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COMING TO LOWELL

Leaders and Plans for Coming Kent County Sunday School Convention.

Kent County Sunday School Association will hold its annual convention at the Methodist church in Lowell next Tuesday and Wednesday March 3 and 4. Rev. S. T. Morris of Grand Rapids who is president of the association, while in Lowell last Monday said: "The program is the strongest that has ever been arranged for a county convention." Some of the special features are as follows:

The music of the convention will be in charge of Grant Colfax Tullar of New York who is one of the best musical directors in the country and also stands high as a composer. He will be assisted by the combined choirs of the village churches.

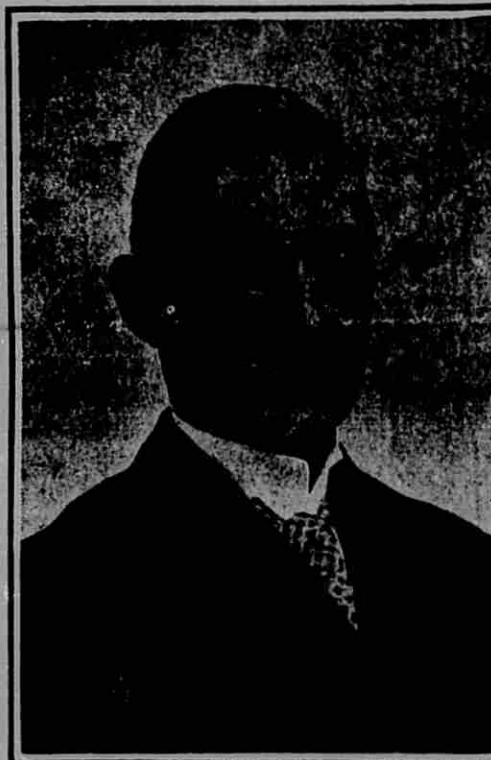
Charles D. Meigs of Indianapolis is one of the best Sunday school workers in the field. He is a whirlwind to stir up enthusiasm in a convention. He will speak at each session.



GRANT COLFAX TULLAR.

Mrs. Fred Washburn of Benton Harbor, state superintendent, will have charge of the primary work in the convention.

A special car will be attached to the Pere Marquette train leaving Grand Rapids Tuesday morning at seven o'clock. A special train will run out from the city for the evening session Tuesday and return the same night.



CHARLES D. MEIGS.

The electric welcome sign owned by the village will be raised in front of the church during the two days.

The committee needs the help of the Lowell people in entertaining the guests. Will all who will help please report the names to Frank N. White, who is chairman of the general entertainment committee?

WEDDING RECEPTION.

Reception Given Carl Story and Bride, Married Last Week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Story gave a reception Saturday evening for their son Carl and his bride (formerly Miss Ethel Rolf) who were married at the home of the bride's brother Seward Rolf in Grand Rapids last Thursday by Rev. Russell H. Bready of Lowell.

The rooms were well filled when the couple arrived on the eight-thirty train from Grand Rapids. After congratulation a three-course dinner was served by Misses Beale Story, Jessie Ware, Mabel Klyon and Florence Gilbert, and catered by Mrs. Jude Fletcher. Outside guests were the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. Alva Rolf of West Lowell, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Andrews and son Harry and Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Keller of Lowell.

For the present the couple will take up their abode with the groom's parents. The best wishes of their many friends both here and in West Lowell are tendered them.—[East Lowell Cor.]

HOME OF CLINTON WEEKS DESTROYED.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Weeks, a two-story house near Murray's Lake, burned to the ground Tuesday morning Feb. 18 about seven-thirty. The house was insured for \$400 and the household goods for \$200. The fire is believed to have originated near the chimney, and was not discovered until the upper part of the house had been burning for some time. The family escaped without injury and saved the greater portion of their furniture.

J. H. HAMILTON'S BAD ACCIDENT.

J. H. Hamilton, whose handsome new marble shop built of cement is at last completed and ready for occupancy, was injured yesterday just before noon while at work with his men moving the monuments from his old shop in the Kopf block to the new building. One of the heavy stones which was being moved fell over upon his left limb crushing the ankle and breaking the bone above.

NEW FACTORY IN SIGHT

Board of Trade Landing an Industry to Employ Many Men.

Another factory, one that is expected to employ from twenty-seven to seventy-five men and to capitalize at \$25,000 is practically ensured to Lowell, the contingency being the subscribing of \$4,000 in stock by Lowell people.

At a large and earnest meeting of the Lowell Board of Trade at Macabee hall yesterday morning, President F. T. King and Vice President R. VanDyke made a report of a pilgrimage to a Western Michigan city, according to previous action and instruction by the board and directors recommending the securing of the factory in question, and speaking in the highest terms of the owner of the concern, a successful and practical operator and business man.

A unanimous vote of approval was taken by the meeting and it is hoped, if the required amount of stock is taken, that the new factory will be in operation within thirty days.

An option on the Parks Manufacturing company's property has been secured and if the deal goes through the building will be enlarged to meet the demands of the new industry.

The owner of the plant to be secured was in town Tuesday and declared himself well pleased with the prospect. He is expected to return next week and if all goes well final arrangements will be made and full details can be given to the public.

PLAN ANNUAL REUNION.

Old Residents' Association Will Hold Festival April 22, 1908.

The annual meeting of the Old Residents' Association held at the office of its President, Harman Nash, on the 22nd inst, was well attended. The minutes of the meetings held in 1907 were read and approved and also the report of the treasurer. The old officers were re-elected unanimously. After careful discussion it was decided to hold the next annual reunion on the Wednesday following Easter which would bring the celebration just after Lent, and on April 22nd. It was thought best to have the arrangements about the same as last year, to-wit, a picnic supper with tables all ready at 6 o'clock, after the banquet have the program presented; the program to be completed in time for the "hop."

The following committees were appointed:

Committee on General Arrangements. W. S. Winegar, Chas. McCarty, Merritt Sayles.

Committee on Invitation, Levi Fletcher, J. S. Hooker, Geo. M. Parker, D. G. Look, S. Brower, Elias Parker.

Committee on Printing, F. M. Johnson, T. W. Whitehouse, Jas. McPherson, H. W. Booth.

Committee on Music, L. J. Robinson, R. D. Stocking, Earl Hunter.

Committee on Program, S. P. Hicks, M. M. Perry, L. J. Post.

Committee on Reception, Messrs. and Mesdames H. Nash, J. S. Hooker, S. A. Ware, C. Guy Perry, S. H. McDeld, M. M. Perry.

Committee on Membership, C. G. Stone, John Randall, Chas. McCarty, A. W. Weekes, R. VanDyke, F. R. Ecker.

J. S. Hooker and E. D. Parker were elected vice-presidents.—[Com.]

LOCAL CHURCH CANVASS

Result of Census Taken by Lowell Pastors in Interesting Facts and Figures.

The pastors of the local churches have completed a church canvass of the village of Lowell which results in the following statement as to church membership and preference, figures being given for East and West sides and totals in order named.

CONGREGATIONAL	
Membership.	Preference.
20	East Side.
4	West Side.
24	Total.
49	BAPTIST.
56	50
8	11
64	61
154	METHODIST EPISCOPAL.
94	157
248	81
46	238
51	ROMAN CATHOLIC.

Unitarian 2, Universalist 4, Lutheran 14, Jew 1, Plymouth Brethren 5, Presbyterian 15, Spiritualist 14, Adventist 10, Protestant Episcopal 30, Reformed Holland 2, United Brethren 5, Disciples 17, Dutch Reformed 2, Christian Scientist 1, Quaker 1.

Total membership of all Creeds 633.

Total church preference 433.

Church Attendance, regular 581, occasional 379, non-attendant 232.

No record of the attendance of children was made during the canvass. The total population of the village from all the sources of information we have is 1723.

Respectfully submitted;

F. W. Magdanz
Russell H. Bready
William D. Ogg.

P. A. TenHaaf and the Lowell Methodist choir gave their concert at the Keene church last evening. Their audience expressed high appreciation of the entertainment, and the church people thoughtfully showed the musicians the courtesy of serving them warm refreshments before their return trip.

Mrs. L. C. Hildreth returned Monday from a several months' visit with her daughters in Grand Rapids and Traverse City.

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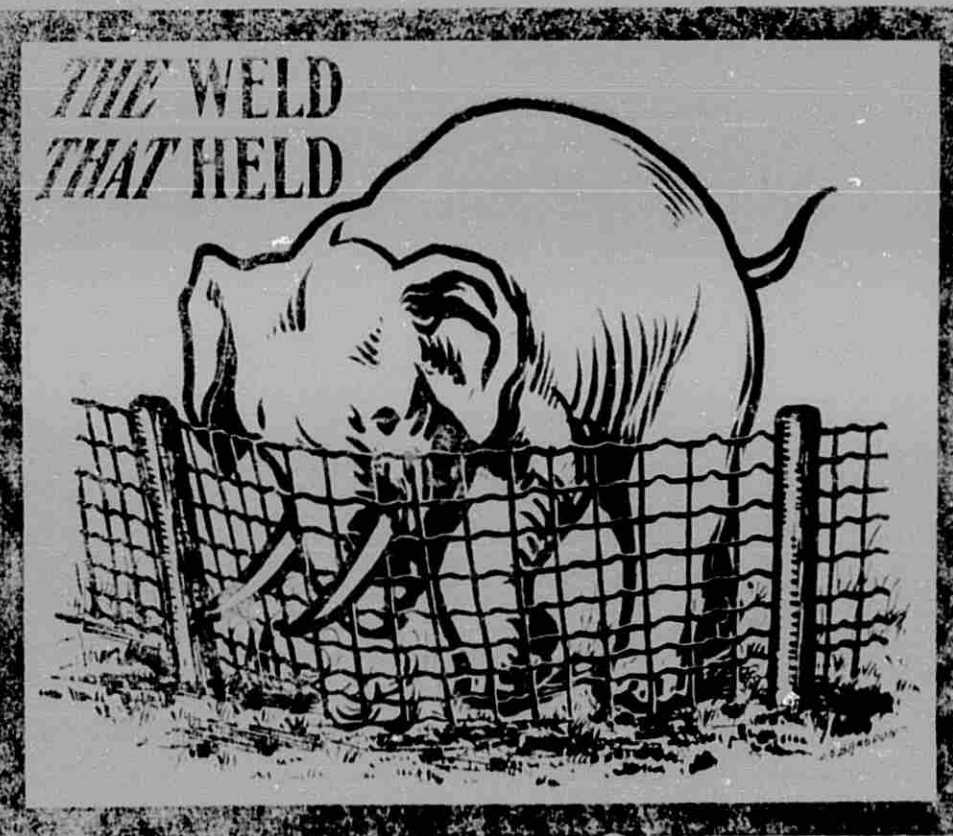
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BRIEF REVIEW OF A WEEK'S EVENTS

RECORD OF THE MOST IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS IN ITEMIZED FORM.

HOME AND FOREIGN NEWS

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

Six persons were killed and three injured when an Ontario & Western express train hit a wagon load of merry-makers at a crossing near Spring Valley, N. Y.

In a letter signed "Black Hand" the threat has been made that the enormous stores of smokeless powder on Ionia island will be blown up.

Stuyvesant Fish announced that the contest in the Chicago courts to prevent the selling of Illinois Central Railroad company stock held by the Union Pacific Railroad company was closed.

While administering communion during mass at Denver, Father Lee Heinrichs, Roman Catholic priest, was shot by an Italian anarchist. The assassin was overpowered after a desperate struggle in the church.

The murder of a wealthy wine importer was the latest activity of the "Black Hand," which is terrorizing New York.

Former Gov. Yates formally announced his candidacy for governor of Illinois, declaring there is an opportunity for an effectual appeal to the people.

Australia wants the American fleet of battleships, now on its way to San Francisco, to come to that country. Chief of Police Benton of Fayetteville, N. C., was shot dead by a negro, Sam Murchison, crazed with drink. This man also shot two negroes a few minutes before he shot the chief.

