here at all; low-priced or we wouldn't

be telling you about them—our gloves and mittens. Chas, Althen. Nine-year-old Samuel Williams of Belding was instantly killed by Fresh holly for Christmas decora-tions will be in Thursday morning being run ovor by a freight engine.

body. Spanish onions, celery, apples, nice sweet oranges, layer raisins, mixed nuts and broken taffy candy

for Christmas trade. John Giles & Co.

J. Pinckney of Hotel Central got Rapids to buy your French flannels. Nicholson has 25 different patterns to select from, both plain and embroidered.

Anyone wishing flowers for Xmas or the holidays please order them of Mrs. A. C. Stone, phone 83. She makes a specialty of cut flowers and floral designs for funeral occasions.

The Lowell Ledger appears with a two-column portrait of Pingree turned upside down, and some intensely disrespectful headlines. Brother Johnson, of the Ledger, is all right .-- [Galesburg enterprise,

The only fault that can be found with our overcoats is that they are not high enough in price. Otherwise they are wholly unobjectionable, Chas Althen.

The recount of the vote for sheriff has been completed. Chapman's majority was reduced from 496 to 442. The recount cost \$800 and the candidates about \$200 each.

We will sell any size, any width of Her Ladyship's shoe from now until Jan. 1 for \$2.00. You had better look at this shoe before you pay \$2,50 or \$3.00. Howk & Son.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Winegra will spend Christmas with their their daughter Della in Detroit. The latter is doing nicely but is not sufficiently recovered to permitt of her coming home at that time.

E. W. Burnett and wife are both ill at the home of their son, Cassius, the former very seriously. Miss Ethel is also sick, and Cass and wife have their hands more than full,

Some Grand Rapids sportsmen were hunting rabbits in this vicinity Monday. When they took the horse on Nov. 26, 1897. The con- & M. baggageman yauked the two dition of the road, Sergeent alleges, hounds into the car so viciously pike's unsafe condition, he believes the dogs dead and the other with a the negligence of the township wound in his side. One of the the accident, which fractured his has entered a complaint against the left elbow and otherwise injured baggageman. The latter individ- photos now, at Murphy's studio, ual will probably "take a walk."

Finest line of 25c. Christmas presents in town at Oliver's.

All styles of photos and photo buttons at Murphy's studio.

M. N. Hine has promised The Ledger some Georgia letters.

I am general agent for the Eastman kodak and supplies. A. Oliver. Oysters. We can supply dances, suppers, socials, or anyone that wants oysters for Christmas. John Giles & Co.

M. N. Hine left Lowell yesterday for Columbus, Ga., where he will spend the winter with his daughter, Mrs. Nellie J. Kitchen.

If you are in doubt what to give him, get one of our gold or silver-mounted umbrellss. If he doesn't like it, he won't like anything.

Rev. S. T. Morris is organizing a boys' club in connection with the work of the Congregational church. The initial meeting was held at the church Monday afternoon. The next one will be next Saturday evening at 7 o'clock.

Mufflers rich to ward off cold, prices low, as you've been told, qualities that can't be beat. Any. how you'd better get one and save a doctor's bill this winter. Althen.

The Vergennes Dancing club will give one of its popular parties on Christmas eve., at Train's opera house. Music by Adams' orchestra. Supper at Hotel Central 50c per couple. Bill to dance 50c, including care of horses. Handsome invitations announcing the event were printed at the Ledger

If you'r visiting our city don't hesitate to call at our store because you don't intend to buy. A looker today may mean a buyer tomorrow. Chas. Althen.

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Vogennes Station-Alton Addie Spencer is home from Grand

Rapids to spend the holidays. Born-To Mr. and Mrs. Abe Fites, Dec. s, a daughter.

Mrs. P. W. Byrnes and S. Andrews are

mong the sick. Olinton Weeks is a little better. Mrs. J. Hapeman is visiting her son

Jud, of East Lowell. Guy Norton has moved into Barney Sculley's tenant house in Grattan. Verna Renells is attending the Barte

Mr. Cannon of Belding was a guest of Eugene Rennells one day last week. Jay Cummings is moving into one the gristmill houses.

W. DeWitt of Ionia is an iumate of N. Mr. and Mrs. Willis Purdy and Frank White and Mable Bookey were in Grand

Rapids Saturday. The annual election of church officers will be held at grange hall, Dec. 22, at 2 p.

Ralph Ford has concluded to spend the winter here and return in the spring to the gold mines which promises rich returns. He is highly pleased with the people and and climate. He has brought home som fine specimens of copper.

We are sorry to hear of the sad disappointment of our young gentleman friend who waited at the depot at Lowell last Saturdsy night for a certain young lady who has two strings to her beaux. She went to the Valley City with the short one and promised to stop off at 1 owell when return ing and attend the show with the long one The train came in and brought no joy for this young man.

Buy your guns and ammunition of R. D. Stocking.

"Goo Goo Eyes" and all the other atest songs at half-off price at Stocking's.

Don't wait, but get your Xmas

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It Was Scratched. "Years ago in California," said a western man, "an acquaintance of mine was on a stagecoach that a pair of bandits went through. The 14 passengers were all made to get out and stand in a row, with their hands high over their heads. One burly ruffian stood guard over them with a double barreled shotgun, while the other en gaged in the pleasing task of relieving them of their valuables and spare

"My friend was pearest the man with the shotgun. While the ceremonies were in progress his nose began to itch, and instinctively he started to lower one hand to scratch it. 'Hands up, there!' came the stern order, and his hand went automatically back into place. But that itching redoubled, and again he essayed the relieveful scratch.

"'Say, what's the matter with you anyhow? demanded the highwayman. 'Are you wishful to become a lead mine? 'My nose itches so I can't stand it any longer, tearfully explained my friend. 'I simply have got to scratch it.' 'No. you hain't,' ungrammatically corrected the knight of the road, "cause I'll do it for you."

"And with that he proceeded to scratch the offending nasal organ with the muzzle of his shotgun. You can wager your shoes that that particular nose stopped itching with great abrupt

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