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FIVE CENTS.

To Create a Fund

For future use a beginning should be made now.

CHRISTMAS

Should have a practical as well as a sentimental hide. Make a deposit here in the name of wife, daughter, sister or anyone that you desire to benefit and send them the receipt with your compliments and those of

The City Bank



Special...

The following will make substantial and useful Christmas presents—

Quick Meal Steel Range
Carving Sets
Roger's 1847 Silverware
Wm. Rogers' Silverware

Largest and best assortment of Pocket Cutlery and Razors.

Yours for good goods

R. B. Boylan

Christmas Shopping Made Easy.

Don't run all over town and tire yourself out needlessly, when Oliver can fit you out with presents useful, ornamental and lasting for every member of the family. An inspection of his stock is good for sore eyes.

Watches, Chains, Band and Set Rings, Brooches, Chalellaine Pins, Emblem Pins, Fob Chains, Fountain Pens, plated and gold trimmed, Pearl Handle Pens, Cut Glass, Silverware, plated and Sterling, Fine China, Hat and Coat Markers, Key Chains and Checks, Gold and Silver Toothpicks, Purses Wrist and Carriage Bags and Fancy Box Stationery from 10c to \$2.00.

A. D. Oliver.

Your Christmas Dinner

Will not be complete without a visit to

WEYRICK'S MARKET

Where you will find the best in

Beef, Pork, Veal, Mutton, Poultry and Oysters.

We handle the finest brands of cured and smoked meats in the world and sell our own makes of cooked and pressed meats. Fresh lot of Cranberries and Sauer Kraut just received. Olives and Pickles in bulk. "What will Weyrick do next?"

A NEW BUILDING

A. L. WEYRICK WILL BUILD A NEW MARKET.

Old Building Will be Torn Down to Make Room.

"What will Weyrick do next?" can now be answered. He will build an up-to-date meat market on his lot formerly occupied by the barber and shoe shops just west of Boylan's store.

Charles Brothers, who have so long occupied the old building, have already moved to the front corner basement of the Lyon block, which has been fitted up especially for them.

The work of tearing down the old building will begin as soon as the weather will permit; and a new steel-covered market building 22x60 will take its place. This will have a plate glass front and will be handsomely fitted up expressly for the meat market business.

Who will be next to help start a building boom next Spring? Got to have it. We must have it. Where are people going to live? Wake up now and "Get there, Ell!"

CHURCHES AND SOCIETIES.

METHODIST.

The pastor will preach in the morning, of Sunday Dec. 20, on the theme, "Christ's Answer to the World's Felt Needs." And in the evening the topic will be, "The Swift Young Man's Wise Decision."

The League meeting at 6 p. m. will be in charge of Miss Ada I. Halpin and Mrs. Mary E. Bailey, and the topic for the evening is, "Jesus Christ, His Saving Power."

The Sunday school will have exercises on Christmas eve and an old-fashioned Christmas tree. The program is in preparation.

The Epworth League on Tuesday evening elected the following officers: Arthur Avery, president; Carrie Avery first vice president; Clara Lawrence, second vice president; Mary E. Bailey, third vice president; Bertha Austin, fourth vice president; Myrtle Taylor secretary; Florence Bowen treasurer; Mina Eggleston organist; and Paul McCarty, chorister.

SOCIETIES.

Lowell Sir Knight and Lady Macabees will on Friday evening, Dec. 18, begin a series of twelve progressive parties with prizes.

Andrew Rittenger of Alto took the third degree in Masonry with Lowell Lodge Tuesday evening. Installation of officers for both Lodge and Chapter Saturday evening, Dec. 26. Turn out.

W. C. T. U.

The Lowell W. C. T. U. meeting with Mrs. Moyer last Friday was a very interesting one. It was voted to send \$5 to the temple in Chicago. One new member. Refreshments. Adjourned till after holidays.

German M. E. Church.

Preaching at 7 p. m., by the pastor, Epworth League following the service. Leader, Rosa M. Roth. Bible study by Mrs. Magdanz. The male quartet will sing one of its favored pieces. These meetings are conducted in German. Come and bring your friends.

CHICAGO IS SELECTED.

Time and Place for Holding Next National Republican Convention Set by Committee.

Washington, Dec. 14.—June 21 the Republican national convention will meet at Chicago. Chicago won on the first ballot at the meeting of the national committee, the vote standing: Chicago, 43; Pittsburg, 7; St. Louis, 1.

Delegates to the convention will be chosen on the same basis of representation that prevailed in 1900. Each state will be entitled to four delegates at large and two delegates for each congressional district, and each territory to six delegates. The delegates must be selected a month in advance of the convention, or not later than May 21.

BOYCOTT ORDERED.

Chicago Labor Officials Instruct Men Not to Ride on Cars Manned by Nonunion Crews.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Although it has been agreed there shall be no discrimination against nonunion employes of the Chicago City Railway company, the Chicago Federation of Labor has sent out notice to all affiliated bodies instructing members not to ride on street cars manned by nonunion crews.

The boycott order was sent out by Secretary Nockels Thursday night and is likely to result in further assaults and car wrecking.

