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BEST LOCAL PAPER.

OFFICIAL PAPER

Its Financial Strength

Your attention is directed to the names of the following well known business men who conduct

The City Bank, Hill, Watts & Co.

ORTON HILL, President, Lowell, Mich.
W. A. WATTS, Cashier, Lowell, Mich.
P. H. GILKEY, Capitalist, Richland, Mich.
ASA STRATTON, Capitalist, Richland, Mich.
R. S. WILSON, Cash'r Union Bank, Richland, Mich.
E. W. BOWMAN, Pres. Bowman's Bank, Kalamazoo, Mich.

The standing and responsibility of these men are a guarantee of careful and judicious management.

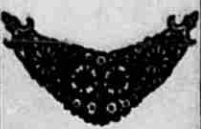
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Tank Heaters
Feed Cookers
Felt Roofing
Gravel Roofing
Woven Wire Fence
Soft Coal Heaters
Hard Coal Heaters
Wood Heaters
Steel Range, best on Earth
Cook Stoves, good second hand
Heating Stoves, good second hand
Nickel Coffee Pots
Nickel Tea Pots
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Nickel Pitchers
Nickel Chafing Dishes
Wood and Coal

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Watches
Clocks
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JEWELER AND OPTICIAN.

IF YOU want good goods, the best that money can buy, goods that are of superior workmanship and quality, goods that are up-to-the-times, goods that are sold under a guarantee to be perfect, goods that will please you in every particular, come to us—we can please you in every way.

Come in any time and see the different lines we carry. You are always welcome, whether you buy or not.

A. D. OLIVER

Christmas Perfumes

All the favorite scents—the latest fads in perfumes—especially for Holiday Gifts.

Beautiful Cut Glass Bottles

Perfumery is a safe gift for anybody to anybody. Pure extracts—one drop sufficient. By the ounce or bottle. Sweets to the Sweet

We also have a fine line of Toilet Sets, Cigar Cases, Purses and Box Paper.

A. D. STURGIS.

BLAMED THE ROAD WILL GIVE AWAY

VERDICT OF THE CORONER'S JURY ON THE ELMDALE WRECK.

Person Responsible for Wreck Not Named.

The coroner's jury which investigated the Elmdale wreck rendered the following verdict: "That the said John L. Smith's death, who died at the Butterworth hospital Nov. 17, 1904, at Grand Rapids, county of Kent, Michigan, was the result of an accident of the Pere Marquette Railroad Company at Elmdale, County of Kent, Michigan, Nov. 16, 1904.

"From the testimony of the late employee of the said Pere Marquette Railroad company clearly shows the defects of the management of the said company resulting in the death of John L. Smith.

"The said company should exercise more care entrusted too their employees. We also find that the said company are to lenient and little attention paid to their duties.

"That the said company should be held responsible for the said accident and death of the said John L. Smith. The traveling public demands more careful attention to every detail of the railroad and its management.

"The said death was the result of the carelessness of the employees of the said Pere Marquette railroad company."

REASON FOR DELAY

IONIA ELECTRIC HELD UP BY TERMINAL ARRANGEMENTS

May Have to Make an Entering Lie of its Own into Grand Rapids.

Grand Rapids Press, Dec. 20.—"We have been held up fully two months in beginning active building operations through the inability to complete terminal facilities in this city," said President E. M. Hopkins of the Grand Rapids & Ionia road this morning. "It is hoped that this matter will be adjusted within a short time, and if this cannot be brought about we shall secure an entry of our own. Everything necessary, aside from the terminal facilities in Grand Rapids, has been secured for this road and contracts have been let for the machinery and equipment. The same is true of our Ionia & Owosso road, and we shall begin work on both by April and shall have them in operation by September at the very latest.

"This holding us back seemed unfortunate at first, but it has resulted in our doing other work, and we shall now have four lines completed within the coming year, which, with traffic arrangements, will give us a trunk line service clear across the state. John T. Rich, Governor Bliss J. L. Hudson and myself hold the controlling interest in these roads and while they are individual they are part of one general system. These roads are the Grand Rapids & Ionia, 32 miles, Ionia & Owosso, 50 miles, on each of which all preliminary work has been completed; Grand Rapids, Belding & Greenville, 20 miles and the Owosso & Pontiac, 64 miles, on which we have made surveys and are now securing rights of way and franchises and preparing maps. The Belding road will be the easiest to build of any, as we shall supply the power from the plant at Saranac. We shall connect with the Holland and Grand Haven lines at this end of the system and with the Detroit & Pontiac at the eastern end, through traffic arrangements, and when the service is inaugurated will run our express cars right through to the city hall in Detroit."

CONGER MUST STAND TRIAL

Editor Charged with Contempt in Criticizing Judge Newham.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Dec. 17.—Editor Eugene D. Conger and the Grand Rapids Herald must stand trial for contempt of court. That is the decision given Judge Newham by Attorney Arthur C. Dennison, and the hearing has been set for Friday, Dec. 23. The report of the attorney says that the editorials in question were inaccurate and had a tendency to prejudice the public and embarrass proceedings against Perry and the so-called water cases not yet tried.

Doss Advertising Pay

One of our most active and persistent advertisers is the City Bank, Hill, Watts & Co. Through a typographical error, inadvertently overlooked by our proof reader, the name Hill was omitted from the bank title in our last issue. The number of people that have noticed this omission and commented on the same is proof positive, so Mr. Watts states, that the City Bank ads. are generally read. This knowledge that the people are so interested in what the Bank has to say is gratifying to its officers. We deem it hardly necessary to call attention to the fact that Mr. Hill who has been so active in building up the business of the bank, was only a month ago re-elected as president and will continue to serve in that capacity.

MARRIAGE LICENCES.
Clyde Purdy, 21, Vergennes township; I. Blosser, 21, Grattan township.

All the new books for Christmas at Look's Drug store.

A FINE \$35.00 CHAMPION SEWING MACHINE

To the Lady Who Gets the Most Votes in This Contest.

Yes, THE LEDGER is going to conduct another voting contest, and this time the prize will be a Champion No. 25 sewing machine, made by the New Home Sewing Machine company.

It has a full set of attachments, four side drawers, large center drawer, drop leaf and cover; and the regular price is \$35.

The same general plan will be followed as in our previous contests. This time it is confined to private individuals. Societies and organizations will not be invited to compete.

If our readers know of worthy women who need sewing machines, they can help the one of their choice to secure one by their votes and influence.

Beginning in this issue a coupon good for one vote will appear in each copy of THE LEDGER; and for every dollar paid on subscription a coupon good for 52 votes will be given, with every 50c, 26 votes; and with every 25c, 13 votes.

