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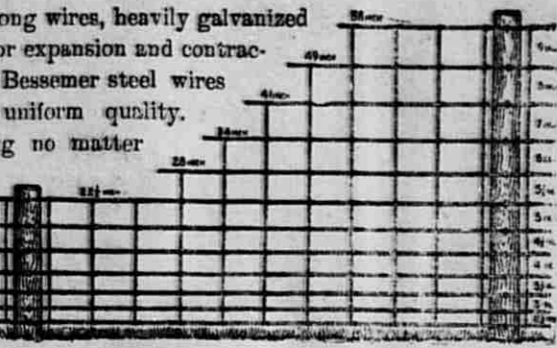


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To some people, but there is a difference. Some jewelry is made "cheap" to sell "cheap." BUT NOT OURS. In our jewelry stock, quality is the first consideration, and the price the last so you may always be sure that whenever you make a purchase here that you have something that will last and not go wrong after a few weeks usage.

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Keep Your



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Going to move into the new building soon; and you'll see an up-to-date meat market. In the mean-time help the man who helps build up your town by buying of him your Fresh and Cured Meats, Cape Cod Cranberries, Bulk Oysters, Hulled Corn, Olives, Pickles and Canned Goods.

WAR HAS BEGUN.

JAPAN WINS TWO VICTORIES OVER RUSSIA.

War is Officially Declared by Czar. Russian People Aroused.

The Russo-Japanese war cloud burst at Port Arthur Tuesday, the Japanese torpedo boats striking the first blow. Russia had several ships damaged, 56 men wounded and ten men killed. This report is confirmed by official bulletin from Viceroy Alexieff's chief of staff, as follows:

St. Petersburg, Feb. 10, 6:10, a. m.—A second telegram has been received from Viceroy Alexieff. It is dated Feb. 9 and says:

"A Japanese squadron of 15 battle-ships and cruisers today began to bombard Port Arthur. The fortress replied and the squadron weighed anchor in order to participate in the battle."

A third telegram from the viceroy says that after a bombardment lasting one hour the Japanese squadron ceased its fire and steamed southward.

"Our losses," the viceroy continues, "are two naval officers and 51 men wounded and nine men killed and on the coast batteries one man killed and three wounded."

"During the engagement the battleship Potemkin and the cruisers Diana, Askold and Novik were each damaged on the waterline. The damage to the fortress was not important."

Admiral Alexieff, amplifying his first telegram to the czar on the torpedo boat action, telegraphs as follows:

"I most humbly report to your imperial majesty that the three injured vessels were not sunk nor were their boilers or engines damaged. The Tzarevitch received a hole in her steering department, and her rudder was damaged; the Retvizan was damaged in her pumping apparatus under the waterline, and the Pallada was injured amidships, not far from her engines."

"After the explosions the cruisers hastened immediately to their assistance and in spite of the dark night measures were taken to bring the damaged vessels to harbor. We had no loss in officers. Two marines were killed, five were drowned and eight were wounded. The enemy's torpedo boats received a heavy fire. Two unexploded torpedoes were found after the attack."

Later reports are that the Japs have won a second victory, in which the Russian cruiser Variag was set afire and disabled and the torpedo gunboat Korietz was sunk, in a battle of four hours. This was off Che-mulpo, Korea. The report is confirmed by the Japanese legation at London.

The Tokio correspondent of the London Central News telegraphs that three transports in the Russian fleet conveying about 2000 troops have been captured off Asan, Korea, by the Japanese.

The Paris report of the Port Arthur battle says two Russian officers were wounded and 80 Russian soldiers killed. The Japanese fleet and crews escaped injury.

Czar Nicholas of Russia has issued a formal declaration of war, in which he puts Russia entirely on the defensive and declares that peace was desired. The Russian people are greatly excited by the news of damage to their fleet and demand information as to what the Russian guns did to the Japs. The war spirit runs high throughout the empire.

The Japanese have landed troops in Korea and the Russian land forces are concentrating on the Yalu river, where big assignments of field guns and ammunition recently arrived. It is predicted at Chee Foo that the hostile armies will first meet at Ping Yang, Northern Korea, as was the case in the Chinese-Japanese war.

The Success Club.

About 130 were present at the Success party Monday evening, that being the fourth of this season.

Mrs. L. T. M. Foster was chairman of the banquet committee, whose arrangements were well made. The program was much as usual and prizes were won as follows: Ladies' first, Mrs. J. E. Lee; second Mrs. Chas. Althen; consolation Mrs. Frank Lee; gentlemen—first F. W. Davey; second Rowland Ryder; consolation Geo. Willard.

