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BEST ADV. MEDIUM

A Mistake

It is a mistake to use your money for whatever you happen to think you want and then try to save what is left

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"If you **VanDyke's** It's Good."

BOARD OF TRADE BANQUET A ROUSER.

Annual Event A Record-Breaker. Fine Program Well Filled. Thirty-Two New Members. New "Michigan My Michigan." F. T. King President.

The second annual banquet of the Lowell Board of Trade, a largely attended and most enthusiastic event, was "pulled off" Tuesday evening in the west store of Masonic hall block, in accord with the program previously announced. Masonic hall had kindly been tendered as a place of rendezvous and there the annual dues were paid and wraps left.

About eight o'clock the members proceeded to the dining hall where Caterer Weldon Smith had spread the following:



RETIRING PRESIDENT WATTS

MENU
Individual Chicken Pie
Mashed Potato with Chicken Gravy
Rolls Fried Cakes
Salad Olives
Pickles Salted Nuts Bananas
Oranges Coffee Cigars

At the conclusion of the repast when the atmosphere had become sufficiently blue and the company merry at the expense of the non-smokers, President W. A. Watts gave his annual address, which we expect to publish later.



SECRETARY PECKHAM

In the absence of Secretary H. A. Peckham, Dr. O. C. McDannell read his report, giving in detail the receipts and disbursements of the past year. This report and that of Treasurer R. VanDyke which followed showed all obligations paid, large pledges for future enterprises secured and a balance in the treasury. A quartet composed of S. P. Hicks, M. E. Simpson, Harley Maynard and J. B. Nicholson, with R. D. Stocking at the organ, sang "Juanita" and responded to a vigorous encore with "Looking This Way."



TREASURER VANDYKE

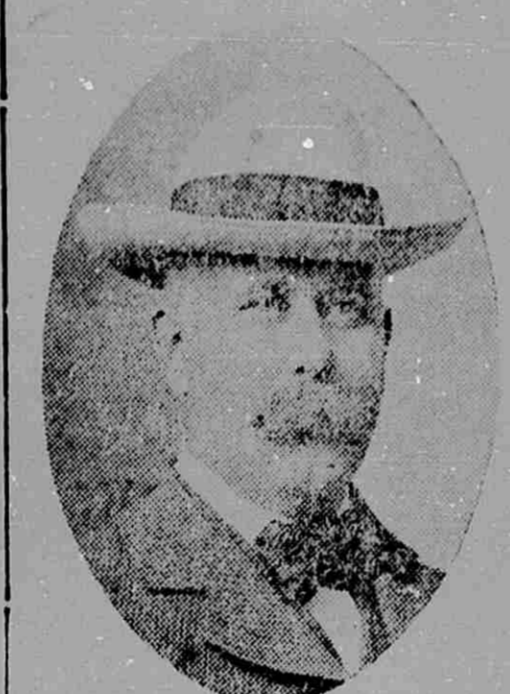
F. T. King was in Northern Wisconsin but sent a letter which was read by J. B. Nicholson evincing his interest in the occasion and in the work and future of the Board of Trade.

S. P. Hicks gave a characteristic address, full of loyalty to Lowell and recommending that Island Park be put in shape for picnic occasions, a proper shelter building provided and then "advertise." He said that the Island banks should be protected from erosion to save the trees which occasionally fall into the river and which he declared were worth "five hundred dollars apiece."

H. J. Coons spoke of Lowell markets showing that they compare favorably with those of neighboring towns and are in many respects better. Figures covering four months of comparison were given to prove his statements.

Village President Look followed with a paper on village affairs. As this contains much of general interest, it will be published soon. The quartet sang "Nancy Lee;" and Secretary Nicholson made a re-

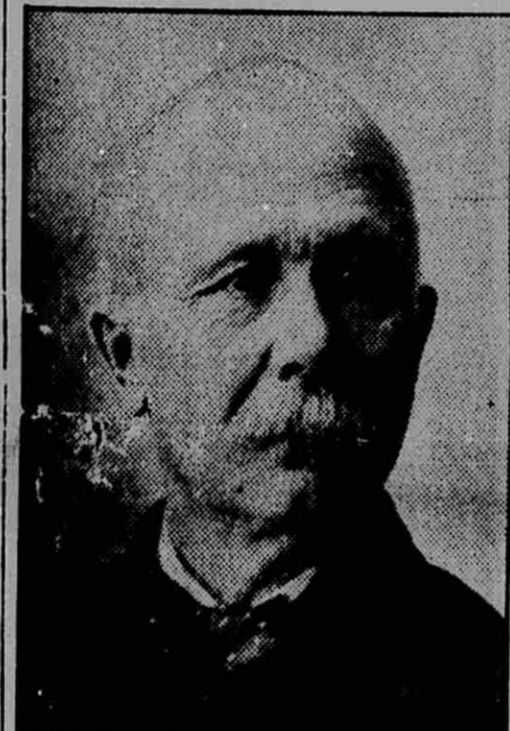
port of the New Industries committee. W. S. Winegar, chairman of the committee on Sports and Special Days, made a report showing that his committee had not been idle. The Home-Coming and Harvest picnic, the race matinees and ball games were alluded to as involving much time and work. The Home-Coming, which other speakers had also spoken of enthusiastically, was declared to have been an unqualified success and statement made that work on the next annual event should begin now.



PRESIDENT-ELECT KING

H. Nash, chairman of the good roads committee, spoke of the new highway laws, showing how they should be taken advantage for the betterment of our roads and welcomed among the new members Highway Commissioner James McPherson as evincing his willingness to co-operate with the Board.

And then the entire company stood and sang the following written by our townsman S. P. Hicks:



S. P. HICKS

The fairest state in all the land,
Is Michigan, My Michigan.
We love her lakes and rivers grand
In Michigan, My Michigan.
Her sons are loyal, true and brave,
And many gave their lives to save
Our glorious flag, long may it wave
O'er Michigan, My Michigan.

Our theme, to-night, is Lowell fair,
In Michigan, My Michigan.
For her our songs shall fill the air,
In Michigan, My Michigan.
Long may her banner proudly float,
Her voice ne'er sound discordant note,
May she be known to every man
In Michigan, My Michigan.

Thence westward to the Golden Gate
From Michigan, My Michigan.
We sing her praise with great delight;
In her defense, we all would fight;
Stand up and shout, "Our town's
ALL RIGHT!"
For Michigan, My Michigan.



VILLAGE PRESIDENT LOOK

This was sung with great gusto and brought some "hurrahs!" And then the quartet sang this alone:

Sad to relate, but sure 'tis true,
In Michigan, My Michigan,
There's knockers here, thank God
they're few,
In Michigan, My Michigan.
What they are good for, we can't tell,
We're fearful they may go to
'I were better far for every man
If they were out of Michigan.

The "grand pause" at the dash-well, it surely brought down the house; and Rev. W. D. Ogg added to the fun by calling for a copy so that he could see whether the poet had the place all right.

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D. G. LOOK

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Few old customs are so generally celebrated as that of sending Valentines. Valentines are mis-sives of good humor love or friendship. We have

A Complete New Stock

containing both the very latest sentimental and comic varieties, Card Mounts, Boxed Varieties, Floral designs and a great variety of Post Card assortments.

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An Ursine Checker Player

A Veracious Nature Story

By Edwin J. Webster

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"Mighty few men are good players of both checkers and poker," said Uncle Zack Rogers pensively. "So it seems to me that Elder Allison was harsh in his severe condemnation of his pet bear when he found that once pious animal had mixed up the two games. The bear might have been redeemed from paths of sin if the elder hadn't been so hasty. As it was, the bear, after enduring a few hard buffets from the good elder, fled to a life of careless vice. And he was such a good bear at first.

"Elder Allison had picked up the bear when only a cub in the woods one day. Some hunters had shot its mother, and it was a very hungry and lonely furry baby. The elder took the bear home with him, fed him, and sort of adopted him as a member of the family. When the bear began to grow a little it was evident that all bets on bear intelligence wanted to be covered if they were made against the elder's pet. He had the rest of his kindred chained to the post when it came to knowing how to do things, and to do them well. Ordinary bear tricks were so easy for that intelligent animal that he never had to be shown them more than once; but Elder Allison, who was a pillar in the village church, wouldn't teach his pet any ordinary bear tricks. He said they were frivolous and an abomination to the truly good. And Elder Allison ranked class A in that division.

The good elder had only one real diversion, and that was playing checkers. Any time he could get up a game of checkers he was a happy man, especially if there was a small bet on the side. Some of the church people were sort of scandalized at the elder's taking these bets; but the good man defended himself against any charge of gambling.

"What's your definition of gambling?" he asked, anxious like, of the minister, when that worthy man took him to task for betting on his favorite game.

"Gambling is betting on a game of chance," answered the minister promptly like.

"To be sure, to be sure," said Elder Allison in mighty satisfied tones. "That was what I thought myself. Well, it isn't any game of chance when the boys around here play with me. The only reason they win at all is that I like to make things a little interesting



"A Lonely Furry Baby."

and keep them at the game. I was sure in my own mind that I wasn't gambling, but I'm mighty glad to have your indorsement, pastor."

"And Elder Allison marched off with the satisfied air of a man who has got the commendation of the church on an innocent recreation. The pastor seemed puzzled and not wholly satisfied.

"After awhile it got so that all the boys were sort of reluctant about playing checkers with the elder. Even when there wasn't any betting on the game they didn't care to play, for the elder always won. The elder found it sort of lonely without his favorite game. One evening the thought came to him that he could teach his pet bear to play the game. The more he pondered over the scheme the more satisfied he was that it was a success.

"Checkers isn't a game to be lightly approached by man or beast," he remarked sort of doubtfully to the bear; "but you seem to have the intelligence of two ordinary men, my furry pet, and, besides, have had the benefit of association from cubhood with one of the worst men in this part of the state. I don't see why, with a little practice, you couldn't become the second best checker player in town. It would be a pleasure for me, a privilege for you, and perhaps, if later on we could get some of the boys to make a few small bets against you, there might be profit in it for the good man who owns you."

"The bear nodded his head at the end of this little speech, as if he understood every word of it.

"How much sharper than a serpent's tooth is an ungrateful bear," the elder used to sigh after the bear had won a victory over him at checkers. "Probably you cheated when I wasn't looking, or you couldn't have won that game. I guess you had better go without breakfast to-morrow to teach you that the way of the transgressor is hard when he is found out."

"Anyone who could have cheated the elder in a game of checkers could have stolen a buzz-saw in motion; but as the elder had charge of the rations, the good bear soon learned that such victories were unprofitable.

"Just about the time the elder thought he had his bear well trained at the checker game, and that it was about time for him to try and get a few bets from the rest of the boys against the bear, he was called to the city on important business which would probably keep him away about three months. He couldn't very well take the bear with him, for, even if the railroad company wouldn't object, it would look queer to go tramping about the city followed by a big and unusually intelligent looking bear. So the elder hunted up Deacon Stebbins, and confided the bear to his care.

"That precocious animal is the apple of my eye," said the elder earnestly, as he turned the bear over to Deacon Stebbins. "Guard him tenderly, and be especially careful that he doesn't get into any bad habits. Intellectually he can look out for him-



"Followed by a Big and Unusually Intelligent-Looking Bear."

self, but I'm afraid for his moral nature after my guidance is removed."

"Deacon Stebbins promised he would be a father to the bear during the elder's absence, so the elder went on his journey rejoicing in the thought that he had left his pet in worthy hands.

"Now Deacon Stebbins, while a good man in many ways, was a sort of a whitened sepulchre, too. He was one of the pillars of the church, and generally strong in reform movements, but the deacon had a weakness for the national game of poker. Once or twice a week he used to drop down to Hal Jenkins' tavern and take a hand in a little game in one of the back rooms. The game was kept very much on the quiet, so this never injured the deacon's reputation, although it often dented his bank-roll, he not being the player Hal Jenkins and some of the rest of the boys were.

"At last Hal tried to buy the bear, but of course Deacon Stebbins had no authority to sell the elder's cherished pet. Then Hal wanted to rent the bear at a mighty liberal figure until Elder Allison returned; but Deacon Stebbins wouldn't hear of this. He sort of hinted, too, that he was afraid the pious bear's morals might be corrupted by too much contact with Hal, whose heart was rather set on things of this world. This didn't please Hal overmuch and made him more determined to get the bear.

