

# THE LOWELL LEDGER.

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AVERAGE CIRCULATION IN 1904 1359

## We Want Savings Accounts

We want every young man in this community to open a Savings Account with us. We want every parent in this community to open an account either for yourself or children. Did you ever stop to figure; ten cents a month in early youth will form a habit that will make the after-man familiar in the halls of wealth. One dollar starts the account.

Three per cent interest paid on all deposits left three months-compounded twice a year.

**The City Bank**  
Hill, Watts & Co.

## Wait!

We will be ready for business at the old stand in a short time. Begging your indulgence for for a short delay on account of the fire.

Yours for business,

**A. D. Oliver.**



View of Burned District Taken During Flood of 1904. First Building to left is Weyrick's, next is Boylan's store. Fire extended on that side to the three story building. First on the right is the Wisner Mill, which was saved by hard fighting, thus saving still greater destruction.

## Churches and Societies

### SOCIETIES.

The Junior Sunshine met at Miss Olive Anderson's home Friday evening and were entertained with progressive finish, first prize being won by Helen Look, consolation by Edith Charles, and dainty refreshments were served. The club will be entertained by Miss Lorna Murphy next Friday.

Meadames Lettie Parker and Ella Alger very pleasantly entertained the ladies of the Sunshine club and their husbands at the home of Mrs. Parker Friday evening, with progressive games and dancing, the music for the latter being provided by Mrs. Alger at the piano and Mr. Robinson with the violin. Head prizes were awarded to Mrs. F. K. Jacobi and Chas. Althen, consolation to Mrs. T. A. Murphy and R. B. Loveland.

Mrs. J. Flynn was given a pleasant surprise last Tuesday evening by about thirty-five friends and neighbors. Progressive pedro was played and light refreshments served, after which the company presented Mrs. Flynn with a beautiful creamer and sugar bowl.

Fire pictures—6 different views.  
J. S. Adams.

Extra LEDGERS for sale at the office.

E. L. Kinsey of Grand Rapids, a former Lowell resident, was in town Tuesday.

Everybody's magazine and THE LOWELL LEDGER both one year, \$1.85 This office.

Dr. E. McQueen has sold his driving horse to a party in Grand Rapids for \$300.00.

Mrs. Robt. Stone of St Johns has been spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. J. Walsh.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ladner of Grattan visited at the home of D. P. Atwater Saturday.

Mrs. Cassie Moffit attended the wedding of her niece, Miss Maude Moffit, at Alaska yesterday.

Mrs. E. H. Green of Wilson, Ark., is spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. Sherman B. Avery.

Mrs. F. W. Hinyan and two younger children, Alle and Forrest, are spending a few days with her mother at Alto.

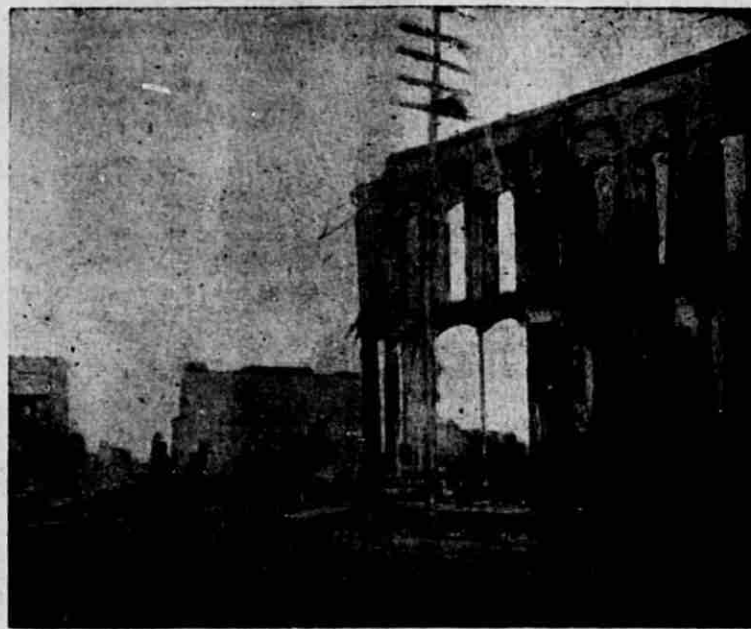
In addition to our regular correspondents we want everyone having a telephone to act as a personal correspondent. Phone in all the family news. We want such news and appreciate the favor. Remember this is your local paper and if each subscriber will send in an item of news it will help make each issue more interesting.

