

Dear Santa Claus:

Will you please put a savings book in my stocking?

ALL THE GIRLS AND BOYS.

P. S.

It only takes a deposit of \$1.00 to get one and you can get lots of them at

THE CITY BANK

HILL, WATTS & CO.

Responsibility \$150,000.00

Orton Hill, President
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ONLY FOUR MORE DAYS

Sewing Machine Contest Closes Monday, December 24, at 5, P. M.

The votes are coming with a rush in these closing days of THE LEDGER'S sewing machine contest, which closes Monday, Dec. 24, at 5 o'clock, P. M., standard time.

At the counting Wednesday evening, Dec. 19, the candidates in order of number of votes received ranked as follows:

Mrs. E. E. Chase.
Mrs. James Gibson.
Mrs. Jay Bovee.
Mrs. Ethel Willey.
Miss Zella Wood.
Mrs. Minnie Westbrook.
Mrs. Nellie Andrews.

The prize sewing machine and is on exhibit, in B. C. Smith's window.

Remember the day and hour this contest closes. The award will be made Monday and the fortunate winner may take the prize away at once.

ST. PAUL'S GUILD

Not to be Sectarian Movement, but for All Good Causes.

We desire to write a few words to the public concerning the progress and plans of this movement. We expect to open the hall Thursday evening, January 3, with a public service. Both the ladies and gentlemen are invited to the Thursday evening services.

We will be very grateful for any help the people may offer in the way of books, papers, magazines, games or furniture. We will also need help in preparing the hall for the opening. Pledges of support are coming from every quarter.

We wish further to say that this institution will not be a mere Methodist annex; while we expect the Methodist Church to take a very active interest in loyalty to their pastor, yet it will be the people's institution. The Board of Trade, making it their headquarters, will give a broad character to the movement. We invite all the various organizations of the different churches to hold their business meetings in the hall. The Ladies' Literary clubs are free to come any time. There will be an open door for all movements intended for the good of the people. The mission of the church should be to aid humanity, instead of serving its own ecclesiasticism. Saint Paul's Guild will be true to the name of the One, whose name it bears, Saint Paul, the great Missioner to all people. I will be glad to hear from you by a personal call, or by phone. Please call, if convenient, between 8 and 10 A. M. and 5 and 6 P. M.

RUSSELL H. BREADY.

HEARD ABOUT TOWN

Mrs. Frank McMahon has been quite ill.

Miss Maude Fuller is home from St. Johns.

F. P. Hakes spent last week in New York City.

Benj. Terwilliger returned Monday from Newyago.

Office Post is home from Laning for the holidays.

Big reductions on Ladies' and children's cloaks at Collar's.

Sparrow's candles the finest made are sold at Henry's drug store.

Mrs. O. C. McDannell spent Friday and Saturday in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam'l Chambers of Elmdale were in town Monday.

Thos. Leece died last Tuesday night at his home near Elmdale.

M. S. Cogswell has nearly recovered from the effects of his fall.

Miss Myra Lillie will be home from Ypallanti for the Christmas vacation.

Miss Lila Freadley spent Sunday with her friend, Miss Marion Kisor.

Miss Ethel White visited Miss Reva Hinyan in Grand Rapids Saturday.

Reserved seats for the Wickersham lecture tonight are on sale at Coons' store.

Mrs. Ethel Jay visited her friend, Miss Grace Cole, in Grand Rapids Monday.

Mrs. Milo Hart and son Charles attended Ben Hur and spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Willard in Grand Rapids.

Miss Frances Drew was ill with grip the first of the week and her sister Grace substituted for her at the south ward school.

Robert Sparks, Treasurer of Keene township will receive taxes at the Lowell State Bank December, 31st, 1906 and January 7th., 1907. 2w.

Do not fail to read the remarkable offer of the Grand Rapids Herald and the Lowell Ledger in another column of this issue. A big \$3.00 worth!

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wilson and daughter Della, who has been spending the past three months in the southern part of Illinois, returned home last week.

G. W. Wheaton of Keene and Mrs. Leonard and daughter Bessie have rented Hotel Central and are cleaning up preparatory to opening for business January first.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Vaughan have returned to Lowell for a few days' visit with their son, Ransom Vaughan, before leaving for their home at Casnovia.

Mrs. Lillie Taylor, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Misner and a former resident of Lowell, died in Hackley hospital, Muskegon, Dec. 10th., aged forty-four years and eleven months. Mr. and Mrs. Misner were there last week and attended the funeral services, which occurred Thursday.

A BAD MISTAKE

Made in Grand Rapids Herald Bargain Day Offer Last Week.

In the necessary absence of the editor last week, and the press of holiday business on our office assistant, a bad mistake was made in the Bargain Day announcement of the Grand Rapids Herald, the \$2.00 quoted in that offer not including THE LEDGER. The offer as corrected is as follows:

A Daily Newspaper Free.

If you send \$3.00 to the office of the Lowell Ledger on December 26, 27, 28 and 29 you will receive a year of the Lowell Ledger, your hustling journal—a year of Spare Moments, a magnificent monthly magazine of vitality and inspiration—a year of Human Life, a beautifully embellished monthly magazine dealing with men and current events—a year of Farm News, the leading agricultural journal of the age—and in addition to this remarkable combination of four publications you will receive for one year The Grand Rapids Daily Herald, Michigan's greatest metropolitan Daily newspaper. The three militant magazines and the year of the Lowell Ledger are bargains alone at \$3.00, but under our offer by remitting \$3.00 to the office of the Lowell Ledger on any of these four "Bargain Days" you will receive The Herald in addition absolutely free.