"So Hal took two or three of the rest of the boys into partnership, and they laid for the good deacon. As a result of having so many house-players against him, it wasn't long before the deacon had lost most of his ready money. Then Hal loaned him some. This went, too. Hal kept this up until he had the deacon pretty well tangled up in debt. Then one day he suggested, casual like, that he needed the money. The deacon didn't have it.

"Then I'm afraid I'll have to sue for it," said Hal, in a kind of ugly way.

"Of course this landed right hard on the good deacon. Hal probably couldn't recover a gambling debt, but he could put the deacon's reputation with the truly good back a good many miles. After Hal had the deacon well scared, he sprang his proposition on him.

"I tell you what I'll do, deacon," he said in a more kindly tone. "If you will let me have that bear until Elder Allison returns, I'll call our little account square. When the elder gets back, I will turn the bear over to you, and the elder won't know he has been absent from your fostering care."

"Deacon Stebbins was pretty joyous at getting out of debt on these terms. He turned the bear over to Hal Jenkins, remarking as he did it that the bear's long suit was playing checkers. Hal snorted at this.

"Checkers!" he said, mighty contemptuous like. "That's no game for either man or bear of his talents. I'll teach this cherished pet of Elder Allison's how to play a man's game. When the elder returns and finds his bear the best poker player in the county his heart ought to bubble over with gratitude towards Hal Jenkins; but I ain't by any means sure that it will." And Hal chuckled in a pleased way to himself, there being small love lost between him and the elder.

"Of course, as soon as the bear was a little used to his new home he wanted to show off his talents in the checker-playing line, being justly proud of them. But Hal just laughed at the

good bear. The intelligent animal went around for a few days with a grievous and hurt look on his face. But Hal fed him well and petted him, and to make up for the loss of checkers, started in to teach the bear poker. Maybe he was a bad bear at heart, and maybe it was just his wonderful intelligence; but it took the bear even less time to learn to play poker than it had to learn checkers, and he seemed to enjoy it a good deal more, too, which makes me think that at the bottom he was a sort of Tenderloin bear and not the truly good creature he appeared at first acquaintance. Anybody who doubted the bear's ability as a poker player had only to sit in a game with him once. He didn't need to sit twice.

"Such a bear! such a bear!" said Hal Jenkins in an admiring way one evening after the furry gambler had bluffed him out of a big pot. "No one would think to look at your innocent, bland countenance that you possess the guile you do. If you had only lived in old Mississippi river steamboat times you would have been worth a fortune to the man who owned you."

"And just as the bear was about developed into the best poker player in town, Elder Allison returned from the city.

"Of course there was nothing for Hal Jenkins to do but to return the bear to Deacon Stebbins, who turned him over to the elder. The elder took his pet home with him, the faithful animal showing signs of unfeigned joy at the return of his old master. That evening the elder thought he would have a game of checkers.

"Now we'll have a little game," he remarked complacently like, "just to see how much you have deteriorated during my absence."

"The bear trudged over to the place where he knew a peck of cards was kept. In the meantime the elder got out the checker board and set the pieces. The bear shuffled the cards and dealt out poker hands. Each was busy and did not notice what the other was doing until the good elder moved one of his pieces—he always liked to have the first move. Then each looked at the other mightily amazed.

"You may think we need the cards for counters," snarled the elder, sort of impatiently; "but we don't. We'll only play two or three games, and of course I'll take them all."

"I see the one check you have bet," he seemed to be saying to himself, "but why do you scatter the rest about the board instead of stacking them up like a Christian?"

"The bear never was much of a conversationalist. He took another peep at his cards. Then he gathered up his checker pieces, slid out one by the piece the elder had put forward and stacked up ten others alongside of it. It was plain that he was seeing the elder's supposed bet and raising it ten.

"The elder looked at this strange proceeding in amazement. Then he noticed the five cards the bear was holding and the way the checker-men were stacked up. His look changed to one of holy horror.

"Wicked, depraved bear!" he thundered. "Is this the way you put in your time while I was away? Learning games of chance, after my careful efforts to keep you from gambling! It's penitence and a short chain, and hard bumps that will be coming to you until you appreciate that the way of the transgressor is hard, and that it is the duty of every good bear to stick to the game at which his master can win."

"At this the elder grabbed a big stick and began pounding the bear. At first the bear seemed hurt, men-



"Leave My House Forever!"

tally as well as physically. He had been mighty proud of his poker playing ability, and now to be pounded for it! But the elder kept on showering hard words and harder blows. At last the poor bear gave a sort of sullen growl and rushed out of the doorway, but even then he turned back in a doubtful way, as if he hated to leave his old master.

"Leave my house forever," shouted the elder, who had evidently been to the theater while in the city. "Never darken my door until you have forgotten all you know about poker; and can bring forth fruits worthy of repentance in the checker playing line."

"The outcast bear looked down the village street. He could see the lights of Hal Jenkins' tavern. There he would not be beaten and abused. There his talents as a poker player would be praised and appreciated. He looked back once more at the house. The elder continued his abuse. The once good bear gave a little bear sigh. Then he shambled off towards the tavern, no longer the pet of a pillar of the church, but a poker playing, gambling bear, the last addition to the ursine Tenderloin."

Money and a Title.

The wedding of Miss Gladys Moore Vanderbilt, daughter of Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, to Count Laszlo Szechenyi, member of the Hungarian nobility, lieutenant of Hussars and hereditary member of the Austro-Hungarian parliament, took place at the New York home of the bride's mother shortly after noon Monday. The ceremony was performed in the presence of about 350 guests in the salon on the Fifth avenue side of the Vanderbilt residence. At one end of the long room an altar was placed under a bower of bending palm trees, the tops of which came together, forming an arch under which the bridal party proceeded to the altar. About the trucks of the palms were twined thousands of orchids.

The new Countess Szechenyi was born in Newport, R. I., 21 years ago, the youngest of the six children born to Cornelius and Alice Gwynne Vanderbilt. Her father, the grandson of Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt, died in 1889, leaving her a fortune estimated at \$12,000,000. She has three brothers and one sister, the former being Cornelius Alfred Gwynne and Reginald C. Vanderbilt, and the latter Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney.

Cannot Use Oleo.

How a clever bit of legislation stilled a saving of \$40,000 a year has just been disclosed. Back in 1891 a law was enacted which prohibits the use of oleomargarine or butterine in any state institution. It makes it a misdemeanor for the manager or superintendent to use the manufactured product instead of the home-made.

Last week the boards of control of the several state asylums were in session at Kalamazoo discussing ways to economize and they finally decided to use butterine. This law, however, will prevent the saving they propose.

Would Lose an Island.

An ill-considered amendment to the boundary line article was made in committee of the whole of the constitutional convention by changing the language so as to specify the St. Marys river. Following the St. Marys river leaves outside our boundaries Drummond's island, though Michigan's by treaty with Great Britain. Not to include it in the language of the existing constitution is to relinquish jurisdiction over it.

Darragh to Retire.

Congressman A. B. Darragh announced Monday that he will not be a candidate to succeed himself. He says his decision is irrevocable. Coincidentally with this came announcement from Alward, secretary of the state central committee, saying that he will be a candidate for nomination to succeed Darragh. Probably George Covell, now district attorney, Mt. Pleasant, will also be in the race.

THE MARKETS.

Detroit—Cattle.—Extra dry-fed steers and heifers, \$3; steers and heifers, 1,000 to 1,200 lbs., \$4.25@4.65; steers and heifers, 800 to 1,000 lbs., \$3.75@4.15; steers and heifers that are fat, 600 to 700 lbs., \$3.50@3.90; choice fat cows, \$3.50@4.25; good fat cows, \$2.75@3.25; common cows, \$2.25@2.85; canners, \$1.50@2.25; choice heavy bulls, \$3.75@4.25; fair to good holozaens, \$3.50@4.50; stock bulls, \$2.50@3.25; choice feeding steers, 800 to 1,000 lbs., \$3.50@4.15; fair feeding steers, 800 to 1,000 lbs., \$3.25@3.75; choice stockers, 500 to 700 lbs., \$2.75@3.25; stock heifers, \$2.50@3.25; milkers, large, young, medium age, \$1.00@1.50; common milkers, \$1.25@1.50.

Veal calves.—Market, good grades 25c and common 50c lower; quality poor; best, \$7@7.50; others, \$2@3.50.

Milk cows and springers.—Steady.

Sheep and lambs.—Market, lambs 50c lower; medium, \$2.50@3.00; best, \$3.50; fair to good lambs, \$6.30@6.75; light to common lambs, \$5@5.50; fair to good butler sheep, \$4@5; culls and common, \$2@3.

Hogs.—Market, 30c lower. Range of prices: Light to good butchers, \$4@4.10; pigs, \$4; light yorkers, \$4@4.10; roughs, \$3.75; stags, 1-3 off.

East Buffalo—Cattle.—Market, 15c 25c lower; export steers, \$4.60@5.25; best shipping steers, \$4.60@5.25; best 1,000 to 1,100-lb., \$4.60@4.90; best fat cows, \$3.50@4.15; fair to good, \$2.75@3.25; trimmers, \$2@2.25; best heifers, \$4@4.50; medium, \$3.25@3.50; common, \$2.50@3; best feeders, \$4@4.25; best stockers, \$3.25@3.50; export bulls, \$2.75@4.15; holozaen bulls, \$3.25@3.50; stock bulls, \$2.50@3; fresh cows, steady; best, \$4.45; medium, \$2.30@3; common, \$2@2.25.

logs.—Market steady; medium and heavy, \$4.50@4.55; yorkers, \$1.55@1.60; pines, \$1.60; closed steady.

Sheep.—Market active; best native lambs, \$7.60@7.65; culls, \$6@6.75; best western lambs, \$7@7.40; yearlings, \$6@6.50; wethers, \$5.50@6; cows, \$4.50@5.25; closed steady. Calves steady; best, \$9@9.50; medium to good, \$6@8.50; heavy, \$1@4.50.

Grain, Etc.

Detroit—Wheat.—Cash No. 2 red, \$1.00 1/2; May opened at \$1.01 1/2, a break of 3/4c, declined 1/2c more, advanced to \$1.04 1/2, declined to \$1.04 and closed at \$1.04 1/2; July opened at 96c, declined 1/2c, advanced again to 96c, declined to 95 1/2c and closed at 95 1/2c; No. 3 red, 97 1/2c; sample, 1 car at 96c, 1 car at \$1.00 1/2; No. 1 white, \$1.05 1/2.

Corn.—Cash No. 3, 58c; No. 4 yellow, 1 car at 59 1/2c; sample, 1 car at 59c, 1 car at 55 1/2c.

Oats.—Cash No. 3 white, 1 car at 54c; May, 55c.

Rye.—Cash No. 2, 82c nominal.

Beans.—Cash, February and May, \$2 bid.

Chickens.—Prime spot, 50 bags at \$10.45; March, \$10.55; sample, 25 bags at \$10.10 at \$9.25, 15 at \$9.75, 12 at \$9.50, 7 at \$9.25, 13 at \$8.50; prime alskie, \$9.75; sample alskie, 12 bags at \$9.50 at \$8.50.

Timothy seed.—Prime spot, 40 bags at \$2.10.

AMUSEMENTS IN DETROIT

Week Ending February 1, 1908.

TEMPLE THEATRE and WOODLAND.—Afternoons 2:15, 10c to 5c. Evenings 8:15, 10c to 50c. "The Planophians."

WHITNEY OPERA HOUSE.—Matinees daily except Wednesday, 10c, 20c, 30c. The Banker, The Thief and The Girl.

LUXURY THEATRE.—Every Night, Mats. Sun., Wed., Sat., 10c, 20c, 50c. Nat Willis in "A Lucky Dog."

LAFAYETTE.—Matinees Sun., Tues., Thurs and Sat. Prices 20c, 30c, 50c and 75c. All Matinees except Sunday 25c. Captain Swift.

About 100 Bay City and Saginaw fishermen organized an association to fight the law prohibiting fishing in the river and its tributaries. They say they have about \$300,000 invested in equipment which would be useless in lake fishing.

The election of Dr. J. M. Mowry, of Bronson, as secretary of the state board of charities and corrections is held illegal by Gov. Warner and Attorney General Bird, because his resignation as a member was not first accepted. Gov. Warner has called another meeting and someone else probably will be appointed.