Mayor Harrison is severely condemned for his inaction, while the rioting continues.

Notice of Dissolution.

We, the undersigned, have this day dissolved partnership by mutual consent. All accounts of the firm will be settled by L. P. Thomas.

Lowell, Dec. 16, 1903.

L. P. Thomas,
G. R. Giles.

Real Estate Transfers.

Moses A. Hewett and wife to Alvah A. Dickerson and wife part nw 1/4 sec. 1, Lowell, \$800.

Adella D. Trumble to Moses Hewett and wife lots 14 and 15 blk 24, Avery plat of Lowell, \$275.

Geo. Kitchen to Mary J. Kitchen, lot 1 and e 1/2 lot 9, blk 5, Chapin & Booth add \$250.

CARRIERS SUFFER

SNOW DRIFTS FROM FENCE TO FENCE.

Kept out After Dark With Their Mail.

The mail carriers are having tough times these stormy days. Some have been unable to complete their circuits and others have been kept out till after dark and reached home with horses utterly exhausted. As we understand it, one of the requirements of rural mail service is that the roads must be kept open, as mail carriers are not compelled to break roads.

One man reports the north and south roads on his route full of snow from fence to fence and "nothing doing" but himself driving around in potato patches to get through and finding himself using a lantern to read directions on his mail when still four miles out.

This stormy season will soon be over; but those who value the service most do the fair thing, or risk being cut off. If a road is impassible, Uncle Sam will not expect a mail carrier to go through it.

Take a stout team and drive over the road after every storm; and be sure the "boys" will appreciate it.

HEARD ABOUT TOWN.

Souvenirs at Hakes'.

Emblems at Williams'.

Rich cut glass at Williams'.

Reliable fountain pen at Williams'.

See that new 7 1/2 Octava piano cased organ at Stocking's.

Miss Mabel Scott of Saranac attended the Success club Monday evening and was the guest of Mrs. W. S. Godfrey.

New assortment sweaters, neckties, mufflers and handkerchiefs just arrived at Godfrey's for the holidays. Come and see them.

A marriage license was issued yesterday to Kirk Ford of Vergennes and Florence Harrington of Cannon, aged 21 and 18 respectively.

Mrs. Harry McFadden and grandson, Willie Ward, of New Brighton, Penn., are spending a week with her sister, Mrs. S. O. Littlefield.

Wilder Wiley starts Saturday on a business and pleasure trip to San Francisco, Cal., expecting to remain at least through the winter.

Godfrey's furnishing goods department is brim full of good things for Christmas presents. Lots of good, lots of room. Call and see them.

Prosecuting Attorney Brown said Monday that Bernard Fingleton, who is accused of complicity with Mrs. Flood in the murder of John London, will probably not be brought to trial before the first of the year, as the Blain case will probably occupy the attention of the court until the latter part of this week and it will then be so late that it would be difficult to secure a jury before the courts adjourn for the holidays.

A jury in Judge Wolcott's court Tuesday afternoon brought in a verdict in favor of the defendant in the case of Samuel F. Hinchman vs. the township of Vergennes. The plaintiff sought to recover the price of a road-scraping machine, alleged to have been sold to the defendant by the Indiana Road Machine company. The jury found that fraud had been used in securing the contract for the sale of the machine and decided that the plaintiff was not entitled to recover.—Grand Rapids Post.

The Grand Rapids & Ionia Electric Railroad company was granted a franchise by the village board of East Grand Rapids Tuesday evening, conditional upon work beginning within 18 months and being completed in 30 months. It will be accepted. The survey from Ionia to Grand Rapids through Ada has been completed; and one taking in Cascade is now being run. Which route wins is still undetermined; but it is believed that Ada will win. Construction is expected to begin May 1.

Supervisor White informs us that the scene at the County house, when Mrs. Theodore Newman was separated from her two older children was heart-rending. The mother had to surrender all claim to the children before they could be taken to the Coldwater institution, and her only consolation is the possession of photographs taken for her by kind-hearted officials. She still has a baby by her side and more trials in store, and the man who through his own dissolute habits and general worthlessness is responsible for all this misery is still at large.

Trains Collide.

Stuebenville, O., Dec. 11.—Fifteen injured and one dead is the result of the wrecking of the east-bound Pan-Handle flyer No. 14 at New Cumberland Junction. The wreck was caused by an open defective switch. The dead man is Frank A. La Salle, an oil stock salesman, who lived at Indianapolis.

Victim of Heart Disease.

Boston, Dec. 12.—Capt. Charles A. P. Talbot, British consul at Boston, died suddenly at his residence in Brooklyn Friday. Capt. Talbot suffered an attack of heart disease Thursday night after attending a dinner at the Victoria club. His condition rapidly grew worse Friday.

In Need of Aid.

Butler, Pa., Dec. 10.—Fourteen hundred persons are down with typhoid fever here, in many instances whole families being prostrated, and Mayor Kennedy has appealed to the world for help. The poor are suffering, and a relief fund of \$100,000 is needed.

Things to Remember



We have the largest, neatest and newest assortment of common sense presents shown in Lowell.

We have the Dove line of Diaries for 1904 and never had as good diaries at so low a price before.