In addition to the above, we will say to all LEDGER subscribers whose subscriptions are paid to January 1, 1908, or beyond, bring in the \$2.00 and we will get you the Herald and magazines just the same.

OLD RESIDENT GONE

Mrs. Lamira Lucas Died in Lowell Saturday. Burial yesterday.

Mrs. Lamira Lucas, who has lived in this vicinity about fifty-eight years, died Saturday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Scott Thomas, in this village. Funeral services were held at the house yesterday afternoon at one-thirty, conducted by Rev. D. B. Davidson, and burial took place in the family lot at Fox Corner cemetery.

Lamira Irwin was born at Pinckney, Livingston county, Mich., Nov. 28, 1840. At the age of four years she moved with her parents, Thos. and Lucinda Irwin, to Byron Kent county, and four years later they moved to Keene township. She was married at the old home Sept. 13, 1859, to Clement Lucas. Mr. and Mrs. Lucas resided on the farm in Keene until the husband's death in 1881. Six children were born to them, all of whom survive.

About three years after her husband's death Mrs. Lucas moved with her family to Lowell, where she lived during the next twenty years. At the end of that time she with her son George Lucas went back to her farm in Keene, where she has since made her home. Last July she came to Lowell to visit her daughter, Mrs. Thomas, at whose home she died after a long illness. She leaves five daughters, Mrs. Nettie Devering and Mrs. Scott Thomas of Lowell, Mrs. Sarah Higgins of Keene, Mrs. Lillie Daly, and Mrs. Edith Stromberg both of Butte, Mont., one son, Geo. Lucas of Keene, her aged father, Thos. Irwin, of Morley, Mich., four brothers, one sister and many other relatives and friends.

H. NASH HOLDS RECORD

Forty Years at the Old Stand in Lowell Business.

Harmon Nash will on Saturday, December 22, 1906, celebrate the fortieth anniversary of business at his old stand in Lowell. He has some useful and handsome souvenirs, which he is handing out to his old friends. Better call on him Saturday and wish him many happy returns of the day.

Before starting business for business for himself on the bridge, Mr. Nash worked a year in C. R. Hine's drug store on the site of the Lowell State bank. He has been in business on one spot longer than any man was in business in Lowell. A. J. Howk lacked only three months of 40 years in business here at the time of his death; and he came the nearest to Mr. Nash's record.

Our old friend of the implement and wagon business bids fair to make his record a half century long; and THE LEDGER sincerely hopes that he may.

Cloak sale now on at Collar's.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hunter attended the Grange in Grand Rapids last week.

Miss Maud Vanarsdale comes home from Belding tomorrow for the holiday vacation.

Miss Mamie Fletcher of Elk Rapids will spend the holiday vacation with her parents here.

Delos C. Watters, who has been very ill during the last two weeks, is slowly improving.

Miss Lida Blakeslee has been spending a few days with friends in Grand Rapids and attended Ben Hur.

Mrs. E. R. Quick of has been in Lowell this week in the interests of the grand lodge, Degree of Honor.

Messrs. Chris Bergin and Jas. McPherson attended the Good Roads institute in Grand Rapids yesterday.

Wanted—A competent housekeeper for small family. Good wages, right person. Enquire at Mart Simpson's store.

Mr. and Mrs. David Wilcox are spending the week in Kalamazoo, visiting the former's mother, Mrs. May Wilcox.

A Useful Xmas Present is a Joy Forever

Rogers 1847 Silver Knives and Forks
Rogers 1847 Tea or Coffee Pots
Wiss Celebrated Scissors and Shears
Carver and Carving Sets
Pocket Knives and Razors
Sleds Skates Nickel Tea and Coffee Pots
Lists Selfbasting Roaster
And other goods too numerous to mention.

EDELMANN & NERRETER
The Leading Hardware.

Christmas Shoppers



What better present for the whole family circle than one of our

Edison Phonographs?

We have them from \$10. up and a good supply of up-to-date records at 35c each. We also sell the Victor Talking Machines and records. Or suppose you fix the boy or girl up to take those natural true to life photos with one of our

Kodaks

Brownies from \$1.00 up to \$9, with supplies for all. Read our other adv.

A. D. Oliver.

Christmas Tree Novelties

Candles, Candle Holders, Tree Ornaments, Decorations, etc. Also a full line of Home made

Christmas Candies

Chocolate Covered Caramels and other Dainties for the Christmas Festivities.

Smith's Candy Store

Make Your **Holiday Headquarters** At Weekes'

Where you will find any amount of acceptable and tasteful gifts for wife, mother, daughter, sister, relatives or friends. Among the many useful and attractive articles which are most appropriate for Xmas, we mention

"Bissell's" Carpet Sweepers.

"An Ideal Present," of which we have just received a shipment in all their newest styles.

A. W. Weekes,
Dry Goods and Notions.

BEFORE BUYING YOUR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Consult your own best interests by examining our big stock of

Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Cut Glass and Silverware.

Of the latter we have the finest assortment ever seen in Lowell and at lowest prices. Also see our display of Edison Phonographs and Victor Talking Machines and Records.

R. D. STOCKING

We are showing the most complete line of

Heating Stoves and Ranges

Ever shown in Lowell.

