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But call at Weyrick's Old Stand-by Market and try a

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Add a few of our Oysters, Olives and your selection from our line of Canned Vegetables—and there you are—a dinner fit for a king.

Your Sausage Meat ground, 1 cent per pound.

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Since we moved into our new quarters in the new Negouce block we have added thousands of dollars worth of artistic, up-to-the-minute things to our already large stock of Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Silverware, Cut Glass and Fancy China, and we are sure if you will come in and look over the assortment you can find everything the heart might wish for and prices will make a lean pocketbook smile with joy at the prospects before it.



Clocks

always make a most acceptable gift and one that is always before the recipient as a reminder of the giver. We have a choice line and suit you in most any kind or style from the dainty Gold Clocks up to the Eight Gongas and the prices will please you.

Silverware

We have all the latest designs in Meat Forks, Berry Spoons, Sets of Knives and Forks, Trays, etc. Seeing is buying.

Headquarters for Christmas Buyers

A. D. OLVER

Sterling Silver Novelties Gold Pens Fountain Pens Fancy Papers Etc.

Fancy China

There is always room for one more piece of Fancy China in every home. Our line is entirely new and the largest in this section outside of Grand Rapids. Come in and see some of the handsomest things in this line you ever beheld and prices will surprise you.

For Wood

Phone 127

Office in U. B. Williams' Jewelry store.

Call on... Earl Hunter...



Coal

JONES' LIVERY BURNED

Total Loss \$2900, About Half Insured. Horses and Buggies Saved.

J. T. Jones' livery and feed barn was destroyed by fire Monday morning between eleven and twelve, the loss on cutters, harnesses, robes, feed and other valuable stock, \$600 or \$700, being nearly covered by insurance. The building, which was a large one and contained a great deal of lumber, was the property of F. T. King, who estimates its value at nearly \$2900. It was insured for \$750. Burt Wright, veterinarian, lost \$200 in tools and medicines which were in his office in the barn. A smaller barn just south of the other, also belonging to Mr. King and used by the King Milling company for their horses, was also burned. The firemen, with the assistance of the Cutter Company's men with their big hose, succeeded in preventing further spread of the flames which threatened at one time, owing to a strong west wind, to destroy the Jones residence and others.

The fire broke out just before eleven, started in some unknown way, when it happened that no one was in the barn, and it spread so rapidly through the dry lumber, hay and straw that by the time the horses and buggies were rescued the building was nearly gone. Mr. Jones has for the present located his office in the Towler barn and his livery in that of C. E. Clark. Dr. Burt Wright, veterinarian, will also be located at the barn. Mr. Jones desires to express his gratitude to the friends who assisted in saving his horses and other property from the fire during his absence. Their timely aid enables him to continue his business without interruption and is deeply appreciated.

NICHOLS CASE QUASHED

Will Not Be Tried For Alleged Perjury in Water Deal Trial.

Hastings, Mich., Dec. 11.—The contention of former State Senator George E. Nichols, of Ionia, that he cannot now be tried on the charge of perjury preferred against him in connection with the Lake Michigan water deal scandal in Grand Rapids five years ago, because he was acquitted of the charge of subornation of perjury at his trial in Grand Haven some years ago, has been upheld by Judge Smith in a written opinion filed this morning, discharging him on his plea of abatement. The case was argued and submitted two weeks ago.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 11.—Assistant Prosecutor Ward says that the case will probably be reviewed by the supreme court.

Nichols was originally charged with attempting to suborn the witness, Frederick Garman, to testify falsely in the trial of Lant K. Sausbury, one of the first water deal cases to be brought to trial. In the Sausbury trial Nichols swore he did not attempt to suborn Garman, and that he did not know Leonard, who was alleged to be Nichols' agent in sending cash to Garman. This testimony was made the basis of the perjury charge.

Ionia, Mich., Dec. 11.—Mr. Nichols was arguing a case in circuit court this morning when the news of his second vindication came. He was greatly pleased, but not surprised, at the result. He said:

"I have been satisfied right along that no court in the state would make me prove my innocence twice. Since the Albers case I have been convinced of the result. I have been vindicated now by the court as well as by the jury. I have had two vindications when the ordinary man is satisfied with one."

BARBER WILL MANAGE.

Petoskey is to Have Another Cracker-Jack Ball Team.

Petoskey is to have another great independent professional team next season, according to present plans. Billy Barber, who caught all last season for the Grand Rapids club of the Central league and who was given his release from the Grand Rapids club by request, has signed to manage the team, and he is scouring the country for players. The business men of Petoskey, who are behind him, tell him to spare no expense to get a team that will be even faster than the one which won the independent championship of the state the past season.

A prominent Petoskey business man, who was in town yesterday, said that he, in common with the other business men of the Resort city, figures that a cracker-jack baseball team is the finest advertisement for the money that they can invest in to make their city heard from as well as giving the resorters a form of amusement that they were much pleased with.

Billy Barber, the Lowell boy who is to manage the team, has been playing professional baseball for the past twelve years, and has a large acquaintance with players all over the country. Last season he was regarded as the best foul ball catcher in the Central league, a better than average backstop and a good emergency batsman.—[Grand Rapids Press.

Fountain pens at Williams'. See our 10c and 25c tables, all full of bargains. Collar's bazaar.

A "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year" accompanied by a year's subscription will make the editor smile. Try it.

TO PAY MONTHLY

Board of Auditors Braves Criticisms of County Employees.

The county board of auditors are holding the last session but one of the year. On Thursday and Friday, Dec. 29 and 30, they will meet to close up the business and start the new year with an entirely clean slate. The question of the payment of the county salaries was discussed at length by the members, but not in an official manner. They all agree that the confusion arising from the semi-monthly pay days is out of all proportion to the benefit which the clerks will derive, and it seems likely that the force in the big building will have to be content with their pay envelopes monthly.—[Grand Rapids Post.

GOV. TO FACE GRANGERS

They Want Warner to Tell Why He Signed the Primary Law.

GRAND RAPIDS, Dec. 13.—In spite of the report that Gov. Warner will not face the State Grange, he announces that he will appear before the body tonight, either before or after his address at the Lincoln Republican club, and will speak on "The State and its People."

The feeling in the grange is not against Warner personally, but against the primary reform bill passed by the last legislature.

The grange will make the battle of its life for primary reform, and nothing else is heard at the meeting. The legislative committee in its report today says:

"The primary reform bill was not what people wanted or asked for. The bill was blind at its birth, both blind and misleading in its phraseology. It was meant to mislead the people. Its provisions are so obscure as to require special interpretation, and so bound up in red tape as to preclude enforcement."

"The Michigan state grange maintains its stand for fair play, and intends to have it and bring about an honest primary reform measure. The demand of the people for primary reform at the last session of the legislature was scoffed at because the power to demand reform had passed out of their hands."

"The alleged primary reform work of the legislature was a pitiful spectacle enacted by those who presume to lead a great party. They give them nothing but the bitter rind of the fruit."