THE LOWELL LEDGER

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M A R K S R U B E N

From Our Point of View

The pastor of Plymouth Congregational church, Chicago, insists that dancing is a proper amusement for Christians, under right conditions; and further that the ban on amusements has been detrimental to the church. In other words, it is not dancing that is evil, but late hours, bad company and evil associations. There are few people, probably, who would contend that the mere act of keeping step to music is sinful. To do so would be to argue against a lively tendency to rhythm in the nature of all music lovers. Given the select gathering, reasonable hours and wholesome surroundings, dancing is an innocent enough amusement for those who feel it right to participate. It must be acknowledged, however, that few parties are given under ideal conditions; and further that those who chase from one party to another and make dancing the chief aim in life, furnish the greatest argument against the pastime.

The American Economist says that the number of unemployed men and women in the United States is larger and the bread lines in the large cities longer than at any time in the past eleven years; and then inquires: "Is this the time for tariff revision downwards?" Well, it certainly looks as if revising it upwards wouldn't help any. This condition has come about under the highest tariff in our history; and we believe that the majority of the American people today are ready to follow Roosevelt, Taft, Bryan or Tom Johnson in demanding a lower rate of tariff taxation. Our infant industries have grown to be grasping in monopolies and trusts, and ought to be separated from the public purse and made to stand on their own feet.

That Scotchman who recently returned to London from a visit to New York and then reported as a matter worthy of comment that the people of that city feel they are the equals of any in the world, should have extended his inventions. Greatly to his astonishment, doubtless, he would find the same state of mind in the interior cities, in the villages, in the rural districts, in the lumber woods and in the mountains of the west. Everywhere "An honest man is the noblest work of God," and the equal of any on earth, not excepting the bonny Scott who made such a remarkable discovery in the American metropolis.

WE HAVE received from J. Knox Hall of Toulon, Ill., his "Last appeal" for us to purchase his ready-made "locals, editorials, obituaries, etc.," and claiming the patronage of 4,870 editors. After the writing of this paragraph the "Last appeal" will follow its predecessors into the waste basket. When we get down to canned editorials and spurious local matter, we will pass up newspaper work and take up a more profitable fraud. Are there over four thousand "editors" in this country thus selling their God-given opportunity for usefulness? We refuse to believe it.

The man who debated with Dr. Crapsey the proposition that Christ was a historical personage, taking the negative, if he is sincere in his

position, must be a master hand at ignoring evidence. Are the world's countless Christian churches monuments to a myth? Are their millions of adherents followers of a myth? Has a myth revolutionized the world? The proposition is not debatable; and the belief is gaining ground that Dr. Crapsey made a mistake in recognizing it as such.

The circulation of THE LEDGER should produce an average weekly revenue of \$25 on subscription. The promptness or slowness of individual subscribers in renewing means all the difference between prosperity and hard times in the printing office. If you, reader, are one of the slow ones get square with the world. Don't everlastingly trail in the rear.

The opinion expressed at the banquet by several speakers that the Board of Trade and its several committees should have more frequent meetings is wise. Quarterly meetings of the Board and still more frequent meetings of the committees is essential to maintaining interest and good work. Let it not be forgotten or neglected.

The addition of thirty new members to the Lowell Board of Trade augurs well and argues well for the future of that institution. There are still a few on the outside who ought to be in, for their own good and the good of the town. We hope they will soon move to make it unanimous and unite in the effort for a greater and better Lowell.

"It is a long lane that has no turning," and because Lowell has been fortunately free from drowning accidents in the past is no warrant for tempting fate in the future. THE LEDGER rejoices in the escape of its little friend Althen Simpson; and hopes that his close call will be a valuable lesson to his venture-some fellows.

Those who have not already fixed up their subscriptions to accord with the new postal laws, will please read the article on the supplement headed "Subscribers, Please Take Notice," and act accordingly. Remember, Uncle Sam is a bigger man than we are, and we shall have to abide by his commands.

The "nobility" of Europe must have a high opinion of the American people to see the Vanderbilt mansion surrounded by a bowling mob on account of the purchase of a foreign title for a daughter of the millionaire. Such weddings usually mean: "He's got a fool for a wife and she's got a fool for a man."

JACK LONDON has "turned up" safe and sound; and is doubtless shaking hands with himself over the good advertising he got out of the report of the Snark's party being lost at sea. Jack will have plenty of time for "nature faking" before he goes under for sure.

"MAN'S inhumanity to man," is a trifle compared to woman's inhumanity to birds, in the matter of personal adornment. One of New York's Four Hundred is said to have a cloak made from the skins of thousands of humming birds. Barbarous!

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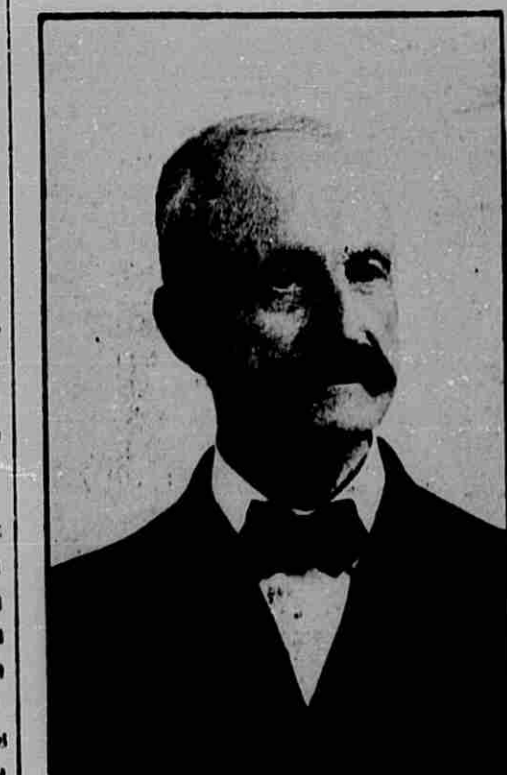
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January 1, 1881, began a partnership between Mr. Howk and Hon. Milton B. Hine, which was closed August 15 of the same year by the death of Mr. Hine. January 1, 1882, Mr. Howk took another partner in Robert G. Bostwick, which relationship continued until September 15, 1889, when death again deprived Mr. Howk of a partner.



THE LATE ANDREW J. HOWK.

Jan. 1, 1890, the firm of A. J. Howk & Son was formed and continued until November 23, 1905, when the senior partner answered the last roll call; and the business has been continued to the present time by Will F. Howk, who in recognition of the sterling worth of "The Old Reliable," still retains the style of A. J. Howk & Son; and boasts at least four customers who began buying of Hunt & Howk, forty-two years ago, and are patrons of the old house yet.

Clover Leaf Club.

The Clover Leaf club met at the home of Mrs. Fannie Lawrence Tuesday Jan. 21, nearly all responding at roll call with "A Favorite Thought."

Mrs. F. Coons and Miss Mary Whitney played a duet "The Flash of Lightning" by C. D. Blake, responding to an encore.

Mrs. Helen Lee gave a paper on "The Peculiar Beauties of the Arctic Regions." She read in part of the many beauties of the frozen north, its magnificent mountains, valleys, wild ravines, clear and picturesque

lakes, countless cascades and rapids filling the air with the music of their fall, rivers and streams which in their hurried course from the heights above to the chasm below plunge in grand waterfalls so beautiful, white and chaste that the beholder never tires of looking at them. She told of the midnight sun of the Aurora Borealis gave a description of "The Dances of the Elf Dams" etc.

Next followed a recitation Katharine Mason, "Three Chapters in a Boy's Life," which was humorous and pleasing.

Mrs. Ella Nicholson read a chapter from "Blessed be Drudgery" by W. E. Gannett. She read in part as follows: For drudgery is the doing of one thing, one thing, long after it ceases to be amusing; and it is this "one thing I do" that gathers me together from my chaos, that concentrates me from possibilities to powers, and turns powers into achievements. "One thing I do" said Paul, and, apart from what his one thing was, in that phrase he gave the watch word of salvation. That whole long string of habits,—attention, method, patience self-control and others,—can be rolled up and balled, as it were in the word "concentration." We will halt a minute at the word,—

"I give you the end of a golden string
Only wind it into a ball,
It will lead you in at Heaven's gate
Bull in Jerusalem's wall."
Blessed be drudgery, the one thing we cannot spare.

We adjourned to meet Feb. 4 with Miss Katherine Mason.
Corresponding Secretary.
Instead of the program as announced for Feb. 4 a Longfellow day has been arranged.

LETTER FROM COLORADO

Former Lowellite Writes from the Western Country.

Glenwood Springs, Colo., Jan. 18, 1908.

Mr. F. M. Johnson, Lowell Mich.,

Dear Sir: Your letter of the 11th, was received yesterday Jan. 18, and will reply at once. You will find enclosed an order for two dollars and twenty-five cents (2.25) and will send you a dollar in February to pay for the coming year. Will you kindly send the Ledger to this address hereafter? We have been here since the first of July and like it very much. We are in a beautiful country, as you will see by the little booklet I am sending you. We have some snow, also sleighing, but have none of the Michigan blizzards, in fact we do not know what a good hard wind storm means. We are in a valley and completely surrounded by the mountains. It is a beautiful summer resort and we have a great many tourists during the summer. The winters are very quiet until the first of May, then all the hotels and rooming houses open up.

We have all been very well since coming here. The climate is very dry and we do not have damp evenings and the heavy dews. We have the beautiful sunshine almost every day. Some nights are very cold but as a usual thing it is warm during the day.

I will close now and mail this so it will go out this evening. We all send regards to you all and any inquiring friends. Yours sincerely,
Mrs. L. H. Taft.

Heard About Town.

John Rhodes of Ionla was in town the first of the week.

There will be a masquerade dance at the opera house Feb. 21.

Mrs. A. C. Stone was in Grand Rapids yesterday accompanied by her sister Mrs. Hoover.

John A. Little son of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. A. Scott is recovering from a few days' illness with pneumonia.

W. W. Pullen returned Monday night from a three weeks' trip to Naravisa New Mex., Oklahoma and Texline, Tex.

Mrs. Chas. Burr and Mrs. George Hauer will entertain the Methodist Ladies' Aid society at a coffee at the home of Mrs. Hauer Friday afternoon.

John Woodcock of Sanborn, North Dakota, is here assisting in settling up the estate of his father. His mother will go with him to spend the coming summer with her four children in Barnes county, N. D.

The H. J. Heins Pickle company is making contracts with Lowell farmers for cucumber acreage for 1908 at a considerable advance in price over that paid last year: 75c per bu. for small ones and 30c for large. In view of a possible slump in other prices, this looks like a good thing.

A clothespin social was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Chambers by the Baptists Tuesday evening. The feature of the evening was the dressing of clothespins with red and white crepe paper. First prize was awarded to Miss Cora Gramer, and second to Master Floyd Wayson. There were about forty-two present. Coffee and fried cakes, ice cream, candy and popcorn were sold.

This Clearing of Odds and Ends

Comes twice a year and short lengths, broken sizes and small quantities lose half their retailing value. Hundreds of shrewd shoppers wait for those half yearly clearings and do not wait in vain. Why not look in at the store Saturday? It might mean ten or even ten dollars saved. And now to the proposition itself, our

Special Sale on Separate Skirts

- 5.00 fine wove skirts, clearance sale price..... 2.98
- 6.00 fine wove Panama skirts, clearance sale price... 3.98
- 5.00 and 6.00 in grey mixtures clearance sale price... 3.75
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- 18c flannelette for dressing saques... .. 11c
- 12c flannelette for dressing saques... .. 9c
- 10c flannelette for dressing saques... .. 8c

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We mean it every word. The stock has been carefully gone through, every article of Fur in the stock has been reduced in price, you can save some money on furs. Deep cut in fur coats, we have some fine ones.

Closing out the Cloaks and Jackets

If you have been waiting for this chance it will mean at least a few dollars saved. We have some beauties left, we make the price so it will suit.

Cloaks for the Children

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Supplement to

THE LOWELL LEDGER

LOWELL, MICH., JANUARY 30, 1908.

Lowell Public Schools.

School Notes Furnished by Superintendent E. J. Martin.

The second half of the school year began last Monday. Opportunity affords us a chance to say that the first half of the year has passed away with nothing but the most pleasant relations between pupils and teachers; with sympathetic kindness and willingness manifested in each day's work, and with a desire on the part of the students to do what is right. Scarcely the suggestion of a criticism more than the mere explanation of what was desired has been offered by the superintendent during that time. This has been especially marked in connection with the high school work. We do not assume, by any means, the entire credit. Helpful assistants who are possessed with good judgment and discretion, together with right home influences back of the pupils, all conspire to work for good. We maintain that it is a part of our duty and a necessary element in our education, that we drill ourselves to an evenness of temper that makes for harmony with our surroundings. It is necessary that young people be guided in that direction not only at home but at school. The strength of one's mind, the ability to have a sane opinion and to exercise one's own judgment on matters of importance are always to be encouraged and reasonably strengthened; but the eccentric, violent, passionate, ungovernable features of an individual's make-up should be smoothed and tempered to the evenness of thought and habit that strengthen reason, good judgment, and do not undermine the actual health of the individual. Of course, no one maintains that the teaching of books is all of school, nor that the sphere of the teacher is by any means confined to the classroom.