Here is a List We are Justly Proud of

Ideal Jewel, Art Garland and Favorite Hard Coal Stoves.

Garland and Favorite Oaks.

Florence Hot Blasts for all kinds of fuel.

Wood Heaters in large variety.

Favorite and Jewel Steel Ranges.

Majestic Malleable Ranges.

Come in and Look Our Line Over and Get Our Prices

Scott Hardware Co.

Clinkers

Are found in large quantities in impure, cheap coal and they make coal costly at any price. Our coal is very free from this sort of nuisance. A trial will convince you.

EARL HUNTER

Phone 127 Office in Williams' store.

WOOD AND COAL

WEEK'S NEWS IN CONDENSED FORM

RECORD OF MOST INTERESTING EVENTS TOLD IN BRIEF MANNER POSSIBLE

HOME AND FOREIGN ITEMS

Information Gathered from All Quarters of the Civilized World and Prepared for the Perusal of the Busy Man.

CONGRESSIONAL NEWS

The house of representatives voted to increase the salaries of the vice president and members to \$12,000 a year, but refused to raise the pay of congressmen.

President Roosevelt gave up his efforts to stop the case of simplified spelling in his official capacity, on account of the opposition of the house, and rescinded his order to the public printer calling for the adoption of the change.

President Roosevelt sent to congress a special message on Porto Rico, in which he urged full American citizenship for the islanders, favored keeping in the field a regiment of native troops, praised the rule of Governor Winthrop and urged that provision be made at once for the dredging of San Juan harbor.

The senate confirmed the nomination of William H. Moody, of Massachusetts, to be associate justice of the supreme court of the United States.

Senator Burrows demanded the seating of Reed Smoot as the representative of Utah in his annual report.

Secretary Taft in his annual report declared the United States had a hard time keeping the army up to requirements; described the increasing and recruiting decreasing.

The house by a decisive vote adopted a resolution opposing simplified spelling in congressional documents.

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Antonio Cassariano, an Italian of Irvington, N. Y., is seriously ill from having eaten a porous plaster, which was ordered prescribed for a pain in his chest.

Four hundred persons have typhoid fever in Pittsburg. Doctors have been forced to send patients to the municipal hospital because of the crowded condition of city hospitals.

Two officers of the negro troops who took part in the Brownsville riot were ordered before a court-martial for trial.

Strife between the Roman Catholic church and the French government may be ended by the announcement of Cardinal Richard, archbishop of Paris, that while members of the clergy are forbidden to do so, laymen may conform to the terms of the separation law.

The legislative chamber of deputies voted to accept the terms of the Congo's will for the annexation of Leopold.

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Clarence Clyde Rumsey, the Chicago boy who shot and wounded a Washington train on November 31 and the Island Island on November 8, both near Glasgow, Mo., pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 20 years in the penitentiary.

The Cummings Commission company, one of the largest and best known brokerage houses in St. Paul and Minneapolis, suspended business.

Prof. Henry Fairfield Osborn, New York, who a few days ago was elected secretary of the Smithsonian Institution by the board of regents, has declined the nomination.

Former United States Senator Arthur Brown, of Utah, who was shot in his apartments at the Hotel Raleigh, Washington, by Mrs. Anna M. Brock, is recovering from his wounds.

The Gallen crime and the shooting at Blinckhorn both occurred at 2:30 on a Sunday afternoon.

The clery of Paris issued special orders to all employees receiving less than \$10 a month to the cent.

William A. Heron, for 24 years president of the Peoria Savings bank, died at the age of 84 years.

The investigation committee sent an appeal to presidents of western and northwestern railroads to relieve the suffering due to the car shortage.

Cardinal Gibbons declared the French separation law was a tremendous injustice to the Roman Catholic church, and asked the sympathy of America in the crisis.

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From Our Point of View

"The Valley of Life."

When I was a child joyfully I ran, hand clasped in hand, with my mother, now with my father, or with younger, blithe companions, now in sunlight, now in shadow and dread, through the strange new Valley of Life.

And as we went along, hand clasped in hand, sometimes the hand-clasp was broken, and I, a happy child, ran swiftly aside from the path to gather flower or fruit or get sight of a singing bird; or to lean down and pluck a pearly stone from under the lapping waves; or climbed a tree and swayed, shouting, on its waving boughs—then returned to the clasp of loving hands, and so passed on and on down the opening Valley of Life.

In the bright morning I walked wondering: wondering I walked through the still twilight and many colored sunset; watching the great stars gather, and lost in the mystery of worlds beyond numbers and spaces beyond thought—till, side by side, we lay down to sleep under the stars in the Valley of Life and Dreams.

Then there came a time when the hands that held me—the loving hands that guided my steps and drew me gently on—turn cold, and slipped from my grasp; I waited, but they came not back, and slowly and alone I plodded on down the Valley of Life and Death.

Where went they?—I asked my heart and the whispering waters and the sighing trees—where went my loving and well-beloved guides: did they climb the hills and tarry; did they tire, lie down to sleep and forget me forever; leaving me to journey on without their dear care down the long Valley of Life?

But other comrades came—one dearer than all—and as time went on I felt the little hands, of my own children clasping mine while, once more happy and elate, with them I travelled down the miraculous Valley of Life.