After being out 40 hours and taking 68 ballots, the jury at Pawnee City, Neb., brought in a verdict of manslaughter. Oscar Frank, a wealthy farmer, was indicted two months ago charged with killing his young wife.

Walter Holbrook, a well-known farmer, was fatally shot by Fred Norman near Shawneetown, Ill.

Ten persons were killed and a score or more wounded, including several ecclesiastics, as a result of a riot in Teheran during the passing of a religious procession.

A winter carnival for which unprecedented preparations have been going on for several weeks was inaugurated at Havana.

The British steamer Beta, Capt. Pyle, from Halifax for Bermuda, Turks Island and Kingston, was totally wrecked off Turks Island.

Count and Countess Szechenyi, accompanied by William K. Vanderbilt, landed from the steamship Kaiserin Augusta Victoria at Plymouth, England, and at once proceeded to London.

Hundreds of persons were driven from their homes and property valued at \$200,000 was destroyed in Brooklyn, N. Y., by a fire.

The Oklahoma Democratic state convention, held in Muskogee, was a Bryan one and all pledged and instructed to vote for the nomination of the Oklahoman.

George Marek and his wife were instantly killed at Urbana, O., when their carriage was struck by a train. Their ten-year-old daughter was fatally injured.

The State Bank of St. Paul, Minn., which closed its doors on January 18, has resumed business. The old officers remain in charge.

William H. Taft, secretary of war, was the guest of honor at the Ellicott club's thirteenth anniversary celebration of Washington's birthday in Buffalo, N. Y.

By a leap of 122 feet John Evenson of Duluth established a new American record for ski jumping at the annual meet of the Ishpenning (Mich.) Ski club.

Following a heated quarrel Mrs. E. Frazier denounced her husband as a murderer and surrendered him into the hands of the Los Angeles (Cal.) police.

Mrs. Natica Rivos Burden, the young New York society matron who was accidentally killed by gas, was disinherited. It was learned by her grandfather, the late August Belmont.

Maj. Gen. Frederick D. Grant, U. S. A., in a speech in New York declared that "in case of a war with a great nation—Japan, for instance—500,000 troops would not be sufficient to properly garrison the Pacific coast, north and south."

The New York senate passed by a vote of 30 to 7 the Page bill providing for a commission of 15 to investigate the government of New York city.

Reports that the marriage of Harry K. Thaw and Evelyn Thaw is to be annulled, or that they are to be divorced, are denied.

The memorandum of the Japanese government in reply to that of the United States on the subject of emigration was handed to Ambassador O'Brien in Tokyo.

Owen Wister, the novelist, was defeated for alderman in the municipal election in Philadelphia.

Miss Emma Fink of Slatington, Pa., committed suicide in a tragic manner. Gov. Hughes of New York spent Washington's birthday in Chicago and delivered a heavy speech at the Auditorium, spoke at Orchestra hall and talked at a banquet at the Union League club.

Richal Czepek, a laborer at Gary, Ind., was killed by a fall to the bottom of a tunnel shaft 100 feet deep.

Thirty-three alleged detectives, armed like an arsenal, were scooped in, weapons and all, by the Chicago police. The police say the arrest frustrated an unusual and elaborate plot to "hold up" a gambling house in West Hammond.

Herman Bilik, convicted of killing six members of the Vrsal family by poisoning in Chicago, may get a rehearing as a result of an affidavit to the effect that sworn testimony at the trial was given under duress.

Crosby S. Noyes, editor of the Washington Evening Star, died at Pasadena, Cal. Mr. Noyes was 83 years of age and had been a journalist for 60 years.

Eleven indictments charging embezzlement of \$76,000 were returned by a Kansas City, Mo., grand jury against J. R. Brady, formerly president of the Merchants Refrigerating company.

Turks raided the frontier village of Carina, in the Province of Van, Adriatic Turkey, and captured 51 Armenians.

Mrs. W. P. Burden, who was the daughter of O. H. Belmont, and a society favorite in New York, Newport and Washington, was found dead in bed. Death was due to gas poisoning.

The "jobless" demonstration in Philadelphia was followed by numerous arrests. Chief among those was Voltaire de Cleyre, a professed anarchist.

The date for the Massachusetts Democratic state convention, which is to select delegates at large to the national convention, was fixed for May 7.

The Russian duma adopted a resolution condemning terrorism by a big majority.

All of the students of St. Cloud (Minn.) high school walked out owing to the action of the school board in demanding the resignation of Principal Macheney.

It is reported the United States is about to confer with the powers with the view of protesting against the policy adopted by Japan in Manchuria.

A broken rail caused a switch engine to plunge down an embankment near Fort Dodge, Ia., and Switchman Scott was instantly killed.

W. G. Griffin, a wealthy mine operator, committed suicide at Galena, Ill.

Gov. Deneen of Illinois signed the primary election bill after the measure had been examined by the attorney general to ascertain whether it was in proper form.

Latest reports from the scene of the dynamite explosion at Pinole, Cal., place the number of dead at 30.

Authenticated copies of the 13 treaties negotiated at the recent Hague conference reached the state department at Washington.

While ten miners were being lowered into the Stanton mine at Wilkes-barre, Pa., a large body of ice in the shaft fell, striking the hood of the cage and killing three men.

State Auditor McCullough began an investigation of the Tri-City State bank at Madison, Ill., which closed its doors.

Chicago had its first glance at the contestants in the New York-Paris automobile race when two of the members of the French De Dion car crashed by rail.

The first of the tunnels under the Hudson river, across Manhattan island and under the East river to Long Island City was completed.

Bishop John Monk of the Memorial church, aged 92, died at his home near Medway, Ill. He had lived in the village for more than 50 years.

Democrats in state convention at Hutchinson, Kan., unanimously instructed delegates for Bryan.

Without exception the police have ordered all clubs in Greater Pittsburgh closed at midnight in the future.

Fourteen miners lost their lives by an explosion in the Glebe pit in the village of Washington, England.

James A. Deane broke into the home of Charles McKay at West Forks, Mo., and killed Mrs. McKay with an ax.

The proposition to devote \$14,000, 000 of relinquished Chinese indemnity to erecting American colleges in China has been brought to the attention of President Roosevelt.

William J. Bryan in an address to Democrats of Illinois at Springfield said he will not fight again with bushwhackers and asked that only friends be put on guard.

A gigantic national federation of the liquor interests has formed to give battle throughout the country to prohibition.

The Tri-City State bank closed at Madison, Ill., and the home of a trusted employe of the institution was placed under police guard.

An explosion at Pinole, Cal., was reported to have killed 21 Chinamen and four white men.

A New York paper printed cables from Europe telling of an alleged deal for the purchase of the Philippines by Germany.

John Mitchell, the retiring president of the United Mine Workers of America, may be asked by President Roosevelt to go to Panama and make a report on labor conditions.

Attempts that had been planned against the lives of exalted personages were frustrated by St. Petersburg police by a succession of arrests in various parts of the city, aggregating 50 men and women.

Former Gov. Pennypacker of Pennsylvania emphatically denied that there had been any official attempt to "white wash" the capitol scandal in the inquiry by former Attorney General Carson.

Lieut. Gen. Stoessel, once known as "the Hero of Port Arthur," was condemned to death by a military court in St. Petersburg for the surrender of that fort to the Japanese.

George Dixon, a carpenter on the American collier Abarenda, killed Walter Weichert, chief officer of the collier, at San Juan.

By the will of the late Mrs. Amy Sheldon, filed at Newport, R. I., a bequest of \$300,000 to Harvard university is made in the codicil.

Without leaving anything to indicate why the act was committed, Col. Eugene W. Guindon, president of Fuller's Express company, fired a bullet into his brain while seated at his desk in New York city.

E. H. Harriman won complete control of the Illinois Central railroad when Judge Farlin Q. Ball dissolved the injunction restraining the voting of 286,231 Harriman proxies.

Mohammed el Torres, the sultan's former representative for foreign affairs at Tangier, has protested in the name of Abd-el-Aziz against the Spanish occupation of Marchica.

The marching of nearly 1,000 foreigners upon the Philadelphia city hall, where they said they intended to make demands upon Mayor Reburn for work precipitated a riot in which 29 persons were injured.

William F. Barrows, aged 63 years, a clerk in the office of the Indianapolis building inspector committed suicide.

The Illinois supreme court has declared that a labor union's "unfair list" is an illegal boycott.

Attorney General Bonaparte has appointed special counsel to prepare railroad rate law test cases.

Dispatches giving further details of the fighting in Morocco have been received in Paris from Gen. d'Amado, the French commander-in-chief. He relates that the French lost four men killed and 27 men wounded in two engagements.

With Chicago suffering in the aftermath of a storm which has broken all records since 1884, traffic was partially paralyzed and want and destruction are everywhere.

Senor Gomez has resigned as a member of the Philippine assembly. It is believed that he will not be a power in insular politics in the future.

The Illinois supreme court affirmed the decision in the Cook county criminal court in the Billik murder case.

Senator Asbury C. Latimer of South Carolina died in Washington of peritonitis.

The will of Vernon Lincoln, just probated, leaves \$500 to provide prizes for annual old-fashioned spelling matches at Andover, Mass.

The formal reception of Baron Takahira, as ambassador of Japan to the United States, took place at the White House.

Three business blocks, a hotel and a livery stable, which comprised the larger part of the business section of North Woodstock, N. H., were destroyed by a fire at an aggregate damage of approximately \$100,000.

Investigation into the affairs of the American Ice company, promoted and formerly controlled by Charles W. Morse, was formally begun in New York.

R. Livingston, Russian writer, personal friend of Leo Tolstoy, was adjudged insane in Oakland, Cal.

A Missouri Pacific train was lost for more than 50 hours between Auburn and Crete, Neb. The road was blocked for 75 miles.

A petition for the impeachment of Judge L. R. Willoy of Shanghai, judge of the United States court of China, was introduced in the house.

Information from unofficial and individual sources evidencing the aggressiveness of Japan in Manchuria has been accumulating in the state department at Washington. That this condition is irritating in increasing degrees to China is a matter of knowledge.

Millionaires, race-track followers, clergymen, lawyers and legislators were represented at the hearing before the joint senate and assembly codes committee on the Agnew-Hart bill at Albany, N. Y.

The northeast storm, the worst in years, raged in northern New York and rapidly added to the snow that covers the whole Adirondack region.

W. H. Creviston, on trial for the murder of H. Wellington Stewart in Oka on the night of December 8, 1907, was convicted of murder in the first degree by a jury.

Mrs. John Angus and her two small children were burned to death in their homes at Tallyho, W. Va.

The Civic federation of Burlington, Ia., has notified the mayor and other city officials that gamblers must be driven out.

Speaker Cannon was endorsed by unanimous vote for the Republican nomination for president at the meeting of the Illinois Republican state central committee in Springfield. The resolution of indorsement also praised President Roosevelt.

All but one of the 28 men and boys who were entombed in the Mid-Valley colliery were rescued. Frank Orloskie fell down a chute after the accident and was killed.

THE STATE IN GENERAL

A LOVE STORY BRIEFLY TOLD, HAS A SAD ENDING INDEED.

POVERTY AND INSANITY

The Maiden Came From Sweden to Die of Disappointment—Insane Father and Mother.

Christine Johnson was a pretty, rosy-cheeked, blue-eyed, yellow-haired Swedish girl. She had reached Ellis Island, New York, at the urgent call of her sweetheart, Olaf Erickson. He had preceded her to this country, and he had prospered on a farm in Delta county.

Olaf had written to Christine promising to meet her at Ellis Island, New York. He was not there. She was taken before the court of special inquiry. The officials were touched by the girl's story, but they had heard similar tales. They told her they thought Olaf had changed his mind.

"Oh, no," protested Christine. "He will come. I know he will come. I will wait for him."