## A BATTLE WITH FLAMES LOWELL SUFFERS GREAT LOSS BY FIRE.

WILL AGGREGATE \$100,000, PARTIALLY INSURED.

NINE BUSINESS HOUSES BURNED OUT, BESIDES PROFESSIONALS AND FAMILIES

THE LOSERS, LOSSES, INSURANCE, PROSPECTS, BRANDS FROM THE BURNING.



—Photo by J. S. Adams.

The ruins Wednesday morning at 5:30. The walls in the foreground are those of the Sherman and Ruben stores. In the distance is the Smith building where the fire was stopped.

Fire broke out in the wooden oil room at the rear of Boylan's hardware store at 6 o'clock Tuesday evening and was quickly followed by a terrific explosion of gasoline or dynamite, or both, and the rear ends of the Boylan store and the five adjoining store buildings, all two-story bricks, were almost instantly enveloped in flames. When the firemen and their volunteer assistants had the fire under control at 8:30, \$100,000 worth of property had been wiped out and \$75,000 stricken from the assessment rolls.

The firemen found a fearful task before them, with eight or ten different buildings in flames at once, and at one time it looked as if the entire east end of the town including the Wisner mill and the Cutter factory would be destroyed. The mill was scorched and the factory on fire several times. This concern, which is Lowell's largest employing industry, would have been burned out but for its own fire-fighting appliances and volunteer firemen.

The two story brick buildings occupied by R. B. Boylan—hardware, A. D. Sturgis—drugs, J. B. Nicholson—dry goods, Marks Ruben—clothing, and Harrison Sherman—bazaar and Bell telephone exchange, were totally destroyed, in one hour from the time of the first alarm, nothing but a few blackened and ruined walls remaining. The two-story brick next to Sherman's bazaar, occupied by Tom Donovan's saloon was gutted, the roof tumbled in and only the bare walls remain. So swift was the destruction of these buildings that the occupants could only escape with their lives. The smoke was so dense that the merchants had to close their doors and watch from a distance the destruction of their property.

Next to Donovan's is the three story brick, the ground floor of which was occupied by A. D. Oliver, with his large stock of jewelry, watches, clocks, fancy china, etc. The high wall made good fighting ground and the progress of the fire in that direction was stopped; but Mr. Oliver's valuables had been taken out and scattered along the street for a block with the inevitable damage and loss.

Mrs. Jack Crawford, dressmaker, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Godfrey, and Thos. Donovan's family, whose homes were in the apartments above the store, had short warning of the danger. Mrs. Crawford and her daughters saved practically nothing but the clothing they wore. Mr. Godfrey's kitchen was burning in ten minutes after the alarm was given, and they hadn't time to save any of their goods.

In the meantime, the large cooperative building of the King Milling company had been totally destroyed and fire catching in the rear of Goodrich Kopf's wooden building drove

out Maynard brothers and threatened the wooden row clear to the post office. A. L. Weyrick's new steel-covered meat market went next, a small portion of the contents being saved. F. Spagnuola lost his household goods and most of his stock.

Now the Wisner mill was smoking and scorching and a hard fight was on, in front and on the roof. Had that gone nothing could have saved the woolen mill, cutter factory, the seven brick buildings on the south side of the street—all three stories but the bank building—and the wooden row and residences to the east.

Another good fight and a winning one was made at B. C. Smith's tailor shop and residence. This had been recently steel-covered; and after a long and fierce battle the fire was stopped there. Mr. Smith's stock of cloths had been removed in safety; but his household goods and building were nearly ruined by fire and water. He was fairly well insured.

At this junction an engine and firemen from Grand Rapids arrived. They had been delayed at Ada, another train having the right of way. They showed their good will, however.