The ballot box will be in its former position at the foot of our stairway beginning Friday morning and voting may begin.

Those who have already paid their subscriptions in advance can secure coupons of value to correspond with the time paid ahead.

We hope that some worthy woman will receive a gift from this contest that will help her on the way rejoicing.

CHURCHES AND SOCIETIES

METHODIST.

Morning Christmas sermon, "God's Gift to us." Evening, "Our Gift to Jesus."

Epworth League will be held by Miss Cella Noble, subject "An offering to Christ."

There will be exercises by the Sunday school, and a "tree" Saturday evening. The public is invited.

At the annual meeting of the Sunday school board of the M. E. church the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Superintendent, J. B. Yeiter;
1st Asst. Supt., Jacob Meyers;
2nd " " Mrs. E. R. Collar;
A. D. Oliver;
Secretary, D. G. Manges;
Treasurer, Arthur Avery;
Organist, Miss Pearl Keene;
Chorister, Miss Myrtle Taylor.
Pres. S. S. Missionary Soc., Miss Myrtle Taylor.

CONGREGATIONAL.

Christmas exercises will be held at the church Saturday evening. A fine program has been prepared.

There will be Christmas services Sunday both morning and evening.

The morning subject will be "The Law of Love." Evening subject "Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh."

Christian Endeavor meeting at six o'clock.

SOCIETIES.

On Wednesday evening, Dec. 28, a free lecture will be delivered by Rev. James E. Butler, pastor of the Congregational church, at the club room of the L. L. C., subject: "What Sunday Recreation Do We Approve?" All invited.

Lowell Lodge F. & A. M. has elected the following officers: W. M., J. B. Nicholson; S. W., D. G. Look; J. W., V. S. Ward; S. D., R. E. Springett; J. D., Geo. Willard; treas., H. J. Coons; sec., E. A. Hodges; tyler, Henry Lampman. Installation Tuesday evening, Dec. 27.

Joseph Wilson Post, G. A. R., has elected the following officers: Commander, Benj. Morse; S. V. C., John Hilliker; J. V. C., M. J. Painter; S. Merritt Sayles; C. Wm. B. Aldrich; Q. M., D. Pratt; O. D., Wm. Andrews; O. G., John Hatch; Delegate, John Hilliker; Alternate, H. Dawson.

The G. A. R. and W. R. C. will have a joint installation Wednesday evening, Jan. 11.

The Women's Relief Corps will have the following officers during the coming year: Pres., Elmira Morse; J. V., Louisa Shear; S. V., Maryetta Sayles; Treas., S. A. Flanagan; Chap., Olive Taylor; Con., Esther Newcomb; Guard, Loretta Wright; Delegate, Josephine Johns; alternate, Maryetta Sayles.

These are the newly elected officers of Eddy Tent, K. O. T. M. Com., John Roth; Lt. Com., L. P. Morse; R. K., A. D. Morse; F. K., A. D. Sturgis; S., Elmer Barr; Phys., M. C. Greene; Asst. Phys., O. C. McDannell; Chaplain, James Monroe.

Lowell Lady Maccabees have chosen the following officers for the ensuing year: Com., Mrs. Wiley; Past Com., Mrs. Crawford; Lt. Com., Mrs. Townsend; Chaplain, Mrs. Lashby; Serg., Mrs. Lawrence; M. A., Mrs. Stone; S., Mrs. Harkness; P., Mrs. Monroe.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The central school will give a Christmas cantata, "Around the World with Santa Claus" at the school building tomorrow (Friday evening). To defray expenses, an admission of ten cents to adults and five cents to others will be asked.

The expected increase in attendance at the high school at the close of the first semester will make necessary the addition of a row of seats.

"You will surely miss the train if your watch runs dry." Get yours at Oliver's and be on time.

Only Two Days More

To make your Christmas shopping the last few days are so filled with hurry and excitement that shopping is not so pleasant as early buying.

We shall have our stock well arranged, plenty of help, and shall endeavor to make your buying at our store pleasant and remunerative.

There will be bargains all through the store as we are bound to close out some lines.

A large selection of cloth bound books

At only

9c Each

A few of those Ladies purses still left at 48 cents.

Yours for a Merry Christmas.

D. G. Look.

SPECIAL SALE of Watches and Clocks

During December. Also a full line of Diamonds Rings and Jewelry of all kinds.

Select your Silverware now and leave for marking before the rush.



A 8725

Victor Talking Machines and Records.

R. D. STOCKING.

Let Me Roast Your Christmas Turkey.

You furnish the Turkey and pan and I will stuff and roast it "just right"

For 35 Cents

WELDON SMITH, The Baker.

Oven hot on Christmas day.

Merry Christmas AND Happy New Year

TO ALL.

Remember, Our Store is Full of Useful Things for Presents.

Note a Few of Them:

Razors
Razor Straps
Shears
Scissors
Jack Knives
Pen Knives
Table Knives and Forks
Nickel Ware
Enamel Ware
Silver Ware

Skates
Bread Mixers
Food Choppers
Carving Sets
Table Cutlery
Enameled Roasters
Fine Coffee Pots
Fine Tea Pots
Liquid Veneer

Scott & Winegar

The Carnegie libraries have become numerous that one has had to be destroyed by fire—the one at Knoxville.

"Success in the military profession," says General Adna R. Chaffee, in "Men of Mark," "is impossible to any one indolent to honor, indolent to morality."

Automobiles are but wandering locomotives in disguise, declares a contemporary, entering noises and smells to the disgust of other travelers on the public roads.

Trainer Jerry Delaney, of the Northwestern University, says that football playing causes insanity. That may account for much that would be otherwise difficult to explain.

The theory is advanced that the Hunsville hat that hid an eye on which were initials and a date may have swallowed a fountain pen, says the Birmingham News.

According to the latest dictum of the London fashionables, men's coats must be created, declares the Cleveland Plain Dealer. If this sort of thing keeps on even the most circumspect citizen will scarcely be blamed for envying the freedom from sartorial restrictions that made Eden so much more of a paradise.

In regard to insurance Dr. Thawing has this to say: "If insurance is regarded as a business, it has become the broadest business, for it touches all relations of life. If insurance be regarded as a profession, it has become a most important and serious job. Its problems are the most intricate. The two entities, and more important forms of insurance, fire and life, are still the most important. The amount of money directly and indirectly invested in them is larger than the amount invested in any other form of human interest."