But, as I wander, hearing their bright voices, and seeing their joy on the way—their happy claspings here and there, their eager run to hold again our hands—how soon I think, shall I feel the slipping away of the clasping fingers while I fall asleep by the wayside, or climb the cloud-enveloped hills, and I leave those I love to journey on down the lonely Valley of Life?

And I say, surely the day and the hour hasten: grief will be theirs for a season; then will they, as did I, with brave hearts journey on the appointed way—but where then shall my spirit rest? Will it sink unconscious into endless night? or shall I, in some new dawn, and by some unimagined miracle not less than that which brought me here, wander, with those that led me once, and those I led, hand clasped in hand as of old, by the murmuring waters and under the singing trees of the ever-wonderful, the never-ending Valley of Life?—Richard Watson Gilder in the Reader.

NEARLY every community has alcoholic victims, the sale or giving of intoxicants to whom is absolutely perilous to all with whom they come in contact. The law provides that friends or relatives for their own protection and the salvation of the slave may prohibit all dealers under a severe penalty from selling to such victims. Right here appears the devil's right man, the human hyena who for a swallow of slumgullion will carry a bottle to the bar, in violation of the laws of God and man, trampling into the mire every principle of humanity, justice and common decency. An otherwise kind and loving husband and father is sent home a raging demon to terrorize wife and little ones and to break the hearts of aged parents and send them in sorrow to their graves. The fiercest demon in hell must laugh in ghoulish glee, for never on earth, never in all the history of the past, was there a fouler crime, or a baser criminal. And as sure as there is a God of Justice, that crime will be avenged and that criminal get his deserts!

WE NOTE in one case, that the failure of railroads to transport coal is said to be due to lack of engines. From another source, we learn that the Vanderbilt roads have ordered fifty new electric engines. The inference is that we are just now in the period of transition from steam to electricity; that in view of this few, new steam locomotives are being built, while the old ones are wearing out and are not capable of hauling as long or heavy trains as formerly. This may be fine for future generations but is hard on the present.

"A SHORTAGE of freight cars?" Seems to us we have seen those words quite frequently during the past several years, during which time opportunity has been ample to span the continent with new freight cars. In the meantime the East suffers for the products of the West and the West is freezing to death for want of the coal of the East. State and national investigations are now in order. Let us hope that a criminal conspiracy to rob all the people will not be uncovered.

WE INVITE the attention of the Board of Trade Committee on Sports and Special Days to the letter from W. D. Crofoot concerning our Old Home Week proposition. It is not the first of the kind we have received. The LEDGER believes this a good thing and is ready to help push it along.

ANENT the action of the State Grange in declaring against the free distribution of seeds by congressmen, it is well to remember that free seeds are responsible for \$50,000 of the annual post office deficit. Stop the graft.

OUR big brother, The Grand Rapids Herald, thinks the breaking in of five Democrats to the Legislature may be a good thing. But it is jolly sure that it is possible to have too much of a good thing.

A "MERRY Christmas!" to all our readers everywhere. Do something for others, if you would have it so. Clam, Hog, Sponge & Co. will not get much out of Christmas.

Pratt Lake Southwestern. Joel Gilbert attended the Grange convention in Grand Rapids, last week—Lou English will be home from Ann Arbor for the holiday vacation.—Mr. and Mrs. Earl English entertained a small company Tuesday in honor of the fifty-third wedding anniversary of their father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. English, whose married life has been longer than that of any other couple in this vicinity. They received a beautiful floral gift from a sister in Grand Rapids and other tokens of remembrance from their friends.

Mrs. L. L. Taylor is very ill, Dr. McManis having pronounced it diphtheria. D. W. Lind's school, the South Hill, is closed on account of the disease.—Messrs. A. and M. Freeman, E. W. English and

FALLSBURG. The home of Max Denny was the scene of much enjoyment Monday evening when twenty-five neighbors gave a pleasant surprise in honor of Mrs. Denny's sixtieth birthday anniversary. Mr. Sherrard furnished the guests with the graphophone music, after which an elaborate supper was served. A purse of money was presented as a token of the esteem in which Mrs. Denny was held in our midst where she has lived the most of her life. The company dispersed at a late hour wishing the hostess many happy returns of the day.

Miss Edith Colvin, who has been in Iowa for some time, is at home. Mr. and Mrs. Ira Pottruff and daughter Edie visited Will Lantz and family in Vergennes Sunday.

Elmer Richmond and family of Vergennes and Mrs. Richmond's sister, who is visiting her from Torr Haute, Ind., spent Sunday at the home of Max Denny.

Ernest Parker, who joined the marine service some time ago and has been stationed at Norfolk, Va., has been transferred to the Keearsage and sailed this week for New York City, where he will remain until after Christmas, the vessel is billed to the West Indies. Success to Ervin.

Walter Rogers, wife and little daughter of Grand Rapids were guests Monday and Tuesday of their aunt, Mesdames Denny and Sherrard.

Frank Sherrard and brother Will went Friday to Owego to visit their brother Archie and family. They were pleasantly surprised at finding their father there from South Dakota. Frank Sherrard returned Monday.

Adelbert Bramley left Tuesday for Grand Rapids and expects to get north to work this winter.—Mr. and Mrs. George Raymond visited in Iowa Sunday and Monday.—Miss Edith Colvin visited in Grand Rapids Saturday.—Benjamin Sage went last Friday to visit his sister, Mrs. Emile Richmond in Grand Rapids and will remain till after the holidays.—James A. Land returned to his home Tuesday after an enjoyable visit of nearly three weeks at the home of his daughter, Mrs. A. G. Stokette in Grand Rapids.