We will take just as good care of your drug buying during the holiday rush as ever and give the same perfect service.

Don't forget to ask for one of our 1904 almanacs. It's the kind you like best.

Don't forget to read our holiday adv elsewhere in this paper and profit by so doing.

D. G. LOOK

The Xmas Drug and Book Store

Largest Assortment of Xmas Presents

In Town are to be Found at Stocking's

Watches.—Come and see for yourself.

Chains.—Solid gold and filled; also fine line of Fobs.

Clocks.—All kinds and at lowest prices.

Diamonds and Solid Gold Rings.—Biggest line in town.

Emblem Pins and Jewelry, in solid gold and filled.

Silverware, Cut Glass, Military Sets, Silver Novelties, Etc., besides a very fine stock of Musical Goods, Pianos, Organs, Mandolins, Guitars, Victor Talking Machines, Violins, Etc. Sheet Music and Books, and the leading high-grade makes of Sewing Machines.

R. D. STOCKING,

LOWELL, MICH.

Engraving done free of charge.

Did You Ever Smoke a Stogie ?

On my recent visit to Ohio I brought some back with me. Everyone smokes them down there. I invite smokers to try them. They sell three for five cents.

WELDON SMITH, The Baker

The World-Renowned and Only Absolute Smoke Consuming Stove on Earth.

THE HOT BLAST

Air-Tight Florence.

No Smoke! No Soot! No Dirt! Everything Consumed! The Zenith of Stove Perfection.



The Hot Blast Air-Tight Florence will heat twice the space that can be heated by any other stove on earth at one-half the cost. The only perfect floor heater that has ever been made.

All features are patented and no stove manufacturer can copy same for eighteen years from date of patent.

The only jointless leg bottom and base with full radiation and large ash pan that has ever been made in the history of the stove industry.

The jointless leg bottom and base makes the stove air-tight below the grate, which is the only true fire keeping principle.

The Hot Blast Air-Tight Florence burns soft coal or slack and all the smoke and gases. No filling up of the stove, pipe or flue with soot. No dirt inside or outside the house. It will burn hard coal and all the gases which escape from the hard coal base burner. It will burn wood or sawdust, wet or dry. It will produce less ashes than any other stove on earth with any kind of fuel.

For Sale by

SCOTT & WINEGAR

Lowell Mich

COMMENCE TO SAVE!

Make \$1 earn \$2 by attending the

BEGIN TO-DAY!

Great Adjustment Sale

Of the E. R. Collar Stock of Dry Goods, Cloaks, Furs, Ladies Suits, Dress Goods and Domestic

Why allow yourself to be inveighed into buying goods at full prices when we have taken so much pains and spent so much effort in telling you how cheap we are selling the E. R. COLLAR STOCK at Lowell, take advantage of the opportunity to buy your supply of winter and holiday goods at sacrificing prices...

Table with columns: LADIES TAILORED SUITS, CHILDREN'S CLOAKS, LADIES AND CHILDREN'S HOSE, LADIES BOX COATS, Dress Goods, CHILDREN'S AND MEN'S CLOAKS, LADIES JACKETS.

Big Line of Holiday Goods Just Received

Lots of traps for the boys and girls. Keep your children at home nights, if you have their future welfare at heart.

Another Big Cut in the Price of Cloaks. Come and Get One.

Silk and Mohair Waists—the newest thing in the market. Handkerchiefs, Handkerchiefs. We show the latest assortment yet. Table Scarfs, Lunch Cloths, Dollies.

E. R. COLLAR

We are satisfied

HIS WORK LAID OUT

REV. CHARLES NEASE WILL TACKLE LIVE QUESTIONS.

Issues Topics to Men of Lowell. Rev. Charles Nease, pastor of the Lowell Methodist church, recently sent out about a hundred copies of the following letter to business men and citizens of Lowell:

We Are Satisfied

That we have the best wearing rubber on the market today at prices far below some of the inferior kinds...

Holiday Presents

Are now in order. Everybody is going to buy somebody something. Did you ever see any one that did not like a handsome slipper?

A. J. HOWK & SON.

The Old Reliable Shoe House.

Christmas Wisdom

At the first reading the captain's heart was full of regret as he lingered over the remembrance of the day when he had first met her.

ANOTHER "SUCCESS"

THE LOWELL PEOPLE PEOPLE SCORE ONE.

Owo Hundred and Fifty attend Monday Evening.

The Success Fido club held their second party of the season Monday evening in Train's opera house, 115 being present. The following committee of arrangements, prepared for a pleasant evening: Messrs. Amos, and Messrs. F. E. Eckert, V. S. Ward, H. W. Hakes, W. S. Winger, G. G. Towler, R. Vandyske, A. C. Stone, T. A. and Mrs. Murphy, Geo. Willard and Mr. C. G. Stone.

The games were the first in order, covering the company for two hours and the prizes were won as follows: Ladies first, Mrs. E. T. King, second, Mrs. R. J. Flanagan; third, Mrs. A. Wiley; consolation, Mrs. J. D. Kelly; Gentlemen first, W. L. Corbett, second, F. Jacoby, third, Chas. Altman; consolation, W. S. Gottfried.

