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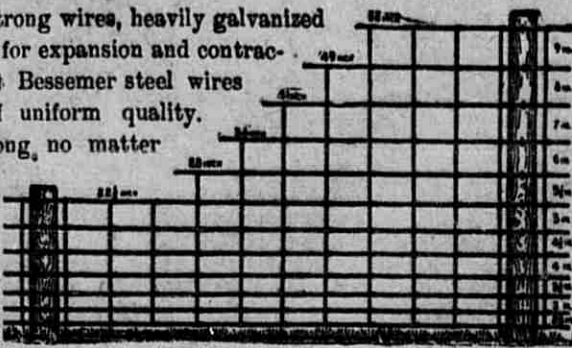
Sign Your Name to a check. Your signature becomes significant. It acquires weight among business acquaintances.

We cordially invite you to open an account with us at any time. Money could not be put in a better place.

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Made of large, strong wires, heavily galvanized. Amply provides for expansion and contraction. Only Best Bessemer steel wires used, always of uniform quality. Never goes wrong, no matter how great a strain is put on it. Does not millilate, but does efficiently turn cattle, horses, hogs and pigs.



The Pittsburg Electric Weld and American Field Fences are two the best fences made at the present time. This is a strong statement but the large amount sold each year through Michigan, especially at Lowell, fully proves the assertion.

Place your order now while it is cheap and get the best. Yours for good fencing,

R. B. Boylan.

All Jewelry Looks Alike

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.

Our stock has just been replenished with everything that's new and up-to-date in all the lines we carry and we can surely please you.

A. D. OLIVER

Watch - s, Clocks, Cut Glass, Etc.

Many Thanks

to our army of appreciative friends who visited our new

Meat Market

Last Saturday, both for their patronage and their kind words of commendation. We trust now that we are in shape to give you the service you need in Meats and Provisions and aim always to have the best of everything in its season.

A. L. WEYRICK.

VILLAGE OFFICERS

ENTIRE CAUCUS TICKET ELECTED. 177 VOTES CAST

Failure of an Eleventh Hour Movement to Defeat Hakes.

The entire Village ticket as nominated at the caucus was elected Monday, the only contest being on the presidency, F. N. White receiving 42 votes for that office. A terrific snow storm lasting all day and the fact that no contest was expected kept most of the voters away and only 177 votes were cast. Mr. White was in Grand Rapids and Mr. Hakes was in the country attending a funeral, neither being aware of what was going on until late in the day. This was the vote:

President, H. W. Hakes 104, F. N. White 42.
Trustees, S. P. Hicks 146, W. S. Winegar 148, Clyde Collar 140.
Clerk, T. A. Murphy, 148.
Treasurer, F. J. McMahon, 149.
Assessor, J. B. Yelter, 148.

Some one started an "under-the-hat" movement to elect White on slips; but it soon got out, and lacking the element of fair play it failed. Many of Mr. White's friends thinking the move bad for his wish to be re-elected supervisor, put their influence against the move; and Mr. Hakes' friends thinking the sly work unfair hustled to the polls and put a quietus on the game.

In the Village election Monday, D. B. Davidson's vote was challenged on the ground that he was not registered and again that he is not a citizen. Mr. Davidson claimed that he has voted right along; but did not swear in his vote.

F. N. White was in Grand Rapids Monday, and was surprised to learn on his return that his name had been run on the Village ticket for president. It was against his wish and intention, as expressed in THE LEDGER last week and he regrets it was done.



H. W. HAKES

Who was elected Village President second time Monday.

ERECT POWER HOUSE

CASCADE ELECTRIC COMPANY ORGANIZED BY LOCAL MEN.

E. C. FOLLMER PRESIDENT

Will Build Dam at Cascade-Company Expects to Sell Electricity.

The Cascade Electric company of Grand Rapids, formed for the purpose of erecting a power house on Thornapple river and transmitting electricity to this city, was organized yesterday. Articles of incorporation will be filed this morning with the secretary of state.

The officers and stockholders of the company are as follows: President—E. C. Follmer. Vice President—Charles E. Mercer. Secretary—Treasurer—E. A. Stowe.

The concern is capitalized at \$15,000, all paid in, each of the stockholders holding shares to the value of \$5,000. Flowage rights on Thornapple river from Cascade to the village of Alaska a distance of six miles, have been secured. Options for the purchase of land abutting the river between these points have been obtained. Deeds will be presented at once to the owners of the property and the purchase of the land completed.

The company proposes to construct a dam at Cascade which will raise the river 22 feet and will furnish 1,000 horse power. Work on the building of the dam will begin this spring.

The original capital stock of \$15,000 will be increased as additional money is needed to carry out the plans of the concern. The sum now in the treasury of the company is sufficient to complete all purchases of land.

The articles of incorporation set forth that the company is organized for the purpose of selling electricity at retail and wholesale. Plans as to the size and design of the power house have not been formulated.—[Grand Rapids Herald March 10.]

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the kind friends and neighbors during the illness and death of our uncle, also to those who furnished the music.