She waited a whole week. Olaf didn't come. "I know he will come. I will wait for him." She waited another whole week. Olaf didn't come. Christine's pink cheeks faded. Her blue eyes lost their luster. Christine finally had to board a steamer bound back to Sweden. The day after she sailed Olaf appeared at Ellis Island. He had been in a railroad wreck. That alone had kept him from meeting Christine when he promised.

Olaf persuaded the officials to cable to Sweden to have his Christine sent back. Then he waited for her to come. When the steamer on which Olaf's promised bride was coming steamed into the harbor the immigrant inspectors boarded the boat. Olaf stood near his eyes beaming with honest love. Then one inspector came on deck and touched a matron on the arm.

"One death in the steerage," he said, "Christine Johnson."

Olaf Erickson came back to Michigan alone.

Family Broken Up.

In an outburst of rage Frank Owens, an inmate of the Kalamazoo county house, attacked Keeper Briggs Sunday with a pocket knife. The keeper was taken unawares. He turned just in time to catch Owens' hand and grappling, the two rolled on the floor and struggled for the possession of the knife. A panic ensued among the other inmates, but a number of other attendants came to Briggs' assistance and Owens was overpowered.

A complaint was made against Owens, but as it appears he is insane, an order has been issued for his removal to the asylum. By the complaint against Owens a peculiar state of affairs existing in his family was brought to light.

Owens' wife and small child are confined in the county house, and another child is attending the free school at Coldwater. The little family were placed in the county house last fall after one of their children had died. It is thought that dependency deranged Owens' mind.

West Neebish Canal.

Completed at a cost of \$5,000,000, the new West Neebish channel of St. Mary's river will go into commission at the opening of inter-lake navigation in the spring. It is the biggest single cut yet made by the government in the great highway of commerce connecting Lakes Superior and Huron, and it gives to the ships a second passage-way—one that precludes the likelihood of a blockade of traffic of such disastrous proportions as that which followed the sinking of the steamer Douglas Houghton in 1902. The channel will be used by all craft bound down the lakes.

The West Neebish cut is nearly 15 miles in length. It is 22 feet deeper than the lowest recorded stage of water. The channel is 300 feet in width throughout. Its construction was started in the spring of 1904, and except for the removal of the temporary dams at the rock cut it was finished last November. The most difficult part of the work was that at the West Neebish rapids, a stretch of over a mile, and where the water was one to five feet deep.

Removal of Stations.

The right of a railroad to remove or cut down station facilities is involved in the hearing and argument before the state railroad commission last week on the removal of station facilities from the village of Scofield and the consequent upbuilding of a town two miles away. Lieut-Gov. Keller, as a private practitioner, represented the complainants. Earl F. Drake, of Detroit, representing the D. T. & I. railroad, held that the company has a right to withdraw the station facilities provided the general interests of the community are not materially impaired. The commission has not yet made a decision. The new eight-hour labor law caused the change at Scofield.

MICHIGAN BRIEFS.

For the first time in 50 years the lid has gone on in Saginaw.

The probate court was asked to commit Grant Poyer, aged 20, a Port Huron high school student and nephew of Thomas A. Edison, to the asylum. He is suffering from a nervous breakdown.

While intoxicated Fred. Claffin and James Davidson broke 70 windows in Battle Creek. Claffin's mother paid for the windows to save them from jail.

After his marriage to Catherine Shannon two months ago Julius Behndt, of Menominee, was sued for \$10,000 for breach of promise by Alvin Laduster. A week later his wife obtained a divorce and Behndt has now married Miss Laduser.

MICHIGAN BREVITIES.

Cadillac has nearly 500 cords of stone heaped up for use on streets next summer.

Guy Dilley, of Charlotte, whose lungs were pierced by a saw in a portable mill, is dead.

Major Harrison Soule, former treasurer of the U. of M., is seriously ill from a complications of ailments.

Congressman McLaughlin will organize corn clubs and offer prizes to the farmer boys who raise the best crops.

William Downing, a Pentwater barber, slipped under a Pere Marquette train while running to catch it, and was killed.

Grand Rapids factories, who were forced to shorten their hours, due to the financial conditions, are again running on normal time.

The postmaster general has ordered city delivery established in Sturgis May 15, with three carriers, one substitute and 24 boxes.

Mrs. Rebecca Ormsbee, 71 years of age, residing with her son in Bay City, dropped dead while about the house attending to the morning work.

The Washtenaw sheriff rounded up a gang of four men and two boys, all colored, who have been stealing coal from the Michigan Central. It is claimed they got seven tons of coal.

"American engineering students," said Stanislaus Jan Zowski, the new instructor in hydraulics, at the U. of M., "accomplish more in four years of work than do Germans in the same period."

J. B. Draper, head bookkeeper of the Pontiac asylum, has been appointed superintendent of the University hospital. Superintendent E. S. Gilmore goes to the Northwestern University hospital.

Miss Cora L. Feldecamp, of Ann Arbor, for the past two years assistant librarian at the Michigan Agricultural college at Lansing, has been appointed assistant librarian of the bureau of plant industry at Washington.

Deputy Sheriff Stryker, of Buchanan, arrested Charles W. Gherke in Bertrand township on the charge of wife desertion. Gherke's family reside at Bridgman, and consists of his wife and eight children, six of whom are under 15 years of age.

A Bay City paper asks the question, "Is the story true that tribute is being collected from gambling joints and immoral places in this city?" They then partly answer their question by saying that Prosecuting Attorney Hitchcock has received an inkling of the alleged grafting and is looking into the matter.

W. J. Dault, manager of a Bay City theater, was acquitted on the charge of keeping his amusement house open on Sunday. The case was tried under the new ordinance prohibiting the opening of theaters on Sunday and was made a test case. His attorney attacked the legality of the ordinance. The fact that there was but one witness to swear the theater was open leaves the test up in the air.

THE MARKETS.

Detroit—Cattle—Good to choice butcher steers, 1,000 to 1,200 lbs. \$4.50 @ 4.75; light to good butcher steers and heifers, 700 to 800 lbs. \$3.75 @ 4.50; mixed butchers, fat cows, \$3.75 @ 4.25; canners, \$1.00 @ 2.25; common bulls, \$2.75 @ 3.25; good shippers' bulls, \$4 @ 4.10; common feeders, \$3.50 @ 3.75; good well-bred feeders, \$3.75 @ 4; light stockers, \$2 @ 3.50.

Veal calves—Receipts light; market steady; best calves, \$7.50; medium, \$6 @ 7; common and heavy, \$2.75 @ 5; mixed cows and springs, \$2 @ 5.50 each.

Sheep and lambs—Market steady; best lambs, \$6 @ 7.

Hogs—Receipts light; market, 20c higher; light to good butchers, \$1.65 @ 1.70; pigs, \$1.30 @ 1.40; light Yorkers, \$1.95 @ 2.10; roughs, \$1.35 @ 1.45; stags, 1-3 @ 1.00.

East Buffalo—Cattle—Best export steers, \$5.00 @ 5.75; best shipping steers, \$4.50 @ 5.25; best 1,000 to 1,100-lb. \$4.75 @ 5; best fat cows, \$4 @ 4.50; fair to good, \$3.25 @ 3.50; trimmers, \$2 @ 2.25; light to heavy, \$1.00 @ 1.10; medium, \$2.50 @ 3; common, \$2.75 @ 3; best feeding steers, \$2 @ 2.25; best stockers, \$2.75 @ 3; export bulls, \$1.25 @ 1.50; hog-corn, \$1.50 @ 1.75; stock bulls, \$2.50 @ 3; good fresh cows sold about \$2 per head higher, others steady; good cows, \$3; medium, \$2 @ 3; common, \$2 @ 2.50.

Hogs—Steady; medium and heavy, \$4 @ 4.25; Yorkers, \$4 @ 4.75; pigs, \$1.50 @ 1.65; roughs, \$1 @ 1.25; mixed, \$1.50 @ 1.75; best native lambs, \$1.25 @ 1.50; culls, \$1 @ 1.25; wethers, \$1 @ 1.25; yearlings, \$1 @ 1.25; weathers, \$1.50 @ 1.75; culls, \$2.50 @ 3; ewes, \$1.50 @ 2.

Hogs—Steady; best, \$4 @ 4.25; medium to good, \$3 @ 3.50.

Grain, etc.

Cats—Cash No. 2 white, 1 car at 52 1/2c; May, 53 1/2c; No. 4 white, 1 car at 52 1/2c, 1 at 51 1/2c.

Beans—Cash, February and May, \$2 1/2 nominal.

Cloverseed—Prime spot and March, \$11 40; October, \$8; sample, 13 bags at \$11, 24 at \$10 50, 42 at \$10 25, 30 at \$10 40; prime alsike, \$10 25; sample alsike, 13 bags at \$9, 5 at \$9 50, 4 at \$8 50.

Timothy seed—Prime spot, 50 bags at \$15.

Barley—Sold by sample, 1 car at \$20.

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NOW THE ELECTORS HAVE A CHANCE

THE REVISED CONSTITUTION IS NOW READY FOR THE PEOPLE.

WHEN SHALL THEY VOTE

The Question of Submission For the Vote of the People Goes to the Supreme Court at Once With a Salary Tag.

The revision of the constitution is now as much a fact as the convention can make it and final judgment now rests with the electors of the state. Saturday the revision as a whole was placed on passage and unanimously adopted, the vote standing 88 to 0.

Instead of adjourning sine die the convention adjourned until March 3, but further business was suspended and all employes discharged except those on the secretary's staff, and the latter will continue on the pay roll until that time. During the interim they will be kept busy getting the addresses ready for mailing. There were several reasons for adjourning with date. A contract had been made with the stenographers, giving them \$1,200 additional to make an index of the debates. The auditor-general refused to pay this on the advice of the attorney-general's department, where it was held that the convention had no right to contract debts beyond the life of the convention. Then Secretary King's friends got busy and he was voted \$750 additional compensation, which was put in the form of a contract, so as to give him a claim against the state.

Although the convention decided to submit the revision in the fall instead of at the spring election the committee on permanent organization recommended that action be taken to secure a judicial decision from the supreme court as to the right of the convention to act independently of the legislative enactment. To bring this about a provision was added to the schedule ordering the secretary of state to forthwith notify the sheriffs of the various counties of the submission of the revision at the fall election. By agreement they will refuse to do this and an order to show cause will be asked for. The matter was placed in charge of a subcommittee consisting of Delegates Campbell, Pratt, A. L. Moore, Gore and Wykes. The order to show cause will be secured from the supreme court and the matter will be heard Thursday, so that a decision can be had in plenty of time, in the event that the court holds against the convention. Delegate Kykes will prepare the case for the convention.

If the convention wins, the result will mean that it has authority to vote money to whomsoever it pleases at libitum and the claims of the secretary and official stenographer will be presented to the state board of auditors for payment. As a matter of fact the continuation of the convention and the payment of extra compensation is nothing more than a species of petty graft that the state has been subjected to for many years through the manipulation of the legislature. There is absolutely no need for an index to the journal, and the indexing of the debates should have been made a part of the original contract with the official stenographer, who has received \$500 a week for the work.

Who is the Liar?

The scandal in the committee on naval affairs of the house over the rejection of the administration's naval program for more battleships and a voluntary increase of four submarines, followed so speedily by the demand of Representative Lilly (Rep., Conn.) for an investigation, threatens to turn the lower branch of congress upside down.

It reached the "you're a liar" stage Saturday, Representative Lilly being placed in hot water because of published reports that he had charged the Electric Boat Co., of New Jersey, with having "fixed" both the Republican and Democratic congressional committees. He got it from Democratic Chairman Griggs and Republican Chairman Sherman, and passed it on to several newspaper men with interest and all kinds of vituperative flourishes.