Last a Lifetime

We have for your inspection an elegant assortment of Rocking Chairs, Lounges, Side Boards, Etc.

YEITZ & WADSWORTH. Colored Pictures, large and small.

Blanche O'Halloran A CUBAN REMEMBRANCE

The captain frequently resorted to his favorite whisky sour, but for the first time they failed in their stimulative offices and thoughts of a new and more effective glass of beverage often possessed him.

There was a long delay at Singapore owing to a disabled rubber, but Murray, contrary to his disposition, for once returned to join the jolly party of adventurers going from the ship into an excursion into the interior.

Murray was handsome and well-bred; so much so that the aristocracy of New York had found him hard to resist, and he was never slighted as the invitation lists for swell functions were being compiled.

He was indeed, there was much in the fact that he was a native of the island of Cebu, but his rank seemed to be forgotten in the excitement of his trip.

He managed to engage himself to pretty Dorothy Scaton before leaving New York and she was animated and vain. That was another streak of fortune worthy a celebration.

Murray had been invited to the hand of Miss Scaton for months; yes, even prior to his trip south from David's island, and his devotion had been constant since his return from Cuba.

Respectfully yours, CHARLES NEASE. Many replies are being received, and as varied as curious. The "fool" is getting his work in line and a series of ten or more sermons on the duty that of chair-warming in religion in Lowell is being prepared.

The demand for the wiping out of sectarianism and the co-operation of all Christian workers is increasing among intelligent and progressive people. One good, strong, active church is worth more to a community than a dozen weak ones.

THEORIES and facts how different. A teacher discussing evolution, and the lopping off by Nature of parts or organs rendered useless by changing conditions, remarked that if men were to cut one leg from each of their cattle and the practice were continued for generations, the result would finally be a species of cattle born with only three legs each.

MRS. M'KNIGHT'S DEFENSE.

Attorneys of Woman on Trial at Cadillac for Triple Murder Out-of-their Case. Cadillac, Dec. 7.—The prosecution in the trial of Mrs. Mary M. McKnight on the charge of poisoning her brother, John Murphy, on Saturday closed its evidence intended to prove Mrs. McKnight's interest in the insurance policy on her brother's life.

My Dear Mrs. O'Halloran.—The events of the war between Spain and the United States of America are now being numbered by years gone by and unless memory is exceedingly active and retentive one who participated in some of the circumstances connected with the brief but glorious

SUGAR FACTORIES.

Two of Inspection Ends at Owosso and Secretary Without Thanks to the Farmers. Owosso, Dec. 7.—The tour of inspection of the sugar factories of Michigan by Secretary of Agriculture Wilson and party ended in this city and the special train carrying the party left for Detroit, where Secretary Wilson and Senator J. C. Burrows took train for Washington.

Steamer Sinks. Goes to the Bottom in the Detroit River in a Struggle with Ice. Packets—Crew Safe. Detroit, Dec. 7.—With a great hole in the bottom of her hull, received while negotiating the passage through the ice on Lake Erie, the steamer Siberia, of the Gibraltar fleet, Sunday morning traversed the entire length of the Detroit river, and finally ran aground on water and within minutes had gone to the bottom of Grosse Pointe.

Blown to Pieces by Dynamite. Marquette, Dec. 7.—An attempt to extract a stick of dynamite from the ground with an auger cost the life of John Wood, a contractor, who was blown to pieces by iron near the city. The dynamite failed to explode when the fuse was first cut it went off easily enough when Duane's body was mangled beyond recognition and his companion was knocked senseless.

Swindled and Robbed. Grand Rapids, Dec. 7.—Daniel Booth, a contractor, whose home is near Shelbyville and who has been engaged in erecting some buildings on the Comstock farm near here, was swindled and robbed of \$300 on his way home. Booth had been working here several months and he had just finished the job and had been paid.

Settle Men Strike. Houghton, Dec. 7.—All the section men employed on the Mineral Range branch of the Detroit, South Shore & Atlantic railway struck upon receiving notification that their pay was cut from \$1.50 a day to \$1.25. The trouble is expected to be settled when the headquarters in Marquette are heard from.

Big Factory Burned. Hillsdale, Dec. 7.—The buildings, machinery, lumber and finished goods of the Hillsdale Paper Co. were destroyed by fire on Saturday night. The loss is expected to be \$50,000.

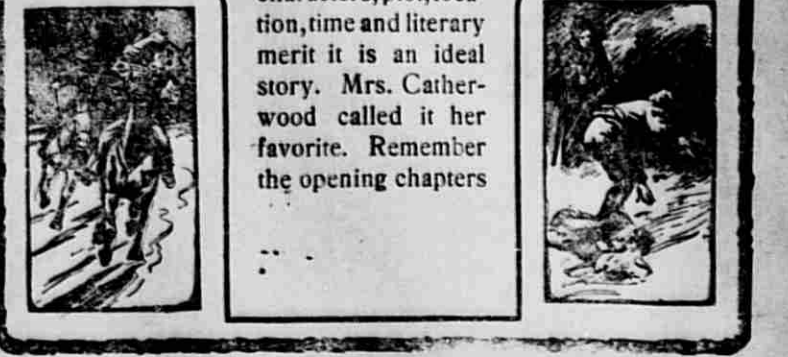
Decision to Plead Guilty. Muskegon, Dec. 7.—Charles Elton Leonard, charged with murdering Mrs. Elton Leonard, after being in the court room for nearly two hours, decided to plead guilty.