Real Estate Transfers.

Horatio N. Bush and wife to Delos C. Watters and wife, lots 1 and 2, blk 8, A. Avery Plat. Lowell 1,200.

Carrie A. Vandembroeck and Nina Vandembroeck to Ace R. Vandembroeck, sw 1/4 of nw 1/4 of sec 1, n 1/4 of ne 1/4 of sec 2, Vergennes township 350.

Dog Found.

Shepherd puppy. Owner can recover by proving property, and paying for this notice. Inquire at LEWIS office.

Good time to buy a dinner set.

Collar's Bazaar.

A new line of Sears package goods at Bangs & Jessup's.

Just arrived at Lawrence's grocery a barrel of sour cucumbers, very choice. 10c per dozen.

VOTING CONTEST

WHO GETS THE \$60 TALKING MACHINE?

Record of Votes Cast up To-Day Noon.



Report reaches us that some of the contestants are playing a waiting game and are holding back their votes. If all did this, there would be no contest; and it is contrary to our wish. Inasmuch as we have \$60 invested, we shall insist that the game be not blocked in this manner. It is a poor scheme anyway and has not won in previous contests. After this the names of those making no gains will be dropped from the list until gains are made.

The votes up to noon today in the Victor Talking machine contest are given herewith:

Ethel White	541
Ralph Chase	440
Ulah Golds	161
Howard Walsh	59
Eddy Tent K. O. T. M.	58
Perrin McQueen	56
Prof Selbert	2

The contest will close Wednesday evening, April 6, at 7 o'clock standard time.

THAT LOWELL POST OFFICE INSPECTION.

Postmaster Quick Replies to the Journal's Insinuation.

F. M. Johnson, Lowell, Mich.

Dear Sir—Davidson, in the Journal of the 10th inst., has an item regarding the recent inspection of the Post Office and while he says absolutely nothing definite, he intimates a great deal. The inspection was the direct result of charges made by Davidson, which were disproved to the satisfaction of the Inspector, and Davidson knew the result for I accompanied Mr. Martin, the Inspector, to the office of Davidson and heard Mr. Martin tell him. Respectfully,

Chas. Quick, Postmaster. Lowell, Feb. 11, 1904.

WAS A KENT PIONEER.

Mrs. Caroline Stewart Dies at Home of Her Brother in Cascade.

Cascade, Mich., Feb. 10. Mrs. Caroline Stewart, a resident of Kent county for fifty-six years, died last night at the home of her brother, H. A. Coger, in this village. She was born in Columbia, Jackson county, Mich., on June 7, 1837, and came to Cascade in 1848. Seven years later she was married to Rufus Martain, with whom she lived on the Martain farm, three miles from here, for many years. Mr. Martain died in 1883 and later his widow was wedded to J. R. Stewart of Grand Rapids. He died three years ago.

Mrs. Stewart leaves two brothers, H. A. Coger of Cascade and J. D. Coger of Minnesota. The funeral will be held Friday at 1 p. m. from the home of her brother here.—Evening Press.

HEARD ABOUT TOWN

Cartoon matches 5c.

Collar's Bazaar.

Special sale of graniteware. 200 pieces at 10c each. Sherman's Bazaar.

Overcoats will be sold cheap at Marks Ruben's all off clothing sale.

Special sale of small articles for 10c, 15c, and 18c at Hayward & White's millinery store.

Geo. McNutt of Stanton will begin work for A. L. Weyrick Monday. He comes well recommended.

Jas. A. Lyon is exhibiting a Sharples cream separator at Brown, Sebler & McKay's all this week.

The Ladies Aid society of Keene will give a penny fair social at the home of Frank Hunter, February 17.

Don Lambertson, who was arrested on the charge of shooting Scott Thomas while they were in a Lowell saloon, appeared before Judge Wolcott in the circuit court yesterday and pleaded guilty. Sentence was deferred until Monday.—[Grand Rapids Herald, Feb. 11.]

The official investigation of the Pere Marquette railroad disaster, which occurred Saturday evening, December 26, near East Paris, was begun in Grand Rapids yesterday morning by Coroner J. E. Hilliker and Prosecuting Attorney Brown. The inquest is held over the body of Leonard J. Baldwin of Mulliken, Mich., one of the several victims who were killed outright when the trains collided. It is probable that the investigation will continue for several days.