Two Lansing officers went to Toledo under the mistaken impression that they could get hold of a couple of crooks that are "in hiding" there. They were astounded to learn that crooks are protected by the Toledo police, and came back in a very indignant mood. They say they never saw so many crooks together outside of the penitentiary.

Water is Scarce. The people in the vicinity of Carleton are suffering badly for the want of water. No rain has fallen there for a number of weeks. Citizens in the village are all dry and many farmers in the country report their wells dry and are compelled to haul water for miles and drive their stock to creeks to water.

Bad Eggs Cause Explosion. A box of eggs containing three some bad eggs into the stove with the result that the stove exploded. The force with which such force as to lift the lids and scatter the contents about the room. Stoves are a receptacle for almost everything, but there seems to be a limit to what they will stand.

Reporters Are Freed. It is said that a Brown City "cup" reporter became so used to getting things free by saying "I am a newspaper reporter" that he dismissed the man carrying the collection box in church the other day with a wave of the hand and his mystic words.

Religious Opposition. "Seventh Day Baptists" is the name of a new organization in Battle Creek. It is run in opposition to the Seventh Day Adventists, and is composed of the members of the latter sect who do not believe in all the teachings of Mrs. Ellen G. White.

Sunday Theatricals. For the first time in the history of the Day City theater, a regular company of the legislature is character making, and proposals to injure human character, and to aid in the propagation of children by the least developed, morally, will be treated with the contempt they deserve. "Evolution teaches us anything, it is said, is Matthew Arnold's words, there is a power that makes for righteousness."

An American forest congress will meet in Washington, D. C., under the auspices of the American Forestry Association. The congress is called to consider the forests in their relation to the great industries closely dependent on them, such as lumbering, transportation, irrigation, mining and grazing. The intention in general is to guard intelligently our forest resources and bring to an end the ignorant and destructive warfare of the lumberman and the wood pulp man, who, left to themselves, would in a century deplete the continent and provide the way for it to become a desert. The congress is of national importance, the President will address it, and his aims have the sympathy of everybody with sufficient intelligence to comprehend their bearing on the public welfare. The congress may bear in mind and fourthly, fourth new Humboldt's dictum that wherever man has appeared on the earth he has prepared the way for his extinction by his destruction of forests.

Elks Open New Rooms. The new club rooms of the order of B. P. O. E. at Dowagiac are said to be the finest club rooms in that part of the state, better equipped with all modern conveniences. This lodge has a membership of over 200.

Will Speak on Insanity. Dr. W. M. Edwards, superintendent Asylum for the Insane at Kalamazoo, has come to Des Moines, Iowa, to address the Iowa board of control of state institutions on the subject of acute insanity.

Michigan News

Choice items from over the state, specially selected for our readers.

STATE HAS RIGHT TO THE LAND

Supreme Court Settles Question of Interest Regarding Titles.

The supreme court denied a writ of mandamus applied for by the Alcona board of supervisors to restrain the auditor-general and state land commissioner from conveying to the state 5,000 acres of land in that county, under the provisions of the tax homestead law. The decision is of unusual importance, as it settles the question of the right of the state to take possession of delinquent tax lands and sell them to others. The titles given by the state to homesteaders are made good by the decision of the court, and numerous cases, which have been commenced at the instance of H. K. Gustin, on behalf of the original owners, will probably have to be discontinued.

CAT BOUNDS ALARM OF FIRE

Feline Calls Attention of Mistress to Flames, Thus Saving Home.

The house cat at the home of Mrs. Wilhelm Keller of Kalamazoo saved her house from destruction by fire, or at least from big damage. Fire broke out in the roof. The cat was in the attic at the time and in some way became scorched. It ran frantically down stairs and kept up running up and down until the attention of Mrs. Keller was attracted. She hurried upstairs to learn the cause. The alarm was turned in and the flames were extinguished before the loss had reached \$200.

WHISKEY CAUSES GIRL'S DEATH

Little One Drinks Large Quantity of the Stuff, Dying in Convulsions.

News has just been received at Ypsilanti of the death in Chelsea, Mich., of a young girl, the daughter of Mrs. and Mr. Jacob Schiller. The child, who was a year and a half old, died of convulsions, which were caused by the drinking of whiskey. The child was found by her mother in the kitchen, where she had been drinking from a bottle of whiskey. The child was taken to the hospital, but died in convulsions, and soon fell into a coma. The cause of the child's death was ascertained by a medical aid, who found in spite of medical aid the child died because it did not have a burial permit.

Blow Open Postoffice Safe

Burglars Operated on Two Sides of Lenawee County, but So Far as Learned Passed Adrift by At Lymon, Just over the Line in Ohio, the Safe in the Postoffice Was Blown and the Burglars Secured \$65 in Money and Stamps.

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Rabbits Are Troublesome

The Present Deep Snow Has Driven the Rabbits to the Orchards of the Farmers about Battle Creek.

The present deep snow has driven the rabbits to the orchards of the farmers about Battle Creek. The rabbits are very numerous and are doing a great deal of damage to the fruit trees. The farmers are very annoyed by the rabbits, and are trying to find a way to get rid of them. The rabbits are very destructive to the fruit trees, and are causing a great deal of loss to the farmers.

Plan Electric Line

Boston Capitalists Will in the Near Future Ask the Iron Mountain Company for a Franchise to Construct and Operate a Line of Electric Street Cars in the City.

The Boston capitalists will in the near future ask the Iron Mountain company for a franchise to construct and operate a line of electric street cars in the city. The company has been successful in the country report their wells dry and are compelled to haul water for miles and drive their stock to creeks to water.

Hubbard Finds Wife Dead

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Novel Plea Is Effective

One of the most novel defenses ever put up by a man accused of crime was sprung in an Illinois court. The accused admitted his guilt as charged, but claimed that at the time of the offense was committed he was mentally unbalanced, and he had been talking, and the jury acquitted him.

Fails to Get Liquor License

Ed Case, of Durand, leased the Davysburg hotel at Davysburg, Saturday he had his goods shipped to Davysburg. Monday he reloaded them to Durand. Police officers have the advance and the girls returned to work. Public opinion is entirely with the girls.

Government Employees Strike

Twenty-two girls who are employed sorting eggs at the United States fish cannery in Northville struck today and demand \$1. Pending advice from Washington, Supl. Clark temporarily laid off the girls.

Found Dead in Sleigh

Carl Kohloff, a pioneer of Allegan, aged 75, was found dead in his sleigh a short distance from his home. Two miles east of the village. He had been out for a short time, and the cause of his death was ascertained by a medical aid, who found in spite of medical aid the child died because it did not have a burial permit.