Spanish Peggy

A STORY OF ILLINOIS IN PIONEER DAYS

By MARY HARTWELL CATHERWOOD

It is a story of the martyr president, Abraham Lincoln; of the war governor of Illinois, Richard Yates; of Lincoln's sweetheart, Ann Rutledge. It is located in New Salem, Illinois, at a time when Lincoln was a young man there.



MICHIGAN SCHOOLS.

Grand Rapids, Dec. 7.—Daniel Booth, a contractor, lies at his home near Shelbyville in a dying condition as the result of an attack by highway robbers. Two men followed him to his train in Grand Rapids and assaulted him with clubs when he had walked three miles from the South Shore road to the way to his home. His assailants got away with \$300 and a gold watch.

Guests Driven Out by Fire. Detroit, Dec. 7.—Ninety guests and employees at the Hotel Campus were driven out into the cold by a fire in the basement of Bell & May's store under the hotel. No one was injured, despite the panic. Forty of the occupants were women, and few of them stopped to dress, but rushed out on the fire escapes and down into the icy alley. Loss, \$10,000.

Wages Reduced. Marquette, Dec. 7.—The Lake Shore engine works have reduced the wages of all apprentices ten percent. At the shops of the South Shore road the hours of labor have been cut to nine daily, with a proportionate reduction of wages. Several hundred men are affected.

Choked to Death. Flint, Dec. 7.—Edson Farrar, 19 years old, a member of the senior class of the First high school, choked to death at the home of his parents in Atlas, having suffered since Thanksgiving from abscess of the throat.

Misses Win. Bossom, Dec. 7.—The Sunk Lake and Brotherton mine strikes at Wakefield have been settled, and the men will return to work at \$2 a day. This is a victory for the miners.

Ann Arbor, Dec. 7.—Charles McKnight, who has been under the microscope for eight months for placing an obstruction on the Ypsilanti-Ann Arbor motor line track, was discharged on Saturday. Prosecutor Duffy said that the evidence pointed to his innocence and there was little chance of securing a conviction in circuit court.

Wardens Are Again Restrained from Interfering with National Fish Commission. Grand Rapids, Dec. 7.—In the United States court here Saturday Judge Chaney restrained the temporary Indiana commission State Game Warden Charles Chapman and Deputy Game Warden Brewster from interfering with the work of the United States fish commission. It will be some time before the final hearing of the case. The suit grew out of the arrest of P. W. Wines, superintendent of the hatchery at Duluth, Minn., and some of the men employed by him for refusal to allow Brewster to superintend the fishing as provided in the state law. Warden Brewster boarded the tug used by the government at Marquette and confiscated the fish and the tackle used.

[To be continued.]

BANKS ARE IN GOOD CONDITION

Comptroller Rideley in His Annual Report Commends the Careful Management Displayed.

National Banks Own Few Stocks and Almost None of Speculative Character—Great Increase in Circulation—Many New Banks and Enormous Savings Deposits.

Washington, Dec. 7.—That the stability of the national banks of the United States has not been disturbed by the immense depreciation of stocks during the last year is declared by William A. Rideley, comptroller of the currency, in his annual report.

The bank reports show total loans by all the banks of \$1,772,897,751 of which the last year is exceeded by William A. Rideley, comptroller of the currency, in his annual report.

The most notable fact in regard to the national bank circulation is the great increase in its volume, which reached \$21,122,489 September 6, 1903, the largest amount which has ever been in circulation.

Many New Banks.—The year was a prosperous one from a banker's standpoint. Since the new law of 1900 was passed 1,165 national banks have been organized.

Enormous Savings Deposits.—The controller presents figures covering briefly the condition of the national and saving banks in the country. He shows that 5,962 state banks hold deposits aggregating \$1,614,570,183.

Navy Report.—Secretary Moody discusses need of reorganization and asks for more warships.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Secretary Moody, in his annual report, refers at length to the organization of the navy department.

Careful consideration given during the past year to the question of the continuance of naval construction confirms me in the views expressed in my last annual report.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Dec. 4.—St. Paul's German Lutheran church, one of the finest houses of worship in this city, was completely gutted by fire yesterday morning.

Living 100 Years.—John A. Hauck, aged 103, the oldest man in Monroe county, died here. He was born in New Jersey.

THE FIFTY-EIGHTH CONGRESS MEETS

Extraordinary Session Is Ended and First Regular Gathering of New Body Is Held.

Speaker Cannon Convenes Regular Session of House at Noon—President Is Notified and Transmits Message to Both Bodies—Many Nominations Sent In.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The first regular session of the fifty-eighth congress began at noon yesterday, but the senate met half an hour previous to that time, in accordance with the adjournment of Saturday last, for the purpose of permitting an orderly termination of the called session.