A good word should be said for the Lowell Water & Light company, which connected with Flat river and pumped "to beat the band;" and also had steam on in its Grand river plant and was pumping there in twenty minutes after the alarm.

**The Losers, Losses and Insured.**  
R. B. Boylan, almost total loss, amount unestimated, insured for \$7,000, expects to resume; J. C. Scott of Grand Rapids owned the building which was insured.

A. D. Sturgis, loss \$5,000, insurance \$2,800, will probably resume; J. C. West of Grand Rapids owned the building.

J. B. Nicholson total loss \$7,500 insurance \$5,000; N. A. Stone of Grand Rapids owned the building.

Marks Ruben, loss \$12,000, insurance \$8,000; Dr. O. C. McDannell, joint owner with the Peck estate of building, loss by building \$2,500, by office fixtures \$1,000, insurance \$3,500, expects to resume.

Harrison Sherman, loss \$3,500, insurance \$1,000, probably not resume here; building by C. M. Bishop of Easton.

Thos. Donovan, loss \$2,500, insurance \$2,800, building owned by Grand Rapids Brewing company.  
Dr. M. C. Greene, loss about \$2,700, no insurance, expects to resume.

Dr. H. O. Barnes, loss unestimated; no insurance.

S. P. Hicks, loss \$1,500, insurance \$500, has resumed over post-office.  
Mrs. Eunice Crawford, loss, \$700, no insurance.

W. S. Godfrey, loss \$1,500, insurance \$600.  
Mrs. Eunice Crawford, \$700, no insurance.

A. L. Weyrick, loss partially covered by insurance, to resume.  
Goodrich Kopf, no insurance; F. Spagnuola, loss \$600, insurance

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## Are You Particular About Your Wall Paper?

There is an attractiveness about our Spring Wall Papers that appeals to people of taste. These papers come from the best manufacturer direct to us, they represent the most advanced ideas in wall decoration. We show you just how your paper will look—sidewall—border and ceiling; you can take all the time you want in making selections; you have a wide assortment to choose from and we are pleased to help you with any suggestions as to the latest ideas in proper treatment for your different rooms. Our way of buying Wall Paper this year enables us to make a price that cannot be duplicated by any one—at least let us figure with you and then buy where your judgment dictates.

Particular People Buy Their Wall Paper at Look's.

**D. C. Look,** The Drug, and Wall Paper Store

This is a picture of the Eldridge Cabinet Sewing Machine to be

## Given Away

to my patrons. Call at my store for particulars.

**R. D. STOCKING.**

Sewing Machines, Pianos, Organs, Sheet Music, etc. Watches, Clocks and Jewelry.

## IF OUR POTATO BREAD

Pleases you tell your friends. If not tell us.

**POTATO BREAD**

Keeps fresh and moist longer than any other bread made.

**Weldon Smith, THE BAKER.**

## The Packard Shoe

is considered to-day one of the best wearing shoes on the market. It also has as much style as any shoe and better fitting qualities than any shoe we ever sold. We carry this shoe in stock in all leathers, all sizes and widths, both in high shoes and oxfords. If there are any people in Lowell who have not as yet worn a Packard shoe we would like to have you try a pair. If you lose any money by doing so we will stand it. One thing sure we never had a dissatisfied customer of a Packard shoe. Why pay one, five and six dollars for shoes when you can get a hand sewed one as good as anyone one earth can make for

**\$3.50 and \$4.00**

The old reliable shoe house.

**A. J. HOWK & SON.**

Send your friends views of the FIRE—6 views. J. S. Adams.

FOR SALE.—A large revolving book case. Fine for office library. Only \$5.00. See it at LEDGER office.

The supervisor and assessor are again making their annual rounds.

### CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our sincere gratitude to all those who assisted us in winning THE LEDGER sewing machine.

MR. and MRS. FRANK FINCH.

Noisless matches 5c.

Collar's Bazaar.















# Our Store is Full of the Newest Things in Spring Dry Goods.

We have been making preparations for doing more business this spring than we have ever done before by buying a greater amount of goods in a wider range of styles and prices.