Having rented the mill at Fallsburg, we wish to solicit a portion of the patronage of this vicinity. We grind rye, Graham, buckwheat and all kinds of feed. Special attention given to custom work.

J. J. Parker & Son. Every day is bargain day at Henry's drug store the place to buy holiday goods.

Our Big Store

Is the Center of Christmas Activities in Lowell

The great day is near at hand when we will be "Eat, Drink and be Merry" and we invite you to call and see all the good things we have provided for you as usual. We have anticipated all your wants and desires and you will find us prepared to serve you to the "Queen's Taste." Here are some of the good things we have for you.

- Nuts.**
New Brazil
English Walnuts
Butternuts Almonds
Filberts Pecans
Hickory nuts Peanuts
Chestnuts
Coconuts

- Fresh Fruits**
Bananas Oranges
Lemons Figs Dates
Apples Pineapples
Cranberries
- Candied and Dried Fruits**
Candied Citron Peel
Candied Orange Peel
Candied Lemon Peel
Fruit Preserves
English Currants
Cluster Raisins Layer Raisins
Seed Raisins

- Relishes**
Celery
Sweet Cucumber Pickles
Sour Cucumber Pickles
Mixed Cucumber Pickles
Balsamic Pickles
Fancy White Honey
Radishes Lettuce
Sauers Kraut

- Cheese**
Gov. Warner's full cream (new)
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Limburger
Switzer
Royal Pickle 10, 15, 25 cent jars

- Preserved and Canned Foods**
Vegetables, etc.
Grape-fruit Marmalade
Orange Marmalade
Spiced Plums Plum Pudding
Concord Grape Jam
Catching Raisin Jam
Chili Con Carne
Chicken Tamales
Peanut Butter
Jelly
Peas Corn Pumpkin
Tomatoes
Peaches Pineapple Salmon
Sardines Succotash
String Beans

- Smoked and Salt Fish**
Holland Herring
Smoked Whitefish Blenders
Dressed Herring
Coddish
California Salmon
Mackerel Trout
Salt Water Whitefish
Iceland Chalk Halibut

- All kinds of Fine Xmas Candles
Popcorn that will pop
Extra select oysters
Holly and Mistletoe.
(What would Christmas be without a little Mistletoe?)

McCarthy Bros.

"A Word to the Wise Is Sufficient"

You have only a few more weeks to buy Clothing, Furnishings and shoes of **W. S. Godfrey, in Lowell.** We would move January 1st, but for the delay and hindrance of carpenters and finishers. Our store in Hastings is a brand new one, 100 ft. deep, 21 ft. wide. We expect it will be ready for us by Jan. 20th, and every day we are here we will offer the best bargains in

Suits, Overcoats, Furnishings and Shoes

And by the way our stock has been moving. Big Bargains in Rubbers, Gloves, Mittens, Sox, Suit Cases, Trunks, Telescopes, Underwear, Mackinaw Coats, Kersey Pants, Sweaters, Umbrellas, Hats, Caps, Mufflers, Neckties, Cuff Buttons, Collar Buttons, Collars, Cuffs, Fancy Shirts, Fancy Vests, Suspenders, Shoes, Rubbers, Single Vests.

CANVAS GLOVES 7c

See our shoe bargains at \$1.50 per pair. Worth double the money. Men's Suits and Overcoats \$3.95 Ask to see them. This is no doubt the last chance you will ever have to buy W. L. Douglas Shoes at a discount in Lowell. Buy now.

W. S. Godfrey,

The Originator and Maintainer of Low Prices.

The Display of Holiday Novelties is Ready

Ready with a thousand and one things that are pretty and useful and at Marvelously Low Prices consisting of Furs, Cloaks, Dress Goods, Gloves and Table Linen, Towels, Dolls, Table Scarves, Couch Covers, Pillow Tops, Etc. Special line of Handkerchiefs at the lowest possible price. There are swell garments in our Cloak Department at record breaking prices, prices that will appeal to all who need goods and I know a bargain when they see it.

Furs! Furs! Furs! Furs!

Just when the Frosty days are upon us the need of Fur Scarfs, Muffs, Coats, Etc., asserts itself. This is your opportunity. Do not wait until the assortments are broken. Come Now! Christmas is almost here.

E. R. Collar.

THE LOWELL MARKET REPORT. (Corrected Dec. 19, 1906.)

Wheat	74c
Oats	33c
Barley	34c
Corn	64c
Buckwheat	45c
Flour per cwt	\$22.00
Wool	27.00
Alley	8.50
Timothy	2.00
Beef live weight, per cwt.	\$20.00
Beef dressed	6.00
Veal dressed	7.50
Lamb live weight	\$4.00
Lamb dressed	6.00
Calves live	5.50
Pork live	7.50
Pork dressed	7.50

If you don't know what to buy relatives or friends for Christmas visit Henry's drug store.

Reduction Sale of Groceries

Being about to retire from business we will close out our stock at greatly reduced prices beginning **Saturday, December 8.** Store must be vacated to make way for the Scott Hardware Co., so come early and get your share of the bargains while the stock is complete.

John Giles & Co.