The business transacted at the regular session consisted of the reading of the president's message and the beginning of the discussion of the Cuban reciprocity bill.

House Convened.—Speaker Cannon brought down the gavel at noon yesterday.

GOOD FOR THE OTHER FELLOW.

Dr. Sam—Just the Thing for Your Case, Nicholas.

Dr. Nicholas—You Can't Expect Me to Take My Own Medicine, Can You?

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OUR LIFE-SAVERS.

Report of General Superintendent Shows Efficient Work Accomplished by the Bureau.

Washington, Dec. 8.—S. L. Kimball, the general superintendent of the life saving service, in his annual report says: The number of lives lost was 24, one less than last year, while the number of persons involved—4,329—was greater by 119.

The number of disasters to the documented vessels was 246, carrying 3,682 persons, of whom 20 were lost.

The number of stations embraced in the establishment at the close of the fiscal year was 273, of which 196 were located on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts.

UNDER MARTIAL LAW.

Cripple Creek Controlled by the Militia and All Business Is Paralyzed.

Cripple Creek, Colo., Dec. 7.—Martial law prevails throughout the Cripple Creek district. Just how far the government will go in its attempt to enforce order is not known.

MISS GLADYS DEACON.

have a chance one day of wearing a coronet with strawberry leaves.

Writing in a recent number of M. A. P. (Mainly About People) T. P. O'Connor says under the heading: "Two American Beauties."

THE STRANGER WALKED AROUND the mule again and offered \$145.

PROTECTING RIVER BANKS.

MANY CHANGES IN ARMY SYSTEM

Secretary of War Root in His Report Tell of New Methods Now Being Applied.

Posting on Which Militia Is Placed Promises to Become Vastly Important—Regulars and Militia—Army in the Philippines—Expenses and Estimates.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Secretary Root devotes a large portion of his annual report to the operations of the war department to the organization and work of the general staff.

It will be perceived that we are here providing for civilian control over the military arm, but for civilian control to be exercised through a single military expert of high rank, who is provided with an adequate corps of professional assistants to aid him in the performance of his duty.

Joint Board in Operation.

Regulars and Militia.

Army in Philippines.

Expenses and Estimates.

Met Horrible Fate.

Kicked Wife to Death.

Hanged for Murder.

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MAY WED A DUKEDOM.

Glady Deacon, American Beauty and Heiress, Is to Marry with English Peer.

Glady Deacon has been the guest of the duke of Norfolk and his sister, Lady Mary Howard, at Arundel castle.

That Miss Deacon has been down to Arundel by the duke's special invitation has, of course, given rise to rumor, and it is suggested that Miss Deacon being a Roman Catholic and the duke a Catholic lover, and being anxious for a direct heir to his dukedom, the bright American girl might be the bride.

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HAVE METALS LIVES?

Italian Scientist's Claim Leads to Amazing Conclusions—Criminal Code Will Need Revising.

I read that some great Italian scientist has discovered that there is life in metals.

"Matter may be regarded as a form of energy, and it is possible to convert it into a form of matter, and vice versa."

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Christmas Time NEW STOCK OF GROCERIES Everything new and up-to-date. Good goods at right prices. We Pay Cash for Butter and Eggs. Bangs & Jessup.

HEARD ABOUT TOWN. Sonvenir at Haker's. Get Finch cards at Loo's. Men's \$1.00 alppers \$1.25. D. F. Butts. Will Jones is working in Kalamazoo. Spend a dollar with Clyde Collar and get a China dinner set. Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Finnegan of Grand Rapids visited here this week. R. P. Morse and Lee Jones were in Grand Rapids Friday and Saturday. Miss Stella Gott has returned to her school duties at Grand Rapids. R. F. Morse and Lee Jones were in Grand Rapids Friday and Saturday. Mrs. Geo. Balcom, returned Saturday from a week's visit in Grand Rapids. Buy your dates, figs, nuts, candies and raisins of all kinds at C. O. Lawrence. Mrs. J. Crawford fell on the sidewalk last Wednesday, breaking her right wrist. Hiram Gott and wife, who were called here by the death of the former's father, have returned their home at Marquette. Parker lucky curve fountain pen, John Holland elastic feed pen, stylographic pen, all guaranteed perfect, and satisfactory at Olver's. Edward Rose, charged with larceny from a Lowell dwelling in the daytime, pleaded guilty in Judge Wolcott's court and was sentenced to 20 days in the county jail.

Where Holiday Money Counts. Only room here to give an outline of the various lines that compose our holiday stock but each of these lines contains scores of gifts that are worthy of your attention.

Books. Palmer's Perfumes. Celluloid Sets. Fountain Pens. Medallions. Photo Albums and Photo Boxes. Holiday Cigars and Smoking Sets. Fine Box Papers are always in demand for gifts. High Grade Stationery.

D. C. LOOK THE DRUG AND BOOK STORE. 15 Days Only. Price-Smashing Challenge Sale. 15 Days Only. M. RUBEN & CO.'S. What a Snap for the Economical Housewife. Clean Cut in Towelings. Big Discount on Cloaks, Capes, Jackets. Hosiery for Women and Children. Largest stock of Carpets, Curtains and Rugs to select from ever shown in Lowell. Underwear for Ladies and children. Bissell Carpet Sweepers. Gingham. APRON AND DRESS. 41-2c Dress 53-4c. ALLIE COVERT, Manager. LOWELL.