Our Special Tooth Brush

There is nothing too good for your teeth. They should have every possible care. Good tooth brushes are a help in tooth preservation. Our special tooth brush is made by one of the world's best makers and each of them is sold under a positive guarantee. Each brush has our name on the handle—put there because we are willing to have you remember where you got the brush.

They Cost You 25c

and are bargains at the price. Each brush is good for a new one free if it proves in any way defective.

LOOK'S

Drug and Book Store.

Any Old Organ Will Do.

so some folks think. That reminds us: Uncle Sam says: "Yankee-doodle-do;" The rooster says: "Cock-a-doodle-do;" and the old maid says: "Any old dude'll do." But she

Estey and Farrand & Votey

are top notches and the only ones good enough for my patrons. Extra inducements to buyers just now.

SPECIAL SALE OF SHEET MUSIC

New publications, Latest Songs, Two Steps, Marches, Etc.

R. D. Stocking

Bread

5c-6 for 25c

Each the best of its kind.

Pies

15c-2 for 25c

Cakes too numerous to mention.

WELDON SMITH, The Baker

Now Is The Time For

Fencing

Call and get your order in for Fencing and get the very best fence at the lowest possible price.

THE LAMB WIRE FENCE

is the best and prices could not be lower than ours.

Scott & Winegar

From Our Point of View

The long-threatened war between Russia and Japan has begun; and the sympathy of the world is with the doughty little islanders.

The Detroit Journal, which, on the occasion of the Michigan Press meeting in that city, intimated that its members had no more arduous task than to "take pumpkins on subscription," is endeavoring to get those same editors to club the Journal with their papers, particularly urging that its semi-weekly edition be placed in homes where formerly the Twice-a-Week Free Press—recently discontinued—was a welcome visitor.

VALUABLE lessons should be learned from the life and death of Fred Macey. That industry still has its ample reward, the wealth gathered by one whose initial capital consisted of an active brain and willing hands, well shows.

FOLLOWING the barbers and blacksmiths in due order, the auctioneers have convened and resolved to ask the legislature to appoint an examining board for them.

WHEN Rev. Father Sherman, son of the great general, advises the North to settle its labor problem and to permit the South to solve the race question, he is giving sound advice.

IS IT NOT singular that dollar wheat seldom comes along until after the farmer has sold his stock and the speculator has his innings? When the new crop comes in, it will be different, as usual.

CHURCHES AND SOCIETIES.

CONGREGATIONAL. A Christian Endeavor meeting at 9 p. m. Topple. "What will Real Friendship Do?"

READY FOR BIDS.

Isola Interurban Company Getting Ready to Build Line. Today in Detroit the officials of the Grand Rapids & Ionia Railway company are holding the first of four meetings...

THIRTY WILL ATTEND. Lincoln Club Banquet from Lowell and Vicinity. The Lowell contingent of the Lincoln club banquet at Grand Rapids this year will be a large one.

INJUNCTION HAS ISSUED. Judge Perkins of the Circuit court has issued an injunction restraining James H. Bennett and Jason Smees of Ada from selling or disposing of their farm until they have satisfied a judgment for \$112.66 against them...

DENTIST. Dr. R. Ostrom Barnes. Lowell, Mich.

4th Annual "All Off" CLOTHING SALE

It is "All Off" at Marks' great make room, unloading sale. Everything goes. Hurrah for low prices.

Sale Begins Feb. 6th and Lasts 15 Days Only

Out of the way Mr. \$12.00 Overcoat, you go to this gentleman for \$8.38. You haven't been on our table long. It seems a pity to give you away at such a price but we can't help it.

Overcoats.

Storm ulster overcoats of Oxford gray, fancy lining, good sleeve lining, K. N. & F. make, former price \$7.00. For this all off sale..... 4.87

Furnishings.

A lot of heavy fleeced lined undershirts assorted colors, former price 65c. For this all off sale..... 39c

Sweaters.

Men's cotton sweaters, assorted colors, former price 70c. For this all off sale..... 38c

Pants.

Genuine all wool Dickie Kersey pants, gray with dark stripe, an extra good make, former price \$3.00. For this all off sale..... 1.92

Caps.

All 25c caps at this all off sale..... 13c All 50c caps at this all off sale..... 37c All 75c caps at this all off sale..... 50c All 1.00 and 1.25 caps at this all off sale..... 75c

Ducking Coats

Some gray single breasted ducking coats, rubber lining, former price \$7.98. For this all off sale..... 4.98

Socks.