Lilly denies that he made any charges against the chairman and in their presence accused a correspondent with having "maliciously lied." Griggs accepted the explanation

FROM CITY TO FARM

"Ye who listen with credulity to the whisperings of fancy; who pursue with eagerness the phantoms of hope; who expect that age will perform the promises of youth, and that the deficiencies of the present day will be supplied by the morrow;—attend to the history of Rascias, Prince of Abyssinia."

By ERNEST McGAFFEY

Author of "Poems of Gun and Rod," "Outdoors," "Poems of the Town," Etc.

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The Joys and Woes of Gardening

"Miss Mary, quite contrary, How does your garden grow?"

When we determined on "making garden" in the very inviting plot that lay to the west of the house, it was with a calm confidence begot of reading such aphorisms as "Tickle the ground with a hoe and it will laugh into harvest," and other such hand-made maxims. Our first investment was in the services of a neighboring farmer who plowed and harrowed the space of about half an acre which we intended to use in the experiment. It was a good thing. Never listen to anyone who tells you to spade up the ground. Anyone who deliberately advises a man to spade up a garden is fit for treason, stratagems and spoils. It would make a graduate of West Point hump-shouldered in half a day. Hoeing is mere child's play compared to spading up soil.

When this job of plowing and harrowing was completed, the weeds, which had lain dormant during the winter, sprang forward with a glad shout and proceeded to preempt every solitary square inch of territory available in the garden patch, and shouldered out of the way, or smothered in pure "cussedness" any lone volunteer vegetable from the last year's garden. There is this to be said about weeds. They know what they want, and they go after it. You take a bunch of purslane, commonly known as "pussley," and give it half a chance and it will go all over your garden in a week, and develop more, longer, and thicker tentacles than a devil-fish.

Meantime, we had sent on for our garden seeds to Philadelphia, and with true Quaker deliberation, they were still considering the question of forwarding the order. After a couple of letters, one imploring and the other indignant, the seeds finally arrived on the scene of action. A book which accompanied them showed beautifully colored half-tones of mammoth vegetables grown from that particular brand of seed, and with the picture went a gist of directions as to just how to prepare the ground so as to attain the best results possible.

A careful scrutiny of the formula laid down revealed the fact that the best kind of ground for these unrivaled and carefully selected seeds was a soft, warm, moist, loamy, rich, highly fertilized, sandy, dry, juicy soil, which must be kept constantly stirred up night and morning by systematic hoeing, and which yielded best when kept absolutely free from clods and insects.

A neighbor of mine told me that he planted onion-sets with a Winchester repeating shotgun, as it saved time. He planted them this way, six at a time, simply drawing the shot out of each shell and replacing with an onion-set, and firing the "sets" into the ground as fast as he could load and discharge the weapon. He said they never failed to come up. I recommend this plan to anyone who is rushed for time, as my neighbor assured me it was one of the greatest labor-saving devices of the age. There is a green joyance in a newly sprouting onion bed that is enough to draw tears from an enthusiastic amateur gardener. Indeed, later on, they often draw tears from those handling and peeling them.

Cecile and I worked very diligently at our garden. My attire was mainly a hickory shirt, a pair of brown overalls, and a close-fitting mantle of dogged determination. My better-half superintended the annoying details, rigged out as to headgear with a blue sunbonnet, and finding considerable comfort in eating green currants which had been planted at the edge of the garden by the latest inhabitant of the farmhouse. The baby rolled in the dirt and got cramps from eating green gooseberries, and the neighbors helped us with friendly advice and valuable. I was credibly informed, after planting a lot of cabbage seed, that it would probably come up some time in February, or maybe January. But that if I really wanted cabbage during the summer or fall I would have to procure young plants and set them out.

So I went to town and negotiated for \$5 young and vigorous cabbage plants and set them out with a heart beating high with pictures of "slaw," "kroul" and other delicacies in which the neck and lowly cabbage plays a star part. I dug a hole for every single one of these devoted plants, and poured a generous supply of water in each miniature cave in which they were set. I think there was nearly as much ceremony over every one of them as there would be at the laying of the corner-stone of a million-dollar hospital. When the sun came out good and hot the next day those cabbages laid down like faking pugilists. A neighbor told us to erect little shade-houses over each one of them with shingles, and offered to supply the shingles. We went over to his house that night and came back with a back-load of old shingles. I carried them and Cecile sheered me with the pros-

pect of how the cabbages would jump when they got under the shade of their own shingle and fig-tree, so to speak.

The next morning, before the amorous sun could get in his deadly blighting work on the cabbages, I inserted a couple of shingles apiece to each plant and the sun disappointedly went to work on other sections of the garden. I watered the cabbages some more, and by evening they were certainly on the mend. But, alas! for the rarity of Christian charity,—a long, low, rakish worm of a bright green color, appeared in the offing, and with him came myriads of his tribe. The scientific name of this pest is the horribus cussicus, and his common name, the cabbage-worm. Each worm sports from 19 to 107 horns, big and little, and when these lads are very small you can scarcely tell them from the cabbages, so alike are both in color. But they grow at a fearsome rate, and as they grow, your cabbages are devoured with sickening rapidity, leaving mere stripped stems where once the broad and succulent leaves of the growing vegetable gladdened the eye. I consulted a gardening oracle and he told me to spray them with salt water. I did this for awhile and the worms actually thrived on it. After a long, hot night, nothing seemed to give them such snap and nerve as to get a refreshing salt-water bath such as I used to give them. I have seen one of those worms which would look like he had lost all interest in his job revive almost immediately under a salt-water spray, and go to eating cabbage as energetically as a starved highway cow. I soon saw that the salt-water treatment only made them more frisky and ravenous than ever, so I sent for a book which gave directions for exterminating them. This book recommended Dr. Killen's insect powder. This stuff was scattered over them with a sort of a blow-gun, and a good deal of it got up your nose and made you sneeze. But the worms fairly doted on it.

I realized instantly that I had been the victim of a fraud. There is no way of killing the horribus cussicus except with a club. I found a small baseball bat in the smokehouse, left there by some small boy, and with this weapon I sallied out and fell on the cabbage-worms and wreaked great slaughter upon them. But it was too late; they had about gotten away with the cabbage crop. But just as a guide for future gardeners I want to say that the only way to get rid of these brutes is to take a club and maul them to death.

We planted radishes of two or three varieties, lettuce, swiss chard, beans, peas, sweet corn, beets, tomatoes, turnips, spinach, and some other varieties of vegetables, and for the most part they came up well and seemed anxious to please. But the weeds grew strong and thick, and although I cut them down diligently, they came on undisturbed and threatened to swamp our garden if something was not done to rout them. It was here, like what's-his-name of old, that I jumped into the breach, or rather the breeches, and performed a prodigy of valor.

It was easy to be seen that cutting them down only increased their strength and number. The only resort was to dig them out bodily and carry them away. This I finally accomplished by rooting them out from the bottom with a long-handled hoe, and wheeling them away in a wheelbarrow that had locomotor ataxia in its wheel and almost made me bow-legged trying to follow its gyrations. I was compelled to remove several tons of soil in taking away the weeds, but at last the job was finished. After that the garden looked immense. Cecile could come out in her "glad rags" and gather vegetables, and as for the baby, she preferred it as a playground to the lawn around the house. By a vigilant use of the hoe I kept the weeds and grass away from the garden all the rest of the time until fall.

The secret of successful gardening is not so much in intellect as it is in the endless grind of detail work. Just a hard, remorseless whacking away with a hoe morning and evening, stirring up the earth along the lines of your rows of vegetables, letting the sun and moisture in at the roots, and keeping the grass away from the beds. But sometimes the grass is a good scheme. For instance, when you have a lettuce bed that is growing fast, let the grass grow up in the rows and it will retard the lettuce growth some, and keep it from going to seed too soon. In this way you can have lettuce all summer from one bed, and the grass, overshadowing the lettuce, will have the effect of blanching it besides.

Another well-known wrinkle in gardening is to plant a little at a time of your vegetables, and thus have fresh lettuce, beans, radishes, beets, peas, corn, etc., all the time. You can hoe over a bed where one vegetable has grown and put in other seed, also, and it is really wonderful how much can be raised from a small space of ground by careful attention to detail, and a liberal use of the hoe.

I don't think there is anything in

the world more touching than the pride a woman takes in a successful garden that her husband has raised. You would almost imagine that she had done the work herself. To get the full benefit of this, just trail her while she shows the garden to visitors. The word "we" is much in evidence. With a dainty view of her hand she will "boost" the gardening game most effectually. "We" planted this, "we" planted that, "our" best luck was with the dwarf peas; and maybe she held a string to get the rows straight.

At any rate we found the garden not only a very volume of experience and instruction, but the addition to our table was something really surprising. And the difference between an onion snaked out of the ground in the early dawn, with a pearly drop of dew on its brow, and the same vegetable, culled from a green grocer's planks, with a spurious drop of city water pasted on it from a disreputable looking sprinkler, is one of those things which are indescribable. We had not eaten any real vegetables for years until we came to the farm. I failed to see any hardship with the Nebuchadnezzar story about being turned out to grass, after having the experience of a garden. I think Neb. had a pretty easy time of it, after all.

The rabbits gave us some trouble for awhile, but I managed to even up with them quite frequently. They used to hide under the broad leaves of the squash vines during the day and then feed on the "truck" during the night time. But I came to the knowledge of this trick, and used frequently to sally out early in the morning with a revolver in one hand and a basket in the other, and after picking a mess of "greens" at one end of the garden I would go slyly down to the other and peek under the squash leaves until I sighted "Brer" rabbit sitting mighty quiet under his green canopy, and then I would carefully sight down the barrel of the 32 and it would be a case of "fare you well Brother Watkins, ah."

Young rabbits are powerful tooth-some in the summer, and my garden-fled bunions often grazed the family larder.

We were not near enough to the timber to be bothered with the squirrels, and the field corn matured fast enough to keep them busy with roasting ears without molesting our sweet corn. But about the time our domain of green stuff was promising best there came a fell destroyer that gave us no end of trouble. It was no less than the mole. Of all pests to which an amateur gardener is subjected, this is the worst. One good live mole can do more damage to a garden in a day than an army with banners. Sometimes they zigzag over an entire garden, making a crazy-quilt patchwork that just breaks the surface of the soil, and everywhere they go the growing plants wither and shrivel up as though fire had blasted them. At other times they will travel up and down the rows, undermining whole colonies of peavines or radishes, and everlastingly destroying the entire output.

When I saw the sign manual of the mole in our garden I knew there was trouble ahead, and so it proved. My recourse to the oracles produced the information that you must watch when they were traveling and then spade them up and kill them. I watched the garden for days, hours, weeks, and never caught one of them in the act. Bumps and ridges would rise apparently right under my very nose, and I would dig frantically up and down the line of the trail but never a mole did I find. These pesky little nuisances were the worst things we had to contend with, but as bad as they were our garden was a great success.

There is something peculiarly delightful in working in the soil, and pottering and puttering about a garden plot. We both of us enjoyed to the utmost the peeping tiny green sprouts that broke the crust of soil and came up so hopefully and with such an eager desire, apparently, to be eaten. Birds came there often; the blackbirds, robins, catbirds, red-headed and golden-winged woodpeckers, sparrows, and occasionally doves. And later, in the fall, a bevy of quail made its rendezvous there for awhile until I routed them out with a salute from my double-barrel as they darted for the corn fields.

When the first frosts came, the chill fell on our vines and plants and the glory of our little enterprise dropped away. The tomatoes and melons were the first to feel the touch, and crisped and withered like fire-scorched twigs. But underneath the grass which I had then allowed full sway, there were some few hardy parsnips and carrots which we could bring from an earthy storehouse and several times we surprised the chard vigorously sending out its shoots under the matted growth above it which sheltered and fostered its later growth.

Even the shattered stalks of the sweet corn held here and there a nibbler for the birds, and on the seed-stalks of turnip and lettuce wandering bird-wings settled and scattered from time to time. Through the currant and gooseberry bushes the tracks of the rabbits showed when the first snows had fallen, and rarely, there would be intermingled with these the tracks of foraging quail.