JUST A WORD

We would like to have you trade with us—that is why we are advertising. We have been in Lowell a great many years; we have helped to improve the town; we have made many friends—but it is not because of our long residence, not on account of our public spiritedness, not because you are our friend that we ask for your patronage. Our claims for your business are based upon what we can do rather than what we have done. We have the goods—the largest and best line of Dry Goods shown in this vicinity and at prices that no one can better.

We are selling the best staple Gingham for 5c, the kind that does not fade and are worth 8c.

We are selling the best twilled Outings for 8c, they are worth a shilling.

We are selling the best Table Oil Cloths for 12¢ and always have lots of them.

Don't miss seeing our Holiday Handkerchiefs, we always have a large stock of them but never before so many as now.

LADIES!

The inventor of the Harrison Pneumatic goods will spend a short time in our store demonstrating the Pneumatic Bust Form, Hip Pad, Bustie, Shield and Glove.

A. W. WEEKES

1904. The New Year. 1904.

The beginning of the new year is fast approaching. Possibly you are already a patron of this bank. If not, it might be well to start in with the New Year. A trial may prove mutually profitable. With a view of becoming better acquainted, we invite you to call.

The Lowell State Bank.

HEARD ABOUT TOWN

Ten pages this week.
Diamonds at Williams'.
Stylish fobs at Williams'.
Silver thimbles at Williams'.
Xmas party at Train's hall Dec. 29.
Special prices in slippers.
D. F. Butts.
Ed Bennett is adding a porch to his residence.
I am in the market for your potatoes.
J. K. Tilden.
See those new sweaters for men and boys at Godfrey's.
Stocking's December special sale of watches is a hummer.
Mrs. C. Thomas of Cedar Springs spent Sunday with her son, Frank Thomas.
Mesdames O. C. McDannell and Mrs. Geo. M. Winegar were in Grand Rapids Monday.
Miss Loreene Marsh of Constantine has been spending several days with her brother, W. E.
D. G. Mange, Messrs. and Mesdames W. A. Watts and C. W. Marsh spent yesterday in Grand Rapids.
Miss Mabel Scott will give a special party in connection with her dancing school in Saranac, Jan. 1, 1904.
When thinking of Christmas presents for friends and family, recall that a year's subscription to THE LEDGER would be more acceptable than any knick-knack you could buy for the same sum. Fifty-two letters from the old home—what could be better?

Ebony brushes at Williams'.
Silverware cheapest at Stocking's.
Ladies fur trimmed Juliets \$1 to \$2.
D. F. Butts.
Special prices on watches and diamonds at Williams'.
Books, toys, games, dolls, china, glass.
Collar's bazaar.
Cigars, pipes and tobaccos for Christmas.
Barnes Bros.
Estey and Farrand organs the two best.
Stocking sells them.
Mrs. S. O. Littlefield visited relatives at Saranac Monday.
Permanent watch cases sold by Stocking. Guaranteed forever.
New slippers for men and women at Godfrey's. Call and see them.
Archie Lewis of Belding is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lewis.
Mrs. J. B. Nicholson, who has been quite ill since Friday, is improving.
Ladies and gents holiday slippers in all styles and prices.
D. F. Butts.
Christmas party at Train's opera house, Dec. 29. School as usual at 7 o'clock. Admission 50c.
Clarence L. Morgan has been appointed postmaster at Alto in place of John E. Stauffer, resigned.
They say that Lawrence has the best store in Lowell and the best stock of groceries. Both phones No 12.
Spanish Peggy starts next week. Watch for her. This is a Lincoln story, a historical romance of Illinois from 1840 to 1860. Thirteen weeks for only 25c.
Victor Talking machines, records and needles sold by R. D. Stocking.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Regular meeting of the Common Council of the Village of Lowell, held in the Council rooms on Monday evening, Dec. 7th, 1903. Meeting called to order by Pres. Pro Tem. Look. Present, Trustees Lee, Look, Nicholson, Smith and Winegar; absent, Pres. Hakes and Trustee Collar. Minutes of preceding meeting read and approved.
The petition of Mrs. F. Winters relative to a certain outbuilding overturned by boys on Halloween night was, on motion by Trustee Winegar, referred to the Fire Committee.

On motion by Trustee Nicholson the following bills were allowed. Yeas, Lee, Look, Nicholson, Smith and Winegar. Absent, Collar.