A couple of years ago the educational world lost, in the death of Dr. Daniel Putnam of Ypsilanti, one of the best living examples of what a teacher ought to be; but, while his benign influences have seemingly been removed, yet the spirit, the character, the life of the great teacher are daily being lived over in the lives of thousands of students who had the good fortune to know the sweetness, the evenness of his life. It is no wonder he has come to be known as "The Grand Old Man." Other characters are equally beautiful in other lines of work, in the home, in the store, in the factory, in various walks of life; but, most of all, are they looked for and expected in the educational sphere. All institutions have their noble characters whom but to know is an education of more than passing worth. Of what good is an education? Tell us first for what it is not good and we then can answer the rest. The parents and pupils sometimes look at the commercial value of an education in dollars and cents, and wonder how much the knowledge of Latin and geometry will enter into the earning of a living. It is largely the enriched life, the coming into contact with noble characters that make an education worth while. Shall we, then, encourage our boys and girls to attend school for that alone? The results never come singly, but are always associated with other blessings such as a broader outlook, a clearer vision, a larger horizon and a better poise of one's self in life. What does that mean to the central figure in the home, the mother? What should it mean when inquiring upturned faces are seeking from her the answer to a thousand questions? The length of these notes already precludes the saying of anything further, more than a restatement of our duty as teachers and parents,

namely this, that we so prepare and direct our young people that they may grow up into good, well balanced, evenly tempered individuals upon whom the experiences of our race, the temper, the strength, the courage, the mental equipment necessary for them to seize and to make the most of their opportunities shall have been a large part of their education; enabling them to make the most out of life and, in return, to give to the world the best of which they are capable.

Supt. Downs of Lake Odessa spent Friday of last week in our schools.

A recent visit to the south ward found the entire enrollment present, and work going along very nicely. While at the school we were much pleased to hear the fourth grade recite from memory that beautiful poem by Longfellow, "The Day is Done." They not only were able to recite it, but could understand and explain it and describe the mental picture formed by the thought of the different passages.

The teachers recently enjoyed one of those delicious banquets which have occasionally spiced the first half of the year, it being under the management of the east ward teachers.

A Mothers' meeting under the auspices of the Clover Leaf Club for Friday Feb. 7, to be held at the central school building at 4 p. m.

During the first part of this week pupils were given their report cards showing the monthly standings, also the final marks in the various branches for the first half of the year.

Did you get a statement of subscription? Well, your only one of 150 others who received one. There's another batch to go yet; if you hurry perhaps you can save us postage and the trouble of notifying you. Remember, advance paying subscribers get one of our fine door plates. Hustle!

Churches and Societies

BAPTIST.

Rev. E. S. Schumaker of Detroit will preach Sunday morning and evening. Everyone invited. Sunday school at noon. Prayer meeting Thursday evening. Church Clerk.

CONGREGATIONAL.

"The Value of Being Definite" will be the subject of next Sunday morning's sermon at the Congregational church. "The Cities of Refuge, or the Great Tribunal Centers of Palestine Where Justice was Meted Out"—this will be the subject of the evening sermon. In connection with our evening service we are using a new hymn book, Revival Hymns. This book was used by Toney and Alexander in their evangelistic tour around the world. The new movement bible class meets at noon at the close of the morning service, subject: "Is Jesus an authority as to man's need and future destiny?"

Wednesday night, popular bible class. "What conditions will exist on earth during the millennium? The millennium is man's final test. Distinguish the ages and the scriptures will harmonize and the Jew, Gentile and Christian position will be understood." Come and hear about this important time.

METHODIST.

Sunday Feb. 2, 10:30 a. m., public worship, and sermon, subject, "Is There Any Value in a Public Profession of Religion?" At 11:30 a. m. celebration of the Holy Communion.

At 12 noon, Sunday school, 7 p. m., monthly choral service. Next Monday evening the pastor will begin the lectures for probationers, and the lectures will then continue every alternate Monday evening until the class is received Easter Sunday. All are invited to hear the lecture by Dr. Don Nichols of China next Friday evening. Dr. Nichols is in this country on a furlough, and is a very interesting speaker. On account of the large number of communicants, the pastor will be assisted at the Holy Communion next Sunday by Rev. F. W. Magdanz of the German Methodist church. Next Monday will be communion day for the sick and the infirm. If it will be convenient to have the pastor call on this mission, you are requested to telephone.

KEENE M. E. Church.

Bible school at 1:30 Sunday afternoon. Church service at 2:30, sermon by Rev. G. K. Fairbanks on the subject "True Christian Manhood."

At the Methodist church in Keene next Wednesday evening, Feb. 5, a concert will be given under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid society by Prof. P. A. TenHaaf of Grand Rapids, and the Lowell Methodist choir. A fine program is being prepared. Prof. TenHaaf is one of the best soloists in Grand Rapids, and the Lowell choir is under his training, so that a fine evening can be expected. The admission is 15c for adults, and 10c for children. The concert will begin at 7:30 standard time.

Vergennes Bailey Church.

Services next Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Sermon by the pastor, subject, "Devils in Society." Let there be next Sunday a general attendance from the entire community.

SOCIETIES.

All former members of Island City Rebekah Lodge, members of other lodges, candidates for initiation and those wishing to become members are requested to meet at Odd Fellow hall Tuesday evening Feb. 4 at 7 o'clock for degree work.

L. L. C. will meet with Mrs. Towley Wednesday Feb. 5.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM DROWNING.

Althen Simpson, the bright little son of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Simpson, narrowly escaped drowning in Flat river Saturday morning about eleven o'clock. He was playing on the ice in the main channel just above Main street when suddenly having ventured too far out in a place where the ice was thin, he went down. He struggled bravely in the cold water, paddling with his hands and clutching at ice around him which broke repeatedly with his weight. After several minutes which seemed long to the boy, who was becoming exhausted, his cries were heard on the street, planks and ropes were brought and Althen was rescued when about to give up, by the efforts of Harvey Godfrey, Thos. Shiele and Harold Weekes who were among the first to discover him.

COMMITTEES ON CONVENTION.

Kent County Sunday School Association will meet at Lowell March 3 and 4, the date having been changed from Feb. 25 and 26 as announced before. The following committees have charge of the convention: Chairman of general committee, Rev. R. H. Bready; reception committee, the pastors; chairman of entertainment committee, F. N. White; chairman of music committee, Earl Hunter; chairman of committee on churches, Roy Chambers; chairman of committee on decoration, Miss Myrtle Taylor; organist, Miss Lenna Yelter; press committee, Rev. W. D. Ogg. E. K. Mohr is county secretary and treasurer of the Sunday school association.

Heard About Town.

One lot ladies' shoes \$1.23 at Smith's.

Ligouri McGee goes to Cadillac this week to work in the lumber district. Mrs. McGee will remain here at present.

One lot men's rubbers 5c at Smith's.

West Lowell Ladies' Aid of the Church of Christ will meet with Mrs. Nathan Blair Feb. 6.

One lot children's shoes 87c at Smith's.

Mrs. Margaret Brockway of Lockport, N. Y., is visiting at the home of O. M. Coats.

Men's \$4.00 Walk Over shoes \$3.48 at Smith's.

J. N. Hubbel and family went to Ionia Tuesday to attend the wedding of their son and brother Homer Hubbel to Miss Anna Sparks, at 415 East Main street.

L. O. T. M. M. installed their officers for the ensuing year Wednesday evening.

Rev. A. P. Moors is ill at his home in Grand Rapids and Mrs. M. J. Painter is spending a few days there with his daughter's.

LOWELL WEEKLY MARKET REPORT.

Corrected Jan. 29, 1908.

Wheat 60 lb.....	\$ 38
Middlings per ton.....	28 00
Corn Meal per ton.....	26 00
Oats.....	48
Corn.....	60
Rye.....	78
Buckwheat.....	65
Corn and oats per ton.....	\$28 00
Bran per ton.....	28 00
Flour.....	3 00
Buckwheat flour.....	3 00
Baled hay.....	13 00
Eggs.....	18
Butter lb.....	20-22
Lard.....	10
Beans (hand-picked basis).....	1 85
Potatoes.....	50
Timothy.....	2 00-2 50
Milk cwt.....	1 20
Beef live per cwt.....	3 00-3 75
Beef dressed.....	5 50-7 00
Veal dressed.....	8 00
Sheep live.....	3 00-4 00
Lambs live.....	6 00-
Calves live.....	6 00-6 60
Pork live.....	4 00
Pork dressed.....	5 50-6 00
Fowls dressed.....	10
Hides.....	4 5

You Read the Other Fellow's Ad

You are reading this one. That should convince you that advertising in these columns is a profitable proposition; that it will bring business to your store. The fact that the other fellow advertises is probably the reason he is getting more business than is falling to you. Would it not be well to give the other fellow a chance

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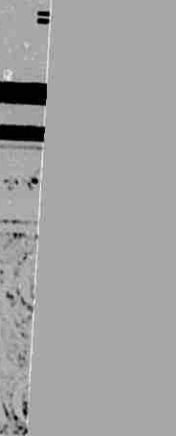
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OUR COUNTRY COUSINS

Lowell Center.
Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Stowe visited Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Onan recently. Daniel S. Stowe and bride visited the former's parents here last week while returning from their wedding trip to Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati, O.
Harry Tomlinson is on the sick list.
Mrs. Clara Tillyer and daughter Lottie visited at the home of Alex. Ogilvie last Wednesday.
Luther McConnell is still very feeble.

It Does The Business.
Mr. E. E. Chamberlain, of Clinton, Maine, says of Bucklen's Arnica Salve: "It does the business; I have used it for piles and it cured them. Used it for chapped hands and it cured them. Applied it to an old sore and it healed it without leaving a scar behind." 25c. at D. G. Look's drug store.

EAST PARIS—WEST CASCADE.
Mr. and Mrs. Harper have purchased a home on the Robinson Road, Grand Rapids, where they will reside in the future.
Mrs. Miner Davis is somewhat better but still very ill. Miss Fern Owen is caring for her.
Mrs. Wells is more comfortable.
Mrs. Lilly Spaulding and daughter Floy visited at the home of Miner Davis Wednesday.
Mrs. Clarinda Shuman who has been visiting friends here has returned to her home near Portland.
S. Klostra is somewhat better.
Mark Davis visited his cousin Mrs. Sarah Larraway last Tuesday and found her alighty improved under fresh air treatment. Her many friends hope for her recovery.
Clyde Larraway has been ill with grip.

A Cure for Misyery.
"I have found a cure for the misery malaria poison produces," says E. M. James, of Louellen, S. C. "It's called Electric Bitters, and comes in 50 cent bottles. It breaks up a case of chills or a bilious attack in almost no time; and it puts yellow jaundice clean out of commission." This great tonic medicine and blood purifier gives quick relief in all stomach, kidney, and liver complaints and the misery of lambe back. Sold under guarantee at D. G. Look's drug store.

MORSE LAKE.
There was not a large attendance at church Sunday on account of the storm.
John Gibbs left Monday for Portland, Ore.
Mrs. Walter Blakeslee and daughter Letha spent Monday afternoon

Exceptional Values in Ladies Knit Underwear and Hosiery

<p>Ladies' Fleece lined Pants and vests, cream color. Regular 25c qualities 19cts.</p>	<p>Ladies' Fleece lined Pants and Vests, cream or gray color, extra heavy weight, nicely finished. Reg. 50c quality 39cts.</p>	<p>Ladies' all wool Scarlet Pants and Vests, Medicated Flannel extra heavy weight \$1 and \$1.25 values 79cts.</p>	<p>Ladies' Fleece lined Union Suits, cream or gray colors, high neck, long sleeves, ankle length, an excellent garment 39cts.</p>	<p>Ladies' heavy weight silk fleeced hose Black. Regular 25c quality 19c Ladies' plain black fleeced hose plain or ribbed top. Regular 15c value 12c</p>	<p>Ladies' black Cashmere hose. Double sole. Regular 25c quality 19c Ladies' plain black fleeced hose an extra value 10c</p>
<p>Tapestry Table Spreads Sizes 6-4 and 8-4. \$2.50 values \$1.98. \$1 values 69cts.</p>	<p>Children's Bear Skin Coats Sizes 2-3-4-6. Regular \$3.50 value \$2.25</p>	<p>Shawls We have a few heavy weight shawls. Some are flat weave and single, others are all worsted and double. Regular \$5.75 values \$3.75</p>	<p>Infants' Cashmere Hose all wool, pink, blue, scarlet, plain and striped. 25c values 16c. 15c values 10cts.</p>		

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Alex Ogilvie who has been a victim of grip for the past week is able to be around again.
Miss Hazel Menzies has gone to Lake City, Missaukee county, to keep house for her father Jas. Menzies.
Mrs. Will Klahn and two children spent one day last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Hill in South Lowell.