Mr. and Mrs. Allie Hawley. Mr. and Mrs. Hie Hawley.

Ladies! Try a Buster Brown collar, the new thing. Buy it at Nicholson's.

VOTING CONTEST

WHO GETS THE \$60 TALKING MACHINE?

Record of Votes Cast up To-Day Noon.

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

Ulah Golds.....3008
Ethel White.....2140
Eddy Tent K. O. T. M., M.....1942
Ralph Chase.....1676

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

As announced, the names of those making no gains will be dropped from the printed list; but they will be restored when gains are made.

Ballots are counted every Thursday at 11.30. Interested parties may witness. Each week's ballot is separately sealed; and the entire vote may be recounted and compared with the printed weekly reports if desired by any contestant.

A FAITHFUL SERVANT

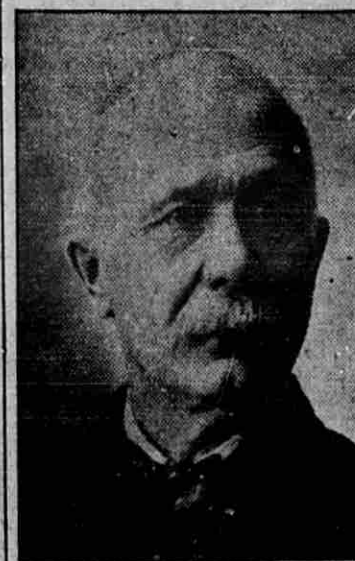
D. G. LOOK, RETIRING COUNCILMAN, AFTER 11 YEARS'

Service, Having Attended Four Hundred Sessions.



DENTER G. LOOK.

Who having refused a re-election as Village trustee, is now retiring, has served eleven years on the Common Council. During that time he has made it a point to attend all regular and special meetings unless out of town or prevented by sickness, and has attended not less than 400 meetings, of probably an average of two hours each. At different times he has served on all the committees; and has been secretary of the Light and Power committee since the building of the municipal plant. In that capacity he has attended to the correspondence, and transacted business with electric supply agents, all of which has occupied a great deal of time, labor and care. He has served his constituents well; and will not be forgotten.



S. P. HICKS

Who was elected Village Trustee Monday.

TO DISBAR MAINS

PROSECUTOR CLUTE, OF IONIA, MAKES THE MOVE.

Bigamy and General Unprofessional Conduct Charged.

[Special to Grand Rapids Herald.] Lansing, Mich., March 16—The supreme court granted an order directing E. O. Mains, late of Lowell, Kent county, to show cause why he should not be disbarred. The order was issued on the petition of Prosecuting Attorney Clute of Ionia county, who charges Mains with all manners of unprofessional conduct, and also alleges that while having a wife in Michigan he went to California and married another woman.

Mains is a brother of Charles R. Mains, formerly of Battle Creek, who was disbarred by the supreme court several years ago, after a sensational hearing, and who has since been in prison in California.

Advance sale ladies' suits, March 23, at Nicholson's.

Wall Paper Facts



Everybody will concede, we think, that we have the largest and most complete assortment of wall paper in this locality.

The stock is entirely up-to-date. We closed out very close last season and are therefore showing new styles throughout.

The fact that our stock is most ample is evidence that our trade is the largest and it naturally follows that our trade is largest because we have always offered the best inducements.

If you want the most attractive designs, if you want the widest possible choice, if you want the lowest prices, we expect to supply your wall paper this season.

We shall be pleased to prove any claim in regard to our wall paper stock. The proof is here and you are cordially invited to come and inspect it at any time. We are always pleased to show you papers whether you have any immediate intention of buying or not.

LOOK'S

Drug and Wall Paper Store.

He didn't Buy it here...

That young man didn't buy his bogus diamond here. If he had he would have had a genuine stone. If he had bought it of me and found anything wrong he could have had his money back, for I have not skipped for parts unknown between two days.

Headquarters for Diamonds that are Diamonds.

R. D. Stocking.

Three Times a Day For 365 Days a Year

Bread in some form goes on your table. It is the most important item on your bill of fare. Do you give it the attention you should? Always to have it good and wholesome get **Hearth Bread** at Smith's Bakery and you will have solved the problem.



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

GOD KNOWS BEST.

If you could push aside the gates of life and stand within, and all God's workings...

"SIR KNIGHT"

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The man stooped down and lifted the vine. His great resolve was then and there registered with God...

but a shroud of a girl, seventeen at most. "Ruth," why did his voice sound so harsh when he meant it all otherwise...



FATHER JOHN OF CRONSTADT.

Priest Who Wields Enormous Power in the Russian Empire. With Russia's recent stirring events, the name of Father John of Cronstadt...

Strange Coincidences in Life of a Kentucky Woman. Mrs. Elizabeth Martin started early in life to feather her nest well, and has always had her eye on the main thing...

Estates of Orange Leaves. A remarkable industry in Paraguay is the preparation of orange leaves. More than 150 years ago the Jesuit fathers, who then ruled that district...