And at last, as we stood by the fence together, with the fire of a winter sunset painting the western slopes, there was nothing now left of our dream of seed-time and harvest but the curve of a dying squash thrust out from a leveled snowdrift, and the silent flitting of slate-colored juncos in the slanting stakes that marked where the peas had flowered and podded.

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Christian, Are You Winning Souls?

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It is not enough for the Christian to be evangelized. He should be evangelistic. Jesus said: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." An evangelistic church may be a reservoir of pure water without a pipe running anywhere. If you will take the trouble to go to it and climb the embankment you will get a good drink. The evangelistic church is a reservoir of pure water with a pipe to every heart in the community and every nation in the world.

Evangelical may mean truth on ice; evangelistic means truth on fire. Evangelical may mean a bomb-proof for defense; evangelistic means an army on the march with every face toward the foe.

Evangelical sings: "Hold the fort, for I am coming;" evangelistic sings: "Storm the fort, for God is leading."

The need of the church is not evangelism as a thing to fight for, but evangelism as a force to fight with.

The evangelistic creed merely held and defended becomes a fossil, only a thing of interest; but the evangelistic life which feeds upon evangelical truth is a force against which the gates of hell cannot prevail.

An evangelist may be a mere formalist and there is no recognition of him in the New Testament, except as he is rebuked; but a New Testament evangelist is a man full of the life of God and making alive those to whom he ministers.

What It Means. It is certainly more than inducing a person to join the church. That is important. There are too many believers who attend churches and refuse to become an organic part of any one. They are spiritual pleasure seekers. They are gospel tasters. They look at the papers and go where the subject of the music seems most attractive. At best they are only "bushwhackers" and ought somehow to be pressed into the regular army. "One shall chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight;" that is, two together are ten times stronger than one alone. Organization multiplies your influence by ten. You have no right, therefore, to remain outside the organized church of Christ. But you can join the church, be baptized and partake of the Lord's Supper without being a Christian. We may make our churches so worldly in spirit that worldly people will feel perfectly at home as members of them. They become adherents, and adherents, you know, are barnacles that help to sink the ship. The real convert has become a "partaker of the divine nature." (2 Peter 1:4.) He has been "born from above." (John 3:3.)

You Must Accept. Conviction of sin, however, is not enough. "As many as received him, to them gave he the power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." (John 1:12.) There must be acceptance of Jesus Christ. Even turning from sin is not sufficient. God did not tell the bitter Israelites merely to look away from the bite of the serpent, but to look to the serpent of brass uplifted in the camp. Reformation is simply turning from sin; regeneration is turning from sin into Christ. Reformation is white-washing; regeneration is washing white. To reform is to remain deformed; to be born again by faith in the uplifted Jesus is to take into our hearts the life that will make Christly character.

You Must Have New Birth. Jesus said: "Come ye after me and I will make you to become fishers of men." Now, it is not our mission to feed fish, that is, to cultivate the natural man until he has so greatly improved that he may be labeled a Christian. The fish that live in the lower realm of darkness, grub and gravel must be transformed by the new birth into sheep fitted for the higher realm of landscape, sun and sky. The Babel process of reaching heaven by building up from beneath is not the New Testament method. "Ye must be born from above." George Whitfield preached over 300 times from this text, and, when asked why he had preached so often from the same text, he replied: "Because ye must be born again." Christ can enter the hearts of the vilest and make them sons of God. The need of the day is a re-emphasis of sudden, instantaneous conversion, a crisis with a view to a process of growth.

The Secret of Power. Back of real evangelism is a praying church. Back of the reformation of the sixteenth century were the caloused knees of Philip Melancthon and the "Bene orasse est bene stidisse" (to have prayed well is to have studied well) of Martin Luther. It was not the thunderbolt of Luther's anathema, but the power of persistent prayer that gave a new sunrise to the church of Christ. The habit of John Wesley was to rise for prayer and meditation every morning at four.

There never was a genuine revival of Christianity which did not have its roots in prayer.

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Lowell, Michigan

From Our Point of View

THAT "No man liveth to himself alone," that no one can be independent of his fellows and that sociability is one of the first laws of human nature, are essential facts of our civilization; and it is eminently right and proper that they should be made emphatic by our educational institutions. The Western Military academy at Alton, Illinois, has just expelled a young man who refused to associate with his classmates and who evidently considered himself their superior. Students and faculty are unanimous in their approval; and the fact that the boy is the son of a prominent Missouri politician did not save him from the order to "leave and never return." The glory of our republic is the democratic spirit of its people. There is no room here for blue-bloods and aristocrats in a country that makes presidents of canal drivers and rail splitters, governors of washerwomen's sons and senators of news boys. It is well that our schools and colleges should hold up this banner of hope and inspiration where it may be read by all men; and if there are any who do not like it—well, the world is wide and travel is good for the health. Let them try another climate. Alton, we take off our hats to you.

"Had the wrong pig by the ear." Such was the mistake of the Freeport gentleman who "phoned The Ledger" man an invitation to preach in that town Sunday. Of course, the mistake was due to the oratorical reputation of our former journalist preacher Brother Davidson and as such an honor to him. The responsibility and opportunity of the preacher are great; but we are not ready to admit that they are greater than those of the editor, who talks to thousands while the other preaches to hundreds. Both are noble callings. Either demands the best that is in the greatest; and one is enough for the most earnest and most eminently qualified. The "Average Man" is none too large for either pulpit or press and when such an one is spread over both fields, he spreads exceedingly thin. No, we shall not preach at Freeport Sunday.

During our visit in the Thumb we found that farmers in that section are using the papers in advertising auction sales, and that the results are much better than with the old hand bill method, buyers for special articles coming from a far wider territory than was ever covered by bills. Once a person has his bills printed his troubles are just begun, with miles of driving and posting before him. Then the winds blow and the rains fall and the place that knew them knows that particular bill no more. The same advertisement in the paper does not cost greatly more and is put directly into the homes of hundreds of possible buyers where it can be referred to up to the day of the sale. Let some of our spring sale customers try the new method and test its superiority.

WE ASKED for bread; they give us a stone. The demand of the public for the incorporation of the initiative and referendum into the new constitution—the hard words being terms to represent the right of the people

to initiate or take the first steps toward the enactment of laws desired by them and to accept or reject legislative acts—has been answered by making such submission subject to the approval of a two-thirds vote of the legislature. The servant mocks his master and returns an insult for his wage. It's the old, old cry, "The people cannot be trusted" and "The people be—"

SHOULD Russia execute General Stoessel she will merit the contempt and execration of the entire world. A country where representative government is a roaring farce, where people are shot to bits for asking to see their "little father," where soldiers are expected to bare their breasts to the enemy's bullets for 12 cents a day, and where generals are hanged for fighting long after the last hope is gone and then surrendering to save the remnant of his army from death. Such a country, and such a ruler! No wonder men throw dynamite!

ANOTHER test of Lowell hospitality will be afforded by the coming of the Kent County Sunday School association next week. Let our homes be open and free-handed hospitality abound; first, because it is a right and good thing to do, and second, because the convention method is one of the most approved for town advertising. You do not have to be a church member or to belong to the Board of Trade to take part in this work. Give your hand, heart and home to the work.

TURN out to the village caucus Friday evening and help nominate the best available men to look after our municipal affairs during the coming year. You can scarcely have more important business at that hour; but if you have, postpone it. The nomination will doubtless be equivalent to an election, and our village affairs now involve such large interests, affecting every taxpayer, that any mistake may easily be costly. So, attend the caucus and do your duty.

The attention of our readers is invited to the first of a series of one-column sermons by Rev. A. C. Dixon, D. D., pastor of Moody's church, Chicago, which appears elsewhere in this issue. We believe there is room in THE LEDGER for a department of this sort, and that it will prove helpful to many old or infirm people who are unable to attend church; and that those who are not interested, will not begrudge this small concession to those who are.

The knockers have been pretty well knocked. Now, if any have deserved the title let them turn over a new leaf and earn a better one, that of pusher. Let the past go. Kicking about bygone mistakes and refusing to lift never made a town in God's world. Stop looking sour! Sweeten up! Cheer up! Look up! Look ahead! And if you can't push, don't drag!

The business man who advertises and draws trade to town, helps himself and everybody in it. The slothful dealer who sits still and gets what he can of trade that enterprising men have brought by his door is simply a sucker. He does not add a dollar to his town's trade, but is a parasite living on his betters.

500 good business envelopes printed to your order \$1.00. The Ledger.

Churches and Societies

SOCIETIES.
National Protective Legion will hold its regular meeting March 3. Election of officers.

Lowell Literary club will entertain the Clover Leaf club at the home of Mrs. Ruben, Friday March 6.

Special communication Cyclamen chapter No. 94 O. E. S. announced for Friday evening Feb 28 has been cancelled. By order of the Worthy Matron.

Lowell Union W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Phylla Clark at the home of Mrs. Yelter Friday afternoon of this week, Feb. 28. Members are specially requested to be present.

CONGREGATIONAL.
"What to Preach and to whom to Preach It," or "God's Gospel's Man's Theory," morning sermon at the Congregational church. For the noon bible class, "The Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes" under which such questions as the following will be discussed: "Why do people follow Jesus? Are things humanly impossible with Jesus? and why? What principles are involved in this Miracle?"

For the evening service "The Barabas Theory of the Atonement," the outline of this sermon suggested by possibly the greatest English bible teacher in the world today, Dr. C. I. Scofield. You should certainly hear it.

BAPTIST.
The Missionary society meets with Mrs. Jas. A. Scott this (Thursday) afternoon.

Services next Sunday morning led by one of the members. Sunday school at noon.

METHODIST.
Sunday March 1, 9:30 a. m. holy communion, 10:30 a. m. public worship and sermon, subject: "The Confessional." Sunday school at noon, 7 p. m. the monthly choral service.

Monday evening lecture for probationers, subject: "The Rise of Methodism." Let every probationer be present Monday evening, if possible. The sessions of the Sunday school convention are all open to the public.

Vergennes Valley Church.
Service next Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Sermon by the Pastor, subject: "The Confessional." As the services have been interfered with on account of the weather, let all make a special effort next Sunday.

CLOVER LEAF CLUB.
The regular meeting of the Clover Leaf club was held last Tuesday Feb. 18 at the home of Mrs. Mattie McQueen. The program was opened with a piano solo by Miss Pearl Keene. Instrumental duet, Misses Yelter and Whitney. Paper "Our County Home and Dependent Poor," Mrs. Libble Merriman. Miss Maynard sang "The Old and Young Marie" and "My Balmie" very pleasantly, being accompanied by Mrs. F. F. Coons. Paper "A Talk upon the Relation of Poetry to Music," Miss Anna Maynard. Instrumental music, Mrs. Mange. Song, "America" by the club.

We adjourned to meet with Mrs. Headley Tuesday March 10 at 2:30. —[Press Cor.]

HEARD ABOUT TOWN

Mrs. Earl Aldrich is on the sick list. Wade Scott returned to Lansing last Thursday.

James Munroe returned from Rockford Sunday.

J. B. Nicholson was in Muskegon on business Friday.

Mrs. John Wright has been quite ill with grip the past week.

Miss Edith Warner of Alto visited Lowell relatives last week.

Miss Belle Dawson was home from Grand Rapids over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Speaker were in Grand Rapids one day last week.

Will Morse and family spent several days of last week at Saranac.

Miss Claire Little spent Saturday and Sunday with her sister Louise at Hastings.

Born—to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bentley, formerly of Lowell, at Lenox, Mich., an 8-pound son.

A. E. Winters and daughters Daisy and Sarah of Ada spent Saturday at the home of Mio Johnson.

Unclaimed letters at Lowell post-office for week ending Feb. 24, James Miller, R. 49; Jeff. B. Webb.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Francisco have been spending a few days in Grand Rapids and at Wayland.