Visitors at the Morse Lake school last week were Earl Pinckney of Keene, Mary Menzies of Lowell and Esther Clark and Letha Blakeslee.
Miss Mary Menzies of Lowell spent last week at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Duell.
John Hartley Sr. Celebrates His Birthday.
A party was given as a surprise for Jno. Hartley Sr. whose 79th birthday occurred Friday, Jan. 24. It was given in honor of Company M. but as some were detained at home on account of sickness only one other member was present.
Those who attended the party besides the family were Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Winks and daughter Barbara and Mrs. Isaac Brannan. The day was spent with war stories and phonograph music. At 1:30 all sat down to a well spread table where each endeavored to do his part. The birthday cake was made by Mrs. Chas. Winks and was not only beautiful to the eye but was delicious to the taste.
At 4 p. m. the guests started for their homes wishing Mr. Hartley many more happy birthdays.
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Heard About Town.
Mrs. Will Burdick was in Grand Rapids Friday.
Miss Ruby Ernst returns to South Bend, Ind., tomorrow.
Mrs. J. C. Andrews is visiting relatives in Grand Rapids.
Miss Della Dutcher of Grand Rapids, formerly a Lowell resident, was in town this week.
Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Grinnell of Benton Harbor spent Sunday with their aunt Mrs. Nellie Beadle.
The members of the East Side Euchre club with their husbands were entertained at the home of Dr. and Mrs. McDannell Monday evening.
Messrs. David McWhinney of Caledonia and Nicholson N. Duins of Grand Rapids and Miss Beattie Curtiss of Morse Lake were guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. V. Warner last week.
H. Nash has rented a building at Smyrna and will start an agricultural implement store there, running it as an auxiliary of his Lowell store. He will open for business there about March 1. The people of that neighborhood who have dealt with Mr. Nash for forty years are well pleased to meet him at close range.

S. Baird is suffering from the effects of a slight paralytic stroke which came upon him Monday. Though he is more than eighty years old it is hoped that he will recover.
Messrs. A. F. and Henry Jay attended the funeral of their father Peter Jay at Entrican Sunday, his death having occurred last Thursday. Deceased was a resident of Lowell from 1883 until about ten years ago and was 86 years old in November. He was a native of New York.
A mothers' meeting, under the auspices of the Clover Leaf club, will be held in the Central school building Friday, Feb. 7, at 4 p. m. sharp. This meeting is open to the public and all interested in the welfare of children are invited to be present. Program will appear in next week's issue of this paper.—[Com.]
Edward Amherst Ott delivered an instructive and entertaining lecture at the opera house last Wednesday evening. Taking as his subject "Sour grapes," he ably discussed many important questions concerning heredity, environment and right and wrong. He is deeply interested in the betterment of this country and of humanity, and his lecture left a good and lasting impression on his hearers.

"I'm Her Joe"

and "she's my sweetheart," if she says so. If that young, handsome girl with \$10,000 will meet me at **The City Bakery** for one of those fine 25 cent dinners, afterward we'll see Parson Bready about it. If he says we can live on Renton's baked goods, I'll be **Johnny on the Spot.**

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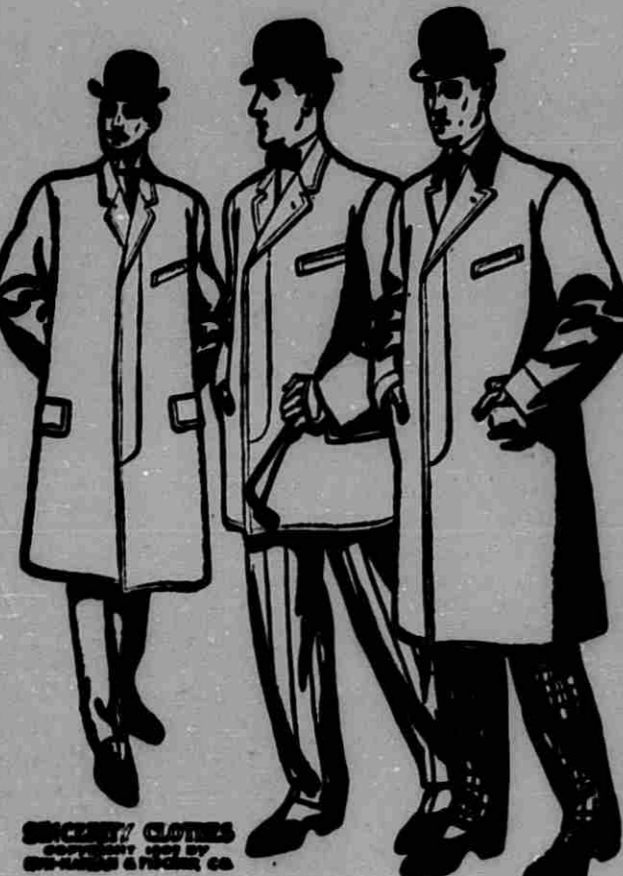
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A pretty tho' very quiet wedding took place at "Coty Nook" last Wednesday afternoon, when Miss Pearl Lewis, and Ray Cornell of Cascade, were united in marriage by Rev. J. H. Bennett. The bride's cousin, Mrs. Ida Court, gowned in pearl gray, acted as maid of honor. The bride was tastefully gowned in golden brown silk. D. Court, groomsmen, and Mr. Cornell wore the conventional black. Immediately after luncheon the bridal couple left for a short wedding trip. Their many friends extend congratulations and best wishes.
Adam B. Fox made a business trip to Kalamazoo last week.
Miss Mary Bennett has sufficiently recovered from her recent illness to be able to resume her duties as teacher in the River school, District Number 2.
The special revival services which have been held in the Baptist church for the past four weeks closed Sunday evening. A deep interest has been manifest during the meetings and between 15 and 20 converts are reported. Rev. W. E. Swift of Kala-

Rank Foolishness.
"When attacked by a cough or a cold, or when your throat is sore, it is rank foolishness to take any other medicine than Dr. King's New Discovery," says C. O. Eldridge of Empire, Ga. "I have used New Discovery seven years and I know it is the best remedy on earth for coughs and colds, croup, and all throat and lung troubles. My children are subject to croup, but New Discovery quickly cures every attack." Known the world over as the King of throat and lung remedies. Sold under guarantee at D. G. Look's drug store 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

Messrs. Chas. and Will McCarty, Mrs. Clair Aitken, Mrs. M. N. Henry and daughter Alice and Charlie McCarty Jr. have been spending a few days with Paul in Detroit where he is playing with the "Piano Friends" this week.

If You Are Ready



For an Overcoat—Your Coat is Ready for You—Real Values Every One
It is getting rather late in the season (although we will probably have lots of overcoat weather yet.) But we want to reduce our stock as much as possible before taking inventory, therefore the following prices.
Any \$25.00 Overcoat for..... \$18.50
" 22.50 " " 15.00
" 18.50 " " 12.87
" 15.00 " " 11.00
" 12.50 " " 8.75
" 7.50 " " 4.90
A great many are taking advantage of the extraordinary low prices on suits (quality the best.)
Harvey J. Taylor
Successor to M. Ruben
The Sincerity Clothes Shop Lowell, Mich.

Special Shoe Sale

In order to move out the balance of winter goods, we are going to give you special low prices from **Now Until February 15th.**



- We will give you a discount of fifty cents on any pair of mens fine shoes in the store.
- Lot one—Ladies patent leather shoes, regular \$3.00 now..... \$2.35
 - Lot two—Ladies patent leather shoes, regular \$3.50 now..... \$2.45
 - Lot three—Any Ladies' flannel lined shoe now..... 1.00
 - Lot four—Any Misses' flannel lined shoe now..... .50
 - Lot five—72 pairs women's kid shoes. Regular \$2.50 now..... 1.75
 - Lot six—126 pairs women's kid shoes. Regular \$2.00 now..... 1.35
- In fact we will give a discount on every article in the store. A full line of all kinds of Rubber goods at reduced prices.



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Cleanses the System Effectually, Dispel Colds and Headaches due to Constipation; Acts naturally, acts truly as a Laxative.
Best for Men, Women and Children—Young and Old.
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WHY, INDEED?



There was a young man of Slough,
Who was singing "The Mistletoe Bough,"
When his uncle said, "Fred,
As the young lady is dead,
Why on earth make this terrible row?"

CUTICURA CURED FOUR

Southern Woman Suffered with Itching, Burning Rash—Three Little Babies Had Skin Troubles.

"My baby had a running sore on his neck and nothing that I did for it took effect until I used Cuticura. My face was nearly full of letter or some similar skin disease. It would itch and burn so that I could hardly stand it. Two cakes of Cuticura Soap and a box of Cuticura Ointment cured me. Two years after it broke out on my hands and wrist. Sometimes I would go nearly crazy for it itched so badly. I went back to my old stand-by, that had never failed me—one set of Cuticura Remedies did the work. One set also cured my uncle's baby whose head was a cake of sores, and another baby who was in the same fix. Mrs. Lillie Wilcher, 770 Eleventh St., Chattanooga, Tenn., Feb. 16, 1907."

COMPLAINTS MANY AND VARIED.

Complete Harmony Had to Obtain in Organizations.

"All clubs," said the secretary, "keep complaint books, and some of the complaints set down in them are funny. In our book yesterday a member complained that the hot water was always cold, and moreover, there never was any."

"A novelist last week had the nerve to complain that his last new novel hadn't been added to the club library."

"Young swells sometimes complain about the club wines and cigarettes and cigars in order to introduce brands that they are touting for on the sly."

"Sometimes anonymous scandal soils the complaint book's pages. Thus, last year, appeared this entry about a very popular member:

"'Maj. Hawkins is flirting with too many of our wives. By the way, he still owes that tenner—he knows to whom.'"

The Ruling Passion.

Mammy Liza has lived with the "family" long enough to acquire words and expressions, which, used at second hand, are sometimes fatal to the family gravity. Recently a member of the little circle had occasion to call for the horse and surrey from the livery stable. After waiting a long while the order was repeated, with no immediate result. Mammy, having heard the conversation, and knowing the impatience of her mistress, expressed herself thus:

"Huh! Dey's jes' no use countin' on dem livery stable folks, dey's so diliteante."

Neatly Put.

Homer Folks, the secretary of the State Charity Aid society of New York, referred in a recent address to the awkwardness that charity workers feel in making public appeals for funds.

"And few charity workers," Mr. Folks added, "can carry off that awkwardness with the neatness of the colored preacher who reminded his congregation that:

"'Bredren, Ah kain't preach hyah an' board in heb'n.'"

Important to Mothers.

Examine carefully every bottle of **CASTORIA** a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it

Bears the Signature of **Dr. J. C. Peck**
In Use For Over 30 Years.
The Kind You Have Always Bought.

It may be the uncertainty of flirting that appeals to a girl; she is never quite sure but what she really means it.

BOB BURDETTE'S BEAR STORY.

Tale Recited by President Roosevelt Around the Campfire.

They were resting around the President's campfire in the Louisiana canebrake. The dogs were asleep with the fatigue of the chase, the guides were lying around feasting their eyes upon the distinguished guest, and the president was enjoying the campfire as a sportsman can.

"Boys," he said, "did you ever hear Bob Burdette's bear story?"

"Wah Bob Burdette a b'ah huntah?" asked Guide Ennolds.

"Not exactly," the President answered. "Bob was a much braver man than a bear hunter. He trailed bear in his youth, but when he grew older he became brave enough to follow the lecture platform."

The guides didn't know this last-named beast, but they smoked their pipes in confidence of their terrers.

"Bob's bear story needs Bob to tell it," the president continued, "but he isn't here, and I'll rattle around his shoes a bit. There were two men going through a field. A large and mean-dispositioned bull waited until they had gained the middle of the field, when he set upon them, bellowing.