Neverslip Shoes

Have a Sharp Shod Horse \$2.50 per set for all Sizes Neverslip Calks, in any quantity, at the following rate per 100:

5-in	3-in	7-in	1-in	9-in	5-in
16	16	16	16	16	16
3.00	3.25	3.50	3.75	4.00	4.25

The horsehoes named below charge above, prices and carry goods in stock. E. F. Denny, W. Water St., Lowell. Fred L. Barnes, Main St., Lowell. Geo. W. House, North Broadway, Lowell.

Be sure and ask for Red Tip Calks and Shoes.

OUR COUNTRY COUSINS!

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Reuter spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. S. S. Yeter, in West Lowell.

Miss Julia Craven will have Christmas exercises for her school at this place on Friday, December 21st.

George Saranton of Caledonia is moving into the house formerly occupied by J. C. Chatterton.

Walter Morris of Lowell was here last Monday repairing broken telephone wires.

Last Saturday, while W. D. Chatterton was out buying poultry, his horse became frightened by two dogs and overturned the buggy, throwing Mr. Chatterton to the distance. He succeeded in stopping the horse. Luckily, all the damage done was a badly broken buggy.

For twenty years W. L. Rawls, of Belts, Tenn., fought nasal catarrh. He writes: "The swelling and soreness inside my nose was fearful, till began applying Bucklen's Arnica Salve to the sore surface; this caused the soreness and swelling to disappear, never to return." Best salve in existence. 25c at D. G. Look's drug store.

Dear Editor: Your weekly letter reaches us regularly and is enjoyed very much although lately it has contained and news nearly every week, and I dare say if I don't return shortly there will be mighty quip faces to greet me on my return. I noticed a short time ago you advocated a "home coming week" for old Lowellites. I for one think it would be a grand thing. I know I would much rather return on a visit if I felt I might meet a goodly number of my old friends and school mates, in fact I for one would make an extra effort to return on such an occasion. There were a great many home coming weeks held throughout the middle west last summer and quite a number of my acquaintances attended. They all speak in the highest terms of the good times they had. I for one old Lowellite see no reason why the good old town of Lowell can't pull off one successfully. Next year would be a splendid year for it. I am sure you will do it. I think you have hit on an excellent idea and don't let it keep pushing it along. You may be seeing you all next summer. I am yours truly, W. L. D. Crofoot.

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THE SOUL'S GROWTH

Outline of Sermon Delivered by Rev. Butler Sunday.

The material universe is the visible Word of God. Back of all and with all things is the Infinite Spirit. The supreme purpose of creation is to grow finite souls into the likeness of the Infinite. A German proverb declares that "God sleeps in the stone, dreams in the beast and wakes in man."

In every soul are wrapped up marvelous possibilities, as truly as every acorn has within it the future oak. Yet, too often these best gifts of the soul lie dormant and unused. It is the supreme mission of Christianity to awaken, quicken and develop the best that is in men.

When the florist wishes to save a choice variety of seeds he covers them with soil and expects that suitable conditions, such as warmth, moisture and light will in due time reveal him with fragrant flowers and seeds for larger sowings.

If you expect to save men you must first find the good that is already in them, and quicken that into newness of life. In our test you notice that Jesus brought light into the world that men might not abide in darkness. As the sun's light is necessary to the unfolding seed, so the Holy Spirit's light is necessary to the growth of a soul.

One asks "Isn't faith necessary to salvation?" That depends upon your definition of faith. Clinging to a worn out creed is not faith, but rather a hindrance. Faith is not faith. Credulity is not faith. The religionists in Christ's day who claimed to be the exclusive representatives of the faith were quite chagrined when the Master showed them they were slaves to the letter, and strangers to the spirit which it meant to save.

Let us define faith as an attitude of receptive openness; or, in other words, willingness to receive. This is one of the first steps in the unfolding of a soul. The one who is satisfied with old traditions is like a man visiting a banquet hall after the guests have all departed. He is surrounded by scattered fragments of food and wine stained glasses. The wall man will echo with entrancing strains of music, but no man will turn from this to a freshly laid feast. A growing soul can not be nourished on the bones of medieval days, but needs the feast which is "new every morning and fresh every evening."

Why So Weak?

When a healthy man or woman becomes run down without apparent cause, becomes weak, languid, depressed, suffers backache, headache, dizzy spells, and urinary disorders, look to the kidneys for the cause of all their troubles. Here is Lowell testimony that will keep you well. Doan's Kidney Pills cure sick kidneys and will give you extra 25 cent coupon. For those whose subscriptions are already paid in advance coupons will be given for extra 25 cent coupon. For those whose subscriptions are already paid in advance coupons will be given for extra 25 cent coupon.

George White, of Washington Ave. writes: "I have had trouble with my kidneys for two or three years, and last fall my back bothered me a great deal with a severe irritating pain. If I stood for some little time there was sure to be a heavy bearing-down, dizziness, and a feeling of weakness. I had been advised to use Doan's Kidney Pills at W. S. Winger's drug store, commenced to use them as directed, and to my surprise when I had taken about three-fourths of the box the pain left my back. There has been a recurrence of it since, but I have not used Doan's Kidney Pills at all, and I heartily recommend them to kidney sufferers."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Lowell. Remember the name—Doan's, and take no other.

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THE LEIGER proposes to make some new Christmas presents of a brand new \$40 champion drop-head sewing machine. The Leiger proposes to make some new Christmas presents of a brand new \$40 champion drop-head sewing machine.