Misses Lulu and Marlon Hunt and Bertha Newman of Freeport visited Miss Hazel Hoag Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Shepard and Alanson Bostoff spent Friday with Mrs. James Munroe in West Lowell.

Miss Lotta Ruben was given a surprise party Saturday evening by the young ladies of the sewing club.

Arthur Sherman of Owosso spent Saturday and Sunday with friends here. He played with Stocking's orchestra at the dance Friday evening.

Miss Alice Tinkler spent Sunday with relatives and friends in Grand Rapids and attended a party given by Miss Emma Cameron in the city Saturday evening.

VILLAGE ELECTION: A CITIZENS caucus will be held in the Fox building next to Look's store Friday evening, Feb. 28, at 7:30 o'clock, for the purpose of making nominations to fill the following offices: President, clerk, treasurer, three trustees, trustee to fill vacancy, assessor.

Dr. Keyes, dentist, phone 156.
Jas. Post of Saranac was in town Friday.
E. E. Colby of Bowne was in town Friday.
Mrs. McQueen entertains the Supper club this evening.
Mrs. Frank E. Thompson of Grand Rapids was in town Monday.
Mrs. B. C. Martin of Worcester has been visiting her sister-in-law Mrs. Margaret Johnson.
Clarence McGee returned to Detroit Saturday after being at home nearly two weeks recuperating.

Lowell Public Schools.

School Notes Furnished by Superintendent E. J. Martin.

The senior class organized early in the year, and are transacting the ordinary business incident to their line of work.

Members of the ninth grade English class debated last Friday during class hour on the question, "Resolved that women should receive the same wages as men for the same work." Norma Morse led the affirmative and Ferris Briscoe the negative. Judges were Miss Hayes their teacher and Superintendent Martin. Credit was given for argument alone. At the close of the debate it was found that the affirmative had won by a fair margin. One member of the class acted as critic on English.

W. W. Stetson, state superintendent of Maine, says—"Common sense, ideals, sympathy—but the greatest of these is sympathy. Without this trinity you cannot have a teacher."

The steam engine has been the subject of study for the past few days by members of the physics class. Last Tuesday they visited the engine and boiler rooms of the Lowell cutter factory. While there the young men figured on the horse power of the engine, while the young ladies were interested in observing different parts of the machinery. The object of the visit was to round up our discussions on the engine, and to see the different parts in actual use. Some of the machines on the lower floor were observed, also the filling room where Mr. Cameron explained about giving a saw more gum, and a number of other important remedies which he knows so well how to administer.

The freshmen class recently organized electing Raymond Bergin, president; Edyth Charles, vice president; Norma Morse, secretary; Albert Howard, treasurer. "On the three hold" is their motto, while blue and gold are their colors.

Allen Behler is president of the sophomore class, Lyle Bowen, vice president; Alice Young, secretary; and Harry Andrews, treasurer.

The juniors were the first to wear class colors of pink and green, and to sound their class yell of "Blm-a-lack-a, blm-a-lack-a Bow wow wow, Ching-a-lack-a, ching-a-lack-a Chow chow chow. Who are who are who are we, We're the class that's supreme We're the Class of 1909.

Perrin McQueen is president; Eva Gehrer, vice president; Charles Leary, secretary; Ida Hunter, treasurer; and Albert Roth, yelmaster. Their motto is—"Impossible is Un-American"

Report of the Condition of The Lowell State Bank

At Lowell, Michigan, at the close of Business, February 14, 1908, as Called for by the Commissioner of the Banking Department.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$ 94,292.92
Bonds, mortgages and securities	97,080.34
Premiums paid on bonds	150.00
Overdrafts	425.89
Banking house	4,500.00
Furniture and fixtures	2,000.00
Items in transit	5,301.15
Due from banks in reserve cities	\$ 53,086.33
U. S. and National Bank currency	6,720.00
Gold coin	4,500.00
Silver coin	2,111.15
Nickels and cents	41.09
Checks and other cash items	67,118.57
	213.45
Total	\$273,292.33

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus fund	5,000.00
Commercial deposits	\$ 55,161.72
Undivided profits net	696.00
Savings deposits	135,306.95
Savings certificates	51,147.59
	211,616.26
Total	\$273,292.33

State of Michigan, County of Kent, ss. I, D. G. Manze, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

D. G. MANZE, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of February 1908.
My commission expires Jan. 11th, 1909.
MYRTLE A. TAYLOR, Notary Public

Correct—Attest
EDWARD L. BERNETT
Charles McCarly
Jesse Tompsett Directors

LOWELL WEEKLY MARKET REPORT.

Corrected Feb. 26, 1908.

Wheat 60 lb.	\$ 96
Middlings per ton	28 00
Corn Meal per ton	25 00
Oats	50
Corn	60
Rye	75
Buckwheat	75
Corn and oats per ton	\$28 00
Bran per ton	28 00
Flour	2 80
Buckwheat flour	3 00
Baled hay	13 00
Eggs	18
Butter lb.	20-22
Lard	10
Beans (hand-picked basis)	2 10
Potatoes	-55
Timothy	2 00-2 50
Clover seed per bu.	12 00-14 00
Milk cwt.	1 15
Beef live per cwt.	3 00-3 75
Beef dressed	5 50-7 00
Veal dressed	8 00
Sheep live	3 00-4 00
Lamb live	6 00-
Calves live	6 00-6 50
Pork live	4 25
Pork dressed	5 75-6 00
Fowls dressed	10
Hides	4%

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Calumet is so carefully and scientifically prepared that the neutralization of the ingredients is absolutely perfect. Therefore, Calumet leaves no Rochelle Salts or Alum in the food. It is chemically correct.

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Picnic Hams

Picnic hams, a breakfast bite That sharpens up the appetite. Small and tender, delicious, nice; Smoked with hickory—here's the price: Hams 11 cents per pound.

Pig Hams

These hams are a delight. Try them once—you'll find them right. Customers are pleased to say: "Best we've found in many a day." Whole hams 12½ cents a pound.

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They are the very best of salt fish. When served make an appetising dish. They are put up in kegs of wood, Well cured—they must be good. By the pound at 14 cents.

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10 no. 11 " " " " " 41 " " " "	30c "
10 no. 11 " " " " " 47 " " " "	31c "
11 no. 11 " " " " " 49 " " " "	33c "
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We also carry extra strong Poultry fence made of 14 no. 12 wires 52 in high 43c rd. 15 no. 12 wires 58 in. high 48c rd. at

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Phone 169

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falls short of its desired effect if addressed to a small crowd of interested listeners. Mr. Business Man, are you wasting your ammunition on the small crowd that would trade with you anyway, or do you want to reach those who are not particularly interested in your business? If you do, make your appeal for trade to the largest and most intelligent audience in your community, the readers of this paper. They have countless wants. Your ads will be read by them, and they will become your customers. Try it and see.





NOW, SIR!

You had better get in line for 100 envelopes printed, and a writing tablet thrown in for only 35c.

This is a case lot of good, white business envelopes shipped direct from the factory, freight prepaid and discounted for cash. The paper is a job lot of good ruled writing stock put up in tablets of 100 sheets each. No more can be had at this price when these are gone. Cash must accompany all orders and work called for at the office. No postage or expressage can be paid out of this or any credit given.

The envelopes will be neatly printed with your return card, business and address in one corner. This work will be done when presses are not busy with regular work and may not always be rushed; but there will be no long delays. Call at

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office, see samples and leave your order. Open when the big red sign shines.

Our Country Cousins

EAST LOWELL.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hardy entertained Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Young of Lowell Sunday.
Mr. Dykhouse of Grand Rapids visited at the home of P. Deboer Tuesday.
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Story visited the latter's parents in West Lowell Sunday.
Through the efforts of our teacher Miss Vanderwall the East Lowell school has secured a flag.
Dan Dickson and family of Vergennes visited at the home of Fred Conkunt Sunday.

LOWELL DISTRICT NO. 2.

A sleighing party from Freeport drove to the home of Myron Quay Friday night arriving at ten-thirty. An oyster supper was served at twelve o'clock and the company spent a pleasant time.
Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hawk spent Sunday with their parents Mr. and Mrs. A. Cochran.
Letha Rogers of Grand Rapids has been visiting her brother Milton Rogers and family this week.
Ben Andrews and Cliff Pant returned Sunday night from Blanchard where they have been spending the past week. They brought home five horses.
Mr. and Mrs. John Andrews and baby of Grand Rapids visited Mrs. J. C. Andrews from Saturday until Monday.
Mr. and Mrs. Milton Rogers and family, Martin Rogers and Mrs. Roy Dolaway spent Friday at the home of Marvin Chase in South Lowell.
Mrs. C. Pant spent part of last week with her parents Mr. and Mrs. S. Marsh in South Lowell.
Mrs. L. A. Carter entertained Mr. and Mrs. Jay Ellis of McCords Sunday.
John Verburg returned last week from The Netherlands after a two months' visit at his boyhood home.
Clyde Smith is on the sick list with grip.

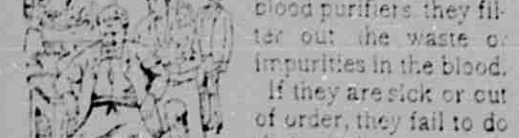
VERGENNES STATION.

Sabbath school next Sunday. Everyone cordially invited to attend.
Miss May Rice visited at Lowell Saturday.

Over-Work Weakens Your Kidneys.

Unhealthy Kidneys Make Impure Blood.

All the blood in your body passes through your kidneys once every three minutes.



The kidneys are your blood purifiers. They filter out the waste or impurities in the blood. If they are sick or out of order, they fail to do their work. Pains, aches and rheumatism come from excess of uric acid in the blood, due to neglected kidney trouble.

Kidney trouble causes quick or unsteady heart beats, and makes one feel as though they had heart trouble, because the heart is over-working in pumping thick, kidney-poisoned blood through veins and arteries.

It used to be considered that only urinary troubles were to be traced to the kidneys, but now modern science proves that nearly all constitutional diseases have their beginning in kidney trouble.

If you are sick you can make no mistake by first doctoring your kidneys. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Dr. Kline's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases and is sold on its merits by all druggists in fifty-cent and one-dollar sizes.

You may have a sample bottle by mail. Home of Swamp-Root, free, also pamphlet telling you how to find out if you have kidney or bladder trouble. Mention this paper when writing Dr. Kline & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kline's Swamp-Root, and the address Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

EVERY RHEUMATIC INVITED TODAY

TO TEST URIC-O FREE!
75-Cent Bottle Given Free To All Who Apply

If there are still any sufferers from Rheumatism in this county or wherever this paper reaches, that have not yet tried the wonderful Rheumatic Remedy Uric-O, we want them to try it now at our expense. We firmly believe that there is not a case of Rheumatism in the world that will not yield to the wonderful effects of Uric-O, and we want to prove it to every doubter beyond all possibility. The best way to do this is to give a trial bottle of this remedy outright to every sufferer and let him test and try it to his own satisfaction. If you or any of your family suffer from Rheumatism, no matter what form, just cut this notice out of the paper and sent it together with your name and address, also the name of your druggist, to the Smith Drug Co., 321 Smith Bldg., Syracuse, N. Y., and they will send you by return mail a liberal trial package free of all expense. There is no reservation to this offer. You take the remedy home and use it according to directions until thoroughly satisfied of its merits.

We could not offer to do this if we did not know that after you are freed from this dreaded disease that you will recommend it to all your friends who have Rheumatism. We know from experience that personal recommendation from one person to another is the most valuable advertising, and that is the way we intend to acquaint the world with Uric-O. Don't put off writing because this offer will soon expire, and then it will be too late. Do it to day and start yourself upon the highway to perfect health and happiness. Send for Uric-O, no matter where you live. It is sold by Druggists all over this country, and we want you to have a bottle free.

Uric-O is sold and personally recommended in Lowell by D. G. Look.