"The two men ran for their lives, but the bull closed up and began hooking at their coat tails. One of the fugitives made for a tree and shinned into it, while the other took refuge in a hole in the ground.

"The bull made for the man in the hole. It flashed over as he dived in. He instantly bobbed out again, the bull made for him, and he bobbed in and out as the bull shot back and forth. They kept this up for a while, and the man in the tree yelled:

"Why don't ye stay in that hole, ye dang fool?"

"The bull was dashing across the hole with mad roars, and the man was bobbing in and out desperately, but he heard the voice from the tree.

"Dang fool yourself," he retorted breathlessly. "Thar's a bear in this hole!"

One of the guides threw a log on the fire, and an owl hooted off in the timber, and there wasn't a nature farker within 500 miles.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Holland's 1,000,000 Wage Earners.

With 5,500,000 inhabitants Holland has 1,000,000 wage earners. Sickness insurance is voluntary and organized in free associations. In 1890 there were 650 associations, with 600,000 members. Premiums are \$1.44 a member; benefits are medical attendance, medicine and sickness payments.

Accident insurance is compulsory (law of 1901). Workmen and foremen in manufactories (up to \$1.68 daily wages) are insured in a state fund, mutual associations or casualty companies. In 1904 there were 84,046 insured establishments. Premiums are paid by employers according to wages and risk. The receipts of 1904 were \$888,000. The benefits are (a) disability, free treatment and daily payments up to 70 per cent. of wages; (b) permanent disability, pensions up to 70 per cent. of wages from seventh week; (c) to dependents of deceased, pensions up to 60 per cent. of wages and a death benefit of thirty times the daily wage. In case of willfulness no indemnity is paid, and in case of drunkenness only half. Six hundred and ninety-six thousand dollars were paid (1904) to 45,902 injured and 226 killed. Settlements are made in case of doubt by councils.—Prof. Henderson in *Charities and the Commons*.

Birds Teach Lazy Man a Lesson.

Go to the birds, thou sluggard, for birds can and do work far harder than human beings. A pair of house martins, when nesting, will feed their young ones in 20 seconds—that is, each bird, male and female, makes 90 journeys to and fro an hour, or about 1,000 a day. On each journey the bird has the added work of catching the insects. Even so tiny a bird as the wren has been counted to make 110 trips to and from its nest within 30 minutes; and the prey carried home consisted of larger, heavier and harder to find insects than were caught by the sparrows. Among them were 20 good-sized caterpillars, ten grasshoppers, seven spiders, 11 worms and more than one fat chrysalis.

Appreciation.

"They say Butterworth is going to erect a monument over the grave of his wife's first husband."

"An ordinary man would regard that as a waste of money, wouldn't he?"

"Perhaps, but you see he left enough life insurance to make it possible for Butterworth to get along without working for the rest of his life, and I suppose he feels that he ought in some way to publicly show his appreciation."

Progress of Science.

Fair Patient—I suffer greatly from insomnia, doctor.

Doctor—You should eat something just before retiring.

Fair Patient—But you once told me never to eat anything before going to bed.

Doctor—Oh, that was a year ago. Science has made rapid strides since then.

Courteous Girl.

"Why," asked the divorced count, "do you refuse me?"

"I am afraid," replied the beautiful American girl, "that I might not be able to support you in the style to which you have been accustomed."

SERIAL STORY

Mr. Barnes, American

By Archibald Clavering Gunter
A Sequel to
Mr. Barnes of New York

Author of "Mr. Barnes of New York," "Mr. Potter of Texas," "That Frenchman," Etc.

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SYNOPSIS.

Burton H. Barnes, a wealthy American touring Corsica, rescues the young English lieutenant, Edward Gerard Anstruther, and his Corsican bride, Marina, daughter of the Paolis, from the murderous vendetta, understanding that his reward is to be the hand of the girl he loves, Enid Anstruther, sister of the English lieutenant. The four fly from Ajaccio to Marseilles on board the French steamer *Constantine*. The vendetta pursues and as the quartet are about to board the train for London at Marseilles, Marina is handed a mysterious note which causes her to collapse and necessitates a postponement of the journey. Barnes gets part of the mysterious note and receives letters which inform him that he is marked by the vendetta. He employs an American detective and plans to beat the vendetta at their own game. For the purpose of securing the safety of the women Barnes arranges to have Lady Chartris lease a secluded villa at Nice to which the party is to be taken in a yacht. Suspicion is created that Marina is in league with the Corsicans. A man, believed to be Corregio, Danella, is seen passing the house and Marina is thought to have given him a sign. Marina refuses to explain to Barnes which fact adds to his latent suspicions. Barnes plans for the safety of the party are learned by the Corsicans. The carriage carrying their party to the local landing is followed by two men. One of the horsemen is supposed to be Corregio. They try to murder the American. The cook on the yacht—a Frenchman—is suspected of complicity in the plot. The party anchors at St. Tropez. The yacht is followed by a small boat. The cook is detected giving signals to the boat. Barnes attempts to throw him overboard, but is prevented by Marina and Enid. The cook is found to be innocent of the plot. Lady Chartris, Barnes and Enid make arrangements for their marriage. The net tightens about Barnes. He receives a note from La Belle Blackwood, the American adventurer. Barnes learns that Elijah Enory, his detective, has been murdered by the Corsicans. He learns that the man supposed to be Corregio, who followed the party on their way to the boat, was Salotti, a member of the count, and that Count Corregio had been in Nice for some time prior to the party's arrival. The count warns Barnes not to marry Enid, unless he would have her sister involved in the murderous feud. Barnes and Enid are married. Soon after their wedding Barnes' bride disappears. Barnes discovers she has been kidnapped and taken to Corsica.

CHAPTER X.—Continued.

"Plish, while we talk I should be acting! No one but me must go!" remarks Barnes shortly. "They hate you, Anstruther, for being English, as they do your wife. They won't believe that another English officer and not you killed Antonio in that duel. Besides, it is my mission to save my bride, as it is your mission to protect and care for the dear wife in your arms. Don't fear, I will bring Enid back or—you won't see me again!"

The splash of oars interrupts him. Barnes strides out of the room and goes hurriedly down to the landing place. "Quick, Graham," he calls, "is that you?"

"Yes," answers the mate, who is stepping from the boat; and he reports he has engaged a lateen-rigged fishing vessel, which, as soon as they have got some provisions and water on board, will be over with its Italian crew, probably in half an hour.

"Then leave every foreigner behind you," directs Barnes. "Pay them to stay on shore. You sail the craft with a few of your Scotch tars. The rest of your men we will leave here to assist Edwin in patrolling these grounds and taking care of his wife, whom you know is threatened also."

"Yes, by the cursed Corsican gang that is pursuing you," says the mate, adding a muttered oath. "I'll stand by you, sir, w' my life."

As he returns up the walk and enters the house, to go up to the chamber he had occupied, he passes the supper room. Noting that Danella, though he is bending over Lady Chartris with almost the effusiveness of a lover, has his eyes always upon the attractive Marina, who is in consultation with her husband, Barnes enters.

"To him, Edwin, springing up, says: 'You've procured the craft to follow them?'"

"Yes, Graham did that for me," and Barnes hurriedly tells the young English officer the arrangements he has made, adding: "You stay here, old man, and trust me to bring your sister back."

Again Marina, her face full of generous enthusiasm, cries: "Let me go to Corsica. You are a foreigner, dear Mr. Barnes. In my own island I can do what you could not do—they all love me!"

"What! When they've been hunting you like a wild beast and sending you letters that make you faint!" shudders her husband.

"You're quite right, Lieut. Anstruther," returns Danella, "in not permitting your wife to go. One unfortunate, helpless woman in that wild land amid the passions of their barbaric feud is pitiable to think of. To subject another, whose life is already

threatened by the dagger of the vendetta, to a similar risk, would be hideous."

"I do not fear my kindred," answers Marina proudly. "My words, the rustics of my commune will believe. I should go."

"And have them murder you?" shudders her husband. "Never!" His young wife's only response is a plaintive sigh.

"Again you are right, Monsieur Anstruther. Of course, we know they loved Marina; still they might not believe," observes the count, his ardent eyes resting upon the excited girl, whose very enthusiasm renders her more lovely. "I am now returning to Nice, where Lady Chartris knows that I am at her command to do anything to aid her in this unfortunate matter. I shall drive out to-morrow. May you have good fortune, Signore Barnes, in your efforts. But remember one thing: In that barbaric island, they want your blood. You can only rescue your wife by risking it, but no suggestion from me is necessary to a brave and determined man!"

Danella would bow himself out, but Marina says eagerly: "Two words in private with you?"

"Certainly," answers the count, and Barnes notes as the beautiful woman whispers to him a look of astonishment enters his noble face.

After he has answered her, the girl says curtly: "I thank you, Signore." "You may trust me, Madam," is the count's reply; and courteously kisses the trembling fingers of Anstruther's beautiful wife, his eyes seemingly filled with a new and strange passion.

This is scarce noted by the American, whose misery distracts him.

A few moments later, Burton selects for himself a rough shooting costume that he has fortunately with him.

Then he hurriedly slings a field glass over his shoulder; puts on or two little trinkets, mementoes of his lost love, in his pocket; takes his va-



Jamming the Open Spaces Full of Cartridges.

Rise with the articles it happens to contain, jamming all open spaces full of cartridges for his revolvers, and brings it downstairs with him.

Marina stands in the hallway with her husband. To Barnes, as he wrings her hand, she whispers: "Remember, a dead man cannot take Enid from that barbarous home of mine. Therefore, guard your own life."

They step out on the porch. Some moving lights are at the landing place and they hear the swash of sweeps and the cries of the Italian crew as they warp their fishing vessel up to the platform.

"Here I'll go down with you and see you on board and your craft shipshape," remarks Anstruther. "Let me carry that rifle of yours."

"Come!" says Barnes, to whom every minute seems an hour, and hurries down the path; but as Edwin follows, Marina's white arms twine round him close, tight and clinging as if they couldn't let him go.

"Don't fear for me, you trembling dear," whispers her husband, kissing the excited face. "I'll be back soon."

At the landing, Barnes finds he has quite a little to do paying the Italian fishermen to remain on shore as Graham is getting their stores and water properly arranged on the craft. Of this Anstruther now takes charge, but though he works with a will, it is almost half an hour before the young naval officer pronounces the fishing vessel shipshape in case of heavy weather.

Then the young English officer leads the American aside and says, with the craft of a seaman: "Under this present breeze, if those devils you're in pursuit of want to make their island quickly, they'll be compelled to strike its northwest coast somewhere near Porto. Graham will know how to steer the course. I'd go with you, but—"

"But your first duty is here to protect your wife."

"You think these devils haven't all gone away; that there is still danger for her?"

"Yes, keep a sharp eye on your loved one. That was my error," means Burton. "I left Enid out of my sight for only a few minutes."

"Then good-by," says the sailor hurriedly, and wringing Barnes' hand, strides up the path to Lady Chartris' villa.

Then Burton stepping on board the fishing lugger, which is big enough to make the run to Corsica, they would immediately throw off their moorings to the little landing stage, but the Italian padrone of the craft, noting Barnes' haste seems great and his need extreme, steps up and demands additional recompense from the American mildred for his vessel, declaring he will not let her go until he has

more money; that his ship may be wrecked at sea and he has no insurance.

"Pay him!" snarls Barnes impatiently, and hands his pocketbook to Graham.

But payment takes some time, the light of the lantern not being very good and the Italian inspecting every bill to see its value and again greedily imploring for more money, stating that his men will desert him if he gives them not speedy employment.

"Give him what he asks," cries Burton again; then pauses and mutters: "Good God!" and springs on shore! For a shout has rung out through the night air from Lady Chartris' villa and there is terror in it, and he knows it is the voice of the stout-nerved Anstruther, who would not give cry unless some sudden and uncanny despair had come upon him.

The American rushes up the path and a few steps from the door almost runs against Edwin. In the darkness the frenzied men seize each other, for Anstruther is now as frantic as himself. Recognizing him, Barnes asks: "What's the matter?"

"By heaven! Another blow in the dark! My wife has gone also!"

"Marina? Impossible! You have looked the grounds over? You have searched the house?"

"Here's a note from her, left in her chamber, begging me to forgive her, saying it is to save my life."

"My God, what horrible plot is it that has bereft us both in a moment?" asks Barnes. "If she had only told you the contents of that devilish letter."

The two are in the hall together, in their anguish, their voices ring out loudly. A frightened-eyed, short-skirted creature runs to them, and tremblingly asks: "Did you want Marina's knock-out letter very much, Barnesy? The last part of it?"