Every copy of the Ledger will contain a coupon good for one vote. Coupons for 25, 20 and 15 votes will be given for every \$1.00, 50 cents and 25 cents respectively paid on subscription. All who pay to January 1, 1907, will receive an extra 25 cent coupon. For those whose subscriptions are already paid in advance coupons will be given for extra 25 cent coupon.

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Just 5 Xmas Suggestions!

- For Men—A walk over shoe, in its many styles and leathers. \$3.50 to \$4.00.
 - For Ladies—Nothing more desirable than a nice felt slipper. 50c to \$1.50.
 - For Boys—A Rubber Boot. \$1.98.
 - For Children—A complete line of Xmas slippers. 50c to \$1.25.
 - For Everybody—Xmas Slippers. 50c, 75c, 1.00, 1.25, 1.50, 1.75, 2.00
- PHIN SMITH, The Shoeman.

That Christmas Gift

"At this season of the year, the thought of every parent is or should be 'what is the most useful and pleasing gift which I can present to my children?' Nothing can be given which will be more appreciated or a more lasting remembrance than an account, large or small, in the Savings department of some good bank. Start an account here and get one of our neat little blue and gold Savings Books.

3 per cent interest is paid.

LOWELL STATE BANK

Are You Still in Doubt

About what to buy your relatives and friends for Christmas. Come to us, we have the articles that will help you decide. Only 5 more days before Christmas. If you want to see a real busy store turning out satisfied customers with arms full of good, new up-to-date pretty, useful and servicable Holiday goods at reasonable prices visit Henry's Drug Store. Every day is bargain day at our store, no one can beat our prices or goods.

Special big assorted values at 25c, 50c and 1.00. No matter what price you wish to pay for any particular class of goods we can fit your purse. A few of the things we have and the range of prices.

Toilet sets all kinds from 60c to 12.00.	Sparrow's candles now the best 5c to 5.00 the package.
Mirrors a big line, 5c to 5.00.	Purses and pocketbooks 5c to 2.00.
Books, gift fiction and juvenile 5c to 2.00.	Albums, post card and photo 25c to 5.00.
Fancy box papers, the new ones 10c to 1.00.	Vases, a nice assortment 25c to 3.50.
Perfumes all the best makes in neat packages 5c to 5.00.	Pipes, cigars, a complete line 25c to 7.50.
Fancy, plain and silk lined glove, necktie and handkerchief boxes 25c to 3.00.	Pictures, good subjects from 25c to 6.00.
Manicure sets 1.00 to 2.50.	Dolls, all kinds 5c to 2.50.

Also military brushes, hair brushes, cloth brushes, stationery, collar and cuff boxes, work boxes, baskets, shaving sets, writing sets, games toys and novelties galore at all prices. What you want at the price you wish to pay awaits you at

Henry's Modern Drug Store

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Facts and Figures



We have been asking you to believe that this is a good place to come for your Christmas remembrances. We have told you that for reasons of newness—for reasons of variety—for reasons of what you get for what you pay—it is useless to go elsewhere—near or far.

Here are the Facts and Figures in Black and White

If you look for still further proof—it's right here in the store. Plenty of it. Enough to convince the hard to convince. Enough to put the stamp of truth on all that we have told you about what's here.

This list tells only of goods that are actually in stock, and for every every item we print, there are a dozen that aren't mentioned. Only a visit will give you the right idea.

Watches See our special 12.50 and 15.00 ladies watches, 20-year gold filled cases, Elgin or Waltham movements. We have better ones and cheaper ones at specially low prices.	Cut Glass The best things of the cutters art and at prices you can afford to buy. Fancy goods but not fancy prices.
Rings Stone set, band, plain and fancy signet. A ring for any one of the family. Lowest prices.	Silverware Cold meat forks 1.00 up Berry spoons 1.50 up Gravy ladles 1.25 up Knives and forks, the genuine Rockford, the best in the market.

Cuff Buttons, Fobs, etc.

U. B. Williams.

Dr. White, dentist. Phone 151
Fobs. **WILLIAMS.**
Holly ribbons at Weekes'.
See Hawley for holiday goods.

Mrs. Daisy Reed of Lowell and Arthur Biggs, son of C. A. Biggs of Vergennes, were married in Grand Rapids yesterday morning.

Jack Bruin is home from Lyons, recovering from injuries to his shoulder and hand received by falling from the scaffolding while working on the dam there.

Prices cut deep on all ladies' and children's cloaks at Collar's.

A small company of the relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Sayles visited them on Sunday, the occasion being their fortieth wedding anniversary. They were the recipients of beautiful gifts and all spent a very enjoyable day.

Arthur Sherman is helping out at Henry's drug store during the holiday rush.

Auto bags in all colors, \$1.00. An ideal Christmas present. A. W. Weekes.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Tomit, aged a little more than a year, died last Tuesday morning in Vergennes and funeral services were held Thursday at Alton, Rev. F. W. Magdanz officiating. Burial was made at Alton.

A large holiday line of neckwear at popular prices. A. W. Weekes.

Mrs. Martin Schneider was given a surprise Saturday evening by about twelve of her neighbors, who, after spending a pleasant social time and serving light refreshments presented her with a copy of Hiawatha. Mr. and Mrs. Schneider are moving back to their farm this week, and their departure is much regretted by their village friends.

Saturday special sale on chamber sets. Collar's bazaar.