Suicide at Vicksburg

Allen Burgess, of Chicago, aged 22 years, was found dead in bed at the home of a friend, Mrs. H. B. Kirby, near Vicksburg. It is supposed that he took poison while dependent.

Fined for Violating Game Law

Dr. J. Valada, a prominent physician of Newport, and Charles Flint, a well-known farmer also of Newport, were fined \$15 each for violation of state game laws.

Village Hall and Jail

Farmers of the village of \$10,000 for a village hall and jail if the recent action of the village council is not considered for revoking.

Ask \$10,000 for Snoring

Because he snores harder and longer than any other man in the village, Frank Van Riper has filed suit for \$10,000 damages, alleging that the latter is responsible for the condition. The two men had a fight, and the snorer was injured.

Many Deer Hunters Are Killed

It is said that forty or fifty deer hunters were killed by a single shot in Michigan, one man has lost his life. Venison comes rather high.

Building at Battle Creek

Two hundred new houses have been built, the greatest in Battle Creek.

LATEST CASH MARKET REPORTS

Chicago Produce. Butter—Creamery, extra, 26c; prime, 25c; standard, 24c; inferior, 23c. Eggs—Fresh, 18c; dried, 15c. Lard—Prime, 12c; extra, 11c. Sugar—Cane, 10c; beet, 9c. Coffee—Arabica, 15c; Robusta, 12c. Tea—China, 10c; India, 8c. Rice—Long grain, 10c; medium, 9c; short, 8c. Beans—Lima, 10c; navy, 9c; pinto, 8c. Corn—Yellow, 10c; white, 9c. Wheat—Hard, 10c; soft, 9c. Oats—No. 1, 8c; No. 2, 7c. Hay—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Straw—No. 1, 8c; No. 2, 7c. Wool—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Hides—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Tallow—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Soap—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Candles—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Paper—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Cloth—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Shoes—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Hats—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Trunks—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Bags—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Boxes—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Crates—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Bales—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Bundles—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Staves—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Boards—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Plank—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Lumber—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Timber—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Stone—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Bricks—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Tiles—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Glass—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Paint—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Oil—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Gas—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Water—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Electricity—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Heat—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Light—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Power—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Steam—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Gasoline—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Kerosene—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Lamp—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Stove—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Furnace—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Boiler—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Engine—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Motor—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Pump—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Fan—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Saw—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Mill—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Press—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Grindstone—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Hammer—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Pickaxe—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Shovel—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Spade—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Hoe—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Rake—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Fork—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Pitchfork—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Axe—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Hatchet—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Saw—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Mill—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Press—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Grindstone—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Hammer—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Pickaxe—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Shovel—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Spade—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Hoe—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Rake—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Fork—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Pitchfork—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Axe—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c. Hatchet—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 9c.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERIES

Mrs. Henry Brock at Hillsdale, Ind., in preventing a drunken husband setting fire to furniture on which he had poured oil broke her leg and was injured.

OK. United States commissioner, Judge E. M. Payne of Chicksaw, Ala., Lawton in the federal court, and permitting the sale of liquor in Indian territory.

Fire in the factory of the Central Coal company, Indiana, caused a \$50,000 loss. The plant was nearly destroyed, while much of the machinery and all of the machinery were destroyed.

It is now on good authority that the next governor of the Yukon territory will be W. W. McInnes, member of the British Columbia legislature for the Yukon territory. Mr. McInnes will be the youngest governor in Canada.

As a result of the selection of the Grand Simpano as the terminal of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway army officers state that the government will construct a fortification in the state of Washington, opposite Port Simpson, just across the international boundary.

St. Michael's Roman Catholic church at Belleville, Ont., was destroyed by fire. The building was one of the best in the city and had a value of \$100,000.

Bernard B. McGreevy of O'Neill, Neb., former president of the Elk-Nebraska, was arrested for the murder of a woman in Phoenix, Ariz.

The Cumberland Telephone and Telegraph company announced that it will issue \$1,000,000 of stock, Feb. 1, to be used in constructing new lines in Louisiana and Mississippi.

Rev. Father S. M. More, assistant pastor of the Church of the Holy Spirit in Kansas City, Mo., has been appointed Roman Catholic chaplain of the soldiers in the hospital at Camp Sherman, Ohio.

A confession made by two boys arrested on suspicion of arson has cleared up the mystery surrounding a series of forty fires of incendiary origin in the Park slope section of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Six river laborers were killed near Ashland, Ky., by drinking wood alcohol.

A boiler explosion in the locomotive works of Brewer & Love, Indianapolis, wrecked nine boilers, a large part of the plant and a brick house was destroyed.

The council of the American Breeders' association, in session in St. Paul, Minn., has decided to hold the annual meeting in Urbana, Ill., Feb. 1, 2 and 3. The society includes plant and animal breeders.

S. S. Knabenshue, a political writer on the Toledo Blade, has been appointed consul at Belfast, Ireland.

A new cotton company with a capital of \$10,000,000 has been formed in Montreal. It will take over the Dominion Cotton Co., and will operate the Colonial Bleaching companies' mills.

Dr. H. W. Wiley of the department of Agriculture denounced as harmful the use of coal tar dyes for coloring butter in an address before the state sanitary officers in Albany, N. Y.

All the Columbus, Ohio, brewing companies with two exceptions, have been consolidated as the Hostler Columbus Associated Brewing company, with a capitalization of \$6,000,000 and 2,000,000 shares.

Gov. Dockery of Missouri refused a requisition from the governor of Colorado for the surrender of William Morrissey on a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses, on the ground that it was an attempt to collect a civil debt under the criminal law.

Foreign Minister Delesclap of France is believed to be a candidate for the signing of a Franco-Swiss arbitration treaty similar to the Franco-British agreement.

The Italian government has ordered the immediate execution of three patriots upon St. Mark's at Venice which are of an urgent character and that everything necessary be done to prevent any damage to the bastion.

William Penje of Chicago was elected president and Victor A. Olander of Chicago second vice president of the 22nd session of the International Fishermen's convention in San Francisco.

Joseph Ryan and Paul Winesky, fishermen, were drowned in the bay at Traverse City, Mich. They had gone out to fish in a heavy fog. Several hours after their boat was discovered floating overturned with their fishing apparatus near by.

The Mill Creek hatchery in California is now engaged in preparing a shipment of 1,000,000 salmon eggs to South America. This shipment will leave Toledo by express for New York about Dec. 30, where it will be transferred to a steamer leaving there for Buenos Ayres.

