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Gov. Fingree Pardons and Paroles Several More Convicts.

A MICHIGAN BANK IS CLOSED

The State Teachers' Convention at Grand Rapids—The Penny Hurder Case—Other State News Notes of Interest.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 28.—The following pardons and paroles have been issued by Gov. Fingree:

Pardoned. Henry Stewart, Detroit, murderer, life sentence; served 21 years.

Thos. B. Foley, Clinton county, murderer, life sentence; served 15 years.

Frank N. Xon, Detroit, burglar, 10 year sentence; served 4.

Frank J. Kuita, Ottawa county, sentenced to 2 years; served less than one year.

Wm. Henry Langridge, murderer, life sentence; served 18 years and commuted to 10 years.

John Fasthinder, Detroit, murderer, sentenced to 2 years at Mich.; served one year.

Abram Hartle, Barry county, forged, sentenced to 10 years; served 6 1/2 years.

Joseph Babillon, Detroit, burglar, sent up for 10 years; served 5.

Marie Smith and Ida Gilhouser, who have been in the industrial school for girls at Adrian.

Henry Stewart was one of the oldest prisoners in years well as length of service in Jackson prison. He was convicted of the murder of John Willems in 1859. He has served 31 years in prison, and there appears to be some doubt of his guilt. One of Willems' brothers who lives in Michigan, is writing that the murder was committed by another man and that Stewart is innocent.

Jerry A. Ginnah, the Detroit bank messenger, who came to prison for absorbing \$1,200 of his employers' money in 1893. Ginnah is given the liberty partly through the influence of his mother, who is a member of the Michigan State Teachers' association.

Dr. L. Deon, the "finch" who was sentenced to five years for advising a susceptible woman at Grand Rapids to bury her money in the garden for safe keeping, and then die it up himself, was paroled after two years and six months service in prison.

The governor called an audience to Clarence Beverly from Monroe county, who has served 11 years of a 20 year sentence for killing his wife, also Ernest L. Chase, grandson of the Chase recipe book fame, who was sentenced to life imprisonment for murder. He has served four years.

Bank Closed. Washington, Dec. 28.—The First National bank of White Pigeon, Mich., was closed Thursday night by order of the comptroller of the currency, upon receipt of a telegram from National Bank Examiner J. W. Selden, that the board of directors of the bank had passed a resolution requesting the comptroller to take charge.

Examiner Selden was in the bank at the time the resolution was adopted and has been appointed receiver.

The bank was last examined on September 25, 1900, at which time its resources consisted of:

Real estate, \$29,282; bonds, stocks, securities, etc., \$45,761; due from banks and bankers, \$6,833; cash and other items, \$1,728; reserve fund in bank, \$7,009; 5 per cent redemption fund, \$2,620; total, \$116,923.

Its liabilities were:

Capital stock, \$50,000; surplus and undivided profits, \$11,256; individual deposits, \$55,705; circulating notes, \$50,000; total, \$136,922.

Michigan Prisoners. Washington, Dec. 29.—Michigan pardons were granted Friday as follows:

Original—John F. Lipley, Lansing, 10. Restoration and increase—Marshall Moore, dead, Bay City, 11. Increase—Fish Carpenter, Soldiers Home, Kent, 12; Phillip L. Lovett, Grand Rapids, 10; Lyman M. Lamoreaux, Mt. Pleasant, 14. Release—Robert Boyer, Blanchard, 12. Widows—Minoe of Louis Shookin, Sutton's Bay, 10; Helen M. Beck, Hopkins Station, 85; Anna Moore, Bay City, 85; Ida Hillbrand, Adrian, 82; Rosa Blackman, Sutton's Bay, 82; Catharine Brannacher, Elwood, 83.

Seven Sights. Adrian, Mich., Dec. 29.—Congressman Henry C. Smith is in receipt of a letter from the chairman of the committee on public buildings and grounds requiring him to find out the site for Adrian's postoffice building will be donated. In case it is not, he must file a report on the subject. It is to what he can purchase such a site for.

The statement has raised a sensation in Adrian, and at least two different places are being presented.