## WASH GOODS

We are showing an unusually large number of the widely advertised Arnold Wash Fabrics in Mohair Lustres, Grecian Voiles, Tafeta Silks and Peau de Soies.

## PATTERNS

We deep Standard Patterns in stock. They are not the cheapest kind, but they are the most reliable patterns made. None higher than 15 cents. Not trash or truck here. We have no room for such goods.

## WHITE GOODS

Full assortments will be found here of India Linens, Figured and Dotted Swisses, French Muslins, Persian Lawns, New Weaves and effects in great variety.

## LACE CURTAINS

We buy our Lace Curtains of the largest lace curtain house in the world and can sell them for about what other places pay for them.

## EMBROIDERIES

In Sets, Edgings and Insertions to match, suitable for Robes, Misses' and Children's Dresses, Infants' Wear, Underwear, Etc. in prices up and down.

## SHIRT WAIST SUITS

See our Shirt Waist Suits in Wash Goods. They are beauties and don't cost much. We sell Pony Stockings, Black Cat Hose, 14 kinds of Corsets, Ferris Waists, Carpets from samples.

# A. W. WEEKES.

## The Lowell State Bank

LOWELL, MICHIGAN.

FRANK T. KING, President.

Wm. E. MARSH, Cashier.

## OUR VAULT

Your money and valuables should be placed in the care of this bank. Our vault is fire-proof and we believe burglar-proof. We also carry heavy insurance against burglary. You should place your valuable papers, etc. in one of our safety deposit boxes.

Interest paid on deposits Loans made.

## HEARD ABOUT TOWN

Dr. Hodges, dentist.   
 Fire pictures. F. B. Rhodes.   
 Twenty-five cent brooms for 15c.   
 Collar's Bazaar.   
 Our potato bread is only 5c.   
 Smith the baker.   
 Miss Pauline McGee was home from Grand Rapids Sunday.   
 John Berg visited his home at Bowne Center Sunday.   
 Mrs. Wayne Pardee is spending a few days at Cascade.   
 Miss Nellie Ford spent Sunday at her home at Logan.   
 All bread five cents at the City bakery. F. A. Behl.   
 Two Scotch collie dog pups for sale. A. W. Onan, R. R. 50. [2wp]   
 Miss Cora Howe and Mrs. Wm. Howe spent Sunday in Grand Rapids.   
 Miss Bertie Carson of Grand Rapids spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. H. Nash.   
 Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Bristol of Ada visited Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Mitchell Sunday.   
 WANTED—several pupils in Gregg shorthand. Inquire at THE LEDGER office, phone 200.   
 Miss Ola Johnson visited Miss Jessie Nease Saturday and Sunday, in Grand Rapids.   
 To rent—one furnished bedroom, to a desirable person. Inquire at this office.   
 Miss Bessie Kinyon was home from St. Joseph last week to spend her vacation.   
 Mrs. Hugh MacKenzie of Manistee visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Cogswell, last week.   
 Mrs. Will Clark of Alto spent a few days of last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Mitchell.   
 You cannot afford to paper until you have seen Look's new stock. Over 300 patterns to select from.   
 We never showed as large and pretty a line of wall paper at as small a price as now. D. G. Look.   
 Mrs. C. E. Hackett was called to Lake Odessa last Thursday by the illness of her sister, Mrs. G. Hutchins.   
 Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Oliver and family have moved into the Hull house on Washington street.   
 Lowell Plaining Mill will do your job work plaining, matching, re-sawing etc. Phone 39.   
 F. B. Rhodes has some beautiful Easter greeting cabinets at the same price as regular cabinets. 4 w   
 Sherman Avery and family and Mrs. E. H. Green have been spending a few days with Mrs. B. C. Curtis at Belding.   
 Dan'l LeClear was in town several days this week with "J. C. T." Train's fine race horse. The animal is in fine shape for the season's track work; and Dan is proud of him.   
 Will Chambers has bought the English lot just north of the Terwilliger residence and has material on the ground for a substantial house. Work on the foundation is already under way.   
 A wonderful spring tonic. Drives out all winter impurities gives you strength, health and happiness. That's what Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea will do. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. D. G. Look.   
 Mrs. Wm. Howe, who with her husband has been spending the winter in Florida, came to Lowell Friday for a two weeks' visit with relatives and friends.   
 Roy D. Perce has returned from Oklahoma, where he has been living for several years, and will locate in Grand Rapids. Mr. Perce was employed by R. B. Boylan from 1894 to 1896. He was married to Margaret Duffy of Grattan about three years ago.