Bracelets. WILLIAMS.
The publisher of THE LEDGER rode from Lowell to Lapeer last Wednesday with Amos Andrews, his former employe. Amos had been to Grand Rapids to see his father who was in a hospital with his hand nearly cut off, having lost three fingers. Amos is working in Lapeer and was taking a juvenile wheel barrow home to his boy, whom he thinks is the greatest ever. Amos preceded Jack Adams on THE LEDGER and has never been back since he left nearly nine years ago.

Among those who went to Grand Rapids to attend Ben Hur last week were: Dr. and Mrs. G. G. Towseley, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Nicholson, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Hicks, W. S. Winegar, Miss Mary Whitney, Miss Lizzie McMahon, Clinton Hodges, John Lalley, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Watts, Lewis Ayres, Misses Lila Wilson, Glenna and Nora Delk, Lenna Yeter, and Mary Scott, Will Burdick, Mrs. A. A. Dickerson, Mrs. F. M. Johnson, Mrs. F. B. Oliver and daughter Marion, Miss Carrie Avery, Miss Helen King, Miss Ethel White, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Parks and son Vere, Dr. and Mrs. F. E. White, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Whitehouse, Mrs. Alma Taylor, Mrs. Mary Robertson, Mrs. Chas. McCarty and son Charlie, and Mrs. Will McCarty.

Sterling silver spoons. **WILLIAMS.**
The Farm Journal offer expires Dec. 25.

Handkerchiefs from 1c to \$1. each. A. W. Weekes.

H. H. Reed will spend Christmas in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Wm. Green has recovered from a long illness.

Mrs. H. R. Johnson will spend the holidays at Allegan.

We don't sell cheaper, we sell better goods. A. W. Weekes.

Myron H. Walker of Grand Rapids is in town this morning.

FOR RENT—7-ROOMED HOUSE. Inquire of Mrs. A. J. Lewis. 2w.

Fur scarfs, muffs and coats for Christmas shoppers. A. W. Weekes.

Mrs. H. R. Johnson entertained a company of friends with phonograph music Tuesday evening.

Cigars and good wishes are free at the "Smoker" at Mart Simpson's Saturday, Dec. 22. Be on hand.

Wm. Cheatham left last evening for Bobcaygeon, Ont., where he will spend Christmas with his brother.

Bernard Scelley, aged 78 years, died very suddenly Sunday night at his home in Grattan township while sitting by the fireside. Funeral services were held today.

W. J. Gramer, lighthouse keeper at Crisp Point Light, came Monday night with his wife and two children to spend the winter with Mr. and Mrs. J. Randall.

Miss Della Dutcher, writing from Waterport N. Y., says: "I am always glad to get my Ledger with its news from my old home and friends. We have had unusual weather here recently with sudden and quite severe changes. Thermometer registered 30 below zero on Dec 4th., followed by thaw the day following."

About forty of the friends and neighbors of Mrs. Sarah Shores of Keene gave her a surprise party Friday evening. Cards, music and a good supper were the special features of the hour. Those from the village were Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Kneese, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thompson and two daughters, A. G. All and Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Johnson. Mrs. Mark Brown of Ottisco was also present.

Cadillac, Mich., Dec. 16.—Articles of association have been filed by the Wexford Lumber company, incorporated with a capital stock of \$100,000. Aaron F. Anderson, Joseph S. Campbell and William F. Gustine of this city and Joseph Anderson of South Boardman are the owners of the stock. Mr. Anderson is the president, Mr. Campbell is the vice president and general manager and Mr. Gustine is the secretary and treasurer. The Wexford Lumber Company's sawmill is located at Buckley and began operations this week.—[Grand Rapids Herald.]

Notice.
We have secured the services of Harry Burke of Grand Rapids. He is claimed by Rindge, Kalmbach & Logie to be the fastest and best repair man in the city. Hand sewed and turned work a specialty. All work done while you wait.

A. J. Howk & Son.

Notice Extraordinary

There never was a time in the history of Lowell when as many good bargains at so reasonable a price could be had as now; and the best bargain in the whole town is

Rhodes' Photos

Trying to do better than here is like trying to find the North Pole.

F. B. Rhodes



Christmas

is Here.

Where to Buy

Our stock of Groceries is complete in every particular. We have the largest variety and best line of goods in our little city. If you are not a regular customer, now will be a good time to give us a trial. Your order will be filled accurately and delivered promptly. Here are a few of the good things for the Holidays.

- New Nuts
- Malaga Grapes
- Apples
- Plum Pudding
- Celery
- Figs
- Dates
- Oranges
- Pickles
- Fancy Cluster Lettuce
- Cranberries
- Lemons
- Olives
- Fancy Cluster Raisins
- Radishes
- "Sealskipt Oysters"

Everything to tempt the appetite.

R. VanDyke

"If you get it at VanDyke's it's good."

Phone 37.

Winegar's Christmas Suggestions

Holiday Hints of Merit, Beauty, Utility and at Prices that Spell Economy Study this List. It will make your Xmas Shopping easy

- Toilet Sets
- Military Brushes
- Fancy Calendars
- Shaving Sets, etc., etc.
- A perfect line of perfumes, by the best perfumers in the country
- Dolls, Games and Books in endless variety for the children
- Post Card Albums
- Xmas Cards
- Xmas Post Cards
- And a Full and Complete Line of Stationery

These are new goods at rock bottom prices. Come in and look around, anyhow.

Wishing you the Compliments of the Season.

I am yours for business,

W. S. Winegar.