"Stonewall" Jackson's Chaplain, Clarksville, Miss., Dec. 29.—Rev. J. P. Martin, pastor of St. Luke's church, Jackson, Tenn., died here Friday. He was chaplain of the 34th Michigan in the army of Virginia during the civil war.

SENSATION CAUSED

By the Testimony in the Richardson Murder Inquest.

A WOMAN AND HER ADVISER

A Traveling Man Alleged to be Responsible for Richardson's Death—Said to Have Been Blackmailing Him for a Year.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 29.—Two sensational results Friday from the evidence adduced at the inquest over the murder of Frank O. Richardson, the millionaire merchant who was shot down in his own home at Savannah, Mo., on Christmas eve.

The first sensation was testimony establishing the probable innocence of the business partner of the murdered man, who has been under suspicion as the murderer, it having been alleged that the partner, John Richardson, was accused of Richardson's murder of undue intimacy with Mrs. Richardson. The second sensation was that the testimony tended to fix the responsibility for the crime on a woman and her adviser, a traveling man, who are alleged to have blackmailed the merchant for a period of almost a year.

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The Chinese themselves were greatly astonished at receiving the imperial instructions. Neither Li Hung Chang nor Prince Ching had expected success in persuading the court under the emperor's instructions are in agreement with the note, but to endeavor to get the best terms possible particularly in the matter of limiting the number of the legation guards and also as to the places where they are to be located.

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WHERE there's a will, there's a way to break it nowadays.

Now come the melancholy days when a man has to use up the cigars his wife bought him for Christmas.

It's HARD to please some people. Not so long ago the British were complaining because they were being treated as second class citizens.

It is really a little amusing to hear the Republicans boast of the great increase in agricultural exports.

The same old effort is being made to change inauguration day to a later time when the chances of pneumonia are not quite so prevalent.

It is a peculiar sight to see a man to have a peculiar smile on the face of the pictured Indian.

Ma. BEYAN can certainly make no complaint on the score of the free advertising his proposed newspaper has received.

The brewers which complained that they had been ruined by the 2% tax, have increased their production by two million barrels this year.

The LEDGER believes that no man or woman on earth is above criticism, not Queen Victoria, the President or the Supreme Court.

Newton McCaul and family of Blanchard spent a few days last week with Fred Hooper and family.

Frank Maynard and wife spent Christmas with J. D. Harvey and wife of Lowell.

Archie Sherrard and bride of Owosso spent a week with his parents, Frank.

Henry Scott and wife had a family reunion Christmas, all the children being at home but one.

The money raised from the social paid the balance on the organ which was \$6.80 and presented Rev. Wesbrook with an Xmas remembrance, the balance being given to the Sunday school.

Prospects are bright for a post office here in the near future.

Mrs. Phea Battles of Campbell spent a few days last week with Pearl Hooper.

Minnie Skeetee and parents visited in Grand Rapids part of last week.

Ma. Lillie spent New Year's in Coopersville.

E. F. Lillie and wife and R. Johnson and wife of Grand Rapids and Mrs. Ann Lillie of Coopersville were guests of Warren Lillie and wife Thursday.

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Dr. Phoebe Clarke, of Peterson, Ia., and "Doc" back, raised me so I could not read myself, but Electric Bitters wholly cured me, and although 78 years old, I now am able to do all my housework.

Albert Clark visited friends in Cascade, Mich., and returned to Lowell on Wednesday.

Maynard Bowen of Fowlerville will spend the winter with Deroy Wood and family.

Frank Clark is quite ill. Albert Scott and family visited relatives in Alto Sunday.

Mrs. Will VanSickle is spending the holidays with relatives in Eagle, Ray Hastings, wife and son of Grand Rapids are the guests of Mrs. H. P. Davis, E. L. Bennett and Mrs. Thomas and wife.

C. K. Thomas of Okemos spent last week with his parents, M. Thomas and wife.

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Mr. Malcom of Parnell was here on business last week Friday.

Mr. O'Connell of Belding was here Sunday. Mrs. Ford is very sick and under the doctor's care.