Try Smith's potato bread, 5c.   
 Dr. Snyder, dentist. Phone 156.   
 Get your fire pictures of Rhodes.   
 Best match on earth.   
 Collar's Bazaar.   
 House to rent. Apply to Austin Miles.   
 Miss Mae Beery spent Sunday in Grand Rapids.   
 Stocking is giving away sewing machines too.   
 Smith's potato bread for sale by all grocers.   
 Mrs. E. R. Collar visited Grand Rapids friends one day last week.   
 Miss Kathleen Plummer spent Sunday at her home at Elm Dale.   
 FOR SALE CHEAP—a medium sized Alaska refrigerator. Inquire of Mrs. Orton Hill 2wp.   
 Mrs. M. McMahon and Mrs. Jas. Murphy visited in Grand Rapids last Thursday and Friday.   
 The hens that lay are the hens that pay. Single comb white leghorn egg for hatching.   
 Frank Hawk 2wp   
 \$300—Will start you in business paying \$7.00 to \$10.00 daily. President, Carrier 30, Grand Rapids. 4wp   
 Miss Bessie Faulkner has gone to Delton, where she has accepted a position as book-keeper with her brother.   
 Charles Watters is able to be up and around in a wheel chair; but his leg still gives him a great deal of pain.   
 Farm for rent—100 acres, 3 1/2 miles north of Lowell, with good buildings. Call or address Oren Sayles, 590 South Division street, Grand Rapids, Mich.   
 S. B. Cook and family are moving from Midland to Cadillac. Ralph spent several days of last week with Lowell friends.   
 Miss Maud Vanarsdale has returned to her school at Chesaning, after spending her vacation with her parents and sister.   
 Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rainer entertained the following friends at their home in Keene Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. Ira Plinckey of Lowell and Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hornbrook of Symrna.   
 Stanley Whitbeck of Clarksville has succeeded Rex Gloster on THE LEDGER's staff. He has had a number of years' experience in some of the better class of printing offices of the state.   
 Feeltired, no appetite, cannot sleep, work or eat? That's spring tiredness and will disappear at once if you take Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea this month. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. D. G. Look.   
 Christopher Bergin of Lowell is serving as juror in the Conger case in Grand Rapids. If there is a man on the jury who will "give every man a square deal, no more, no less," "Chris" is the fellow.   
 The adjustors from the Germania and the American Insurance companies, in both of which A. D. Sturgis' goods were insured, came last week and settled the matter very satisfactorily.   
 A wire binding machine, recently added to THE LEDGER's job printing equipment, enables us to get out pamphlets, booklets, etc., quicker, better and cheaper than our competitors. Our customers get the benefit.   
 A strength tonic that brings rich, red blood. Makes you strong, healthy, and active. That's what Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea will do. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. D. G. Look.   
 How many people in Lowell know that we have among our residents a painter of rare ability? C. E. Hackett, known best locally for his artistic sign writing and decorating, is a student of good masters and of over thirty years' study and practice in high art. While he has done a great deal of "rapid-fire" work for commercial trade, his more careful paintings attest a master hand with the brush. Mr. Hackett is certainly a valuable acquisition; and we suggest to the gentleman that he take his light from under the bushel, and let it shine.