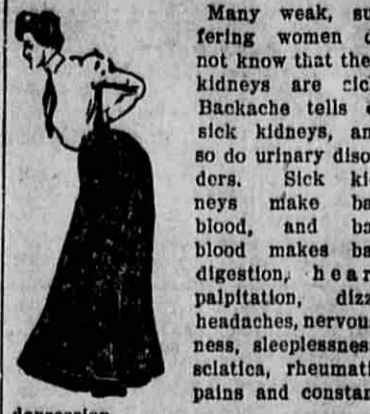
Income of Russian Farmers. The statistical committee of the province of Voronezh, Russia, a fairly representative district, shows that the average farmer's family consists of eight persons...

Deafness Cannot Be Cured. By local application as they claim is the device called by the name of Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the middle ear...

Without a Scent. It's not unusual to keep up when coffee has so ruined the stomach that food won't digest.

Immense Petrified Tree. The largest tree in the world lies broken and petrified at the end of a defile in northwestern Nevada. It is said to be 663 feet long.

RESTORED TO HEALTH.



Many weak, suffering women do not know that their ailments are curable. Backache tells of sick kidneys, of sick urinary disorders...

Two severe cases of Ovarian Trouble and two terrible operations avoided. Mrs. Emmons and Mrs. Coleman each tell how they were saved by the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Another Case of Ovarian Trouble Cured Without an Operation. "Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—I am so pleased with the results obtained from Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound that I feel it a duty and a privilege to write you about it."

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DO YOU COUGH DON'T DELAY TAKE LYDIA'S KEYS BALSAM BEST COUGH CURE

W. L. DOUGLAS \$3.99 & \$3 SHOES "There's no other shoe like mine"

Shiloh's Consumption Cure The Lung Tonic It is guaranteed to cure. If it doesn't, we'll refund your money.

COLLEGE MEN IN INDUSTRY.

Difference Between Practical and technical Knowledge. An officer of a pumping engine company was recently asked whether college men or men trained by practice...

Topoka's Geographical Position. The capital city of Kansas occupies a peculiar place in American geography. The two west of a compass applied to a map of the United States...

Houses in Japan. A Japanese house is generally all on one floor. The number of rooms in it depends on the number of bedrooms...

Why is a Hound? The spaniel is called because the original breed came from Spain, and the first arrivals in England were called Spanish dogs.

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AGRICULTURE IN WESTERN CANADA.

Its Grain Fields, Ranging Resources, Dairying Resources. The Editor of the Wisconsin Agriculturist, who was one of a party of editors of agricultural papers who took a trip through Canada during the past spring...

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From Our Point of View

Schools of Evil Appetites--What They Cost and Who Pays the Bills.

(Read before Epworth League Sunday evening. Published by request.) The shoemaker is advised to stick to his last and the tailor to his goose, and the editor will beg to be excused for sticking to his copy.

In discussing the cost of schools of evil appetites, I shall not deal in figures. Never a master hand at mathematics, when the must be counted by billions, I leave the task to men with wheels in their heads. And then, the dollar is considered so emblematic of the American people that it will be well for us to learn that there are values more great than can be calculated in dollars. Take the home, with the Gladstone, the mother, the industrious and respectable father and a family of bright children growing to useful manhood and womanhood. Who can fix its value to humanity, here and hereafter? Dollars sink into utter insignificance. Multiply that inestimable value by a billion, representing the homes that are continually being blighted or destroyed by the accursed schools of evil appetites, and the enormity of the problem becomes apparent. And yet, it is safe to say there is hardly a home on the footstool of God, where these schools have not left their blighting influence, if not directly upon the present generation, then indirectly through former victims by the irrevocable law of heredity.

Character is of inestimable value. If you would know what schools of evil appetites cost, look upon Gladstone, the grand old man of the Nineteenth century, as an example of Christian manhood and scholarly attainments, and then upon the degraded, repulsive graduate of brothel, dive and saloon. One represents the possibilities of a righteous, well-spent life; the other, the certain end of unbridled indulgence of evil appetites. The unmeasurable gulf between the two, when multiplied by billions, representing the victims of these schools throughout the ages, gives another idea of the cost we are seeking. But, we must remember that our evil deeds, as well as the good we do, live after us; and that evil indulgences of ours may affect generations yet unborn, and that the fall effect of evil appetites past, and present--the ultimate cost--can be known only in eternity.

Still, there are some to whom nothing appeals but the almighty dollar. To such, if they seek to know the cost of schools of evil appetites, I reply: Find the cost of our courts, jails, penitentiaries, poor houses, insane asylums, gold cures and reformatory institutions, all made necessary by these vile schools; and you have just one item in your bill of costs. To this you must add nearly all the woes, miseries and heartaches of the whole human family. All of life that is worth while is destroyed by the indulgence of evil appetites, which offer nothing but poverty, degradation and death in return.