Myrtle Condon of South Lowell is spending the holidays with relatives here.

John Knopf of Belding was here Monday on business.

Geo. Ring of Bryans called on his uncle, Edmund, Sunday.

Clifton Weeks is still improving. Mable Kinney is helping Mrs. E. Remmel.

Mr. and Mrs. R. McGehee attended Terrence McGehee's funeral in Grand Rapids last week.

Alice Fites is working for Mrs. Church. Mrs. Geo. McGehee entertained company from Lowell Sunday.

Ray Covett of Lowell is visiting his sister, Norma, Sunday.

Warren Ford and wife entertained their children here last week.

Thomas Reed and wife had the misfortune to step on a nail and has been laid up for the past week.

A farmers institute is to be held here at the grange hall Thursday Jan. 10. Following program: 10:00 Music by Mr. Frank Alger and O. O. Adams.

Address "Fesh Culture" by Mr. McPherson.

Discussed by Chas. Jackson. Maintaining Soil Fertility with and Without Lime Book by W. H. Hinchins.

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Frank Daniels is spending a few days with Kalamazoo friends.

Mrs. Nina Gauder came from Okemos last Wednesday to take care of Grand Mrs. James Bowen who is falling slowly.

Mary Lott and her friend, Mrs. Myers, Ois Johnson and Lloyd Sparks were guests Sunday to dinner at Mrs. E. Wilkinson's.

Mrs. Mary Row is on the sick list. Mrs. L. L. Gibson and sister, Laura, visited their brother, Rev. J. H. Westbrook of Lowell, Wednesday.

On the morning preceding her home in Pottery Monday.

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Over 40,000 of the 1900 edition were sold at 25c each. It is the most popular book of the kind ever published.

All three books for \$1.75, regular price \$2.25.

The Livvymen, however, was supporting a rival candidate and gave the lawyer a book that outwardly appeared perfect, but which broke down entirely before his journey was completed.

Senator Kelly and wife of Muskegon spent Sunday with his brother J. D., enroute for Lansing.

Nathan Hubbell of Saranac and Kousin, Mrs. Potter of Pokagon, were guests of Mrs. Wm. Rexford last Friday.

Irving Anderson, Jr., of Grand Rapids, has been spending the past week with Mr. and Mrs. James Murphy.

Mrs. Mastenbrook and Cora Hubbard of Grand Rapids and Ralph Ford and Maude Condon of Alton visited Mrs. Wm. Rexford last Wednesday.

A meeting of the federation of W. C. T. Unions will be held at the Reading rooms on Saturday afternoon. A good attendance is desired.

Mobile, Ala. Dec. 19, 1900. Editor Ledger: A clipping from the Daily Mobile Herald:

At 9 o'clock last evening at the home of the bride, southeast corner of Government and St. Emanuel streets, Mr. H. D. Sterling of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Mrs. Jessie N. Hazard of this city, were quietly joined in holy bonds of wedlock by the Rev. F. K. Sims.

The bride was attired in a gown of cream silk, trimmed with a lot of pearls and carried in her left hand a bouquet of Marchal Neil roses. Mr. F. N. Knox of Atlanta, Ga., acted as best man and Miss Lillian Hazard, sister of the bride, as bridesmaid.

The contracting parties and numerous invited friends were present. Mr. and Mrs. Sterling left this morning on the steamer City of Miami for Miami, Fla., their future home.

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We can at least accept regular price of the paper you want, do the business for you and assume all risks.

By special arrangements we offer THE LOWELL LEDGER in combination with the following papers both at the prices named:

The Grand Rapids Semi-Weekly Herald and The Ledger one year for \$1.40.

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We have some fine combinations of magazines, cannot name them all but mention one for a sample.

Success, Review of Reviews, McClure's, Cosmopolitan and Lowell Ledger, all for \$4.00; regular price \$6.50.

When the big game finally did come out, the Roanoke certainly had us on the run.

For three things they piled up on us almost at will. But then we began to get wise.