The debt to come before it and debate primary reform, defending the administration's law enacted by the last legislature, was passed out by the Grange last night. Some members said Warner wouldn't dare to come before them.

POOL TOURNAMENT AT ADA.

ADA, Mich., Dec. 13.—Much interest is being attracted here by the pool tournament that is being held here. The first games in the tournament were played last night and Diel and Fluent proved to be the victors in the two matches. Diel and Fluent will play for the championship of the city next Friday night.

HEARD ABOUT TOWN

Silver novelties at Williams'. Dolls at any price. Collar's bazaar. Canvas mits 5c, gloves 7c, at Godfrey's.

Fine china at low prices at Collar's bazaar. Dinner set free at Christmas. Collar's bazaar.

Mrs. Carr's new building is nearly ready for business.

A. M. Kohn of Smyrna was in town yesterday with his last load of beans.

The Congregational Fair ladies of the curiosity booth have important news for No. 21.

Leo Patrick will spend the holidays with relatives and friends at Springfield and Sparta, Mo.

"We don't have to go to California for mild winter weather," is what some folks are saying. "But it's bad for business," say others.

All of our trimmed hats, of which we have a fine stock to select from, are selling at greatly reduced prices. Mrs. R. D. Stocking.

In spite of the mild weather we have sold out over one half of our heavy foot-wear. Low prices is the cause of it all. We will close out the balance on hand just as cheap. Come and get them at Godfrey's clothing and shoe store.

Judging from the rapid increase in our subscription list, the number of those for whom the best is not too good is a big majority.

Tuesday, J. C. Train bought four black mink furs of Jos. Tallant, at \$6.25 each. It was one day's haul for Joe; and he says it wasn't a good day for mink either.

Has it occurred to you why so many wheat flaked foods have come and gone? Lack of quality of course. The richness that is distinctly noticeable in Cream Crisp gives it a taste quality unequalled. This accounts for growing business. Cream Crisp, nature's food for all nations. Standard Pure Food Co., Detroit, Mich. Start now and get full value for your dime. Ask your grocer and accept no substitutes.

If you get our prices you will be satisfied. Collar's bazaar.

Where Holiday Money Buys More and Better Gifts

Our stock offers every advantage and inducement that appeals to the economical holiday buyer. It is the largest and most complete assortment we have ever shown; it contains more new and novel things and every item is of right quality. Our experience and buying ability have enabled us to secure the lowest prices at which good goods can be bought.

In our search through the markets we ran across some extraordinary bargains of which our customers receive the full benefit. One thing; we especially request that you call at once and see our stock before the assortment has become broken. You will appreciate both the unusually choice character of the goods and the unusually low prices at which they are sold.

LOOK'S

You Know Where.

Drug and Book Store.

Edison Phonographs and Gold-Moulded Records

A new line for the Holiday Trade. They are standard goods; and every buyer will be pleased. Instead of wasting money on petty frivolities to be kicked around under foot, why not bunch your purchases and get something that will give pleasure to the whole family the year round?

R. D. STOCKING

Guns, Ammunition Watches, Clocks and Jewelry. Repairing promptly attended to.

SATURDAY SPECIALS

—Next Saturday we shall have

Cinnamon Rolls and Coffee Brnad

For afternoon and evening trade. These goods are delicious and you will find them very appetizing for your Sunday breakfast.

POTATO BREAD ALWAYS MOIST.

SMITH'S BAKERY and Lunch Room.

Another Part of a Car Load of

Favorite Base Burners



Just received. No other stove gives the same satisfaction and fills the house with like warmth from an equal amount of coal. See them at

SCOTT & WINEGAR'S.

A Big Saving on Overcoats

The Mild Weather

has caught many manufacturers with big stocks of overcoats on hand and unless disposed of soon will have to be carried over until another year. **MICHAELS-STERN & Co.**, the famous Rochester manufacturers, notified me that they had about **ONE HUNDRED** Men's and Boy's Overcoats—all new, up-to-date goods, ranging in price from \$10.00 to \$20.00 each that I could buy at about **ONE-HALF** the regular price. They will be here

Saturday, December 16th

and the sale will begin. Now is your chance to procure a bargain in a good overcoat as I will be able to sell coats at **ONE-FOURTH** and **ONE-HALF OFF** and still make my profit.

The season has just nicely begun so you can have the full season's wear and buy your garments for less than Spring price. I have never advertised a fake sale and I never will. You find these goods just as I represent them. These coats will be sold for **CASH ONLY**. I must pay spot cash to get them at this price and will have to sell them the same way. Be on hand prompt and get first choice.

Mart. Simpson, Lowell, Mich.

Successor to Chas. Althen

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NEW TEST FOR TIMBER.
Lumbermen claim timber seasoned in Water Lasts Longer. From a priori reasoning it would be quite natural to suppose that the water would soak out of certain of the sunny matters of the wood, especially of the sap wood, making it more easily dried. Moreover, the washing out of the sap from the young wood removes most of the sugars, proteids, etc., which furnish food for the bacteria and other fungi which cause the rotting of lumber. The Bureau of Forestry believes that it is worth while from a practical point of view to find out the truth about these impressions of lumbermen and reasonings of scientists, and is beginning a series of tests at its new experiment stations in Michigan and Wisconsin. To make the experiments as practical as possible they will be conducted on telegraph and telephone poles, articles whose period of usefulness is a matter of much economic importance. The poles will first be soaked in water for varying lengths of time, and then piled and seasoned, careful record being kept of the time required for seasoning and the quality of the seasoned timber.—Collier's.

SETTING HIMSELF STRAIGHT.
George's Feeble Attempt at Explaining the Part He Played. George Washington Thomas, an able bodied negro of Sleepy Hollow, appeared before Magistrate Spensham charged with stealing chickens. The negro was accompanied by his lawyer, Col. Simmons, a rising young white attorney. The old judge snarled into the dingy courtroom looked around on the little company there assembled. Seeing George Washington Thomas, he pointed to him and said: "Be you the defendant in this case?" Quick as a flash George was on his feet, and, not understanding legal terms, he exclaimed politely: "No, sah; no, sah; I ain't de 'fendant; dar's de 'fendant ovah dar.' And saying which, he pointed to his lawyer. There was a general laugh about the room, in which the queer old judge joined heartily. The darky felt abashed. He was visibly embarrassed, and, thinking to correct the mistake, he said to his lawyer: "Yes, sah; he's de 'fendant,' and, pointing to himself, he said: "It's de 'fendant what stole de chickens"—Lippincott's.