Character is reminded of the hog that lay comfortably asleep in the gutter, but which, being disturbed by a drunken man falling down by its side, got up and left, saying as plainly as a hog can talk, "Well, excuse me, I am somewhat particular about the company I keep;" and when I see some of the bleary-eyed, disgusting victims of the saloon, I have a considerable respect for that hog. Sometimes, I think Carlisle was not far from right when he said of mankind that they were "mostly fools;" and when I think of the everlasting tramp, tramp, tramp of King BIBLER's army, with its fifty thousand wretched victims pitching headlong into drunkard's graves every year, that this has been going on throughout the centuries of man's history, and that every such disgraceful word of life was a warning to posterity; that no words can describe the unutterable folly of those who follow the pathway everywhere strewn with dead men's bones. They are like a flock of geese following a leader in single file down the road. There's a hollow in the track and goose number one tumbles in, waddles out and on, followed in like manner by geese numbers two and three; and every last one tumbles into the same hole. So, human geese go on year after year and generation after generation stupidly blundering into pitfalls that have seen the death agonies of millions before them, when the exercise of good sense would save them. If a civil engineer should warn a trainload of passengers tomorrow morning that a railroad bridge had been weakened by the flood and would certainly go down if an attempt at crossing were made, none but fools would persist in making it; but still, millions of people cling to the follies of the ages, the end of which is no less certain and far more to be feared. What more can we do than to continually warn the sleepy, indifferent passengers of the fatal crossing, and for the saving of the youth, pray Almighty God to give them wisdom?

And who pays the bills? Sorrowing fathers, weeping mothers and stricken widows and orphans throughout Christendom. They are paid in broken hearts, desolated homes and ruined lives. We speak not of the taxgatherer, whose annual visits to our homes are made necessary by the courts, jails, poor houses, asylums and other institutions, forced upon us by the schools of evil appetites; but of that tax upon our civilization and humanity that is levied on every heart and home. Nowhere is there a home occupied by tender souls, upon which the shadow of some OTHER home which has been blighted or destroyed by schools of evil appetites. Nowhere is there a child of the Great Father, if he loves his fellow men, who has not been many times saddened by the sufferings of victims of evil appetites around him.

And so, we must conclude: Schools of evil appetites cost a world of treasure, misery and shame; and all mankind are taxed to pay the bills.

The degree of primary reform so far secured in Kent county, is due more largely to the efforts of Senator A. W. Weekes, who also favored an appropriation of \$125,000 for the benefit of Michigan industries at the St. Louis exposition, which the House cut down to \$40,000. This measure was opposed by the townships; but Mr. Weekes felt that the great furniture-manufacturing interests of his district should have a fair chance at the big show, and acted accordingly. As far as the Bridge bill was concerned, he did what every fair-minded person who knows the circumstances acknowledges to have been right. Honest men are none too frequent in office just now; and Kent county will make a big mistake if she fails to send Mr. Weekes back to the Senate.

The Republican State League is evidently in earnest in its demand for primary reform; and those candidates who do not know whether to stand with the people or the machine are likely to find out, to their sorrow. This is the League's motto: "We are for a government of the people, by the people

and for the people ALL the time; not for a government of the few, by the few and for the few MOST of the time;" and 'tis good. The Republican party seems to be getting back to first principles; and goodness knows it's not a minute too soon.

IONIA county is in the throes of a local option campaign; and the struggle is a hard one. Kent county is an interested spectator; for, if local option is adopted, we shall have an excellent chance to see how it works. If it proves a good thing for Ionia, it can be tried in Kent with hopes of good results. If it proves a failure, we shall be spared the expense of a costly experiment. Let's see what we shall see.

WOMEN'S WAYS.

Any Glasp, who lives in Macon county, Mo., is 100 years old, and says she was never angry in her life. The youngest woman's college president in the United States is Mary Emma Wooley, of Mount Holyoke. She is 24 years of age.

Ellis Perry has a passion for cottages. The English actress owns three, the one at Small Hythe, Kent, being one of the finest examples of homely Tudor architecture in England, besides her own.

Mrs. Elizabeth McIntire, of White Rock, Pa., over 80 years old, has just completed a quilt containing 1,778 pieces. Every stitch in the quilt was contributed toward the purchase of pieces of the wedding gown of Mrs. McIntire's great-grandmother, grandmother and mother, besides her own. The oldest bit of silk used is said to have been in the McIntire family for 114 years.

A Great Essential to Speed.

Flewent--I don't know what all is meant by that name, but I'll tell you. Mrs. Flewent--It's because you talk so fast.

Flewent (disgustedly)--Talk so fast? I can't even start--Judge.

Judging by Appearance.

"Does the drum major belong to the band?"

"Well, to judge by appearance, my son, I should say that the drum-major imagined the band belonged to him."--Yonkers Statesman.

Nothing Done.

"Say," began the man who is known by his friends as "Jimmie," "I've been talking with you."

"I'm no one," replied the party of the second part, "I'm short myself."--Chicago Daily News.

Familiar with Them.