A line of wool socks, gray and blue, former price 30c. For this all off sale..... 13c

Gloves Mittens

All 25c goods at this all off sale..... 13c All 50c goods at this all off sale..... 37c All 75c goods at this all off sale..... 50c All 1.00 and 1.25 goods at this all off sale..... 75c

Well! Well! Well! There's lots more of them. We can't put them all in the paper. Lucky for you if you need heavy clothing now. Luckier still if you need them next winter. You can't make your money earn over 6 per cent in the bank.

It lasts 15 days if the stock lasts that long.

M. Ruben Lowell, Mich.

THE LOWELL MARKET REPORT.

Table with market data including Wheat, Corn and Oats, Flour, etc. Columns for item, unit, price, and producer.

The Poorest Separator Made

Advertisement for a separator machine by J. A. Lyon, Lowell, Mich. Includes text about quality and a list of agents.

SPANISH PEGGY A STORY OF YOUNG ILLINOIS

By MARY HARTWELL CATHERWOOD

"This him down!" cried another, and the horse was spurred forward. Both men threw off their roundabouts and vests.

An incident during the royal visit to Pittsburgh, which was the cause of a good deal of amusement at the time, occurred on the occasion of the coronation of the archduke by the king on the newly made knights.

At the Yevill (England) bankruptcy court recently, a Burton knicker maintained that the "reason of his insolvency was because "all the people in the village had turned teetotalers."

RESPONSE TO WISDOM. His praises every body sings. He is admired in many lands. He has a way of talking things.

FLATTENED CAR WHEELS. "Flat wheel," growled the old retired car as the trolley car in which he sat went thumping along at 12 miles an hour.

Try for Health

Advertisement for "Wine-Gardui" by Surgeon-Doctor. Includes text about health benefits and a list of ailments.

Love and Diamonds

They always did go well together. It takes a diamond to blind Cupid's eyes, and in our next serial, which begins in the next issue, entitled

The Other Man

A veritable South African eldorado seeks the god of Love in several knotty problems in his love and diamonds form the basis for the plot.

In Our Next Issue

Work, and despair not. A bright heart will accomplish much. If added to this cheerful spirit we have a wide head, we shall accomplish more.

Another Great Gift

to Ledger Patrons



"HIS MASTER'S VOICE"

THE LEDGER will conduct another of its successful voting contests, the price offered this time being a \$50 Victor Talking Machine and \$10 worth of the best 10-inch Records.

Reading Matter Bargains

Table listing various newspapers and magazines with their prices and subscription rates.

THE BEST WE HAVE EVER OFFERED.

The Lowell Ledger, The Cosmopolitan. All for \$2.00. The Ledger, Lowell, Mich.

For Wood



That New House

should be a thing of beauty and a joy forever, and it will be if you consult Ecker & Foster

ARE YOU SURE? USE Paracamph

Relieves Instantly or Money Refunded. Sole Muscles, Sore Joints and Neuralgia. The only External Remedy which will Sweat Out the Fever and Inflammation.

Another Great Gift

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THE BEST WE HAVE EVER OFFERED.



"HIS MASTER'S VOICE"

The Twentieth Century Home regular price \$1.00. All for \$2.00. The Lowell Ledger, Lowell, Mich.

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Office in U. B. Williams Jewelry Store, City, Phone 127

When in town don't fail to look at the new things we have in



Dry Goods

A. W. WEEKES.

For Spring

We suggest that you buy and make up your wash goods now while you have time. We have lots of them—more than any one can show you later in the season.

Wrappers

Nearly every lady buys her wrappers of us. We presume it is because we have more of them and sell them cheaper than other stores. We have over 900 to select from.

Our Spring Line

of Muslin Underwear is underpriced and contains everything calculated to interest every lady who does not make her own.

We sell the "Black Cat" hose, "Wayne" knit hose, "Pony" hose, "Worth" skirts, best table oil cloth for 12 1/2c.

Just Right

Our new Spring line contains all the new and up to date styles in Corsets. If we haven't the kind you like there isn't much use looking for it in Lowell, as we have more desirable kinds than all the other stores together.

Lace Curtains

are not so cheap as they have been but our new ones are beautiful and we are selling them for less than other stores ask.

The Draft Question.



Do you have occasion to send away money?