OUR COUNTRY COUSINS.
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THE MORE USEFUL SEX.
Some interesting biological and sociological facts have lately been published about women which are calculated to exalt the ostensibly weaker sex in its own eyes and also in those of men. We have previously pointed out the conclusion reached by certain scientists that the average life of woman should and under normal circumstances would exceed slightly the average life of man in respect of duration. Now comes an English biologist, Mr. T. H. Montgomery, who, after a general review of the data presented by the anatomy and evolution of various invertebrate and vertebrate animals, maintains that the male is less developed and more embryonic than the female. So far as the invertebrates and the lower vertebrates are concerned, the female is clearly superior. When, within this field of observation, one sex is found to be rudimentary in comparison with the other, it is pointed out that this is almost always the male. In the female is usually the superior. Sometimes the central nervous system is more highly specialized in the female, while, as a rule, the internal reproductive apparatus is more developed in the male.

104 Christmas Presents for 1.25
Good for every farmer
Good for every farmer's wife
Good for every farmer's son
Good for every farmer's daughter
2 Christmas Presents Every Week in 1906.
A thoroughly practical, helpful, useful, entertaining Christmas gift to any member of a farmer's family will be a subscription for the year 1906 for THE LOWELL LEDGER, your favorite home weekly newspaper, and a subscription for the year 1906 for THE NEW-YORK TRIBUNE FARMER, a twenty-page high-class illustrated agricultural family weekly, thoroughly up to date in everything which advances the interest of the whole household.

Stationery Items
Many beautiful and useful gifts in this line. Fancy B o s Papers with holly decorations for the holidays. Paper Weights, Fountain Pens, Gold Pens, Fancy Ink Wells, Paper Knives, in fact anything you need in this line in endless variety.

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Indigestion

There is no reason why a person should not eat anything he chooses—if he chews it carefully—the trouble is most people are afraid of every good-looking, good-smelling, good-tasting thing on the bill of fare because it "don't agree with them." They actually starve themselves into sickness. Drying cannot cure dyspepsia—if we cut off every article of food that disagrees with us before long we have nothing left, and we find ourselves chronic dyspeptics. When you eat something that don't agree with you, it's time to get after your stomach and tone it up. From our own experience in selling dyspepsia cures, there is nothing that equals Rexall Dyspepsia Tablets. From what our customers tell us of this Rexall Remedy we are convinced that consistent use of it will give any one the stomach of an ostrich and the appetite of a farm hand. We don't know of a stomach trouble that Rexall Dyspepsia Tablets won't cure.

A REASON

Stop for a minute and think—we sell in our store 200 Rexall Remedies. If you were to buy Rexall Dyspepsia Cure and it didn't benefit you, could we expect you to buy Rexall Rheumatic Cure, or Rexall Cough Cure, or any other one of the Rexall Remedies—we believe not.

We do not say that each Rexall Remedy will always cure the disease for which it is named, but we do say that if it doesn't cure it won't cost you anything. We will refund you the price you pay for any Rexall Remedy you buy in our store if it does not benefit you.

D. G. LOOK, Druggist

THE Jexall STORE

Our Country Cousins

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AS EMERGENCY MEDICINE.
For sprains, bruises, burns, scalds and similar injuries, there is nothing so good as Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It soothes the wound and not only gives instant relief from pain, but causes the parts to heal in about one third the time required by the usual treatment. Sold by All Druggists.

VERGENNES STATION.
Rev. E. Mudge of Maple Rapids will attend the annual church meeting at 10 o'clock Sunday morning, Dec. 24.

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Pain Pills

Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills
Cure Headache
Almost instantly, and leave no bad effects. They also relieve every other pain, Neuralgia, Rheumatic Pain, Sciatica, Backache, Stomach ache, Arque Pains, Pains from Injury, Bearing-down pains, Indigestion, Dizziness, Nervousness and Sleeplessness.

Pain Pills

Prevent All-Aches
By taking one or two Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills when you feel an attack coming on. You not only avoid suffering, but the weakening influence of pain upon the system. If nervous, irritable and cannot sleep, take a tablet on retiring or when you awaken. This soothing influence upon the nerves brings refreshing sleep.

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Saranac, Mich.

Extra Christmas News

A few suggestions for useful gifts for Men, Women and Children. Stop and think: the year is nearly gone and it has been a very prosperous year for everyone and now comes the time when we all want to make our \$ go as far as possible and we are sure we are right here in Saranac a store where you can get your wants supplied at a trifling cost to you. Just one moment and we are sure that you can find something in our different departments that will please the friends and the children. I am sure that one of our Suits or Overcoats will fill a long felt want, they are presents that will long be remembered. We wish to call your attention to our Ladies' Cloak Department. Also the Children's Department is still in good condition and we will give you some prices for Christmas that will enable you to give a greater number of presents than you had planned at a much smaller expense to you. Examine our goods and get our prices.

The willing to please and up-to-date Dry Goods and Clothing Store in Ionia County.

Men's Overcoats
Fine Oxford gray lined throughout, velvet collar, a good bargain at \$9.00. Xmas 7.48

Boys' Overcoat and Reefers
Extra heavy with box platts and belt, lined throughout with extra heavy mercurized, sells every where at \$6.00. For Xmas 3.98

Ladies and Children's Cloaks
1 lot of Black Cloaks in all sizes, Black only in 45 inch length made in the Kersey goods, sold every where at \$14.50. For Xmas 7.87

Men's Overcoats
Brown Invaluable Plaid, 32 inch long, lined with extra heavy Italian lining and a bargain at \$14.00. Xmas 11.48

Boys' Reefers in sizes from 4 to 14, just the thing for school, sells every where for \$3.00. For Xmas 1.98

Ladies' Dress Skirts for the next two weeks.

Special Sale on Ladies' Silk and Wash Waists for the Next Two Weeks
We can show you a large and complete stock of these goods and at prices where you will be sure and buy them. Remember these prices are for the next two weeks. Remember the place, the large store on the corner where you can get everything in the Dry Goods and Clothing line at money saving prices.

W. A. COVERT DRY GOODS CO.
SARANAC, Phone 81-2, MICHIGAN.

IT IS EASY
To select a suitable Christmas gift at Western Michigan's greatest jewelry store. Our stocks in the following lines are full and complete.

DIAMONDS STERLING SILVERWARE CUT GLASS
GOLD JEWELRY SILVERPLATED WARE ART NOVELTIES
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of all kinds, including Legal Records, Commercial, Wedding and Society Printing. Three presses, electric power, good workmen, well filled stock room. As for prices, we meet all competition. What we promise that we perform.

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EVERY CENT COUNTS

At some time during the coming holiday season you will probably have occasion to send some money away either as a gift or as payment for some purchase. A Bank Money Order will be much cheaper for you than any other form of remittance. Compare our rates with those of other money orders and notice the saving.

\$2.50 AND UNDER—3 CENTS **\$2.50 TO \$10.00—5 CENTS**
\$10.00 TO \$100.00—10 CENTS

Bank Money Orders Payable Anywhere at Any Time.

THE LOWELL STATE BANK.

Heard About Town

Toys of all kinds, 1c up. Collar's bazaar.

Black boards at 50c. Collar's bazaar.

Cradles, swings, carts and sleds. Collar's bazaar.