"They say the English are slow to appreciate humor, but Lord Chamberlain always laughs at my jokes."

"But he never says anything. He's heard them all before."--Chicago American.

A Few Receipts.

"Are you versed original?" inquired the daily stenographer.

"Yes," replied the syndicate poet, "all except one or two of them which I wrote myself."--Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

With Pleasure.

Who (who is always ailing)--You will bury me by the side of my first husband, won't you, dear?

Husband--"With pleasure, my dear."--Tit-Bits.

The Greedy Coal Man.

"Some men figure their profits on paper," remarked the Observer of Events.

"Things," but the same coal dealer or figures also state."--Yonkers Statesman.

Of an Oath.

"There is a story about a man who married the woman he loved."

"Why do you read those old-fashioned things?"--Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

If you have any notion of buying a Cream Separator--do not do so until you have seen the

Charles Tubular

If you do you may regret it when you come to know that the Charles is. I will put the Charles on trial with any machine made. It has always come out first--and always will. See me before you buy.

J. A. Lyon, LOWELL, MASS.

DEAD MEN WARN LIVING

Hospital Reports Prove That Dyspepsia Is the Forerunner of Consumption.

LILY WHITE

"The flour the best cooks use."

Smoke..

Don't you enjoy a good smoke?

LOWELL FEED MILL

Sollets your patronage. Custom grinding at short notice.

D. G. Look, Druggist.

Chamberlain's, Regular 5c. for 30c. Collier's bazaar.

CHANCERY SALE.

STATE OF MICHIGAN. The Circuit Court for the County of Kent in Chancery.

R. P. MORSE

The Hustling DRAYMAN

ROCKING CHAIR

HE WAS ACCOSTED ON DECK ONE MORNING BY A CERTAIN SERGEANT-CUPPLES.

All The Arguments

we could advance would not be so half so convincing as a visit to our store. Weaving is believing, so come and look over our display of

Fine Furniture

You will see furniture for every purpose. It will be an handsome as you desire. It will be well made. And the price marks will show that we have added very little indeed in the shape of profit. So we won't argue, we simply invite.

With a Lame Back?

Many Trouble Makes You Miserable.

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THE OTHER MAN

By FREDERIC REDDALE

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"HIS MASTER'S VOICE"

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Regular meeting of the Common Council of the Village of Lowell, held in the Council Rooms on Monday evening, March 7, 1904.

On motion by Trustee Winger, the following bills were adopted. On motion by Trustee Lee the following bills were adopted.

Table with columns for item name and amount. Includes items like 'J H Shales', 'Citizen Telephone Co', 'Hydrant Rental', 'F B Spring', 'Lowell township', 'Fire Commissioners', 'R P Morse', 'T A Murphy', 'S F Hicks', 'S B Knapp', 'D G Look', 'R VanDyke', 'Weldon Smith', 'T A Murphy', 'W H Lan', 'H F Lan', 'Fire Department', 'H A Sherman', 'J T Mueller', 'L & P Fund', 'East Hunter', 'T A Murphy', 'Lowell Cutter Co', 'Wm Dawson', 'Ray Hand', 'L & P Fund', 'Jno E Lewis', 'L & P UND', 'Chas Morris', 'Tom Morris', 'Walter Morris', 'Fred Wilson', 'Frank J McMahon', 'F Wayne Electric Works', 'Sight', 'Electric Appliance Co', 'Festoria Inc'd lamp Co', 'Western Electric Co', 'East Hunter', 'Ecker & Foster', 'General Electric Co', 'Thomas Morris', 'R VanDyke', 'R B Boylan'.

On motion by Trustee Lee, Sections 8 and 9 of an ordinance in regard to Auctioneers, banking and grading were repealed and section 12 amended to read as follows:

Any person who shall exercise or

Appointment confirmed on motion by Trustee Winger. On motion by Trustee Winger Council adjourned.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, The Probate Court for the County of Kent. In re: Estate of GEORGE W. CROSSY, deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS. In the matter of the estate of JAMES O. FILL, deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS. In the matter of the estate of JOSEPH GUM, deceased.

PERE MARQUETTE. Trains leave Lowell as follows: For Detroit and South.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM. Arrival and departure of trains from Lowell.

INDIGESTION. "I was troubled with stomach trouble. Theodor's Black Draught did me more good in one week than all the doctors' medicine I took in a year."

THEDFORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT. More sickness is caused by constipation than by any other disease.

CONSTIPATION. Theodor's Black Draught is the best medicine to regulate the bowels.

Be Particular. Be one of the "particular" people. When you make up your mind that you want "Lily White" flour, you've a reason for it and you should insist on getting it.

Lily White. "The Flour the Best Cooks Use". And that most of the people who do not use it are not particular what they use.

Valley City Milling Co., Grand Rapids, Mich. The picture shows the new style VICTOR TALKING MACHINE with the TAPERING ARM.

Working overtime. Eight hours is ignored by those tireless, little workers—Dr. King's New Life Pills.