Why was this fast running pheasant? Why Priest was still in the pitcher's box, and the whole outfit seemed to be in their usual places.

Perhaps he was sick. The thought gave us courage, and we began to pick up a bit.

You all know how we finally pulled the game out of the fire in the last half of the tenth.

That's a matter of history now. Well, after that was over the Slogger went up to C. Priest.

"Say," he asked, "where's that ball runner of yours, Cy?"

"You mean Steve Speed?" replied Cy, with a funny look in his eye.

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A NIGHT OF SOBBIING.

MRS. GALLUP LAMENTED THAT HER TIME ON EARTH IS SHORT.

She heard the summons to get ready to go to an angel and had a little talk with Mr. Gallup about her life.

After supper Mr. Gallup had gone over to the store for a whetstone and a paper of carretts, and as he went Mrs. Gallup was washing up the dishes and singing "The Home Over There" with a great feeling.

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FOR LITTLE FOLKS.

Wonderful Ben Planter.

There has been and are many magical prodigies, but it would be hard to find an equal to little Ben Planter.

This phenomenal child was born at Ferrol, in Spain, 3 years and 10 months ago, and no sooner was he able to play on the piano.

Before he was 2 years old he could play without the slightest error any piano.

He is now 5 years old and he can play any piece of music that he wishes.

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Winegar Furniture Co. Cor. S. Division and Cherry Streets.

Julius A. J. Friedrich, Piano, Organ, Sheet Music and Musical Men.

Bridge St. House. 81.00 and \$1.25 per day. Meals 25c.

Money to Loan on Farms. John B. Martin, 98 Canal Street, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Boots and Shoes. DAVID STOLL, 151 W. Bridge St., Grand Rapids, Mich.

When you want to save money in medicines, buy Thum's Drug Store.

Wall Paper, Paints and Oils, Window Shades and Picture Frames.

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J. G. HERKNER JEWELRY CO., 67 MONROE ST., GRAND RAPIDS.

Cut Rates on Everything. THE SHAMROCK, Little John, near S. Scherach, Prop.

CLARENDON HOTEL. Corner Division and Cherry.

THE NATIONAL BANK. 100 and 108 W. Bridge St., Grand Rapids.

FOR A SHORT TIME ONLY. DR. H. H. MAYNARD, 84 Monroe St., Grand Rapids.

THE OLD ARTIST.

There is a picture of an old man, with a long white beard, looking out of a window.

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WEEKLY TRADE REVIEW.

The Commercial Failures During the Year.

New York, Dec. 29.—N. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: While it is not yet possible to give accurate figures of failures during the year 1900, a preliminary statement may be made that will approximate the final result.

It appears that commercial failures will number about 16,000, with liabilities of \$17,000,000.

Of this number 2,800 were in manufacturing, for \$4,750,000, 7,800 in trading, for \$9,000,000, and 5,400 in transportation, etc.

With the proper remedies taken, it is thought that the situation is unusually bright.

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INTERESTING EXPERIMENT. Cat Apparently Killed by Electricity Restored by Same Agent.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 29.—N. Schellinger, an electrician of Chicago, yesterday, in the presence of a number of persons interested in the progress of research, showed a cat apparently killed by an electric current.

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THE ADVENT OF SPRING.

The Most Glorious Season of the Whole Year.

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

With the approach of spring the human system takes on a change and it must react by throwing off the impurities from the blood, which have accumulated during the winter months when one is least likely to feel well.

Many times one feels a languid, sleepy feeling, especially after meals, which is a positive indication that the blood is impure and is being slowly but surely poisoning the system.

With the proper remedies taken, it is thought that the situation is unusually bright.

Dr. Curtis T. Wolford, Specialist of Chronic Diseases, will be at Lowell, Mich., on Wed. Jan. 9.

INTERESTING EXPERIMENT. Cat Apparently Killed by Electricity Restored by Same Agent.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 29.—N. Schellinger, an electrician of Chicago, yesterday, in the presence of a number of persons interested in the progress of research, showed a cat apparently killed by an electric current.

When the cat was touched by the electric current, it fell dead.