Overcoats of quality sold cheaper at Godfrey's than elsewhere.

Don't forget that free dinner set at Collar's bazaar.

Don't forget our china dinner set free to someone Christmas. Collar's Bazaar.

Customers say they like to buy of us because our assortments are the best and our prices as low or lower than elsewhere, at Godfrey's.

They came last Monday, a new assortment of those famous Douglas shoes. Come in and see them, at Godfrey's clothing and shoe store.

A year's subscription to THE LEDGER would make a fine Christmas present to an absent friend. Ask to see one of our presentation cards.

Pay up that long over-due subscription now, and start the new year square. It takes money and lots of it to run a newspaper. Your share is small; but remember there are a thousand others. Do it now.

Phone the LEDGER when you have guests at your home. If you are going away also let us know about it. Any item of news will be of interest to your friends. Call the LEDGER. Phone No. 200.

Gold crosses at Williams'. 100-piece dinner sets \$7.50. Collar's bazaar.

They make good Christmas gifts: A fur coat, dress overcoat, a pair of Douglas shoes, fur gloves or mittens, a nice umbrella, cap, neck-scarf or tie, sweater, sweateret, or suspenders. A grand assortment of these goods can be found at lowest prices at Godfrey's clothing and shoe store.

Prosecutor Brown seems also to be infected with the germ of small grafting that has become so disgusting to Kent county voters by reason of its very smallness. The Gardner criminal assault examination afforded an excellent example of this.

Gardner was arrested in Cedar Springs, but instead of the hearing taking place before a Cedar Springs justice, he was arraigned in a Grand Rapids court. The witnesses expenses for two days and two trips to the city are thus added to the cost, and a local justice offered the services of a stenographer free, so the cost must be added the stenographic expenses. The cost to the county will thus be from \$50.00 to \$100.00 more than if the hearing had been held here. The people would like to have an adequate reason for this unnecessary expense. Please explain, Mr. Brown.—(Cedar Springs Liberal).

Books, games, toys—10c buys a lot. Collar's Bazaar.

Get the Boy a Kodak for Xmas

It is something that he will appreciate and will give pleasure to the whole family.

Watches, Clocks and Jewelry. **A. D. Oliver.**

Silver thimbles at Williams'. 7-piece berry sets 50c up. Collar's bazaar.

See our 48c dolls Saturday. Collar's bazaar.

Forced to sacrifice on overcoats on account of the mild weather. High quality and lowest prices at Godfrey's.

SOUTH LOWELL

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cogswell of Grand Rapids spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kilgus and family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Hill spent Sunday with their daughter Mrs. Wm. Klahn and family of West Lowell.

The Banner Ladies Aid society was held at the home of Mrs. A. F. Behler last Thursday, the attendance being fifty-six. Proceeds amounted to \$8.00.

We place on sale next Saturday 200 men's overcoats; they will be sold cheap. Come and take your choice and the price you will find very low at Godfrey's clothing and shoe store.

SUGGESTIONS

—FOR—

CHRISTMAS

Patent Leather Shoes Slippers Gaiters

—AND—

Footwear of all Kinds

Smith's Shoe Store

Investigation Is No Crime

And it will pay you to investigate the Holiday Goods and Prices at Hakes' Furniture Store before making your Christmas purchases. Nice Furniture makes useful, ornamental and highly appreciated presents for all classes, so I extend the invitation to all to come and investigate my Christmas goods and prices, the price is low.

Courteously Yours,

H. W. HAKES.

Lasting Christmas Remembrances

Our Christmas stock this year has been selected with great care as to quality and only goods of manufacturers of known reputation have been selected. Our business is the jewelry business only and we make a business of it and thus are in a better position to judge of qualities than if we had six or eight distinct lines to look after.

Special Watch Sale for Christmas

If you are expecting to buy a watch for Christmas it will pay you to see our stock and prices. We quote a few below to give you an idea of our low prices.

Ladies' Watches

20-year gold filled case beautifully hand engraved, fitted with Elgin or Waltham movement fully guaranteed. Sale Price **\$11.00**

Gold-filled case guaranteed for 10 years, fitted with guaranteed American made movement. A good watch for a young lady. Sale Price.. **\$8.49**

Gentlemen's Watches

20-year gold filled case, open face, screw bezel and back, fitted with Elgin or Waltham movement Sale Price..... **\$10.49**

20-year gold filled case, hand engraved hunting case, fitted with Elgin or Waltham movement Sale price..... **\$12.88**

All we request is an inspection. We have the largest stock in town to select from.

Williams THE JEWELER.

The store that makes good.

"The memory of a present from our store remains years after it is given."
—Think it over



The Mild Weather

has caught us with over

200 Overcoats

on hand. Overcoats of quality, made by Cohn, Frank & Co., of Buffalo, N. Y. They must be sold.

They Will Be Sold Cheap

—at—

GODFREY'S

CLOTHING AND SHOE STORE

Special Sale on Granite Ware

Saturday, Dec. 16th

20 per cent off on all Granite Ware

EDELMANN & NERRETER

A Christmas Present For One Dollar

Get a Savings Book for your boy or girl for Christmas. It will make a useful present, one that will be appreciated, and the habits of thrift and economy which the possession of a savings book will teach, will be a great help in shaping their future along the lines of all that is best in life.

It only takes **One Dollar** to start the account at

THE CITY BANK

Hill, Watts & Co.

RESPONSIBILITY \$150,000.00.

Orton Hill, President
W. A. Watts, Cashier

Don't Stew About Your Sunday Dinner

But call at Weyrick's Old Stand-by Market and try a

BEEF,
PORK,
VEAL,
MUTTON or
CHICKEN

ROAST

Add a few of our Oysters, Olives and your selection from our line of Canned Vegetables—and there you are—a dinner fit for a king.

Your Sausage Meat ground, 1 cent per pound.

A. L. WEYRICK,

Lee's Old Stand. Phone 101.

Dainty Christmas Gifts...



Since we moved into our new quarters in the new Negonce block we have added thousands of dollars worth of artistic, up-to-the-minute things to our already large stock of Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Silverware, Cut Glass and Fancy China, and we are sure if you will come in and look over the assortment you can find everything the heart might wish for and prices will make a lean pocketbook smile with joy at the prospects before it.



BOSS-K-K
A 6725

Watches
There is nothing more appropriate and that will please both old and young than the possession of a fine watch—at the same time it is a gift that is both useful as well as ornamental. We have them in all grades and prices from the \$2 Boy's Watches up to the best Waltham or Elgin movement in 20 yr. Bess or Fabya Cases at \$25.

Clocks
always make a most acceptable gift and one that is always before the recipient as a reminder of the giver. We have a choice line and suit you in most any kind or style from the dainty Gold Clocks up to the Eight Gong and the prices will please you.

Silverware
We have all the latest designs in Meat Forks, Berry Spoons, Sets of Knives and Forks, Trays, etc. Seeing is buying.

