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To close out a few Extra Heating Stoves at once Will give Special Prices on the same.

Yours

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We Wish you a Happy New Year...

And want to thank you for the liberal patronage you have bestowed upon us during the past year—as it has been our banner year in the jewelry business and we ask a continuance of the same during the New Year just starting; and we shall endeavor to merit the same by keeping only first class, up-to-the-minute goods, such as has characterized us during the year just passed.

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"Bread and Butter and Tea"

May do for some folks but everybody likes the fat, juicy and tender

Beef Steak



That WEYRICK Sells

Everything in meat that's fit to eat and so very sweet, you'll find it a treat.

AWFUL RAILROAD WRECK

23 KILLED IN HEAD ON COLLISION.

MRS. DAISY GILES OF LOWELL AMONG THE DEAD.

EAST PARIS THE SCENE OF WORST ACCIDENT IN PERE MARQUETTE HISTORY.



MRS. DAISY GILES

WHO WAS KILLED IN PERE MARQUETTE WRECK.

Funeral and Burial in Lowell Yesterday.

This community was shocked by the awful calamity on the Pere Marquette railroad Saturday evening at East Paris; and when it was learned that Mrs. Giles, a vivacious, talented and well-known young Lowell woman, was among the dead, sorrow and regret were universal.

Mr. Giles and brother Claude went to Grand Rapids and brought the body to Lowell. Funeral services were delayed in order that the bereaved mother and brother might arrive from Lincoln, Nebraska. Rev. S. T. Morris, officiating clergyman, was pastor of the Congregational church in Lowell when Mrs. Giles was singing there, and eminently qualified for the sad task.

Daisy Odell was born in Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 9, 1879, only daughter of Simeon and Kate Odell. At the age of fourteen she came to Lowell, where she lived four years with her aunt, Mrs. L. B. Malcolm, attending the public school.

In the Spring of 1897 she returned to Nebraska and remained with her mother during the Summer. In November of that year George Giles joined her at her mother's home. They were married there and came back to Michigan, arriving in Grand Rapids on Thanksgiving day.

They have since made their home in Lowell, where she has made many friends by her pleasant, cheerful disposition.

She sang in the Congregational church for several years. Of late she has been taking vocal lessons in Grand Rapids of Instructor Murphy, who had a high opinion of her voice.

On the evening of her sudden death she was on her way to Detroit, intending to have a pleasant visit with a friend.

She leaves her mother and brother Chas. of Lincoln, Nebraska, aunt, Mrs. I. B. Malcolm, and uncle, Adelbert Odell, of Vergennes.

Funeral services were held at her home in this village yesterday forenoon, Rev. S. T. Morris officiating. Burial was made in Oakwood cemetery.

Since the writing of the account which follows, two of those reported as injured have died, Gerrit Motman of Grand Rapids died Tuesday morning at U. B. A. hospital, after many hours of terrible suffering, leaving a wife and five small children.

Yesterday morning Conductor Geo. Nell of Saginaw died, making the number of dead from the wreck twenty-three. He leaves a wife and two little girls.

The other victims are improving and it is believed that there will be no more deaths.

Grand Rapids, Dec. 28.—A head-on collision occurred at six p. m. Saturday between two Pere Marquette railroad passenger trains near East Paris, six miles east of here. Twenty-two persons were killed and 29 injured.

The Dead.
Following is a list of those killed: Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Baldwin, Mulliken, Mich.
Louis Baldwin, their son, Mulliken, Mich.
Lester Williams, Lansing, Mich.
Mrs. Daisy Giles, Lowell, Mich.
Burt Myers, Grandville and Lake Odessa, Mich.
Walter Jordan, Grand Rapids.
Joseph Hullm (colored), Windsor, Ont.
Austin I. Wager, baggageman, Detroit.
Charles A. Stoddard, engineer, Detroit.
Charles A. Devine, Grand Rapids.
William Helmrich, baggageman, Detroit.
F. M. Gillett, Burr Oak or Portland, Mich.
Allen H. Wells, Big Rapids, Mich.
Frank Burns, fireman, Detroit.
Peter W. Wierengo, Grand Rapids.
George Palmer, American Express agent, Detroit.
William Smith, Saranac, Mich.
Four unidentified men.