GENERAL FUND

Merritt Sayles.....\$10.00
H. A. Sherman..... 8.33
H. F. Lane..... 37.50
Attorney Fee..... 25.00
L. & P. Fund..... 3.00
T. A. Murphy..... 12.50
J. T. Mueller..... 5.00
R. E. Springett..... 75.00
\$176.33

STREET FUND

Merritt Sayles.....\$30.00
H. Kellogg..... 2.00
L. & P. Fund.....112.50
Ecker & Foster..... .75
Ecker & Foster..... 3.41
J. F. Todd..... 2.00
\$150.66

L & P FUND

Walter Morris.....\$45.00
Chas. Morris..... 35.00
Tom Morris..... 45.00
F. J. McMahon..... 45.00
Bert Gardner..... 21.00
W. B. Morse..... 12.22
Freight..... 4.70
Ecker & Foster..... 3.72
Scott & Winegar..... 12.88
Watters Bros..... 3.00
Wood..... 4.50
Freight..... 20.51
\$252.53

On motion by Trustee Lee, the claim of I. Wood for taking up and moving a certain cement cross-walk was referred to the Street Committee. Chas. Westbrook, who operates a pool-room in the Nash building, petitioned the Council to amend the ordinance relative to the hours for opening and closing of such places,

so as to allow him to keep open until 11:00 o'clock p. m. Referred to Fire Committee, on motion by Trustee Winegar.

On motion by Trustee Smith, Council adjourned.
T. A. Murphy, Clerk.

Pit is it. The craziest game yet. 50c at Look's.

Silverwear, highest grade at Williams'.

Buy Lambertville rubbers always the best by every test. D. F. Butts.
Desk room to rent in furnished office pleasantly located. Inquire at LEDGER office.

The case of Lowell Building & Loan association vs. N. B. Blain is on trial before Judge Woleott at Grand Rapids this week. J. B. Yelter secretary, was on the witness stand yesterday and today.

Charles Wellington of Keene and Chester Smith of Saranac were before Justice Perry Friday on complaint of Deputy Game Warden Brewster for violating the game laws. It cost them \$25 each and costs.

The Gridley Republican club banquet of Ionia county will be held Jan. 29. Speakers of National repute will be secured.

Misses Scott and Richardson announce there will be no dancing school Christmas week. Christmas party Dec. 29.

John R. Scott,

General Blacksmithing and Horse Shoeing.
New Shoes, 30c.; Resetting, 15c.
"The Checkered Front."

DRINK THE

Bell



Coffees

C. O. LAWRENCE, DISTRIBUTOR.

Santa Claus

Has come with great loads of Christmas Gifts, better, brighter and more pleasing than ever and is making his headquarters at

COLLAR'S BAZAAR

where he will be delighted to satisfy the wants of one and all. For the little people he has brought

Dolls, Books, Games, Mechanical Toys, Etc.,

Something suitable for babies and children of all ages. For the older people, you can't go wrong if you select from our immense stock of

Fancy China, Glassware, Dinner Ware and Toilet Ware

You'll find us over all in values and under all in prices.

Yours for a Merry Christmas

CLYDE COLLAR

Lasting Remembrances

are the kind you should consider when making a present. The line of goods carried in an up-to-date jewelry store "hits the nail on the head" exactly and our NEW XMAS LINE we think is the best ever shown in Lowell, for we have been very particular to select it with the idea of QUALITY first. Anyone receiving a present from Williams' store will be assured that it is the best to be found. The price is unusually low for the quality of the goods.



Watches Solid Gold, Permanent Gold filled (guaranteed forever) Gold filled, Sterling Silver Ore Silver all fitted with the best American made movements. Special price this month.

DIAMONDS—We have a fine line of small stones at very low prices. Let us explain our plan for selling a large diamond. **Can Save You Money.**

We append a few hints that may save you a lot of worry.

PRESENTS FOR

FATHER	MOTHER	BROTHER	SISTER
Watch Chain Watch Charm Cuff Buttons Fountain Pen Lodge Charm	Tea Set Set knives and forks Set Teaspoons Table Silverware Cut Glass Clock Thimble Spectacles	Scarf Pin Cuff Buttons Smoking Set Military Brushes Fob	Brooch, Ring Watch and Chain Mirror, Locket Manicure Set Brush Opera Glasses Silver Bon Bon dish
HUSBAND	WIFE	BEST FELLOW	BEST GIRL
Watch Chain Ink Well Cuff Buttons Fountain Pen Napkin Ring Gold Ring, Fob Desk Set	Carving Set Knives and forks Cut Glass Clock Watch Chain Embroidery scissors Hand Mirrors Call Bell	Scarf pin, Chain Fob, Ring Ebony Brushes Military Brushes Photo frame with photo Cuff Buttons Smoking Set Match Safe Sterling Silver Pocket Knife	Diamond Ring Fancy Set Ring Gold Clock Gold pen Brooch Manicure Set Opera Glasses Embroidery scissors Toilet Set, Mirror

For other small remembrances we have a fine line of Sterling Silver Novelties, such as Manicure Scissors, Nail Files, Seals, Pocketbook marks; Hat marks, Trays, Photo Frames, Napkin Rings. You will regret it if you don't at least give our stock an inspection.

Williams
THE JEWELER.

Get a Souvenir Each and Every Person

Making a purchase at Hakes' Furniture Store before January 1st will receive a nice Souvenir. These souvenirs fill a long felt want. Now is the time to get one. Come early.

Now For Bargains

Anybody who wishes bargains in good HIGH GRADE FURNITURE can get just what they are looking for by calling at Hakes'. If you come early I can suit you and suit your pocketbook at the same time. I want your trade and don't forget the souvenir.

H. W. Hakes