Robert N. Ford, on trial for embezzlement at Warren, was found guilty. Ford was engaged in the banking business with his brother at Burton. The bank going into receivership some months ago. An appeal will be taken.

A Pennsylvania freight train crashed through a bridge over Marlinton creek at West Conemaugh, near Philadelphia. The conductor was killed and a brakeman fatally injured. Major General Corbin, military commander of the Philadelphia, left Manila for the south on a tour of inspection.

Monks of the abbey at a hard time to get enough muskrats for the big supper they have planned for Detroit and Toledo sportsmen.

Christmas Presents

WHICH CAN BE MADE WITH LITTLE LABOR

When the girl had gathered all her bits in her boudoir on Christmas night and closed the door, she picked up a ally object, surveyed it for a moment, then put it back on the table with a pat.

"And I really like you best of all," she whispered, "because mother's love went into the making of you."

This is a common feeling. A home-made Christmas present has more value and is more appreciated than any article purchased in a shop.

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WATER IN THE DESERT.

Barrel Cactus the Only Hope of This for Travelers.

A traveler gives an account of how the Indians of the desert obtain drinking water from the barrel cactus. It is a cactus with a desert hills west of Cores, Mexico. The Indian cut the top from a plant about five feet high, and with a blunt stake pointed to the pulp the upper side or eight inches of the white flesh in the standing trunk. From this, handful by handful, he squeezed the water into the bowl he had made in the top of the trunk, throwing the discarded pulp on the ground. By this process he secured two or three quarts of clear water, which forms a flash.

A still further, accurate effect can be gained by threading all the beads with colored ribbon, terminating in a loop.

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With a thousand and one things that are pretty, useful and inexpensive and worth coming miles to see. We make Christmas buying not only pleasurable but profitable to our patrons.

HINTS TO GIFT GIVERS

Many buy Rugs for the Christmas gift—we are ready for you here with a new stock just received. Have you seen the handsome Towels bought for the occasion? FINE LINEN—Pattern Table Cloths, Napkins to match, Lunch Cloths, Doilies, etc.

Handkerchiefs! Handkerchiefs! The largest and most complete line shown. You know our reputation as Fur Traders—won't you investigate the stock? Remember about our Carpet Sweepers—they will make the housewife happy.

Cloaks reduced for the Holiday trade—best values yet offered, some fine garments in Blacks and Mixtures. Great Values in Children's Cloaks.

E. R. COLLAR

From Our Point of View

AT FIRST thought one might think that the failure of the owner of a public hall to keep the same in a respectable and comfortable condition is a private matter and one in which the public has no concern. A moment's reflection will convince any candid reader of the falsity of that position. Train's "Hopera ouse," for instance, has for several years been the only public hall in Lowell. It has enjoyed an exclusive business, which has enabled the owners to charge much higher rates than formerly. The patronage has been such that during much of the time renters have found it difficult to secure open dates; and many times there have been two or more applicants for the same dates. The people of this vicinity have patronized the hall liberally; and when they pay their entrance money they have a right to expect a reasonably comfortable and healthful place in which to enjoy the entertainment. That the hall has not been so kept is a fact so notorious as to need no argument. An incident of recent occurrence shows how detrimental this has been to the reputation of our town. Two young ladies, recent additions to our population, attending the reception at Masonic hall, were astonished at its fine and comfortable appointments. Why? Because they had seen Train's "Hopera ouse," and judged the whole town accordingly. Where the interests of an entire community are concerned, a paper too cowardly to demand that private rights give way before them, is unworthy the confidence of the people. In this case, the REAL interests of the public and those of the hall owners have been identical; and though we kept silence for many months on the promise of better things, we can no longer excuse or overlook a neglect, which apparently has short-sighted selfishness as its only justification.

Alto, Mich., Dec. 19, 1904.

To the Editor of THE LOWELL LEDGER:

Dear Sir:—I know of one old neighbor who has a son that calls his gray-haired father all the low names he can think of, and does everything in his power to tantalize him. What is your Point of View?

Subscriber and Lover of THE LEDGER.

DISRESPECT for old people is a grave offense in itself; but when committed by a child against a parent it is base indeed. Still, perhaps we should make allowances for such degenerates. If they were blessed with good sense, they would expect to reap as they sow; they would expect to have children of their own, to grow old and to suffer such treatment as they give their own parents. As sure as God reigns the sins of an ungrateful child will be punished. As one who has known a mother's love and who has followed that dear one to her last resting place, we can picture no hell more terrible than the mental torture that comes to the awakened conscience of an ignoble child at such a time. As to the case in hand, we would advise Subscriber that the law if invoked will protect the old man from his son's abuse. If not, what's the matter with beechwood sprouts?

OBSERVING people must recognize the fact that we have reached a new period in matters religious. The recent revision of the Presbyterian creed with its implied confession of former error, and Dr. Lyman Abbott's avowed belief in a religion founded "on science and the outcrochings of the human heart," are ample indications from the outside world. In our own community, the modern theology taught by Reynolds Sprague and Butler and the growing liberality of others, are other lines of activity and thought in this wonderful age, has also invaded the religious field. Doubtless, there will be some pang and heartache at the destruction of ancient and venerable creeds and dogmas; but Truth is immortal and we need not fear for it nor be afraid of it. With Whittier in his "The Reformer," we may say: "Whatever of good the old time had is living still."

LAWSON with his red-hot articles on "Frenzied Finance," in Everybody's magazine, is stirring up Standard Oil, Amalgamated Copper and other public swindlers in great style; and by letting light into the dark places, is thereby doing the public a great service. It requires courage to attack big rascals entrenched behind walls of gold; but Lawson has courage, ability and great wealth, a powerful equipment. In times past, when great emergencies have demanded leaders, men of the right stamp have been forthcoming. Perhaps Lawson is such a man.

The Herald says: "Almost may look for the electric cars over Main street the coming season." Sure, you may. Looking is cheap. Lowell has been looking for five or six years and hasn't seen much yet. But, "Hope springs immortal in the human breast;" look away!

WARNER'S re-appointment of Atwood, as threatened, will be a sufficient justification of the vote which put him 160,000 behind Roosevelt. Those who thought Warner bigger than the machine may now see their mistake.

SLOT machine owners in Grand Rapids are being fined in \$50 doses by Judge Newham; and jail sentences stare future offenders in the face. Imitators should take warning.

The Grand Rapids Herald of Sunday was a Christmas number of fifty-six pages, and a great credit to its enterprising and progressive publishers.

"PEACE on earth, good will to men"—and a "Merry Christmas" to all our readers, far and near.