The Injured.
Following is a list of those injured: Gerrit Motman, Grand Rapids, internal injury and hip crushed, lying; Charles West, Saranac, Mich., both legs broken, left hand torn off, probably fatally injured; John Clark, Postville, Mich., skull fractured, nose broken, seriously injured about body and hips; Michael Maltburg, Hart, Mich., badly burned legs, hand and breast; Charles T. Chambers, Ionia, Mich., injured about head, face, body, hands and legs; Frank Waterman, Detroit, engineer No. 5, seriously injured about head, face lacerated and internal injuries; J. C. Woodworth, Salem, Mich., injured about head and body; Edward Weigel, Grand Rapids, right leg broken and head injured; George Niel, Grand Rapids, conductor train No. 5, left leg broken and badly injured about body; R. E. Gay, Detroit, brakeman, head, body and right leg injured; Henry Marcus, New York City, president of the E. H. Marcus company, left leg fractured and injured about the shoulders; E. B. Moon, Grand Rapids, fireman train No. 5, injured about head and body; Mrs. H. Kent, Grand Rapids, injured internally; C. N. Botaford, Farmington, Mich., mail clerk train No. 6, badly cut about head; Mrs. H. O. Gray, Grand Rapids, badly bruised about head and hips; H. O. Branch, Sunfield, Mich., badly injured about head and shoulders; George Crammond, Grand Rapids, injured about head and leg and collarbone broken; Andrew Sprague, Allegan, Mich., injured about head and body; Miss Gale Sprague, Allegan, injured about head; Claud Brown, Grand Rapids, leg broken; Mrs. H. R. Street, Grand Rapids, Mich., badly cut about head; Howard Minor, Grand Rapids, left arm broken; W. J. Barber, Muskegon Heights, Mich., injured about head and face; Rev. James Humphrey, pastor Church of Christ, Lansing, Mich., badly cut about face; Timothy Qualey, Grand Rapids, seriously injured about back; J. T. Gould, Grand Rapids, badly cut about hands and shoulders; John Ross, Lansing, injured about legs and arms; Henry T. Bole, Grand Rapids, leg badly injured; Ada Keller, Clarksville, Mich., left leg injured.

Wind Blew Out Signal Light.

It was the most disastrous wreck in the history of the Pere Marquette system and instead of being caused by man's carelessness or mistake, is charged to the high wind which extinguished the red signal light in the order board at McCord's station, where the west-bound train was expected to stop and receive new orders. Two minutes before the train rushed by McCord's the light was burning, says the operator there, but in that brief interval the blizzard that was raging extinguished it, and train No. 5 flashed by the station to crash into east-bound train No. 6, near East Paris. The trains, which were two of the finest on the system, were reduced to a promiscuous pile of broken and twisted timber and metal, with dead and injured pinned down and crushed by the fragments of the heavy cars. Five cars and two large locomotives were jammed into a space ordinarily occupied by three coaches and the wreckage was strewn across the railroad right of way from fence to fence.

The Engines Wrecked.
The west-bound engine drove through No. 6's engine like a wedge, separating the gear from the boiler and standing the latter on end like
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AS WE BEGIN 1904

At the advent of the new year we desire to express the sincere wish that for one and all it may contain 365 happy and prosperous days. We also wish at this time to thank those who by their patronage and commendation have made 1903 one of the most successful years in the history of our business. We fully appreciate the fact that a very large part of the increase is due to the kind words of our customers, and we solicit a continuance of these favors. We shall strive to merit them by endeavoring more and more to make this drug store to which everyone can come with absolute confidence in the quality of goods, the carefulness of its service and the reasonableness of its prices.

We want to be your Druggist in 1904

D. G. LOOK

Drugs and Books.