"It was perhaps Enid's life, perhaps the life of Edwin's bride."

"Well, then, I—I—oh, forgive me! I lied to you. I've got the letter—the last part of it; I was going to sell it to you for marrows glaces—I'll get it for you. It is tucked in my lucky stocking for fear I'll see it. It said something about murder! I'll—oh, don't look at me so awful!"

Maud flies upstairs and a moment later dashes back bringing the portion of the epistle.

As they try to decipher its cramped foreign hand, Lady Chartris, coming out wildly from her chamber, for now she fears she will be abducted herself, and is half crazy with fright, suddenly, looking over their shoulders, cries, half shrieking: "Oh, heavens, Cipriano's writing!"

"You are sure?"

"I fear, I fear! I've got three love notes from him—this looks quite like his hand."

And the astounded and dismayed widow wrings her hands, her face pallid with jealous chagrin.

"This is the most crafty, subtle and satanic plot against your married happiness, Edwin," whispers Barnes. "As near as I can make out, this devilish missive says that Marina must desert you, her accursed English husband; then they will spare your life. If she remains with you, your fate will be hers. Your safety from death is offered as a bribe to your young wife if she deserts your bed and leaves herself open to the stiletto of these devils. If she stays with you and clings to you, you will be assassinated, even in her arms."

"Then the wife of my heart has left me fearing as the attack upon my sister's liberty has been successful their efforts against my life will be equally so," shudders Edwin; next cries out almost angrily: "She was mad not to trust me."

"Marina knew you wouldn't let her go if she did," suggests Burton more calmly.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Berlin's Woman Chauffeur.

Berlin's woman chauffeur is making—as she always intended to do—a very good livelihood. Clad in a simple but becoming coat and skirt of serviceable material, Frau von Papp drives one of the Bedag company's electro droschkes with consummate skill. She is not, however, at the beck and call of the general public, but is in the employment of the Kaiserhof hotel, and drives its visitors alone. The woman's story is interesting. Her husband—an apparently well-to-do lawyer—died, leaving her and three young children penniless. Frau von Papp always had a fondness for automobiling, and quickly decided upon her profession. Having satisfied the police authorities as to her capabilities, she obtained her present post and is keeping herself and family in comfort.

Not Too Simple.

John Simple, 14 years old, of Dadsden, Ala., is not as simple as you might think from his name. He saw a fellow hanging around the barn and acting in a suspicious manner, and set a big bear trap where he thought it would do the most good; and then got up next morning to find that he had bagged his game. The man had entered the barn to steal one of the horses, but put his foot into it instead. He turned out to be a noted thief, for whom a reward of \$500 had been offered, and John Simple is going to get the money. It's not what a boy is named, but what he does, that counts.

To the Home-Maker.

To build up the power of our homes, for beauty, for companionship, for intelligence, for charity, for a constant acknowledgment and furtherance of the rights of others, is to build up a power greater, perhaps, than we ourselves shall ever realize. And its within the reach of every home, whether it's a big or a very little one—Harper's Bazar.

WORN OUT WOMEN

Will Find Encouragement in Mrs. Merritt's Advice.

Mrs. W. L. Merritt, 207 S. First Ave., Anoka, Minn., says: "Last winter I began to suffer with my kidneys. I had pains in my back and hips and felt all worn out. Dizzy spells bothered me and the kidney secretions were irregular. The first box of Doan's Kidney Pills brought decided relief. I am sure they would do the same for any other woman suffering as I did."



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Scared Into It.

It was announced on the ice. "But how on earth," said the girl in the white skating suit, "did you get him to propose, dear?"

The girl in sables smiled slightly. "Oh, easily enough," she retorted. "I told him that you were crazy about him and reminded him that it was leap year."

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We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by him.

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What Hubby Missed.

"I was telephoning the other night," said the girl, "and a voice crossed mine, a whispering voice. I couldn't help wondering what the game was."

"What are you whispering for?" I asked.

"Hush," she said, still in the whisper. "I'm trying to talk under my breath. I don't want my husband to hear. Please get off the wire. Won't you?"

"I got off the wire, but I couldn't sleep very well that night for wondering what it was she didn't want her husband to hear."

Collecting in New Hampshire.

A New Hampshire man tells of a tight-fisted man of affairs in a town of that state, who until recently had never been observed to take an interest in church matters. Suddenly, however, he became a regular attendant at divine service, greatly to the astonishment of his fellow townsmen.

"What do you think of the case of old Ketchum?" said one of the business men of the place to a friend. "Is it true that he has got religion?"

"Well, hardly," replied the other. "The fact is, it's entirely a matter of business with him. I am in a position to know that about a year ago he loaned the pastor \$50, which the latter was unable to pay. So there remained nothing for Ketchum but to take it out in pew rent."—Sunday Magazine.

EXPLAINED.



"I have called," said the captious critic, "to find out what reason you can give for representing the New Year as a nude small boy."

"That is done," responded the editor, "because the year does not get its close until the 31st of December."

CUBS' FOOD

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HOUSE WORK



Thousands of American women in our homes are daily sacrificing their lives to duty.

In order to keep the home neat and pretty, the children well dressed and tidy, women overdo. A female weakness or displacement is often brought on and they suffer in silence, drifting along from bad to worse, knowing well that they ought to have help to overcome the pains and aches which daily make life a burden.

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Mrs. Pinkham invites all sick women to write her for advice. She has guided thousands to health. Address, Lynn, Mass.

HAD LISTENED TO DADDY.

Force of Example Exemplified in Precocious Youngster.

There is a certain man living not far from New York whose temper is not of the longest, and when he feels that his rage is justifiable he is very apt to indulge in fluent, versatile and varied profanity.

And it is when using the telephone that this talent of his is seen and heard at its maximum of speed and endurance. Central has but to say "Wire busy now," or, "Doesn't answer," to evoke a flood of language.

One day he had been having an unusually stormy session, and did not notice that his two-year-old son was sitting in a corner of the room, his face rapt and absorbed. A few hours later the child's mother came in and was horrified beyond words to hear her baby giving voice to a stream of expletives, some of which began with a very large capital D—the rest with a variety of letters quite unmentionable in this connection. She descended upon him in righteous wrath.

"Don't you ever let me hear you use such words again," she said in no uncertain tones.

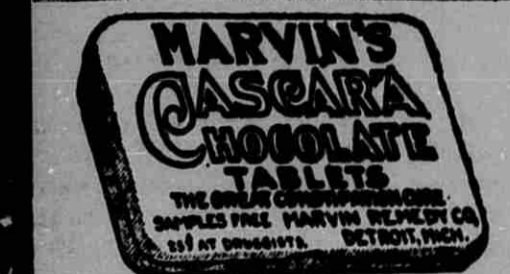
"Why, mother," expostulated the baby in an injured voice, "I'm telephoning!"

Not for Murphy.

Mr. Murphy—Oh want to buy a pair of gloves.

Clerk—Here's something I believe will just suit you. It's a suede glove.

Mr. Murphy—Niver, begorra! Oh want Irish gloves. Swade gloves, indeed!—Kansas City Times.



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MADE INTO STABLE

HUMBLE PURPOSE SERVED BY MAUSOLEUM OF TYRANT.

Curious Memorial of the Ruin Solano Lopez Brought on Paraguay—Country Being Brought Back Slowly to Prosperity.

A curious memorial of the tyrant Solano Lopez, who wasted and depopulated Paraguay between 1862 and 1870, stands in the city of Asuncion, the capital of the republic. It is the large and imposing mausoleum that he built for the ultimate housing of his body.

But it was never used for that purpose. When Lopez was overtaken and killed as he was fleeing his enemies did not care to give him a decent burial.

Dr. Vallentin, the German geographer, who has just written a book on Paraguay, says that it puzzled the people to decide what to do with the mausoleum. It was finally turned into a stable and is still serving that humble but useful purpose.

Grass is growing upon the lofty cupola and weeds protrude from every crevice in the walls. It is a monument to the ruin Lopez brought upon his country and himself.

Lopez has often been called the Nero of the nineteenth century, but some historians say that he was worse than Nero. Dr. Baez, the historian of Paraguay, says that the tyranny of Lopez was the most barbarous that history records. The only excuse ever made for him is that he was insane.

He was president of Paraguay and intended to make himself king. He provoked and waged a five years' war with the united countries of Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay. He had a crown made in Paris to be ready for the coronation just as soon as he could declare himself king of more than half of South America. His idea was to build up a great kingdom, not by developing its resources, but by founding a military despotism.

He became a despot wholly unrestrained by law. All his countrymen who opposed him were shot or imprisoned. He had his own mother and one of his sisters publicly flogged in the street. Another sister was kept a prisoner in chains.

Every boy and man who could carry a gun was impressed into the army, and as the end drew near he compelled many hundreds of women to fight in the ranks. The whole country was in ruins when a bullet ended his life. In 1861 Paraguay had a population of over 1,000,000. There were only about 200,000 human beings in the country in 1872. The land was nothing but a waste.

It had been completely stripped of cattle, horses, sheep and goats, not a plantation was in cultivation, and there was no money to buy seed, for Lopez, and the woman Lynch, whom he had brought with him from Paris the year before he became president, had shipped all the remaining gold and silver to England for a rainy day.

Paraguay has recovered slowly from this experience. She now has a population of 500,000, immigrants are coming in growing numbers, and agriculture and commerce are advancing every year.

Cost of Mine Timbers.

The cost of every ton of anthracite is increased eight cents by the expense of the mine timbers. To supply these timbers, says the Vegetarian Magazine, requires each year the product of approximately 150,000 acres of forest.

Timber is used for cross ties for tram roads in the main haulage ways, as wooden rollers and as props. A set of gangway timber consists of two legs, commonly nine or ten feet long and about 13 inches in diameter, and a collar six or seven feet long. These sets are placed on an average at intervals of five feet; one gangway frequently contains 1,000 sets, and ten gangways to a colliery is not an unusual number.

The average life of the timber is hardly above two years. Forty-five per cent of the timbers are destroyed by decay, while breakage, wear and insects destroy the remainder. By peeling the timbers and properly seasoning them and especially by giving them a treatment in oils or chemical salts, their length of service is materially increased.

Relics of a Great Composer.

Among life's largest ironies is the fate that often befalls the manuscript of a genius. Of no one is this truer than of Beethoven. When this greatest of composers was alive he was incessantly in financial difficulty. After his death all his manuscript were sold at auction—over 200 of them there were—yet they brought hardly \$500. This would be at the rate of about two dollars and a half apiece. The other day the manuscript of his G major sonata for violin and piano, written in R 3, was sold by a man in Leipzig to a man in Florence for 42,500 marks, or \$10,200.

What the Little Workers Do.

The bee, humble worker as he is, yet last year paid the interest on the national debt of the United States, \$24,310,326, and had a surplus remaining of nearly \$700,000. This is almost as much as the \$28,000,000 which was the value of raw cane sugar produced in the country. Yet beside the farmyard chicken the bee sinks into insignificance. Poultry products this year are worth \$600,000,000, more than any crop in the country except cereals.

AN ADVERTISING TRICK FOR WESTERN FARMERS.

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A smooth scheme for separating farmers from their money has been worked with much success in South Dakota. An oily grafter calls on a farmer and makes a bid for his land. The figures are absurdly low at first, but by degrees are raised as high as \$60 an acre, and the farmer consents. Then the visitor explains that he is only an agent, but that he can sell the land at the price named if the owner will agree to pay for advertising at the rate of fifty cents an acre. The "agent" promises orally that the advertising money will not be payable until the land is sold, but this stipulation is not contained in a contract that the farmer signs.

In a few days he receives a copy of an ad and not over-courteous demand for money. It is said that twenty-two agriculturists were caught with this bait in Brown County and that one of them gave up \$320. Others declare hotly that they will not pay but they will make a fight in the courts.

Second-Hand Goods.

"I don't think it is so nice to have a truthful child," said she. "Not so truthful a child as my neighbor has across the hall. The other morning I missed my paper that is left at my door. I knocked and asked her if she had seen it. She said no, but her small son, aged five, ran to the table and got it and brought it to me."

"Here," he said, "mamma took it to read it, but you can have it. She is through with it now."