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# OUR SEVENTH ANNUAL DRESS GOODS SALE

Commencing Jan. 5th  
and Ending Jan. 12th

We have a full line of  
Broadhead Dress Goods.

Our Dress Goods Stock is full of all the New things—The New Zibolines, Toscas, Soliels, Granits, Cheviots and Melroses—We put them all in and reserve nothing. Our reasons for making these special sales is due to the fact that our settled policy is never to carry stock over from one season to another, but clean it out, no matter what the loss is to us. Each year's sale has been more successful than the one preceding it. This year we are going to cut the prices deeper than ever.

**A. W. WEEKES.**

20 Pieces of 15c Plaids  
go for 7c

If unable to come it will pay  
you to send a hand.

## Lowell State Bank

Organized under the general Bank Laws of this State.

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### HOME NEWS.

\$1.00 pants sale at Godfrey's.  
milk cow for sale.  
Chestnut

First class house to rent. Apply to N. B. Blain.

Fred Graham spent Christmas with his parents at Bancroft.

J. B. Nicholson was doing business in Grand Rapids yesterday.

John Brown of Grand Rapids visited friends in Lowell last week.

Weekes is at it again with his annual special sale. Dress goods first.

Ethene Cambell made a business trip to Almont and vicinity last week.

Miss Bertha Robinson of the Probate office spent New Year's with Lowell friends.

A fine musical entertainment was given at the home of M. Langworthy Christmas night.

Mrs. Murphy of Cedar Springs was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. J. Harkness, over Sunday.

A marriage license was issued Tuesday to William Britton and Olive Cress of Caledonia.

Miss Laura Flynn and John Dawson both of Lowell were married in Grand Rapids last Monday.

To the members of W. R. C. A., special meeting will be held Saturday afternoon, Jan. 5, 1901.

R. I. White and family of Grandville spent New Year's with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. N. White.

We commence our dress good sale on Saturday, Jan. 5 and finish Saturday Jan. 12. A. W. Weekes.

Frank White, who is attending a dental college in Chicago, has been spending several days with parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Faulkner and daughter, Bessie, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kopf ate Christmas turkey with Ellis Faulkner and wife of Hastings.

In common with the practice of other newspapers and others who have to do business on strict business principles, we would request a general straightening of subscription accounts to the beginning of the new year. This is the time of year when money is generally more easily procured with which to fix up those little accounts, and the request is being passed all along the line. We have accounts which we must meet and we ask a general straightening up that we may begin the books anew.

"I do not wonder that the boys and young men do not make more success in life," a country farmer was heard to remark. In my young days a horse and saddle was a luxury but nowadays every boy and young man in the country must have a horse and buggy and all the modern equipments. The \$75 he pays for a buggy would buy five good steer calves and in two years these calves would be worth \$250. The time and money he spends during the two years would make the feed for the five steers and buy as many more. In four years he would make from \$600 to \$1,000 in stock instead of a worn out buggy and a set of bad habits."

Eleven below 0 last night. Odd suits at Godfrey's half price. "The World Against Him." Read it.

Lloyd Jones and wife spent Christmas with friends in Saranac.

Edith Kopf of Grand Rapids visited friends in Lowell last week.

It commences Saturday, Jan. 5. What does? Dress good sale. A. W. Weekes.

Mrs. M. H. Walker and children of Grand Rapids visited at I. W. Halstead's Monday, that being Mr. and Mrs. H.'s fiftieth anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Elwell of Grand Rapids spent New Year's with the latter's brother, F. Winters, and niece, Mrs. Milo Johnson.

The best way to advertise is just to advertise. Get at it with a view to having the people know what you most desire to sell and incidentally letting them know that the specified items do not represent your full stock. Say interesting things about interesting goods and have the goods to talk about.

Brother Johnson, of the LOWELL LEDGER, will please to take notice that the Galesburg Enterprise is

spelled with a "G". We will appreciate Brother Johnson's courtesy if he will correct his error upon that point in his next issue.—Galesburg Enterprise. Well, we should smile. If the compositor and proof reader do not conspire against us, we will spell it with a big E. hereafter.