Headquarters for Christmas Buyers

Sterling Silver Novelties Gold Pens Fountain Pens Fancy Papers Etc.

Fancy China

There is always room for one more piece of Fancy China in every home. Our line is entirely new and the largest in this section outside of Grand Rapids. Come in and see some of the handsomest things in this line you ever beheld and prices will surprise you.

A. D. OLVER

For Wood

Phone 127

Office in U. B. Williams' Jewelry store.

Call on... Earl Hunter...

Coal

JONES' LIVERY BURNED

Total Loss \$2900, About Half Insured. Horses and Buggies Saved.

J. T. Jones' livery and feed barn was destroyed by fire Monday morning between eleven and twelve, the loss on cutters, harnesses, robes, feed and other valuable stock, \$600 or \$700, being nearly covered by insurance. The building, which was a large one and contained a great deal of lumber, was the property of F. T. King, who estimates its value at nearly \$2000. It was insured for \$750. Burt Wright, veterinary, lost \$200 in tools and medicines which were in his office in the barn. A smaller barn just south of the other, also belonging to Mr. King and used by the King Milling company for their horses, was also burned. The firemen, with the assistance of the Cutter Company's men with their big hose, succeeded in preventing further spread of the flames which threatened at one time, owing to a strong west wind, to destroy the Jones residence and others.

The fire broke out just before eleven, started in some unknown way, when it happened that no one was in the barn, and it spread so rapidly through the dry lumber, hay and straw that by the time the horses and buggies were rescued the building was nearly gone. Mr. Jones has for the present located his office in that of C. E. Clark. Dr. Burt Wright, Veterinary surgeon, will also be located at the barn.

Mr. Jones desires to express his gratitude to the friends who assisted in saving his horses and other property from the fire during his absence. Their timely aid enables him to continue his business without interruption and is deeply appreciated.

NICHOLS CASE QUASHED

Will Not Be Tried For Alleged Perjury In Water Deal Trial.

Hastings, Mich., Dec. 11.—The contention of former State Senator George E. Nichols, of Ionia, that he cannot now be tried on the charge of perjury preferred against him in connection with the Lake Michigan water deal scandal in Grand Rapids five years ago, because he was acquitted of the charge of subornation of perjury at his trial in Grand Haven some years ago, has been upheld by Judge Smith in a written opinion filed this morning, discharging him on his plea of abatement. The case was argued and submitted two weeks ago.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 11.—Assistant Prosecutor Ward says that the case will probably be reviewed by the supreme court.

Nichols was originally charged with attempting to suborn the witness, Frederick Garman, to testify falsely in the trial of Lant K. Saultsbury, one of the first water deal cases to be brought to trial. In the Saultsbury trial Nichols swore he did not attempt to suborn Garman, and that he did not know Leonard, who was alleged to be Nichols' agent in sending cash to Garman. This testimony was made the basis of the perjury charge.

Ionia, Mich., Dec. 11.—Mr. Nichols was arguing a case in circuit court this morning when the news of his second vindication came. He was greatly pleased, but not surprised, at the result. He said:

"I have been satisfied right along that no court in the state would make me prove my innocence twice. Since the Abers case I have been convinced of the result. I have been vindicated now by the court as well as by the jury. I have had two vindications when the ordinary man is satisfied with one."

BARBER WILL MANAGE.

Petoskey Is to Have Another Cracker-Jack Team.

Petoskey is to have another great independent professional team next season, according to present plans.

Billy Barber, who caught all last season for the Grand Rapids club of the Central league and who was given his release from the Grand Rapids club by request, has signed to manage the team, and he is scouring the country for players. The business men of Petoskey, who are behind him, tell him to spare no expense to get a team that will be even faster than the one which won the independent championship of the state the past season.

A prominent Petoskey business man, who was in town yesterday, said that he, in common with the other business men of the Resort city, figures that a cracker-jack baseball team is the finest advertisement for the money that they can invest in to make their city heard from as well as giving the resorters a form of amusement that they were much pleased with.

Billy Barber, the Lowell boy who is to manage the team, has been playing professional baseball for the past twelve years, and has a large acquaintance with players all over the country. Last season he was regarded as the best foul ball catcher in the Central league, a better than average backstop and a good emergency batsman.—(Grand Rapids Press.)

Fountain pens at Williams'. See our 10c and 25c tables, all full of bargains. Collar's bazaar.

A "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year" accompanied by a year's subscription will make the editor smile. Try it.

TO PAY MONTHLY

Board of Auditors Braves Criticisms of County Employees.

The county board of auditors are holding the last session but one of the year. On Thursday and Friday, Dec. 29 and 30, they will meet to close up the business and start the new year with an entirely clean slate. The question of the payment of the county salaries was discussed at length by the members, but not in an official manner. They all agree that the confusion arising from the semi-monthly pay days is out of all proportion to the benefit which the clerks will derive, and it seems likely that the force in the big building will have to be content with their pay envelopes monthly.—(Grand Rapids Post.)

GOV. TO FACE GRANGERS

They Want Warner to Tell Why He Signed the Primary Law.

GRAND RAPIDS, Dec. 13.—In spite of the report that Gov. Warner will not face the State Grange, he announces that he will appear before the body tonight, either before or after his address at the Lincoln Republican club, and will speak on "The State and its People."

The feeling in the grange is not against Warner personally, but against the primary reform bill passed by the last legislature.

The grange will make the battle of its life for primary reform, and nothing else is heard at the meeting. The legislative committee in its report today says:

"The primary reform bill was not what people wanted or asked for. The bill was blind at its birth, both blind and misleading in its phraseology. It was meant to mislead the people. Its provisions are so obscure as to require special interpretation, and so bound up in red tape as to preclude enforcement.

"The Michigan state grange maintains its stand for fair play, and intends to have it and bring about an honest primary reform measure. The demand of the people for primary reform at the last session of the legislature was scoffed at because the power to demand reform had passed out of their hands.

"The alleged primary reform work of the legislature was a pitiful spectacle enacted by those who presume to lead a great party. They give them nothing but the bitter rind of the fruit.

The debt to come before it and debate primary reform, defending the administration's law enacted by the last legislature, was passed out by the Grange last night. Some members said Warner wouldn't dare to come before them.

POOL TOURNEY AT ADA.

ADA, Mich., Dec. 13.—Much interest is being attracted here by the pool tournament that is being held here. The first games in the tourney were played last night and Diel and Fluent proved to be the victors in the two matches. Diel and Fluent will play for the championship of the city next Friday night.

HEARD ABOUT TOWN

Silver novelties at Williams'. Dolls at any price. Collar's bazaar. Canvas mits 5c, gloves 7c, at Godfrey's.

Fine china at low prices at Collar's bazaar.

Dinner set free at Christmas. Collar's bazaar.

Mrs. Carr's new building is nearly ready for business.