OBITUARIES

At the annual meeting of the Lowell District Court of Honor Tuesday evening, Dec. 6, the following officers and directors were elected for the ensuing year: Worthy Chancellor, G. B. Willard; Vice, M. C. Scott; Past, M. C. Greene; Recorder, Emma Greene; Chaplain, Frank Hakes; Conductor, Ella Willard; Guard, John R. Scott; Sentinel, M. J. Titus; Medical Examiner, M. C. Greene; Directors, Ella Willard, Frank Hakes, M. C. Scott, M. C. Greene.

OBITUARY

Andrew Whisler died at his home in this township December 9, at the age of 84 years. He was born in Stark county, Ohio, in 1820 and was married in 1845 to Anna Wisler. Nine children, eight daughters and one son, were born of whom only three survive. Deceased was a member of the German Baptist Church. Funeral services were held at the home of Orrin Evans December 11, conducted by Rev. Mr. Smith of Clarksville. Burial at Fox's Corners, Massland, Ohio, and Goshen, Ind., papers please copy.

Helen M. Barber was born June 3, 1858, at Hemmington, N. Y. She came with her parents to Lowell in the Spring of 1864, was married to Frank Terry in 1887, and died at her home in Lowell Dec. 20, 1904. She is survived by her husband and two children, Marvin who is in the army, and Alexander who was with her at the last. One child a daughter died in infancy. Besides these she has her father, Alfred Barber aged 90 years, three brothers, A. A. Barber, and J. H. Barber, three sisters, M. Adams, H. Hastings, Mrs. R. Quick, and Mrs. Moses King.

Mrs. Terry has been an invalid for a number of years and has been seriously ill since last June.—(Com.)

Four Barrels Days.

The Grand Rapids Herald has designated Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Dec. 20, 21, 22 and 23, as "Four Barrels Days." On those days you can get the Daily Herald, without the Sunday edition, and the American Farmer one year for \$2.00. Or instead of the Farmer you can have "The Herald and the American Farmer" one year for \$2.00. In addition to the above for the Metropolitan magazine. If you wish to receive the Ledger, bring your subscriptions to us and we will forward you the Herald order without any additional cost. THE LOWELL LEDGER.

THEIR CORRESPONDENCE.

"You'll write often, won't you?" asked young Walbank as he deposited the last of candy, a half dozen magazines and a late novel in the post opposite that in which a certain young woman had settled herself for the hour.

"Why, I'll be glad to write," she returned, confidently. "Rockdale is the dearest place in the world and the Post—father's friend, whom I am to visit—are the quietest people imaginable. I'll have heaps of time for being literary. Probably all my friends will be deluged with epigrams on the beauties of rural life."

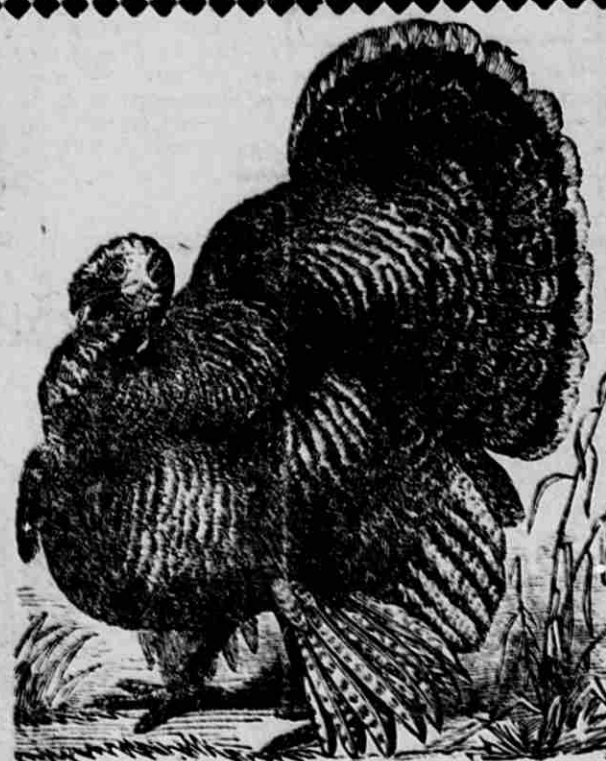
"Reading your letters will be next best thing to seeing you," declared the young man.

Then the young woman remarked that she wished he would go before the train started, as it always made her nervous to see any one waving a moving car. She let her small silver hand rest in his for the moment and then showed him gently in the direction of the door.

"Thank you so much for all your kindness," she said. He reluctantly backed out of the car, only to appear at her window and renew his request for letters—pleats of them—during the dreary two weeks, when the city would be one of the desert spots of the earth.

The young woman, whose name was Ethel Gascoigne, did write to him the very next day. It happened to be rainy and she discovered a fountain pen hidden in her box of candy. She rather enjoyed using the pen, and the following day the sun rose clear, the weather was fine and she began a series of discoveries regarding the possibilities of Rockdale. She kept her busy thereafter. She found that the hamlet had attractions of its own. Despite the fact that it was seven miles off the railroad and there was not a summer hotel in the county, there was at least one other summer winter in the neighborhood. The box was young and seductively attractive. A large white umbrella, gossamer palette

Santa Claus



will make his headquarters at Weyrick's market with a full and complete line of

Turkey's, Ducks, Chickens Oysters

Good Corn fed Steers, Pork, Veal, Lamb and all kinds of cooked and cured meats and elegant supply of

Christmas Candies

including mixed varieties, chocolates, caramels and creams, all going at 10c per pound. One pound of E. R. COLLAR with every pound of our splendid Japan Tea in order to introduce these finest of all teas. In addition to these we have

Mixed Nuts, California and Naval Oranges, Bananas also Lettuce, Radishes and a complete line of Alpine Canned goods, general shelf groceries and Sears' Baked Goods.

A. L. WEYRICK

Frank Lettuce and Radishes Just Received

and the life were the badges of his calling. He happened to be painting the boiserie of the noisy little creek that crossed the Foster farm.

Miss Gascoigne's face and form thereafter went into divers sketches of country scenery. In consequence there was really no time for more letters to the unhappy young man in town. By reason of which young Walbank grew nervous and fretful.

After the tenth day of this pleasant idyllic Ethel was awakened late in the night by a tremendous pounding on the green oak door of the house. She slipped into her dressing gown and ran to the head of the stairs to listen. Mr. Foster, arrived in an extremely unconventional costume, was opening the door.

"Mother," he called, in a shaky voice, "it's a telegram. Bob Amos fetched it over and he wants a dollar for the job. Bring one out of the wallet in my drawer. You don't suppose anything's the matter with Bob, do you, mother?"