Harold Patcholds is ill with grip. Phillip Hartley made a business trip to Caledonia Monday and Tuesday.
Mary Menzies spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Duell.
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Blakeslee and two children, Esther Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Blakeslee, John Hartley and Carl Havens attended "Uncle Tom's Cabin" at the opera house at Lowell Tuesday evening.

VERGENNES.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Bennett entertained about twenty-five ladies and gentlemen at a pedro party Saturday evening. Mrs. M. L. Bailey and Leander McLean received first prizes.
Miss Anna Peters has been ill the past week.
Miss Jessie O'Harrow spent Sunday at her home in South Lowell.
Mrs. John Scott entertained a party of ladies from Lowell and Vergennes at pedro Friday evening.
Mrs. M. L. Bailey was ill last week.
Rev. S. T. Morris' illustrated lecture Monday evening, third number on the Vergennes course, was very well attended, and the audience was well pleased. Receipts at the door for the single number were about nine dollars.

ADA.

Major Dickenson is seriously ill with pneumonia.
Boyd Smith and Leon Heaton took part in the oratorical contest in Grand Rapids Tuesday evening Feb. 18. Leon won the gold medal.
W. P. Carle, Charles Wheeler, Mrs. Emma Carle, Mrs. William and Mrs. Fery Archibald are among the sick ones.
J. Marley Carew and family have moved from Grand Rapids to their farm again for the summer.
Rev. J. E. Badwell of Grand Rapids preached at the Baptist church Sunday morning.
Melvin Heaton is home sick with grip. His brothers are delivering milk on his route in the city.
Hilda Nelson returned from a few weeks' visit with friends in Grand Rapids Friday.
Harry Clarke spent Sunday at home with his mother and sisters.
A. R. Martin has donated a quantity of pole wood to the church. A be was held on Monday to get the wood to the sawmill where Mr. Martin will cut it ready for the stoves. That looks like business and is another illustration of loyalty to the best interests of the church.

Desperate Coughs

Dangerous coughs. Extremely perilous coughs. Coughs that rasp and tear the throat and lungs. Coughs that shake the whole body. You need a regular medicine, a doctor's medicine, for such a cough. Ask your doctor about Ayer's Cherry Pectoral.



Any good doctor will tell you that a medicine like Ayer's Cherry Pectoral cannot do its best work if the bowels are constipated. Ask your doctor if he knows anything better than Ayer's Pills for correcting this sluggishness of the liver.

Frank Heaton joined the B. Y. P. U. at their last business meeting and was accepted as an active member and appointed secretary.
Mrs. Galsple is still improving in health while visiting her sister at Birmingham, near Detroit.
Mrs. Robt. Hillis is falling very fast and no hope is entertained of her recovery.
Messrs. George and Sidney Haskins are ill.
Mr. Parkenson preached at the Congregational church Sunday morning.
The O. E. S. anniversary, celebrated last Thursday night, was one of the best ever enjoyed. A large crowd was present, a good program carried out and to say a good banquet only half expresses it, which made all present glad they were there.

KEENE CENTER.

N. D. Trask and Verna Strong attended the birthday anniversary of their cousin Elva Robinson at the home of their grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Emery Strong at Easton Saturday evening. About forty were present and it was a surprise party.
The Ladies' Aid society of the Keene M. E. church will hold its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday Mar. 4 at the home of Mrs. B. F. Wilkinson, and the gentlemen are specially invited to come. Dinner will be served at noon and a program and business meeting at 2 p. m. A cordial invitation is extended to all neighbors, and friends of the society, to come and have a good time.
Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Wilkinson, Miss Libbie Lawrence and Ulah Golds were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dane's Tuesday afternoon and evening of last week.
Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Titus and Mr. and Mrs. Alie Titus spent Tuesday afternoon of last week at the home of Lewis Daller.
Arthur Shores has been ill the past week.

Messrs. and Mesdames Frank Raymond and Morgan Titus left Saturday for a visit with Mrs. Raymond's parents at Coral and will also visit at Blanchard before returning.
Mrs. Dale Bowen was operated upon at Ann Arbor last Wednesday and the report has been received that she is doing finely.
Chauncey Holdridge who died near Manton Feb. 14 was born Aug. 14, 1879, at Holly, Mich. When one year of age he moved with his mother, now Mrs. Henry Pinckney, to Keene where he has always made his home. He had been working at Manton for some time. He leaves besides his mother a wife and two sons, one sister Mrs. Frank Patcholds, and several half-brothers. Mr. and Mrs. David McWhitney of Grand Rapids were here to attend the funeral which was held at the home of his mother Friday afternoon, Rev. G. K. Fairbanks officiating. Burial was made in Pinckney cemetery.
Mrs. Adelbert White is very ill.

B. F. Wilkinson went to Ionia today to serve on the Lake Odessa drain jury.
Mrs. Geo. Pinckney is very ill this week.

CHILDREN'S HAIR.
Keep It Clean and Free from Disease by Using Parisian Sage.

If you want your children to grow up with strong sturdy and vigorous hair, teach them to use Parisian Sage; the world renowned French Hair Tonic.



Parisian Sage is guaranteed by M. N. Henry to cure dandruff and stop falling hair in two weeks. It grows new hair quickly in cases where the hair is "thinning out."
It is positively the most delightful, invigorating hair dressing on the market. It is not sticky or greasy and will make the coarsest hair soft, lustrous and luxuriant. Get a 50 cent bottle from M. N. Henry and watch how rapid its action. Giroux Mfg. Co., Makers, Buffalo, N. Y.

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Catarrh is the most prevalent disease known to humanity. Probably ninety per cent. of the people in this country suffer at one time or another with this common disease.
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This is best found in Hyomei, which may be called the direct method of treating catarrh, as its medication, taken in with the air you breathe, goes directly to every air cell in the nose, throat and lungs; kills all catarrhal germs; heals the irritated mucous membrane and vitalizes the tissues so as to render catarrh no longer possible.
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SEELEY CORNERS.

Miss Ethel Shilton is on the sick list.
Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Seeley and children visited relatives at Lowell Saturday and Sunday.
I. J. Tidd was at Caledonia Tuesday.
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hesche attended the Disciple Ladies' Aid society meeting, held at the home of Mrs. Charles McIntyre in West Lowell Thursday.
The young peoples' meeting at the church Sunday evening was well attended.
Elmer Richmond of Vergennes was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Burras Saturday and Sunday.
Wm. Hesche visited his mother in Grand Rapids Friday.

Little Gladys Hesche is quite ill.
Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Schneider and children of South Lowell were Sunday guests of their parents Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Shilton.
The Leap Year social at the hall Thursday evening was well attended.
Messrs. Charles Reynolds and Geo. Murray attended Odd Fellow Lodge at Alto Thursday evening.
Mrs. O. Reynolds and son Sherman spent Friday at the home of Mrs. Gabe Onan in West Lowell.

Advertisement for Prof. Dean's King Cactus Oil. Trial bottles 15c, 8 oz. bottles 50c, 20 oz. bottles \$1.00. Also sold in half-gallon and gallon cans for veterinary use.

Every family has frequent use for a good ointment and none can be found that equals in penetrating and healing powers the old reliable KING CACTUS OIL. Since 1888 it has sold on its merits until it is now used from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

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KING CACTUS OIL is thoroughly antiseptic and heals a wound from the bottom, thus preventing blood-poisoning and healing without leaving a scar. It speedily heals CUTS, SPRAINS, BRUISES, OLD SORES, SWELLINGS, CHAPPED HANDS AND ALL EXTERNAL HURTS. As a rubbing liniment for the treatment of RHEUMATISM, LUMBAGO, and kindred ailments, its wonderful penetrating qualities make its action prompt and the pain quickly subsides.

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Lowell Center.
Mr. and Mrs. Amos Havens have been called to Clarksville by the serious illness of the latter's father James Trowbridge.
Hazel and Mary Creer of Ionia visited Flossa Tomlinson last week.
After the recent heavy snowfall George Ruml became stuck in a deep drift and was obliged to shovel his way out.
Mortie Rollson entertained George Ingersoll of Lowell recently.
Fred Slama is recovering.
Low Madison visited Carl Havens Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Burt Hayes of Ionia recently visited at the home of J. J. Homes.
500 good business envelopes printed to your order \$1.00. The Ledger.

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In Order No. 907, under date of December 4, 1907, and title "Amendments to the Postal Laws and Regulations," Post Master General Meyer has ruled that on and after January 1, 1908, Sec. 435, Par. 3.
"A reasonable time will be allowed publishers to secure renewals of subscriptions, but unless subscriptions are expressly renewed after the term for which they are paid, within the following periods,
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As higher postage rates at present subscription prices can not be paid, it will be necessary for all subscriptions to be paid up, and if the paper is to be continued, a year in advance. Please give this your immediate attention, or failing to do so do not blame us if we are obliged to cut your name off the list.
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F. M. Johnson.

Advertisement for Ideal Door Plates. Have you got one of our handsome IDEAL DOOR PLATES That we are giving away Free to Ledger Subscriber. We have just received another lot of Ideal Door Plates in oxidized copper frame and glass fronts, which we will present to our subscribers—while they last—who pay all arrearsages and one year in advance and to new subscribers who pay \$1.00 for a year for The Ledger. No discrimination, everybody served alike;—only first come first served, and continued while the supply holds out. In all cases we making indeed in name and in fact an "Ideal Door Plate." If you take more than one paper, you can have your friend's name in one and make him a present of the paper and door plate too. (Get your subscription and order in now, as they will be printed in order received. As this is a gift pure and simple, the printing will be done as our other and regular business orders, but there will be no long delays. Those who cannot call at the office for their door plates must enclose 3 cts. for postage. Remember—free to Ledger subscribers—all others must pay 50 cents. If you are already paid in advance, pay another year ahead. The money is only worth 3 or 4 cents a year in the bank while we offer you a valuable prize for the use of it.) See the handsome door plate on your neighbor's door and get one like it for your own house. All you have to do is to take your best home paper The Lowell Ledger Is the Best Too Good For You?

OUR COUNTRY COUSINS

WEST LOWELL.

Mrs. J. B. Easterday is on the sick list.

Mrs. Wm. Mullen and her son Wm. Mullen Jr. went to Grand Haven Wednesday for a several days' visit with the former's brother Albert Baker.

F. J. Priest started Monday for a weeks' visit with friends and relatives in Clinton county.

Wm. Mullen Jr. was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Mullen of Lowell Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Easterday of Grand Rapids visited their mother Mrs. J. B. Easterday Sunday.

Suffering & Dollars Saved.

D. S. Loper, of Marilla, N. Y., says: "I am a carpenter and have had many severe cuts healed by Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It has saved me suffering and dollars. It is by far the best healing salve I have ever found." Heals burns, sores, ulcers, fever sores, eczema and piles. 25c at D. G. Look's Drugstore.

LOGAN.

John Lenard of Elmdale has bought E. Heintzelman's house and lot here, consideration eight hundred dollars.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Heintzelman of Isabella county are visiting their daughter Mrs. Ray Parkenson.

Noah Thomas, Simon Mishler and Andrew Blough were at Lake Odessa Monday.

Miss Corinne Glen has been detained from school the past week by sickness.

Orin Hooper is somewhat better. The country roads have been very badly drifted with snow of late.

The ladies of Logan and vicinity were entertained at the home of Mrs. J. Snyder in Campbell town with a carpet rag bee.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Parkenson moved Monday to William Blough's house in Campbell town.

F. Denlire of Ravenna visited friends here the past week.

Miss Irma Ford was detained from school Monday and Tuesday by sickness.

Keeping Open House.

Everybody is welcome when we feel good; and we feel that way only when our digestive organs are working properly. Dr. King's New Life Pills regulate the stomach, liver and bowels so perfectly one can't help feeling good when he uses these pills. 25c at D. G. Look's drug store.

CANNONBURG.