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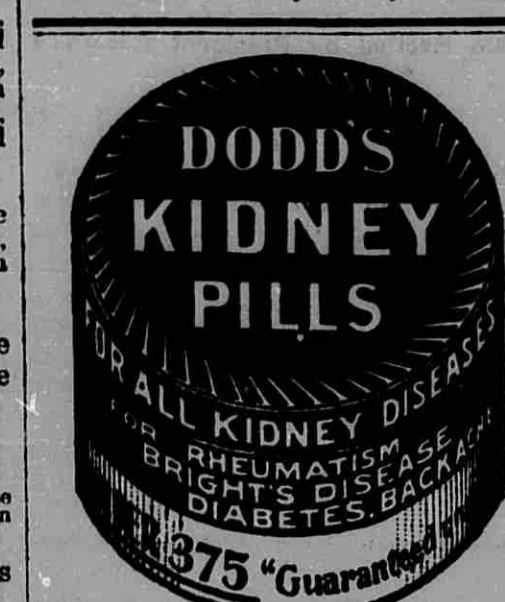
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Commissioner Smith vs. The Standard Oil Co.

From the Railway World, January 3, 1908.

Mr. Herbert Knox Smith, whose zeal in the cause of economic reform has been in no wise abated by the panic which he and his kind did so much to bring on, is out with an answer to President Moffett, of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana. The publication of this answer, it is officially given out, was delayed several weeks, "for business reasons," because it was not deemed advisable to further excite the public mind, which was profoundly disturbed by the crisis. Now that the storm clouds have rolled by, however, the Commissioner rushes again into the fray.

Our readers remember that the chief points in the defence of the Standard Oil Company, as presented by President Moffett, were (1) that the date of six cents on oil from Whiting to East St. Louis has been issued to the Standard Oil Company as the lawful rate by employees of the Alton, (2) that the 18-cent rate on file with the Interstate Commerce Commission was a class and not a commodity rate, never being intended to apply to oil, (3) that oil was shipped in large quantities between Whiting and East St. Louis over the Chicago & Eastern Illinois at 6 1/2 cents per hundred pounds, which has been filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission as the lawful rate, and (4) that the 18-cent rate on oil was entirely out of proportion to lawful rates on other commodities between these points of a similar character, and of greater value, such, for example, as linseed oil, the lawful rate on which was eight cents. President Moffett also stated that thousands of tons of freight had been sent by other shippers between these points under substantially the same conditions as governed the shipments of the Standard Oil Company.

This defence of the Standard Oil Company was widely quoted and has undoubtedly exercised a powerful influence upon the public mind. Naturally the Administration, which has stalked the success of its campaign against the "trusts" upon the result of its attack upon this company, endeavors to offset this influence, and hence the new deliverance of Commissioner Smith.

We need hardly to point out that his rebuttal argument is extremely weak, although as strong, no doubt, as the circumstances would warrant. He answers the points made by President Moffett substantially as follows: (1) The Standard Oil Company had a traffic department, and should have known that the six-cent rate had not been filed, (2) no answer, (3) the Chicago & Eastern Illinois rate was a secret rate because it read, not from Whiting, but from Dolton, which is described as "a village of about 1,500 population just outside of Chicago. Its only claim to note is that it has been for many years the point of origin for this and similar secret rates." The Commissioner admits in describing this rate that there was a note attached stating that the rate could also be used from Whiting.

The press has quite generally hailed this statement of the Commissioner of Corporations as a conclusive refutation of what is evidently recognized as the strongest rebuttal argument advanced by the Standard.

Chicago. They terminate at Dolton, from which point entrance is made over the Belt Line. Whiting, where the oil freight originates, is not on the lines of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois, which receives its Whiting freight from the Belt Line at Dolton. The former practice, now discontinued, in filing tariffs was to make them read from a point on the line of the filing road, and it was also general to state on the same sheet, that the tariff would apply to other points, e. g., Whiting. The Chicago & Eastern Illinois followed this practice in filing its rate from Dolton, and making a note on the sheet that is applied to Whiting. This was in 1895 when this method of filing tariffs was in common use.

Now let us see in what way the intending shipper of oil could be misled and deceived by the fact that the Chicago & Eastern Illinois had not filed a rate reading from Whiting. Commissioner Smith contends that "concealment is the only motive for such a circuitous arrangement," i. e., that this method of filing the rate was intended to mislead intending competitors of the Standard Oil Company. Suppose such a prospective oil refiner had applied to the Interstate Commerce Commission for the rate from Chicago to East St. Louis over the Chicago & Eastern Illinois, he would have been informed that the only rate filed with the commission by this company was 6 1/2 cents from Dolton, and he would have been further informed, if indeed he did not know this already, that this rate applied throughout Chicago territory. So that whether he wished to locate his plant at Whiting, or anywhere else about Chicago, under an arrangement of long standing, and which applies to all the industrial towns in the neighborhood of Chicago, he could have his freight delivered over the Belt Line to the Chicago & Eastern Illinois at Dolton and transported to East St. Louis at a rate of 6 1/2 cents. Where then is the concealment which the Commissioner of Corporations makes so much of? Any rate from Dolton on the Eastern Illinois or Chappell on the Alton, or Harvey on the Illinois Central, or Blue Island on the Rock Island, applies throughout Chicago territory to shipments from any other point in the district. So far from the Eastern Illinois filing its rate from Dolton in order to deceive the shipper, it is the Commissioner of Corporations who either betrays his gross ignorance of transportation customs in Chicago territory or relies on the public ignorance of these customs to deceive the public too apt to accept unquestioningly every statement made by a Government official as necessarily true, although, as in the present instance, a careful examination shows these statements to be false.

The final point made by President Moffett that other commodities of a character similar to oil were carried at much lower rates than 18 cents, the Commissioner of Corporations discusses only with the remark that "the reasonableness of this rate is not in question. The question is whether this rate constituted a discrimination as against other shippers of oil," and he also makes much of the failure of President Moffett to produce before the grand jury evidence of the alleged illegal acts of which the Standard Oil official said that other

large shippers in the territory had been guilty. Considering the fact that these shippers included the packers and elevator men of Chicago the action of the grand jury in calling upon President Moffett to furnish evidence of their wrong-doing may be interpreted as a demand for an elaboration of the obvious; but the fact that a rate-book containing these freight rates for other shippers was offered in evidence during the trial and ruled out by Judge Landis, was kept out of sight. President Moffett would not, of course, accept the invitation of the grand jury although he might have been pardoned if he had referred them to various official investigations by the Interstate Commerce Commission and other departments of the Government.

We come back, therefore, to the conclusion of the whole matter, which is that the Standard Oil Company of Indiana was fined an amount equal to seven or eight times the value of its entire property, because its traffic department did not verify the statement of the Alton rate clerk, that the six-cent commodity rate on oil had been properly filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission. There is no evidence, and none was introduced at the trial, that any shipper of oil from Chicago territory had been interfered with by the 18-cent rate nor that the failure of the Alton to file its six-cent rate had resulted in any discrimination against any independent shipper,—we must take this on the word of the Commissioner of Corporations and of Judge Landis. Neither is it denied even by Mr. Smith that the "independent" shipper of oil, whom he pictures as being driven out of business by this discrimination of the Alton, could have shipped all the oil he desired to ship from Whiting via Dolton over the lines of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois to East St. Louis. In short, President Moffett's defence is still good, and we predict will be so declared by the higher court.

The Standard Oil Company has been charged with all manner of crimes and misdemeanors. Beginning with the famous Rice of Marietta, passing down to that apostle of popular liberties, Henry Demarest Lloyd, with his Wealth Against the Commonwealth, descending by easy stages to Miss Tarbell's offensive personalities, we finally reach the nether depths of unfair and baseless misrepresentation in the report of the Commissioner of Corporations. The Standard has been charged with every form of commercial piracy and with most of the crimes on the corporation calendar. After long years of strenuous attack, under the leadership of the President of the United States, the corporation is at last dragged to the bar of justice to answer for its misdoings. The whole strength of the Government is directed against it, and at last, we are told, the Standard Oil Company is to pay the penalty of its crimes, and it is finally convicted of having failed to verify the statement of a rate clerk and is forthwith fined a prodigious sum, measured by the car. Under the old criminal law, the theft of property worth more than a shilling was punishable by death. Under the interpretation of the Interstate Commerce law by Theodore Roosevelt and Judge Kenesaw Landis, a technical error of a traffic official is made the excuse for the confiscation of a vast amount of property.

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Board of Trade Banquet

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Chairman Murphy reported for the Membership committee: thirty-two new members secured during the past two weeks. The constitution was amended reducing annual dues from \$5.00 to \$2.50; and F. T. King and R. VanDyke were elected president and vice president respectively.



J. B. NICHOLSON

Rev. Russell H. Bready spoke of the work of the Village Improvement committee during the past year, mentioning the annual "clean-up" with its 300 wagon-loads of rubbish carted to the village dump; and the lawn contest, which did so much to beautify the village. He recommended as a future work a town-village-district-library building to take the place of an unsightly ruin on our Main street, and suggested that Carnegie's aid might be secured.



W. S. WINEGAR

President Watts then introduced Rev. F. E. Day of Albion who gave an address on good citizenship, civic improvements and urged a liberal support of all the churches in the community as a means of betterment and upbuilding in moral, material and religious ways. The meeting closed with the singing of "America."

HEARD ABOUT TOWN

Dr. Keyes, dentist, phone 156. Alice Stone was ill last week. Men's arctics 98c at Smith's. Alice and Gerald Henry were ill for a few days last week. One lot ladies' shoes \$1.48 at Smith's. Miss Bertha Austin has been at Clarksville this week, caring for a patient. The sale of sales now on at Smith's shoe store. Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan and son Perry Vaughan of Casnovia have been visiting at the home of their son and brother Ransom Vaughan. One lot Misses shoes 98c at Smith's. Mrs. M. D. Sneathen and son Harold of South Boston were guests of Mrs. A. M. Andrews Monday. Word has been received by relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Boroughf, former residents of Lowell and Keene, of the death of their little year-old son Forest with pneumonia Jan. 18, at their home at Hatton, Wash. A money saving event—Smith's shoe sale.

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Dr. White, dentist, 'phone 151. Ferris Briscoe spent Sunday with his father at Ionia. Shoes have taken a drop in price. Where? At Smith's. Mrs. E. R. Quick of Grand Rapids has been visiting Lowell friends. All ladies' \$2.00 shoes \$1.78 at Smith's. Mrs. Warren Spencer of Alto visited at the home of A. Bruner Saturday. All ladies' \$2.50 shoes \$1.98 at Smith's. Miss Edith Dennis of Grand Rapids visited Mr. and Mrs. Will Burdick a few days last week. All ladies' \$3.00 shoes \$2.48 at Smith's. Miss Carrie Wilson entertained a number of young people Sunday evening. All ladies' \$3.50 shoes \$2.98 at Smith's. Mrs. Mattie McGee of Grand Rapids visited Mrs. Ed. Flynn and other relatives here Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Men's \$3.50 Walk Overs \$2.98 at Smith's. Miss Irma Flanagan of Grand Rapids visited Lowell friends last Wednesday and Thursday. Attend Smith's shoe sale. Rev. and Mrs. B. F. Galloway of Cedar Springs spent Sunday with friends in Lowell and the former filled the pulpit of the Baptist church of which he was a former pastor. Big assortment of valentines at Look's. R. P. Packard suffered a severe stroke of paralysis Friday and is at present very ill.

Mrs. H. A. Briscoe was called to Litchfield last week by the illness of her father and has remained there to assist in caring for him. Get your valentines and valentine post cards at Look's. Miss Blanche Perry entertained about twelve of her young friends at a party Friday evening. My entire stock at cut rate prices. Must have room and money. Phil Smith. Mrs. D. K. Thyng of Willow City, N. D., is came yesterday to spend a week with her mother Mrs. Julia Stone and other relatives before leaving with her husband for a tour of Europe. Miss Irene Stone who has been making an extended visit with her sister returned with her. My stock must be reduced and prices are doing it for me. Phil Smith. Miss Edith Stone has recovered from a week's illness with tonsillitis. All heavy rubbers at cost at Smith's. Mrs. M. H. Hoover and little son Francis of Lockport, N. Y., are visiting the former's sister Mrs. A. C. Stone. All heavy rubbers at cost at Smith's. At the Kent County Farmers' Institute "round-up" held in Grand Rapids Friday and Saturday, L. J. Post of Lowell was elected president and among the vice presidents are Chas. Murphy of Bowne, Thos. Johnson of Cascade, N. P. Husted of Lowell, E. P. Nash of Grattan, Frank Ladner of Cannon, Melville McPherson of Vergennes and Wm. D. Farrell of Ada. We expect President Post to land a two-days institute for Lowell next season.