W. C. Y. E. The Lowell union will be entertained at the home of Mrs. Brower Friday afternoon for the annual meeting.

SPRING 1904. We extend a Spring Greeting to all our friends and with it a cordial invitation to visit our store to see our handsome Spring garments for men, boys, and children.

We Are at Home Every Day. and a hearty welcome awaits you. We are after your regular customer and we expect to see you again before you give up your better clothes for your money.

NATIONAL CLOTHING CO., 63-65 CANAL STREET, GRAND RAPIDS. ALL the reliable patent medicines...

Our Country Cousins. Mrs. Reynolds was able to get to Grand Rapids last week.

CHURCHES AND SOCIETIES. Morning worship at 10:30. Sermon, "The mammals of Faith—Reconciliation."

BOYS READ THIS. Opportunity for Naval and Military Education and Service.

WANTED! A Few More Good District Deputies by The Exceptional contracts, choice territory, good money, to capable men.

GRINNELL BROS. Music House, Detroit. 219-221-223 Woodward Ave.

THAT NEW HOUSE. should be "a thing of beauty and a joy forever."

For Wood. Office in U. S. Williams Jewelry Store, Ott. Phone 127.

Carl Hunter Coal. Office at 1021 Michigan St., Grand Rapids.

Voting Coupon. "VICTOR" TALKING MACHINE.

YOUR HUSBAND WORKS TOO HARD. Nearly every wife feels that her husband works too hard, and that she knows he will not take time for her.

HEALTH BETTER THAN FOR YEARS. "Gentlemen—I was run down and worn out. Couldn't eat and couldn't sleep."

Look's Drug Store. are not more than satisfied, but we will promptly refund the money.

New Franklin Typewriters. Rented at \$4.00 per month.

CUTTER TOWER CO. 234-236-238 DeWaver St., Boston, Mass.

DR. M. CLAYTON GREENE. University of Michigan and Post Graduate Course at New York Polytechnic Medical School and Hospital, New York City.

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Weekes' is the Place to buy

Ladies Tailor-Made Suits.

Our large line of Spring Suits is now complete. They are time types of the best foreign models and our prices on them are causing some surprise—being so low. We sell the "WORTH" SKIRTS—we have seen nothing in the skirt line that equals them in style and they cost no more than other lines that don't look so well.

WHAT HAPPENS IN OUR STORE when a woman asks for the best \$1.00 Petticoat made? Nothing much—we just show it to her as we have that kind.



NO ADVANCE IN COTTON as far as the selling prices of our Muslin Underwear are concerned. As usual we are ahead of the market and the large supplies we contracted for long ago permit us to watch the present advance without concern. The extensive line which we are now offering for early Spring trade about 25 per cent below present market quotations.

Those who like to have a large and extensive line to select from in all kinds of Dry Goods come to our store.

A. W. WEEKES.



Pay Your Bills

with a bank check. Farmers as well as business men find a checking account a great convenience when they have occasion to pay out money. A check when paid becomes a receipt. We are always pleased to explain the workings of a checking account to those who are not familiar with them.

The Lowell State Bank.

Heard About Town

Dr. Hodges, dentist, if Fancy fruits at Bangs & Jessup's. Ed Clark is quite ill since last week. Headquarters for tea and coffee, Bangs & Jessup.

Elsie and Riverside cheese at Bangs & Jessup's. Carl Bergin is studying in Ann Arbor.

Miss Lena Murphy was home Sunday from Grand Rapids.

Miss Minnie Behler spent Sunday at Alto with her parents.

Mrs. L. Eggleston is spending the week in Detroit and Toledo.

Mrs. Jas. Nicklin of Sparta visited Mrs. Jno. Lashy last week.

Mrs. Will Joseph of Coopersville is visiting her mother, Mrs. Colvin.

W. M. Reynolds of Belding visited Lowell last week Wednesday.

No better soap made than Look's Hand Lotion soap, 10c a cake.

Miss Bessie Tate was home from Cornuna Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Stella Watt of Saranac spent Saturday at the home of Mrs. Phoebe Tate.

Mrs. Sarah Hakes has been visiting in Grand Rapids and Ionia the last two weeks.

F. W. Hinyon and daughter Reva spent Saturday and Sunday with his father at Alto.

Mrs. Emma Ford has been in Grand Rapids this week as a witness in the Wierenga bribery case.

Miss Martha R. Sturgis of Sturgis spent Monday and Tuesday with her brother, A. D. Sturgis.

Mrs. R. D. Stocking has been very ill during the past week; but at last report was improving.

A. S. Houghton is being urged by his friends to stand for highway commissioner on the township ticket.

Mrs. Geo. McKee was called to Grand Rapids Tuesday by the serious illness of her sister, Mrs. Lizzie Reed.

Earl Behler of Grand Rapids spent Saturday evening and Sunday with relatives and friends here and at Alto.

Our market reporter got into the wrong figure box last week and quoted eggs at 20c instead of 10c per doz. Oh, well, our's is a well regulated family and mistakes will happen.