"Now, father, don't you be scared," said Mrs. Foster, putting in a hasty appearance. "I'll read it to you. You'd better ask Bob to wait. Maybe there'll be something for him to do."

"Why, it ain't for you, Mrs. Foster," called Bob. "It's for Miss Ethel Gascoigne. Ain't she staying with you?"

At this Ethel ran downstairs and behind the excited little group in the hall.

"Be calm, dear," said Mrs. Foster. "Probably it ain't anything terrible at all, though maybe your mother's got one of them heart attacks she had once before. Shall I read it to you?"

"I can read it if you will hold the candle a little nearer," she said.

Ethel tore open the soiled yellow envelope that had been carried seven miles over dark and rough country roads by one of the desert spots of the earth.

"I hope it ain't your father," said Mr. Foster, anxiously, as she crumpled the bit of paper in her hand.

"No, it's not from father. It's—from a friend who wanted—some information. I am so sorry that you were all disturbed. Good night again," she said in confusion, as she fled to her room.

She lighted her lamp and, smoothing out the telegram, read it once more.

"What's wrong? Why don't you write?" FRANK WALBANK called, blowing out the light and creeping into bed. She dreamed then that the artist was painting her portrait in a white satin gown, over whose folds was falling a filmy lace veil.

Yes We Have Them!

Reckers, Morris Chairs
Couches
Side Boards
Book Cases
Writing Desks
Center Tables
Dining Tables
Bed Room Suites
Pictures, etc.

Yeiter & Wadsworth.

Open evenings until after Christmas.

Is the Forground. Our business is so extensive that we can't give you an adequate idea of it in so small a space. We have put

Shingles In the foreground, and ask you to investigate them for yourself at our yard. We do not believe a sounder shingle could be made at any price. Soundness is a feature of all our lumber, and our prices are always moderate.

The Lowell Lumber Company.

Taxes are Due. Taxes are due and may be paid at A. L. Coon's store, Harvey's Coon's, Township Treasurer, Lowell.

Excursions via THE PERE MARQUETTE. For more information, apply to the Lowell Lumber Company.

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Are you prepared to purchase the gifts you desire for this Christmas? Will you be prepared next year? Make a New Year resolution that you will hereafter have a bank account to supply your wants. A Savings book at this bank will help you keep the resolution.

The Lowell State Bank
This bank will be closed Monday, Dec. 26, 1904 - legal holiday.

Heard About Town

Dr. Hodges, dentist. Douglas shoes at Godfrey's. Try our teas. C. H. Alexander. The finest line of rings at Williams.

Full roll seat reed rockers at \$3.00, at Hakes. Use Yale Coffee from C. H. Alexander's.

Stocking's 4th annual watch sale now on. \$4.00 reed rockers for \$3.00 at Hakes.

See Butts' show window for holiday allppers. Faucy apples and oranges at C. H. Alexander's.

John Miller of Grand Rapids was in town Monday. You can get Palmer's perfumes only at Look's drug store. M. M. Reld of Ypsilanti was in town on business Saturday. Don't forget the cut prices on furniture at Hakes.

The Lowell State Bank will be closed Monday, legal holiday. Fancy cluster raisins, stuffed figs and dates at VanDyke's. When you have freight at the depot call up J. D. Kelley & Sons.

For boys, ages 8 to 16, D. B. coats, \$1.00 each. Come and get them at Godfrey's.

Laundry called for Mondays and Wednesdays. Will Stone, agt., Baxter Laundry.

New line of grapes, nut, candles, oranges, lemons, etc., for Christmas at Foster's.

A big selection of cloth bound books only 9 cents each at Look's, Friday and Saturday.

Miss Cora Howe will spend the holidays in Eagle with her cousin, Mrs. Wm. Howe.

Edwin Miller of Ionia has moved to the R. H. Bohn farm two miles north of here.

Mrs. David Yelter has moved to Lowell and will spend the winter with Mrs. W. B. Blaisdell.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Lillie attended the State Grange at Lansing last week, returning Saturday.

Miss Scott will hold her Christmas party on Monday evening, Dec. 26, from 9 to 1 o'clock. Violin and piano music.

N. B. Blain and sister, Mrs. H. B. Peck, attended the funeral of H. West in Grand Rapids Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Hattie Barret of Edmore has come to spend the winter, and will occupy the rooms just vacated by Mrs. S. Davey.

The L. O. T. M. held a bazaar and served a dainty ten-cent lunch at their rooms Friday evening. It was well attended and the proceeds were \$22.

The Adelpic and Olympic societies of the high school are each publishing a neat little bi-weekly paper, edited arranged by some of the members, and named respectively for the two societies.

Dick Bergin has rented his farm to Ed Walsh and is this week moving to St. Johns, where Mr. Bergin is in the produce business with R. W. Stone under the styled of Stone & Bergin.

Mrs. H. F. Clark gave a "Dutch lunch" to the ladies of the west side Birthday club last Wednesday afternoon. Everything was in good old German style, and the time was spent very enjoyably. (One who was there.)

If you haven't time to prepare Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea, it is now made in tablet form also. Get a package already to use. Makes you well; keeps you well. 35 cents. D. G. Look.

"Young men and women wanted to learn telegraphy. Railroads need operators badly. Total cost six months' course at our school, including tuition (telegraphy and typewriting) board and furnished room, \$50. This can be reduced. Catalogue free. Write today, Dodge's Institute, Monroe St., Valparaiso, Ind."

James A. Johnson, who has been at the Naval Training station at Newport, R. I., for the past three months, leaves there, Dec. 27 with a class of apprentice seamen for a three months training cruise in the West Indies. He is well and happy and his weekly letters are a source of much satisfaction to his friends.

At the inquest held Monday afternoon at one o'clock, on the death of Amil Biebler of Ionia, the coroner's jury rendered this verdict: That deceased came to his death from injuries received at the Grand Trunk depot on the evening of Dec. 11, by getting off the train while it was in motion. No blame attaches to anyone.

Parker fountain pen's from \$1.50 to \$6.00 each and all are guaranteed at Oliver's.