A. M. Kohn of Smyrna was in town yesterday with his last load of beans.

The Congregational Fair ladies of the curiosity booth have important news for No. 21.

Leo Patrick will spend the holidays with relatives and friends at Springfield and Sparta, Mo.

"We don't have to go to California for mild winter weather," is what some folks are saying. "But it's bad for business," say others.

All of our trimmed hats, of which we have a fine stock to select from, are selling at greatly reduced prices. Mrs. H. D. Stocking.

In spite of the mild weather we have sold out over one half of our heavy foot-wear. Low prices is the cause of it all. We will close out the balance on hand just as cheap. Come and get them at Godfrey's clothing and shoe store.

Judging from the rapid increase in our subscription list, the number of those for whom the best is not too good is a big majority.

Tuesday, J. C. Train bought four black mink furs of Jos. Tallant, at \$6.25 each. It was one day's haul for Joe, and he says it wasn't a good day for mink either.

Has it occurred to you why so many wheat flaked foods have come and gone? Lack of quality of course. The richness that is distinctly noticeable in Cream Crisp gives it a taste quality unequalled. This accounts for growing business. Cream Crisp, nature's food for all nations. Standard Pure Food Co., Detroit, Mich. Start now and get full value for your dime. Ask your grocer and accept no substitutes.

If you get our prices you will be satisfied. Collar's bazaar.

Where Holiday Money Buys More and Better Gifts

Our stock offers every advantage and inducement that appeals to the economical holiday buyer. It is the largest and most complete assortment we have ever shown; it contains more new and novel things and every item is of right quality. Our experience and buying ability have enabled us to secure the lowest prices at which good goods can be bought.

In our search through the markets we ran across some extraordinary bargains of which our customers receive the full benefit. One thing; we especially request that you call at once and see our stock before the assortment has become broken. You will appreciate both the unusually choice character of the goods and the unusually low prices at which they are sold.

LOOK'S

You Know Where. Drug and Book Store.

Edison Phonographs and Gold-Moulded Records

A new line for the Holiday Trade. They are standard goods; and every buyer will be pleased. Instead of wasting money on petty frivolities to be kicked around under foot, why not bunch your purchases and get something that will give pleasure to the whole family the year round?

R. D. STOCKING

Guns, Ammunition, Watches, Clocks and Jewelry. Repairing promptly attended to.

SATURDAY SPECIALS

—Next Saturday we shall have

Cinnamon Rolls and Coffee Brnad

For afternoon and evening trade. These goods are delicious and you will find them very appetizing for your Sunday breakfast.

POTATO BREAD
ALWAYS MOIST.

SMITH'S BAKERY
and Lunch Room.

Another Part of a Car Load of

Favorite Base Burners



Just received. No other stove gives the same satisfaction and fills the house with like warmth from an equal amount of coal. See them at

SCOTT & WINEGAR'S.

From Our Point of View

SEE here, gentle reader: You do not like all the goods on the merchant's shelves, do you? But some one else may want what you dislike, and there's enough for all. The store man has a right to cater to all classes and tastes; and must do so, to prosper. You do not need all the medicines in the drug store; but each of them is needed by some one; and the druggist must be ready to fill every want in his line. You know it? Of course. Then why make an exception of your newspaper? The publisher has several thousands of readers to please. Do you expect that mortal man can make every item, article or editorial in every paper, to suit you? Are there not others here too? Be sensible; and do not expect to own the earth and the fulness thereof for one dollar a year. There are several other people on the beach.

IN THE course of the twelve years this paper has been published, many of our former townspeople have moved to distant states; and have been followed to their new homes by THE LEDGER. The interest of Lowell people in these old friends is in no wise diminished by time and distance; and we are glad to be the medium by which each may hear of the other. If our distant readers, at the time of making yearly remittances, will enclose a brief note for publication, it will be a means of keeping hundreds of old friends in touch with each other. Some have done this; and we will be pleased to have the custom generally adopted.

THE cause for Army desertions may be found in the American standard which fixes a great gulf between the private soldier and the officer. We teach our boys the principles of the "Immortal Declaration," and the Army gives us the lie. When a American boy may not be recognized as a son by his own father, and when that son has to sneak into the back door of his own home to see his mother and sisters, because that son is a private soldier and that father is an officer in the United States Army, then we say "there's something rotten" elsewhere than in Denmark. Stop looking for the cause away off on the mountain top, Mr. Officer. Here it is under your nose.

SOME papers poke fun at Boston's indignation over Secretary Bonaparte's proposed destruction of Old Ironsides. They say that the old frigate might be given to the city and by the time the Bostonians have kept her in repairs a few years, their patriotism will wane. Don't you believe it. The editor who writes such stuff, doesn't know Boston. If there is anything the average man of the Hub likes better than baked beans, it is historical relics, and he is perfectly willing to pay the price. If Boston ever assumes charge of the Constitution, the old frigate will be cared for as long as two sticks hold together.

THE last legislature made it unlawful for any minor under 17 years of age or any minor who is a student in any school to be permitted to remain in any saloon, barroom or gambling, billiard or pool room. Proprietors, keepers or managers violating this law are liable to a fine not less than \$25 nor more than \$50, or to imprisonment for not less than ten days nor more than thirty days, or by both fine and imprisonment. This is a move in the right direction—the saving of our boys and girls. Officers should enforce the law.

THE work of the intelligent compositor and the carelessness of the proof-reader cause much weeping and gnashing of teeth in the sanctum. A Grand Rapids Herald lineotype operator in re-setting our editorial on the new primary law, makes THE LEDGER say: "If you would vote, you must register, WILLINGLY." We wrote and printed it: "WILLY-NILLY," that is, "whether you will or not," a very different proposition.

FOOD for thought here: Two shipwrecked sailors walked twelve miles to Duluth and all along were refused food and shelter because, after their fearful experience, they looked like tramps. Some people are a little too fierce with tramps. It is all right to be careful, but it is charitable to err on the safe side; and surely, no one who reads this and realizes the shame and misery that fall to the lot of the professional hobo, will ever willingly become one.

FOR the sake of decency, we hope the daily papers will soon finish their vomit of nasty details of the life and death of that vile creature, Mary Rogers, who should long ago have paid the penalty of her crimes. Governor Bell's critics forget that he swore to support the laws of his state; but people who do not want perjuries for public officers will beware of the selection for such of these flannel-mouthed fanatics.

The Song of the Cradle. Mrs. Evelyn Rogers is high as the stars in the sky... One of the grandest agencies which enlighten the human mind...

Dr. Miles' Kidney Pills. This wonderful "Prescription" imbues the entire nervous system with natural healthy vitality... It costs but 50 cents a box, and your money is returned if it does not help you.

Happiness and Home-keeping. No matter what a girl's scholastic attainments may be, her education is incomplete if she has not a reasonable knowledge of every branch of household work...

BOUDOIR SECRETS. Follow cheeks are often induced by nervousness. Salt has both cleansing and healing power, and is, therefore, an excellent application for eruptions on the face.