The entertainment given by the Clare Vaughan Wales company last evening was very pleasing. Miss Pringle's violin work seemed to please the audience most, although all the numbers were well filled. The evening was the coldest of the season but the opera house was very comfortable. We want to say a good word for the boys, too. Their conduct was above reproach. Keep it up, boys, and accept our thanks.

During the deer season, Arthur VanDusen, aged 18 years, of Vergennes who with a party of other hunters were up north, went out the first day and shot two deer and one each day thereafter until he had shot his five allowed by law; but his grandfather, Austin VanDusen, says he didn't quite come up to him, as the first deer he ever got he managed to put a rope around his neck and took him home alive.

Invitations are out announcing the marriage of Mr. Roney Cilley of Boston township and Miss Cora Preston of Campbell which will take place at the residence of the bride's parents in Campbell today at 6 o'clock a. m. The bride is one of Campbell's most highly respected young ladies, and the groom one of Boston's most promising young men, and a minister of the gospel. The young couple have the best wishes of a large circle of friends.—[Freeport Herald Dec. 27.]

### East Lowell.

Mrs. Cary entertained a company of five from Lake Odessa Friday.

J. N. Hubbel has a sick horse. Dr. McQueen is in attendance.

Pink Coles has been very sick but is better at this writing.

The oil men of Ohio have sent word to parties in this place that they will be here in the spring and begin operations.

T. Story, wife and daughter spent Sunday in Freeport.

### Parnell.

The Misses Murphy and Parel have opened their dress making shop after a week's vacation.

The bans of matrimony was published for the second time between Laura Laughlin and Wm. White.

Eva Murphy and Lizzie McMahon of Lowell are visiting at Johnie Downes'.

Nellie and Bennie Murphy have returned home after spending a week with their sister, Mrs. E. G. Ody of Hersey.

Libbie Quillan of Belding has been spending a week with her relatives.

John Doyle had the misfortune of losing a valuable horse a few weeks ago.

WANTED—ACTIVE MAN OF GOOD character to deliver and collect in Michigan for old established manufacturing wholesale house. \$900 a year, extra pay. Honesty more than experience required. Our reference, any bank in any city. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope. Manufacturers, Third Floor, 331 Dearborn St., Chicago, 1901.

## Old Sight and Old Age

Old age is a matter of years—Old Sight is a question of glasses.

If you find a difficulty in reading while for distance your sight is good, you require "old sight" glasses. Old sight usually shows itself at about forty.

A competent optician should be consulted. We guarantee satisfaction.



### Pratt Lake.

Your correspondent sends New Year's greetings to the worthy editor and his readers.

Arthur Fletcher has been spending a part of his vacation with his sister, Mrs. F. Harker.

Mrs. Freeman is on the sick list. Mrs. E. English and son spent New Year's with friends in Grand Rapids.

Jennie Andrews visited May Proctor of Saranac Friday.

Rev. Calkins and wife, Miss Mead, Rev. and Mrs. Holcomb and Ola Green ate turkey with A. M. Andrews and family New Years.

Rev. and Mrs. English of Canada are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Miller.

Mrs. Elmira Cilley, who has been at Robinson with her son, Russ, has returned.

The Ideal Entertainment will be given at the grange hall sometime in February.

Remember the grange council at the hall Jan 7 and also the farmers institute Jan. 18.

No literary program Sunday evening but our minister will fill the pulpit. All are invited and the president wishes the cabinet officers to be present.

### South Boston Elmdale

Miss Alma Hurr is visiting relatives in Big Rapids.

Mae and Bert Khlan are ill with scarlet fever.

Mrs. Harrison and son Ralph spent Xmas with A. S. and G. L. Standard.

Ione Price of Lowell is visiting Letha Burr.

Chas. Khlan and family spent New Years with Mr. and Mrs. Nye of Lake Odessa.

Letha Burr which returning from F. L. Harker's Thursday evening had the misfortune to be thrown from the buggy cutting her face quite badly.