Reconstructs your whole body, makes rich red, blood. Drives out impurities, that have collected during the winter. Hollister's Rocky Mountain tea is a family tonic. 35c. Tea or tablets. D. G. Look.

Col. Henry Watterson, editor of the Louisville Courier Journal will lecture at the Auditorium, Grand Rapids, Monday evening. It is expected his topic will be "Money and Morals," which is one of his latest and best lectures.

"Sixteen to one" was voted out of sight several years ago, but the ratio is still maintained by girls who marry dissolute young men to reform them. The chances are 16 to 1 that two will be ruined, instead of one.

Miss Audie Post left Monday for a trip to Houston, Tex., where she will spend several months with Mr. and Mrs. Milton Barber. She will visit her brother in Chicago and intends to stop at St. Louis world's fair on her return trip.

The Success party Monday evening was reported as pleasant on an occasion as usual, about 105 being present. Mrs. L. P. Hodges and her committee received many compliments on their banquet. Prizes were won as follows: Ladies' 1st, Mrs. Frank Alger; 2d, Mrs. A. C. Stone; consolation, Mrs. Jas. Murphy. Gentlemen's 1st, Frank Alger; 2d, R. VanDyke; consolation, Chas. Aithen. Those present from outside were: Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Stone of Alto, Chas. Chapman of Belding.

Ten pages of THE LEDGER this week. Seed corn for sale. Wm. Cheetham. Special sale of chamberetts at Collar's bazaar.

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

Clover and timothy seeds for sale by John Giles & Co.

Miss Winnie White visited the Ionia and Saranac schools Friday.

Born—in South Boston, March 14, to Mr. and Mrs. Abelbert Wright, a daughter.

Misses Lila Wilson and Bernice Callier made a short visit at Ionia Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Moore went to Harbor Springs Friday with purpose of locating.

Mrs. Ed Clark has sold her 40 acre farm in this township to Frank Biens-ted of Durand.

Lowell Maccabees will present the drama, "Under Southern Skies," the last of this month.

These March winds won't produce chaps if you use Look's Hand Lotion and Hand Lotion soap.

S. B. Avery and family spent a portion of last week with E. C. Curtis and family of Belding.

Try a package of Zest, the new breakfast food. A cup and saucer in each package at Bangs & Jessup's.

Best 12 quart sap buckets made, for 12c each. Syrup saps, sap spiles and sap pads at the right prices at R. B. Boylan's.

Mrs. Chas. Stoughton and Miss Nina Wright entertained "The Noble Seven" at dinner Saturday in honor of Frances Moffet of Ionia. They had before met at the homes of Mrs. Littlefield, Mrs. Jas. Scott and Ola M. Johnson.

Gather the roses of health for your cheeks, while the parks are shining with dew. Get out in the morning early and bright. By taking Rocky Mountain tea at night. D. G. Look.

FOUND—Two half-smoked cigars, in our sanctum window. For a short time the owners may find them on the top stair step; where they will be unmolested by dogs, cats or any other animal. No charges.

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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

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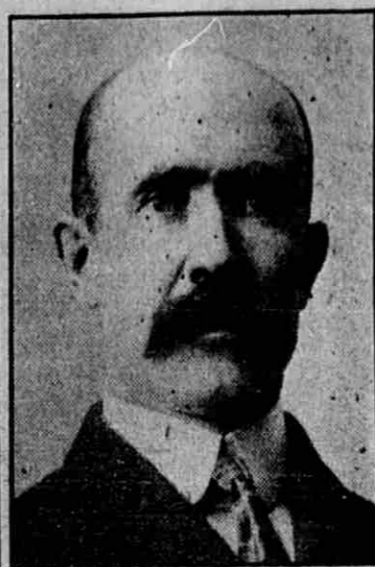
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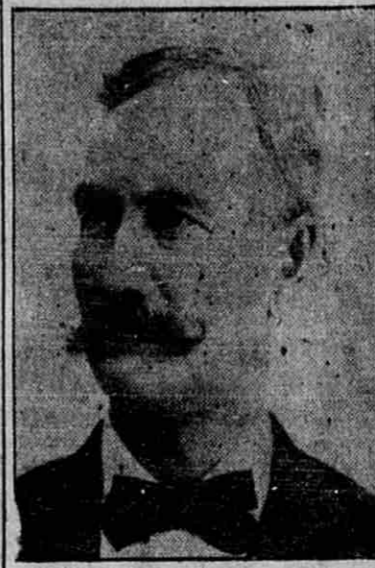
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J. E. LEE Faithful old wheel horse who has backed up the Light and Power Plant through good and ill since its founding and has served on the Council ten years.

Special sale of chamberetts, Collar's bazaar.

School for Juveniles every Tuesday evening from 4 to 6.

Easter party Tuesday, April 5th. Orchestra.

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Ladies' tailored suits on special sale Wednesday, March 23 at Nicholson's.

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Letters at Lowell post office for E. E. Barns, M. J. Telford, Mrs. Mary Locke, Mrs. M. J. Hagle, Mrs. L. Watson, Mrs. Harriet Dickerson.