Pre-Inventory Sale

Before taking our annual inventory we will conduct a sacrifice sale of

Watches, Silverware, Cut Glass, Mandolins and Guitars.

We have more of these goods than we wish to carry over, and cash buyers can secure rare bargains. Come while the assortments are complete.

R. D. Stocking

A happy new year to all our patrons. With thanks for past liberal patronage.

Ever Try our Mince Pies

We make our own mince meat and vouch for its goodness.

WELDON SMITH, The Baker

STOVES AT COST

After a very large Fall Stove trade, we still have a complete line of Sample Stoves on our floor that we are offering at

Cost

Also a large line of second-hand cooking and heating stoves at your own price. Call and see us.

Scott & Winegar

Great Sacrifice Sale

Of Ladies' Cloaks Furs and Suits...

At record breaking prices—prices that will appeal to all who need the goods and know a bargain when they see it.

Children's \$3.50 and \$4.00. 92.63 Others in proportion Cloaks will be sold.

From Our Point of View

"SWEAR OFF!" Yes! Make good resolutions for the new year. For your own sake and that of those dearer than self, determine to make 1904 the best of your life.

FROM the number of small boys and youths seen smoking cigarettes, cigars and pipes, it is evident that someone is violating the tobacco law.

THE demand for the union of Christian people in one central, non-sectarian church is increasing, and the time approaches for such a movement in Lowell.

The claim made that for a year not a life was lost by railroad wrecks in Great Britain is remarkable, when compared with the ghastly record in our own country.

"WHAT do you think of trying for local option in Lowell?" queried a friend. Just this: If we can not enforce the laws we have better than at present, it will be unequal to adopt more stringent laws.

BOOKS, papers, magazines, games and music, with frequent treats of pop corn, nuts, fruit or home-made candy, as a means of making home attractive for the children, are cheaper in the long run than to allow the boys and girls to find their amusements in the evil resorts of town and city streets.

This is a fast age, and the world pays the penalty in such awful calamities as that of East Paris. A share of the blame rests upon an impatient public, which brooks no delay, no matter what the reason.

THE action of the hardware dealers in adopting an early-closing hour, should be followed by every business house in town. All needed business can be transacted by 6.30, and quite a saving in fuel and lights effected.

THE LEDGER is exceedingly grateful to its growing army of patrons for the liberal support given it during the past year. From the experiment of 1893, the business has grown to be the best of its kind in eastern Kent and western Ionia counties.

THE LEDGER solicits their continued support, offering as a pledge only the record of the past ten years. We need no pretense of infallibility, but pledge ourselves always to TRY TO BE RIGHT; and ask the support of those only who are satisfied with that platform.

Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life itself is the price of a mistake, but you'll never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Distress, indigestion, constipation, or bowels troubles. They are gentle yet thorough.

Separate Skirts

Just what you are looking for. Our strong argument is that—here you get them just a "little cheaper" than elsewhere.

War to the Knife

The knife to the hilt, that is the ruthless command that has gone forth against fur prices. A pity 'tis that this must be so.

E. R. Collar.

Fifty Years of Life Together.

Now About Those Cows

Are they making you any money or are they keeping them just for fun? You can make them pay by using a Sharples Tubular Separator.

J. A. LYON, LOWELL, MICH.

Dr. M. Clayton Greene

Graduate of University of Michigan and Post Graduate course at New York Poly Clinic Medical School and Hospital, New York City.

An account of those golden wedding anniversaries, Dec. 18, appeared in our last issue. These pictures should have appeared then, but the cuts were lost in the rush of Christmas mail.

Mr. Stannard was born in Newport, N. H., Dec. 28, 1833. His people moved from there to Vermont and in 1837 came to Michigan and settled in Boston township.

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Our Country Cousins

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The sad news has reached us of the death of Mrs. Daley Gies of Lowell in the Pere Marquette railroad wreck of Dec. 28. She was a niece of Albert Gies.