Holiday sale at Godfrey's. Don't forget the Christmas party is Dec. 26. For boat lumber call on the Lowell Lumber Co. Big line of sterling silver spoons at Williams. Oysters in bulk or cans at C. H. Alexander's. Men's all felt, high-top shoes with rubber heels, \$2. D. F. Butts. A complete line of allper soles at Butt's shoe store. Read Weyrick's Christmas adv., in this paper. Get your oranges, figs and grapes for Christmas at VanDyke's. Mrs. F. C. Alger is clerking for Clyde Collar during the holidays. Miss Ella Ford spent last week with her mother at Logan. House and lot for sale. Inquire of J. E. Lee. Turkey stuffed and roasted on Christmas day for 35c. Weldon Smith. Call No 75 Citizens phone when you want your groceries delivered promptly. C. H. Alexander. Charles G. Miller of Rochester, N. Y., was in the village on business Thursday. See that nice line of Fancy Box Stationery at Look's from 15 cents to \$2.50. Edward Clements has moved to the village and will work for the King Milling company. Mrs. F. D. Stocking is ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. N. G. King of Lakeview. Miss Marie Dwight of Grand Rapids spent last week with her sister, Mrs. S. P. Hicks. W. H. Fuller of the Adolph Loeb Co., of Chicago, called on C. Guy Perry last week. Martin Eickhoff will move to Vergennes and work for the Grand Rapids Edison company. The new Klumpp meat market has been closed, the business not warranting its continuance. Raymond Waldron, inspector for the Delaware and Reliance Fire Ins. Co., inspected Lowell Monday. See the sleds we are giving away with Coaster coffee. A fine present for the little one. Foster's. Clyde Collar has recently fitted up two very nice rooms in his residence. D. Gunn and John Roth did the work. Laundry collected Mondays and Wednesdays. American Steam Laundry. Harry Lake, agt. Phone 225. D. G. Mangle is giving his insurance business a judicious advertising by distributing some elegant calendars. Miss Elydia Perrin of Brooklyn N. Y. has been visiting Mesdames McQueen and Hodges during the past week. Miss Sarah Lyon of Milwaukee is visiting relatives here while attending to some matters connected with her father's estate. The Lowell City Bank is sending out very neat calendars for 1905 to its patrons. The subject of the picture is "The City Cousins." Landlord Swayze of the Waverly is distributing some very neat diaries among his friends as souvenirs of his up-to-date hotel. Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Hill of Toledo are expected home this week to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orton Hill and Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Muir. The Kent County Teachers' association meets at the Parrish business college in Grand Rapids December 31 at 10.30 A. M. Superintendent J. F. Thomas of Lowell will give an address on the subject, "Curriculum Above the Eighth Grade." Tree roses, ornaments, anything in the line of the latest up-to-date pencil, apple, pears, cherry, vines, shrubs, etc. N. P. Husted & Co. can supply you. First class stock at prices that will save you money. Their trees live and bear true to name. Alexander wants your butter and eggs. Not Given by Lowell Tent. The pedro and dance parties announced by the "Maccabees Boys club" every Saturday evening at the opera house, is not under the direction of the Lowell Tent. They wish it distinctly understood that they are in no way responsible or in any way connected with these parties. Parties given by the Lowell Maccabees, will be under the head of Eddy Tent, K.O. T. M. M. Ladies' fur-trimmed Julietts, all colors. D. F. Butts. The best coffee in the city is at Croft House. Going at 35 cents per pound. Foster's.

CONWAY'S RESOLUTION

Conway was in trouble. The telegram on his desk was the disquieting cause. It is nothing unusual for a telegram to bring bad news, but Conway's countenance told of perplexity rather than distress. Though he knew the communication by heart, he took it up and read it again, as if in hopes of finding some clew amid the laconic obscurity characteristic of telegrams: "Will come by North-western five-thirty train red roses. MARIE."

Conway's girl friends are numerous. Each summer he makes them by scores. Give him an introduction as an opening wedge and in two days' time he will be calling a girl by her given name. Naturally the abundance of these radiant memories has resulted in a certain vagueness of outline, but never before had Conway lost his bearings so completely.

For the life of him he couldn't remember Marie. Whether she was short or tall, dark or fair, a sylph with dreamy eyes and a plaintive voice, or dimpled and rosy and mischievous, Conway could not say.

Nor could he ever remotely conjecture what red roses had to do with the case.

The 5.30 train was late. Conway had time to review again his summer vacations for several years back without discovering the identity of Marie.

When at length the train pulled in there seemed a discouraging preponderance of elderly women and matrons, accompanied by their families. The few good-looking girls who passed met Conway's expression of glad welcome with freezing stares.

He was on the point of giving up when he saw a girl coming toward him with a bunch of red roses in her hand. Conway advanced eagerly, exclaiming, "Marie." But he experienced a distinct shock when he found himself unable to recall a single feature of the pretty face raised to his.

Marie gazed glad to see him, but at the same time her face wore a puzzled expression.

"I suppose I'm stupid," she said, "but I really can't think who you are. I'm sure you aren't Pearl." This was a little laugh.

"No, but I come pretty near it," returned Conway. "I'm Paul."

"Oh, you are Paul, are you?" said Marie, non-committally. Then, with more animation, "Isn't it the funniest thing, this coming to visit Pearl, when I haven't seen her since we were little girls? You know I carried the roses so she would be sure to recognize me. That's how you knew me, wasn't it?"

"Yes, that's how I knew you," admitted Conway, truthfully enough.

"I'm relieved to find you here," Marie chatted on. "You know I didn't telegraph till this morning, and then I didn't know anything about Pearl's downtown address, except that she was employed somewhere in the Moadnock building." She fumbled in her pocket book and drew out a check. "Will you please see about having my trunk sent up?"

It was a crucial moment. "Where shall I have it sent, please?" asked Conway.

"Why, to Pearl's, of course. Here's the address, though I suppose you know it well enough," with an arch look.

Conway did not know it well enough. He eagerly clutched the card she held out to him. Then he started, for the name "Miss Pearl Conway" was so like his own that in an instant the mystery of the telegram flashed upon him. It had been directed to Pearl Conway instead of Paul Conway. He had no ground, after all, to accuse his memory of playing him false.

Conway escorted Marie to her friend's home and took an abrupt departure, refusing her invitation to come in. "I suppose I shall see you very soon," Marie suggested, smiling knowingly. It was clear she had come to the conclusion that the relation between Conway and her friend Pearl was of a sentimental character.

Conway departed much cast down. "I shall never see her again, of course," he said. "Yet she's killingly pretty. If I met her on the street I should want to run. I might have explained if it hadn't seemed to be ridiculous to tell her that I imagined that I had known her somewhere and forgotten her."

He sighed, feeling decidedly ill-used.

But in the course of the ride home his natural cheerfulness reasserted itself. When he took out his latchkey to let himself into the house, though subdued, he was no longer sad. "A fellow learns something from every experience," thought Conway. "After this I'll keep a list."

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