If so, use a Bank Draft. It is the most convenient way of remitting. Transferable by endorsement. Equally as secure as money orders. Cheaper than money orders.

We would be pleased to have you call and look into this matter.

The Lowell State Bank

MEN OF MEANS.

Henry Labouchere cannot understand why the American press should describe the duke of Roxburghe as "a fortune hunter," inasmuch as his estates bring in upward of \$150,000 a year, and the personal property left by his father (besides funds in settlement) was upward of \$600,000.

Although Andrew Carnegie formerly lived in Pittsburg and has donated several million dollars toward the advancement of education there, he does not own a dollar's worth of property in that city. He once bought a lot on an out-of-the-way thoroughfare, but gave it away to a charitable institution.

Lawyers and business men who lead the strenuous life in downtown New York have adopted the fad of having their heads thoroughly rubbed at noontime by barbers. The operation takes about half an hour and costs from 50 cents to one dollar in addition to the cost of shaving or other services rendered. The process is said to be very refreshing.

J. Pierpont Morgan's great rival in the iron world is Miss Antoinette Bertha Krupp, heiress to the great Krupp gun and iron works in Germany. Miss Krupp probably is the richest young woman in Europe. She is the elder of two daughters of the late Baron Alfred Krupp. His last will and testament made her heiress to all his millions, including the gun works at Essen, the ship works and wharves at Kiel and all his iron ore and coal mines in Westphalia and in Spain. Conservative estimates make the value of this great property at least \$75,000,000. When Miss Krupp becomes of age all this wealth will become hers absolutely. She is 19 years old.

TOLD OF STORY WRITERS.

When Rider Haggard was in Jerusalem some time ago he accidentally trod on a Mohammedan tomb and was stoned by bystanders.

J. L. Harbour, in his position as one of the editors of Youth's Companion, handles many manuscripts from aspiring young authors which appeal strongly to his sense of humor. He says that the gem in one such manuscript is the rejection of a proposal which the author described in these words: "She refused the man scornfully and disdainfully, and slapped his ears."

Conan Doyle does not care to have the "sir" put before his name on the title pages of his books, and he especially forbids it in the case of works published in this country. When he was arranging with an American firm for the issue of a late book he expressly stipulated that the handle to his name should not be used in any way. On being asked for a reason he replied: "When the American people like me as I am why should I thrust a title in their democratic faces?" The publisher agreed reluctantly.

Gen. Lew Wallace, of Indiana, stoutly denies reports that he is seriously ill. The general was in New York a few days ago, saying he had gone there to purchase a couple of hunting outfits for himself and son. Then he is coming back to Indiana and will later go duck-hunting in the Kankakee river district. "That does not look like a job for a sick man," he said. "When I can get around to it I am going to hunt up the fellow who is trying to make an invalid of me. He'll probably need a doctor when I get through with him."

LOOSE CHANGE.

The capital invested in Canada's fishing industry is estimated at about \$1,500,000.

Mayor Sam Jones, of Toledo, was on his way home from a trip to Texas recently and found on arriving at Chattanooga that he was out of cash. He had his check book in his pocket, but with characteristic eccentricity pawned his watch for five dollars, and proceeded on his way, arriving in Toledo with about half a dollar left. The story became

public when he received his watch from Chattanooga in exchange for a check which he might just as well have used there.

Manager Hilliard, of the Waldorf-Astoria hotel, New York, says that an epicure living there in a suite of rooms can easily spend \$2,000 a day, but that by eschewing alcoholic beverages and fine cigars, and keeping tips within moderate limits, a guest can bring his daily expenses down to eight dollars. For this sum he will be comfortably fed and housed, can command his share of service from the 1,500 employees and will be able to enjoy all the music, pictures, statuary and other endless luxuries which go with life in the great caravansary.

Abominably Stingy.

Mrs. Von Blumer—That Mrs. Dingley is awfully stingy.

Von Blumer—Why, I thought she blew you off to a fine lunch.

Mrs. Von Blumer—She did. But when I insisted on paying the carfare she let me.—Town Topics.

HEARD ABOUT TOWN.

Save money. 1/4 off sale. Collar's Bazaar. Don't forget the all off clothing sale at Marks Ruben's.

Julia H. Stone of Lowell has begun a suit for divorce against her husband, Fred Stone, on the ground of desertion. There is one child, Jessie L. Stone, 18 years of age.—Grand Rapids Press.