Fire pictures. Rhodes.   
 D. E. Rogers was in Greenville Tuesday.   
 Mrs. Jas. Gibson is recovering from a long illness.   
 Mr. and Mrs. F. T. King were in Grand Rapids Tuesday.   
 H. H. Reed is adding an 18x24 repair shop to his second-hand store.   
 Mrs. C. B. Hamner is having built a summer kitchen at the rear of her house.   
 M. J. Painter rejoices in an increase of pension from \$24 to \$30 per month.   
 Mrs. R. D. Stocking and Miss Della Winegar were in Grand Rapids Monday.   
 Miss Amber Pickard has been out of school on account of illness this week.   
 Chas. Wisner and J. A. Mattern were in Grand Rapids on business Monday.   
 Mrs. D. E. Rogers was called to Ionia Monday by the illness of her daughter.   
 Mrs. Geo. Smith of Holland spent Saturday with her sister, Mrs. A. D. Trumbel.   
 Mrs. Jno. Flynn and Mrs. Mary Delaney spent a few days of last week with friends at Freeport.   
 Miss E. Mae Spencer of near Saranac is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Dawson, this week.   
 It doesn't cost much to paper your walls when you select the paper at Look's, and his big up-to-date stock makes the choosing easy.   
 Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Burnett of Saranac spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Wm. Burnett, that day being her sixty-eighth birthday anniversary.   
 Mrs. E. E. Faulkner and son Paul of Delton were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Faulkner Wednesday night. Mrs. Faulkner was on her way to attend the funeral of her father, Elias Matter, in Grand Rapids.

A. W. Bennett has purchased of Hiram Gregory of Spencer, Mich., the house and lot now occupied by Rev. J. H. Westbrook and family and expects to move there the first of May. Mr. and Mrs. Westbrook will move into the house belonging to the Wm. Harris estate, which they have purchased. To complete the chain Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hamilton have moved from the latter house to the one owned by Mrs. Daniel Oliver.   
 Miss Emma Warner of Alto, who graduated from the Lowell High school last June, secured a second-grade teacher's certificate at the March examination. May Lawyer and Ella Cavanaugh, both of Canningburg, also won second-grade certificates. Minnie E. Wilson of Canningburg secured a third-grade certificate.

We called upon Congressman W. A. Smith at his Grand Rapids office Friday and found that gentlemen as cordial and jolly as ever and as usual "doing things" for his numerous constituents. When we can write it "Senator Smith" the people will have a dependable friend in the "American House of Lords."   
 On complaint of the marshal Bruce Edmonds was taken before Justice Hicks Wednesday, charged with being drunk and disorderly on the night of the fire, and fined \$10.00 and costs. The marshal has received explicit instructions regarding such cases, which he will endeavor to faithfully carry out.

The light and power men were hard at work bright and early Wednesday morning getting things to rights.   
 S. P. Hicks has located over the post-office and Dr. McDunnell in the Graham block.   
 Buy an extra LEDGER to send to absent friends.   
 Some of the electric light poles and wires were demolished, but the men went to work repairing them and making connections, and the lights were turned on Wednesday night and the power before Thursday noon.   
 Extra numbers of this paper for sale at the LEDGER office.   
 Brown, Schler & McKay's stock was taken from the warehouse and scattered along the street, and was returned yesterday without loss, except as to breakage. The firm wish to thank the friends who assisted them in the removal of their goods.   
 F. Spagnuolo has bought the building formerly occupied by Miss Bosworth and will occupy the first immediately and the second within a month. Miss Bosworth will locate in the Wright building.   
 R. B. Boylan has located his hardware store in the east store of the Masonic hall block.   
 Dr. M. C. Greene has opened an office in the rooms over R. D. Stocking's store.   
 The smoke and flames were seen from the first, at the houses of Mrs. Mathew Hunter and Geo. Blakoslee in South Lowell.   
 The news of the fire spread rapidly, and people from the surrounding country and towns flocked into the village Tuesday night and Wednesday.   
 Great credit is due to the Lowell firemen and their volunteer aides.   
 The household goods of the following were moved out of the Graham block before the advance of the fire was arrested: Mrs. Margaret Lewis, Miss Libbie Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gibson.   
 A. R. Stiles, a volunteer fireman, had one hand very severely burned while handling hose, and will be disabled for some time.   
 The Hicks and Edmen safes have been taken from the ruins and contents found in good condition.