AMERICAN WOMEN ABROAD. It is unquestionably a fact that at the present time the American emigration of Europe are proscribed over by women whose charm and tact make them leaders over all nations in the social life of the capitals where their husbands are stationed.

YOUR LIFE CURRENT. The power that gives you life and motion is the nerve force, or nerve fluid, located in the nerve cells of the brain, and sent out through the nerves to the various organs.

PILES. Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine is the fuel you need. It feeds the nervous system, gives nerve force, and restores vitality.

IS THE BEST TOO GOOD FOR YOU? Take THE LEDGER. Since Senator Mitchell bled to death after having a tooth pulled, many are hoping that dentistry will become very popular in the Senate.

VALUES. We wish to emphasize the word VALUE and define its true meaning as it is used in this announcement. The principle upon which this business is built is VALUE giving—the best quality and the greatest quantity for the lowest price consistent with modern merchandising...

CHURCHES AND SOCIETIES. CONGREGATIONAL. Subject of Sunday morning: "Why I am a Congregationalist."... BAPTIST. The services last Sunday morning and evening were held by Rev. Chas. E. Pilgrim of Grand Rapids.

EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT. WANTS, FOR SALE, TO EXCHANGE, LOST, FOUND, STRAYED. FOR RENT NEW HOUSE. INQUIRE OF Mrs. A. J. Lewis. FOR SALE—Chattle mortgage blanks, mortgage affidavits, report cards, post cards, etc.

LOOK'S. You Know Where. Handsome Slippers. Buy a nice pair of Slippers for a Christmas present. They are useful and reasonable in price.

TOILET ARTICLES. Brushes, Mirrors, and Toilet Sets—what better gifts? Have a big assortment of the ever popular French Stag goods bought at a little less than regular wholesale prices...

SMITH'S SHOE STORE. Rings. We know she would appreciate one of our new rings, for they are lovely and useful. Would be sure to please her. Come in and let us help you out.

EXPOSURE. to the closest scrutiny will fall to show anything lacking in our published pictures. We arrange the pose and suggest the expression so that your best points are made prominent.

DO NOT DECIDE. Don't decide about school work for fall and winter without writing the Catholic Business University. For Catalogue, Twenty-four Teachers, Best results secured, free new manuscript.

A Christmas Message to Your Friend. About this time you are beginning to think of a desirable present that you could send to some friend. Last year we made the suggestion that a year's subscription to THE LOWELL LEDGER would be a most acceptable Christmas gift...

E. R. COLLAR. Exchange Department. Look's Holiday Sale. Toilet Articles. The Lowell Ledger. Published every Thursday at Lowell, Michigan. By FRANK M. JOHNSON.

EXCURSIONS VIA THE PERE MARQUETTE. Christmas Holidays. Round trip tickets will be sold at a rate of one and one third fare for the round trip. Good going on December 23, 24, 25, 30 and 31, and returning on January 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31.

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TO CONVINCE OUR READERS OF THE VALUE OF ADVERTISING THE LEDGER will, commencing June 1, 1905, and continuing one year, issue to every person paying \$1.00 on subscription a card good for \$1.00 in advertising in our exchange Department.

THE WOMAN HATER. We naturally looked up to Immonsey. He was considerably older than the rest of the boys of twenty-one. And he had seen life, besides, he was a misogynist. We had to ask him what that was at last. He explained for sports that Jerry Hogan said it was something you took a course of at the Lewis Institute...

THE SEASON'S PRETTY GOWNS. Volumes Checked or Plain and Taffetas Take the Lead. Here is a charming costume that is appropriate for both and that can be made more serviceable and less dainty, or more dainty and less practical, as it is made of light or dark color. In the case of the model the material is silk and the color the lovely cool dove gray but taffeta includes the entire list of colors and shades from black to white.

NEVERSLEIP SHOES. Have a Sharp Shod Horse \$2.50 per Set for All Sizes. Neverslip Calks, in any quantity, at the following rate per 100:

FRIENDLY WARNING. No need to be Alarmed about Stomach Troubles if you use Mi-o-na—Cure Guaranteed by M. N. Henry. The most frequent affection of the stomach is catarrh, as the delicate membrane which lines the stomach is easily irritated by harmful food or overeating.

THE FASHION'S DICTATES. Old fashioned spears are particularly desirable for children's wear, those in the weight and quality for men's wear being liked better than the lighter and finer spears. Both styles in girl's suits and coats are built up of these materials. They make extremely sensible and practical school frocks.

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WORDS OF PRAISE WELL MERITED
BY A WELL KNOWN ARTICLE.

So much has been written by the standard medical authorities, of the general schools of practice, in praise of the native, or American, medicinal plants which enter into the composition of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, that it is attempting to quote from the various works on Materia Medica and Herbalism, where it commences since they are so voluminous that only the briefest and most important reference can be presented in a short article like this.

"Golden Medical Discovery" was named from the study little plant Golden Seal, the root of which enters largely into its composition. Besides this most valuable ingredient, it contains glyceric extracts of Stone root, Queen's root, Black Cherrubark, Black root and Mandrake root.

Finley Ellingwood, M. D., an eminent practitioner of Chicago and professor of Materia Medica in the Bennett Medical College of that city, in his recently published work on Therapeutics, says of Golden Seal root: "It is the most natural of stimulants to the normal functions of the system. It influences upon the mucous surfaces rendered most important in catarrhal gastritis (inflammation of the stomach) and gastritis (stomach) ulceration."

Many other authorities as well as Dr. Ellingwood extol the Hydrastis (Golden Seal), as a remedy for various diseases of the nasal passages, stomach, bronchia, gall ducts, kidneys, intestines and bladder. Dr. Ellingwood also mentions Prof. John King, M. D., author of the American Dispensatory, Prof. J. M. Scudder, M. D., in his "Special Medication"; Dr. Hale of the Hahnemann Med. College of Chicago; George Coe, M. D., of New York, in his "Organic Medicine"; Dr. Bartholow of Jefferson Med. College and scores of other leading medical writers and teachers.

All the foregoing eminent authorities extol the curative virtues of Golden Seal in cases of stomach, liver and intestinal weakness, torpid and ulceration of bowels. Dr. Ellingwood recommends it most highly, "in those cases of atonic dyspepsia when the entire apparatus, including the liver, stomach and intestines, is in a state of torpidity and inoperative." He also extols it most highly in the many weaknesses and derangements peculiar to women and says, "It is a most important remedy in many disorders of the womb." Golden Seal root (Hydrastis) is an important ingredient of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription for weak, nervous, "run-down" women.

But to return to the "Golden Medical Discovery" it may be said that its curative properties are not wholly dependent upon Golden Seal, valuable as it is, as other equally potent ingredients add greatly to its value and in fact are not less important than the Hydrastis, or Golden Seal.