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A New Year Conquest

CHARLES MOSEAU HARGER A Story of the Great Southwest

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SPANISH PEGGY

A STORY OF YOUNG ILLINOIS

CHAPTER I

Abraham Lincoln lay stretched on his stomach, his head supported by a block of shavings...

People knew that the cooper let young Lincoln turn his slip into a 'rod' over a chair...

Presently with a click the door turned back on its wooden hinges and bumped the wall.

"I know you, Slicky," declared the interrupted scholar without looking back. "Come in. Folia woodi't you had a name of Slicky Green if you hadn't a way of getting what you want?"

"How do you know I was home from college, Abe?" Dick asked, sitting in the chair.

"And here's our schoolmaster, Minter Graham," continued Slicky, presenting the paleopiscator of the keg.

"I've been telling Dick so much about you, Abe, that he wanted to see you," said Slicky.

"I ever met you as an opponent, I'd want some advantage. Still so young, make a compact to work together on our first case?"

would think she was the Indian and Shickback the white.

"Never mind, Peggy," said Lincoln, cheerfully. "Sally will make a man of you if she'll knock on the door."

"I was going to go to the mill early one morning last summer, and I was in the path—a black one—of a gray one. I stood still and looked at them, and they stood still and looked at me."

"Or like that wagon that you stopped before we came to Lincoln?" retorted his sister Nancy. "When daddy was going to move from Carlin's he bought a new wagon."

"Speaking about sheep," continued young Green, as if he had not heard the wagon story, "daddy told Nancy when she was herding the sheep, that she must carry a bag with her and save the wool that stuck to the bushes."

"The good Indian that moment appeared at the door with his wife's stepson behind him. That he had almost come upon his wife in the act of using the crutch in his hand, for he carried the crutch in his hand, and he was just unslung from his back a full game bag."

"Come in, everybody," cried young Green. "All New Salem is on a frolic to-night. Sally has just been here enjoying herself."

"The Indian with dignity stepped upon the porch, and as soon as he saw Peggy a look of satisfaction relieved the tension of his face. She sat still within Ann Rutledge's arm, but gave the man of her affectionate glance."

"You have as much spunk as a boy," approved Dick. "I like to see a little girl able to hump up crying."

"Then you're a Spaniard?" said Dick. "I'm not a Spaniard!" denied Peggy, facing down the accusation vehemently.

"I suppose you are of mixed blood, and really ought to be called a Creole," pursued Dick, interested in the case.

"No, I'm not a Spaniard," said Peggy, and she was right. The badger is a great epicure in eggs, and much of the hostility of gamblers against this animal is undoubtedly due to the fact that it will, when it gets the chance, devour a whole nest of partridge or pheasant eggs."

"I love white men. Me marry with white men. He answered, and dropped his face. "Does he mean that Sally named her?" whispered Ann to Lincoln.

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THE FAVORITE TREE. It is lovely to ride in the tall poplar tree: When I climb to the tip-top and float through the sunny blue sky, just as blue as the sea.

PINE ROOT. Get the reliable patent medicines advertised in this paper. A cross-killing chap he is, too! He won't let the birds touch the fruit, you see.

THE LAGRANDE. TOBACCO STORE and TOBACCO STAND. Satisfy your patronage. Choose cigars, Tobaccos of all kinds and a clean shave or neat hair cut.

BARNES BROS. When in need of Phone 186 First class draying call on R. P. MORSE. The Hustling RAYMAN. Plans, special lists gives to moving in world goods to and from outside.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLVES. Better to Make and Break Them Than Not to Make Them at All. SOME factious individual has decried New Year's day as "a time when men make good resolutions in the confidence of breaking them as soon as possible."

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PERE MARQUETTE. Dec. 15, 1903. Trains leave Lowell as follows: For Detroit and East 10:33 am.

THEIR NEW YEAR'S DINNER. O O you went to Isabel's New Year's dinner?" said the first of the blonde.

Reading Matter Bargains FOR 1904. As an accommodation LEXON patrons we have arranged the following clubbing list. We are money, time and labor out on this arrangement, our only remuneration being the appreciation of our friends.

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