## Something New Under the Sun

In our east window we are showing "Something new under the Sun" in knives and forks.   
 It is called "The Break-fast" and its size is between the dessert and the medium, or regular—its just the right size for all kinds of use, and you'll wonder why it wasn't thought of before. Not too large nor too small and on a pinch the fork can be used as a dessert fork.   
 The knife is beautifully proportioned with celimeter or curved blade.   
 This pattern has been brought out by the celebrated Rockford Silver Plate Co., the now recognized leaders in silver plated ware and these goods are all guaranteed to be 14 dwt plate—2 dwt heavier than other makes—so as to make it wear longer.   
 By buying them in lots of 100 sets we can sell them at \$4.00, 6 knives and 6 forks.   
 Only at



Beautiful Your Homes With

## Wall Paper

Of Newest Design

I have the largest and most complete stock of Wall Papers I have ever bought and if you are going to paper this Spring I am sure it will be to your advantage to look over the line whether you buy or not as it is a pleasure to show them.

All Grades and Prices.

## W. S. Winegar

Winegar's White Pine and Tar for Coughs.

## A BATTLE WITH FLAMES.

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\$300. Harmon Nash owned the building, loss \$400, insurance none.   
 King Milling Co., owners of the cooper shop, loss on building \$500, on the contents \$1,000, fairly well insured.   
 Brands From the Burning.   
 The Citizens Telephone instruments and three poles, total loss being estimated at \$200. Manager Owen came out early Wednesday morning with a crew of men repairing the damage, and by one o'clock had all the lines in unburned buildings in working order.   
 Gangs of men with long poles were at work Wednesday morning, knocking down the ragged walls, to guard against their falling onto people.   
 Owners of kodaks were out "snapping" the ruins.   
 Theodore Mueller, chief of the fire department, and his men deserve great credit for their coolness and bravery in getting the fire under control, checking its further advance and finally extinguishing the flames.   
 The alleys back of the block were thoroughly divested of the various old sheds and other buildings.   
 The homes of D. C. Macher and Mrs. Laura E. Vining narrowly escaped burning through the goods were carried out of both, in the fear that nothing could save the houses. Dr. G. G. Towles's barn caught fire once, but was saved by hard work as the burning of this would have meant greater spreading of the flames.   
 Various kinds of goods were strung all along Main street, and much of the property carried out must have been lost.   
 W. B. Eickert, cooperator, loses about \$100 by damage to removal.   
 Miss Bosworth's stock of millinery was moved in safety to the Wright building.   
 The glass front of the three-story brick occupied by Reu. Gosh, formerly the Cramer saloon, was wrecked and the second and third story windows also rained.   
 McCarty's store will need a new plate glass front. Yeiter & Wadsworth's ditto.   
 The Kopf building occupied by Jos. Hamilton marble works, the Grace and B. A. E. hall got smoking hot and the windows cracked. Our light and power are out of commission and we don't know when we can print the paper; but we are here at the old stand, thank the Lord, and sympathizing with our less fortunate brothers in business.   
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## Easter Opening

My Easter opening of Spring Millinery will be April 20th, 21st and 22nd. A veritable bower of beautiful effects will be shown.

## HATS

for all occasions, the newest ideas for street or church. Handsome styles to go with suits. Many additional designs brought out daily. It is my constant aim to please my customers. You are cordially invited to call. Better select your Easter hat NOW while the stock is complete.

## Mrs. WHITE,

Formerly Hayward & White.

## I'M FROM MISSOURI! SHOW ME.



Before Investing - Investigate.

The English Language belongs to the man using it.

All Labels are Attractive.

All Color Cards Read Well.

BUT WHEN YOU BUY PAINT, YOU SHOULD See the Paint Itself.

The Slip Top Cover shown above gives you a chance to do so. Call and have the paint question explained intelligently and to your satisfaction.

## Scott & Winegar

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Speaker and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Speaker arrived this morning from Aberdeen, Wash; and will remain about sixty days.   
 Granite ware cheap.   
 Collar's Bazaar.   
 NOTICE.   
 I want to thank my friends and patrons for the very liberal patronage they have given me in the past and will say that as far as I know now I hope in the near future to be before them again in the same capacity. I shall be in Attorney Springett's office over City Bank at present for the collection of my accounts, and it will be a great favor if all who are indebted to me will call there and settle them.   
 Very respectfully,   
 J. B. NICHOI SON.