Local Manager Owen informs us that the Citizens Telephone company will place a phone at the Grand Trunk station in Lowell by February 15, the number is to be 131. He is not aware that there has been any collusion between the telephone company and railroad, as intimated by the Journal.

The Village election occurs Monday March 14, and the Citizens' caucus will be held the Monday prior. A petition is being circulated and largely signed asking that the Burns law be used for the caucus. This will require the use of booths, and the move is a good one. There should be two tickets in the field however and this would require two caucuses, say Citizens' and People's, to be held at the same time and place.

J. D. Kelly was surprised last Thursday evening, Feb. 4, by about fifty of his friends. Card playing was indulged in until about 10:30 in which V. Ward and Mrs. O. C. McDannell won first honors and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Thomas received consolations. Refreshments were served. Dancing was indulged in until some time after the dawning of the next day. All report a good time. Mr. and Mrs. Frair of Grand Rapids were among the guests.—Com.

Need a Good Alarm Clock ? ? ?

We have placed in our window 50 alarms.

These clocks are a SURE WAKER. The alarm runs for 30 seconds then stops for that length of time, then begins again and so on for 15 minutes but you can stop it any time by turning a switch. This style we sell at

\$1.50

Fully guaranteed

Williams THE JEWELER.

Elsie and Riverside cheese at Bangs & Jessup's.

Choice cream candles 10c per pound at Sherman's Bazaar.

Overcoats will be sold cheap at Marks Ruben's all off clothing sale.

10c, 15c, 10c and 25c will buy a great variety of things at Hayward & White's.

Just arrived at Lawrence's grocery a barrel of sour cucumbers, very choice. 10c per dozen.

The annual meeting of the Thornapple Valley Pioneer association will be held in Kennedy's hall, Cadillac, Monday, Feb. 22, beginning at 10, a. m. Picnic dinner.

Wm. Fries, having sold his farm, will dispose of his personal property at public auction on the premises one mile south east of Fallsburg, on Wednesday, Feb. 24, at 10 o'clock. See bills printed at THE LEDGER office.

THE LEDGER push has at last "caught up" with the rush of job printing that has been on for these many weeks. Now, all you fellows who want things done quick, call in. Ready when you are. Work, stock and price will all be right. Is the best too good for you? If not, call at the office or call up No. 200. Yours for particular printing promptly printed.

Alto.

Mrs. Ida Ellis who has been on the sick list for the past week is convalescing.

Judd Warner is home from Kalkaska.

O'Harrow, Stone & Laver shipped a car of onions to Tennessee last week. B. F. Palmer went with them.

Mrs. W. Proctor is able to be around again after an illness of nearly eight weeks.

Mrs. P. Lee visited her daughter last Thursday and Friday.

Geo. Dannels is working for Mr. Ransdell's during their sickness. He reports four at present under the doctor's care.

The select school closed last Saturday. We miss the merry voices and laughter of the pupils as they pass to and from school. Let Alto have a larger and longer school next year, one that takes in all grades from first up.

Last Saturday Grandma McVean was stricken with paralysis and suffered quite a serious attack. She is at the present writing thought to be some better.

Despite the rain Friday night Reyberg's hall was crowded to listen to "Under Southern Skies" acted for the second time by home talent. The play was so well given that it will be again played Thursday night, Feb. 11.

Dr. Jones of Berrien Springs, formerly of this village, was shaking hands with old friends here Wednesday.

L. Bryant is on the sick list. B. J. Stevens was summoned to attend the coroner's inquest at Grand Rapids Wednesday.

O. J. Reyberg, William Watts and Peter Sinclair were among the committee to attend the Lincoln club banquet to be held in Grand Rapids.

Bring It in Now.

That job of printing you are in a hurry for. We have had a snag of work but we have "caught up with it" and we can "do you up quick" from now on.

Ready when you are.

The Ledger Job Shop

Fifth Annual

Linen Sale

Beginning Saturday, Feb. 6, '04

Ending Saturday, Feb. 13, '04

J. B. NICHOLSON

LOWELL

MICHIGAN

15 Days Sale

...ON...

Overcoats

AT GODFREY'S

This sale surpasses all others

\$12.00 Overcoats going to my customers at **\$7.50**

\$10.00 Overcoats at **\$6.50**

\$7.50 Overcoats at **\$4.75**

Ulster Overcoats at Half Price.

Sale Begins Feb. 11 and Ends Feb. 27

This is the best opportunity you ever had to buy overcoats cheap

W. S. GODFREY

Lowell, Mich.