Mrs. Dunn of Saranac spent a part of last week with Mrs. H. Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Young spent Xmas with her parents, H. Nash.

### Cascade-East Paris

Fred Vroman, who has been visiting friends in Cedar Springs, has returned.

Sunday visitors at Mark Davis' were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baker and Mrs. W. Sternbach of Grand Rapids and Mesdames A. Davis and G. Dunn of Rockford.

Miss Blanche Vroman of Howell has been spending the holidays with her grand mother, Mrs. F. Vroman.

Jennie Clark, who has been having a long struggle with la grippe, is better.

Died of a lingering illness, Mrs. Chas. Dennison in the 59th year of her age. "None knew her but to love her." Mr. Dennison has our sympathy in this sad affliction.

A number of friends of the station agent, M. Davis, met at his home and watched the old year out and the new year in.

The many friends of Miner Patterson will regret to hear that he is very feeble. Only a few weeks ago we recorded the demise of A. Slater by which a void was made not easily filled, while Mrs. Slater mourns the loss of a devoted husband and her only daughter, an indulgent parent. His death is not felt only in his immediate neighborhood but in the community at large. Again the Destroyer has entered the household of the bereaved ones, removing Mrs. Slater's

only brother, John Marks, after an illness of only a few hours. Mrs. Slater has the heartfelt sympathy of a large circle of friends. Father, mother, sisters and brothers all gone. May He who is a father to the fatherless have her in his care and enable her to say "Not my will but thine be, done, Oh Lord."

### South Lowell.

A happy New Year to our editor and correspondents.

The literary was excellent Sunday evening. Much credit is due our president, Minnie Behler. The house was filled young people from West Bowae and South Boston being present.

Clara Duell of Alto spent Saturday and Sunday with Minnie Behler.

We will watch the old year out tonight (Monday) with appropriate exercises. Our preacher will discourse on "The second coming of Christ."

Roy Higbee of Ionia spent Xmas with his brother, Carleton.

A quiet wedding was solemnized by Rev. McAllister of Lowell Dec. 25 at the home of G. Rittenger when their only daughter

Margaret was united to Howard Bertlett. The bride was dressed in cream Crepe-De-Chene trimmed with lace set with pearls. Howard is one of our bustling young farmers and Margaret a most highly esteemed young lady. They made a flying trip to Canada. Our best wishes for a long and happy life.

Last Thursday evening 40 young people gathered at the home of C. G. Hill for an intended surprise on LaNora. Light refreshments served, games were indulged in and they departed in the wee hours of the morning. All reported a good time.

Visitors at Chas. Yeitor's Sunday were Fred Schwarzer, wife and daughter of West Campbell and Chas. Murphy, wife and daughter, Kittie, of Clarksville.

### PRINTING

The kind that progressive printers do is what you want and here is where you can get it.

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...COLLAR'S... ZAAR...



## We Want You

to do your trading at our store during this New Year and you will be surprised at how much you will save during the year. Our goods are the best and our prices the lowest. Keep your eye on this space for bargains. We change our adv. every week so don't miss a single issue. Dinner Sets at Reduced Prices.

# Ulster Overcoat Sale

## AT GODFREY'S

# ONE-HALF PRICE

# 1-4 Off Sale

WE appreciate what the good people of Lowell and vicinity have done for us and during this big Cut and Slash Price Sale we are going to make the good people of Lowell and vicinity appreciate what we do for them. We are going to put our entire stock under the hammer until prices are smashed so there is nothing in it for us but moving the goods.

## Suits, Overcoats, Gloves, Mittens, Underwear, Caps, Heavy Woolen Pants all Sold at 1-4 Off from Regular Price

10 Overcoats left from last year going at 1/2 price.  
15 Suits left from last year going at 1/2 price.  
All the rest of our stock being fresh and up-to-date.

We would say for the benefit of those who have been waiting for our annual 1/4 off sale to commence that it would be advisable for them to get in early for a few days business like Saturday and Monday will clean our Tables and shelves.

# Come to the Cut and Slash Price Sale

# CHAS ALTHEN.