Miss Scott announces that she will hold the usual dancing class for adults next Tuesday evening, March 22nd, at 7 o'clock.

H. Nash returned Monday evening from his Kansas trip. He left Kansas farmers sowing oats and found a foot of snow on his arrival at Lowell.

Dr. H. O. Barnes entertained the Pickle Bachelor's Club at his residence last evening. Twenty-one plates were laid and a merry time was had. The club voted to present the doctor with a handsome dining table.

A. L. Weyrick's new market was thrown open last Saturday and the enterprising proprietor enjoyed a great day. Three hundred carnations were given to lady visitors and the supply gave out with only half of the fair visitors gratified. The naughty men took cigars and you "jest order see the empty boxes."

"The Twentieth Century Home," is a new magazine issued by the Cosmopolitan company, the first number of which appeared last month. The March number just received is excellent in illustration, typography and literary matter. A series of articles on "The World's Five Hundred Best Books," begins in this number, the selections to be made by a commission under the direction of James H. Canfield, librarian at Columbia University. Eight editors of the Cosmopolitan and Twentieth Century Home will contribute foot note comments on the work of the Commission. Literary people and all who are collecting home libraries and who wish to have the best will be interested in this discussion. The Twentieth Century Home, Cosmopolitan and LOWELL LEDGER, regular price \$3., all one year for \$2.

100 first-class envelopes—35c. The Ledger.

FOURTH ANNUAL CONTEST OF THE High School Literary Societies

Thursday evening March 24th

Free Music. Short. Ringing Speeches. Train's Opera House

Great entertainment. Be there.

ANNUAL LITERARY

CONTEST OF THE LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL.

This Will Be a Good One. Give 'Em a Crowd.

The fourth annual contest of the High school Literary societies will be held Thursday evening, March 24, at Train's opera house. Of the past contests, the Adelphics have won two and the Olympics one. The program follows:

- 1 Selection Lowell Band
- 2 Piano and mandolin Messrs. Stocking and Barnes
- 3 Oration—"Savannah," Glen Hart, Olympic
- 4 Oration—"Gettysburg," Murphy, Adelphe
- 5 Song, selected. Paul McCarty
- 6 Recitation—"The Governor's Levee," Maude McKee, Adelphe
- 7 Recitation—"Yeanus and the Egyptian" Edith Roth, Olympic
- 8 Song, selected.
- 9 Essay "Progress of the Century" Miss Margaret Mulford
- 10 Essay "Preservation of Forests" Grace Evans, Olympic
- 11 Libbie Raymond, Adelphe
- 12 Music
- 13 Debate, Resolved: That the Federal government should interfere to secure the Negro his right of suffrage.
- 14 Affirmative—Lee Smith, Iva Moyer. Negative—Bert Quick, Freda Bailey
- 15 Piano and mandolin, Messrs. Stocking and Barnes.
- 16 Decision of Judges S. P. Hicks

Debate—S. P. Hicks, Rev. G. L. Sprague, Mrs. M. M. Perry.

Essays—Rev. Chas. Nease, Mrs. O. C. McDannell, Miss Donna Wisner.

Oration—W. A. Watts, Mrs. M. C. Greene, Mrs. D. B. Davidson.

Recitation—D. R. Whitney, Mrs. F. M. Johnson, J. B. Nicholson.

A PEACEFUL DEATH.

Aged Mrs. Winans Passed Away in Her Sleep.

Mrs. Nancy Winans was found dead in her bed yesterday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Joseph Barclay, in Boston township, east of Lowell. Funeral will be held at the home Friday at 1:30 p. m.

Nancy Talcott was born in Fleming, Cayuga county, New York, Sept. 14, 1818. She married John Winans at Auburn, Sept. 26, 1848. Three children were born, Frank M., Ann Eliza and Robert H., of whom Mrs. Barclay alone survives. Mrs. Winans joined the M. E. church at the age of 19 years, and came to Lyons, Mich., with her husband, 50 years ago, removing to Lowell one year later. Mr. Winans died seven years ago.

SOCIETIES.

Clarence Yeater was made a Master Mason by Lowell Lodge, F. & A. M., Tuesday evening. Brothers Ernest Davis, Will Murphy and Rev. McConnell, all of Alto, accompanied the candidate. Banquet and speeches followed the work.

Special meeting F. & A. M., No. 90, for third degree work Tuesday evening, March 22.

CAUCUS NOTICES.

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Caucus notices for all parties will be published without charge for any and all parties.

DEMOCRAT CAUCUS.

Notice is hereby given that there will be a caucus of the Democrats of Vergennes township, at the Waters school house on Saturday, March 26, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of nominating candidates for township offices and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the caucus. By order of Committee. JOHN H. WRIGHT, Chairman.

Republican township caucus will be held at Train's hall Friday, March 25, at 2 p. m. Township candidates will be nominated under old system; but county delegates will be elected under the Barnaby act.

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