In all bronchial, throat, lung and kindred ailments, Stone root, Black Cherrubark, Queen's root and Bloodroot, each plays an important part in effecting the phenomenal cures of "Golden Medical Discovery" as does Golden Seal. All these ingredients have the endorsement of prominent practitioners of all schools of medicine for the cure of diseases of the bronchia, throat and lungs.

Our Country Cousins
Mrs. Geo. Blake is spending a few weeks with her husband in Detroit. Mr. and Mrs. S. Y. Cary and baby visited friends at Lake Odessa over Sunday.

VERGENNES STATION.

The funeral and burial of Mrs. Mary Childs of Saranac, formerly a resident of this vicinity, were held here Friday.

Mr. Burch was ill last week. Mr. Quilan, Sr. is very ill at the home of Mr. Miller.

Born—Dec. 10, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Herrington, a ten-pound son. Miss Dally's mother from Grand Rapids spent Thanksgiving with her.

Wm. Bovee has the job of cutting wood for the schoolhouse. The Waters school will have a Christmas tree.

The Sabbath school will have a Christmas program and tree Friday night, Dec. 22.

The annual school meeting will be held at the church Saturday afternoon, Dec. 29, at two p. m.

Mrs. E. Ring was ill Sunday. Bessie Sayles of Grand Rapids spent Thanksgiving here.

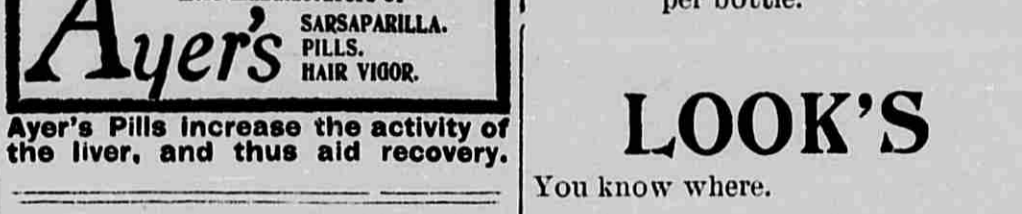
Chris Blosser is making some improvements in water works on his farm.

Stacy Lake. A large crowd and a good time is reported by all who attended the social at C. Green's Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Werner entertained company Sunday.

For Coughs and Colds Perfumes

There is a remedy over sixty years old—Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. Of course you have heard of it, probably have used it. Once in the family, it stays; the one household remedy for coughs and hard colds on the chest. Ask your doctor about it.



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WESTBOUND FROM LOWELL.
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No. 19 Grand Rapids Local 10:23 a. m.
No. 18 Grand Haven Local 11:53 a. m.
No. 11 Grand Haven Local 1:53 p. m.

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We sell Colgate's Perfumes, Toilet Waters and Soaps—the best known.

HEARD ABOUT TOWN
Silverware at Williams'. Everything in jewelry at Williams'. Mrs. A. F. Jay is quite ill this week.

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Heard About Town

Toys of all kinds, to up. Collar's bazaar.

Black boards at 50c. Collar's bazaar.

Cradles, swings, carts and sleds. Collar's bazaar.

Overcoats of quality sold cheaper at Godfrey's than elsewhere.

Don't forget that free dinner set at Collar's bazaar.

Don't forget our china dinner set free to someone Christmas. Collar's Bazaar.

Customers say they like to buy of us because our assortments are the best and our prices as low or lower than elsewhere, at Godfrey's.

They came last Monday, a new assortment of those famous Douglas shoes. Come in and see them, at Godfrey's clothing and shoe store.

A year's subscription to THE LEDGER would make a fine Christmas present to an absent friend. Ask to see one of our presentation cards.

Pay up that long over due subscription now, and start the new year square. It takes money and lots of it to run a newspaper. Your share is small, but remember there are a thousand others. Do it now.

Phone the LEDGER when you have guests at your home. If you are going away also let us know about it. Any item of news will be of interest to your friends. Call the LEDGER. Phone No. 200.

Gold crosses at Williams'.

100-piece dinner sets \$7.50. Collar's bazaar.

They make good Christmas gifts: A fur coat, dress overcoat, a pair of Douglas shoes, fur gloves or mittens, a nice umbrella, cap, neck-scarf or tie, sweater, sweateret, or suspenders. A grand assortment of these goods can be found at lowest prices at Godfrey's clothing and shoe store.

Prosecutor Brown seems also to be infected with the germ of small grafting that has become so disgusting to Kent county voters by reason of its very smallness. The Gardner criminal assault examination afforded an excellent example of this. Gardner was arrested in Cedar Springs, but instead of the hearing taking place before a Cedar Springs justice, he was arraigned in a Grand Rapids court. The witnesses expenses for two days and two trips to the city are thus added to the cost, and a local justice offered the services of a stenographer free, so the cost must be added the stenographic expenses. The cost to the county will thus be from \$50.00 to \$100.00 more than if the hearing had been held here. The people would like to have an adequate reason for this unnecessary expense. Please explain, Mr. Brown.—[Cedar Springs Liberal.

Books, games, toys—10c buys a lot. Collar's Bazaar.

Get the Boy a Kodak for Xmas

It is something that he will appreciate and will give pleasure to the whole family.

Watches, Clocks and Jewelry. **A. D. Oliver.**

Silver thimbles at Williams'. 7-piece berry sets 50c up. Collar's bazaar.

See our 4c dolls Saturday. Collar's bazaar.

Forced to sacrifice on overcoats on account of the mild weather. High quality and lowest prices at Godfrey's.

SOUTH LOWELL.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cogswell of Grand Rapids spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kilgus and family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Hill spent Sunday with their daughter Mrs. Wm. Klahn and family of West Lowell.

The Banner Ladies Ladies' Aid society was held at the home of Mrs. A. E. Behler last Thursday, the attendance being fifty-six. Proceeds amounted to \$5.60.

We place on sale next Saturday 20 men's overcoats; they will be sold cheap. Come and take your choice and the price you will find very low at Godfrey's clothing and shoe store.

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Lasting Christmas Remembrances

Our Christmas stock this year has been selected with great care as to quality and only goods of manufacturers of known reputation have been selected. Our business is the jewelry business only and we make a business of it and thus are in a better position to judge of qualities than if we had six or eight distinct lines to look after.

Special Watch Sale for Christmas

If you are expecting to buy a watch for Christmas it will pay you to see our stock and prices. We quote a few below to give you an idea of our low prices.

Ladies' Watches

20-year gold filled case, beautifully hand engraved, fitted with Elgin or Waltham movement fully guaranteed. Sale Price **\$11.00**

Gold-filled case guaranteed for 10 years, fitted with guaranteed American made movement. A good watch for a young lady. Sale Price **\$8.49**

Gentlemen's Watches

20-year gold filled case, open face, screw bezel and back, fitted with Elgin or Waltham movement. Sale Price **\$10.49**

20-year gold filled case, hand engraved hunting case, fitted with Elgin or Waltham movement. Sale price **\$12.88**

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