The Ladies' Aid society will meet at the home of Mrs. Fred Thomas Feb. 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Armstrong recently visited Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller at Grattan.

A sleighing party of young people attended church at Austerlitz Feb. 15 and enjoyed an Evangelical sermon.

The primary teacher Miss Zoe Colar took charge of the pupils in the principal's room while he was in Grand Rapids on business Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Ladner gave a party at their home Feb. 20 in honor of their little daughter Genevieve's fourth birthday. A four course dinner was served, and all present enjoyed a happy day, wishing the little girl many happy returns of the same.

Mrs. Jerusha Schoonaker died at her home, Feb. 20, aged 81 years. Obituary later.

Sleepy Hollow.

Miss Olive Holcomb spent Sunday with her cousin Miss Eleanor Porritt.

Miss Sadie McCullough was in Grand Rapids Sunday.



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These Coats are this season's garments and will surely move quickly at these extremely Low Prices

LOT ONE includes all long, loose coats that sold up to \$18.00 While they last \$9.90

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Our Spring Skirts

Made from all wool Panama in black and colors, two styles to select from—pleated and tucked. Regular \$6.50 values

Ribbon Special

Rich, soft pliable, silk taffeta ribbons, 5 inches wide come in black, white, pink, light blue, navy, and scarlet. Special per yd. 15c.

Torchon Laces

New complete line 1/2 inch to 4 1/2 inches wide, come in sets, two widths of lace and one of insertion. Special values 3c to 10c the yard.

Embroidery Special

17 inch corset cover flounces. Eyelet effects and scroll patterns several styles, exceptionally good values Spec. per yd. 25c

New Hand Bags

An excellent Bag, new shape good size, black imitation leather 25c. All leather, draw top, Indian Bags, black and tan only 50c. All Spring Styles of Bags in real leathers up to \$5.00 each.

Silkoline

Sale of Best Quality 36 inch Silkoline—7/8c the yard. A splendid assortment of excellent quality 36 inch silkolines in Persian, Oriental and floral designs. Cotton Batts—long fibered cotton—just the kind and quality for comforter filling—will not pull apart—unrolls nicely, per roll 8c, 12 1/2c and 18c.

Attractive New Belts

A large assortment of new Spring Belts. New silk elastic belts 1 1/2 inches wide with gilt buckles front and back, exceptional values for 50c. Soft Leather belts in black, brown and tan buckles of gilt and gun metal 50c. Black silk belts at 50c.

Two Bargains in Knit Underwear

Ladies' Jersey Ribbed, Fleece Lined Union Suits, cream or gray color, an excellent 50c quality. Special price 35c each.

Ladies' Extra heavy fleece lined Pants and Vests, Size 4 only, 35c.

Black Petticoats

We have just received a shipment of black petticoats which includes mercerized, heatherblooms and silks in forty-three different styles. They are priced from 75c to \$6.00.

Summer Lawns

20 Pieces of Summer Lawns in a great assortment of patterns in all colors. Special price per yard 5c.

Mrs. Patsy Lynch and son John were at Lowell Friday.

Lydia Porritt spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mabel Watts.

D. D. Holcomb of Bowne and Chas. Emmons of Fremont spent Saturday with J. I. Watts and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bergy spent Saturday with relatives near Caledonia.

Neighborhood Favorite.

Mrs. E. D. Charles, of Harbor, Maine, speaking of Electric Bitters, says: "It is a neighborhood favorite here with us." It deserves to be a favorite everywhere. It gives quick relief in dyspepsia, liver complaint, kidney derangement, malnutrition, nervousness, weakness and general debility. Its action on the blood, as a thorough purifier makes it especially useful as a spring medicine. This grand alterative tonic is sold under guarantee at D. G. Look's drug store. 50c.

SOUTH LOWELL.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Hood were in Grand Rapids Friday and Saturday.

On Friday evening about seventy-five neighbors and friends of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Blake-lee surprised them by coming to spend the evening with them in their new house. The evening was very pleasantly spent with music and recitations and short speeches, refreshments were served and all report a jolly good time.

Miss Bessie Laver was home Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Jessie O'Harrow was home from Vergennes over Sunday accompanied by Miss Iva Moye and Bert Bailey of Vergennes.

Milton and Wallace Monroe visited T. C. Willett and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bartlett were pleasantly surprised Monday evening when a crowd of nearly one hundred stepped in to enjoy the evening with them before they leave their old home as they are moving into the house formerly occupied by Howard across the road. An oyster supper was served and with the usual program of music, recitations and visiting all enjoyed a pleasant evening.

About thirty-five attended the Ladies' Aid meeting at the home of Mrs. Adam Behler Thursday and quilted a quilt for Mrs. John Schwader.

Frank Thompson is visiting relatives at Riverdale. School report cards for sale at THE LEDGER office.

FALLSBURG.

DeWitt Stanton visited his aunt Mrs. Sipe and cousins at Newaygo last week, returning Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Raymond and son Phillip left Saturday for Corral to visit relatives.

Mrs. Eunice Richmond and daughter Miss Luella of Vergennes were guests of the former's sisters Mrs. Max Denny and Mrs. Frank Sherrard last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Whedon of Lowell visited at the home of Frank Sherrard Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Raymond spent Sunday with their son Fred and family in North Keene.

Fire was discovered in the home of C. Bieri Tuesday morning about 9 o'clock but prompt work prevented serious results. No great damage was done.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Parker of Lowell visited the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. Ira Pottruff in Keene Sunday and called on the former's father and brother here and on Mr. and Mrs. Denny.

George Raymond and Emerson Davenport of Keene convened at the home of J. Tower Monday on school affairs.

David Garfield was at Saranac Tuesday.

Eleck Onan is getting out ice here this week.

John Wright was in Grand Rapids Monday on business.

A number from here are hauling potatoes to Moseley and getting 60 cents a bushel.

Lon Powell and Frank Jones are cutting wood for Sid Beckwith.

George McLaughlin of Grand Rapids is here on a visit.

Mrs. Halsted is slowly recovering from her recent illness.

No school this week on account of the illness of the teacher who is in Lowell with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Silsby.

The Jumping Off Place.

"Consumption had me in its grasp, and I had almost reached the jumping off place when I was advised to try Dr. King's New Discovery; and I want to say right now, it saved my life. Improvement began with the first bottle, and after taking one dozen bottles I was a well and happy man again," says George Moore, of Grimesland, N. C. As a remedy for coughs and colds and healer of weak, sore lungs and for preventing pneu-

monia New Discovery is supreme, 50c and \$1.00 at D. G. Look's, drug-gist. Trial bottle free.

PRATT LAKE—SOUTH BOSTON.

J. Parsons and Peter Dogger started last night for their new home near Tullahoma, Tenn., with their two cars of farm tools, stock and household furniture. Mrs. Parsons and son will visit relatives in Belmont and Grand Rapids and Mrs. Dogger will meet them in Grand Rapids Monday when the three will leave for Tullahoma.

Miss Elolse Towl is under the doctor's care.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Roush of Freeport spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Truman Parsons.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Draper and daughter Marlon spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. Draper's parents Mr. and Mrs. H. Draper at Freeport and called on his aunt Mrs. John Draper who has been very ill.

Miss Nemma Freeman and brother Verne who are attending the Ferris Institute at Big Rapids visited their parents here Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Miss Mary Courter is spending two weeks with relatives at Saranac.

Mrs. J. B. Fletcher is convalescing after a serious illness.

First and second degrees will be given at the Grange Saturday night to Messrs. and Mesdames Charles O'Harrow, Fred O'Harrow and Reuben Lee.

Little Marlon Draper has scarlet fever.

The Congregational ladies served a fifteen-cent dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Evans Wednesday.

The lecture given by Wm. D. Henderson of the University of Michigan at the hall Saturday evening was well attended and greatly enjoyed by all present.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Story of East Lowell.

I am prepared to do

Up-to-date Dress Making

Latest styles, first class work, satisfaction Guaranteed. Come and see me about that new Spring Gown or Suit.

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VILLAGE ELECTION NOTICE

To the electors of the village of Lowell, county of Kent, state of Michigan: Notice is hereby given, that the next ensuing election for said village will be held at The Fox Building 1st door east of Look's Drug store, within said village on Monday, March 9, 1908, at which election the following officers to be chosen, viz: One Village President, One Village Clerk, One Village Treasurer, three Trustees for two years, one trustee for one year, one Assessor.

The polls of said election will be opened at 7 o'clock in the forenoon and will remain open until 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

By order of the Board of Election Inspectors of said village. Dated this 17th day of February, A. D. 1908.

T. A. MURPHY Clerk of said village.

REGISTRATION NOTICE.

To the electors of the village of Lowell, county of Kent, state of Michigan: Notice is hereby given, that a meeting of the Board of Registration of the village aforesaid, will be held at Council Rooms, within said Village, on Saturday, March 7, A. D. 1908 for the purpose of registering the names of such persons who shall be possessed of the necessary qualifications of electors, and who may apply for that purpose, and that said Board of Registration will be in session on the day and at the place aforesaid from 9 o'clock in the forenoon until 5 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose aforesaid. Dated this 17th day of February, A. D. 1908.

T. A. MURPHY, Clerk of said Village.

Be sure and see those new spring suits and top coats at H. J. Taylor's.

What you are looking for is here

If you are looking for something good in a suit, overcoat or furnishings you can find some exceptional bargains during the remainder of the Before Inventory Sale which ends Saturday, February 29, 1908.

The assortment is not complete in all lines and there are lots of odd sizes but if we have your size you can certainly get some bargains as we must make room for our new spring goods.

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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, returns to Corsica, where he meets the young English lieutenant, Edward Grant 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 America 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 woman Barnes arranges to have Lady Christie leave Scotland villa at Nice to which the party is to be taken in a yacht. Barnes and Enid make arrangements for their marriage. The net tightens about Barnes. He receives a note from La Belle Blackwood, the American adventuress. Barnes hears that Elizabeth Emory, 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 Sallceti, a nephew of the count, and that Count Corregio had been in Nice a few days prior to the party's arrival. The count warns Barnes not to marry Enid unless he would have her also 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. The groom secures a fishing vessel and is about to start in pursuit of his bride's captors when he hears a scream from the villa and rushes back to hear that Anstruther's wife, Marina, is also missing. Barnes is compelled to depart for Corsica without delay, and so he leaves the search for Marina to her husband while he goes to hunt for Enid. Just before Barnes' last bid on Corsica's shore Marina is discovered hiding in a corner of the vessel. She explains her action by saying she has come to help Barnes rescue his wife from the Corsicans. When Barnes and Marina arrive in Corsica he is given a note written by Enid informing him that the kidnapping is for the purpose of snatching Barnes, so the vendetta may kill him. Barnes and Marina have unusual adventures in their search for Enid.

CHAPTER XII.—Continued.

"They dash up the gorge for half a mile and she says sharply, 'It is here,' pointing to a steep ascent that, embowered by ferns and wild flowers, makes a most unpromising roadway. Then she catches her breath and whispers: 'You expect an ambush?'"

"The American has now his rifle on his hip, and his pistols ready in his belt."

"I do," answered Barnes and relates the words of the shepherd.

"Quick!" cries the girl. "This trail will take you right up Del Oro, where you can look down on Bocognano. By it, you will get between your enemies and your destination."

"My destination is my wife. She is in this valley with those men."

"Oh, I think not. Sallceti is too crafty. He is still conveying Enid to Bocognano and has left only some of his followers to slay you. Come on."

Barnes follows his guide up the steep little path, that covered with vines and wild flowers is difficult to discern, but after they had gone a few hundred yards, the rocks growing larger, the trail more precipitous, Marina says: "Here we must leave our ponies and climb on foot." So they pasture the two hardy little brutes in a vale full of soft grasses and leave them munching contentedly. Barnes, slinging his haversack over his shoulder, Marina having nothing to carry with her.

Before her now strides the American, his alert eyes always glancing down the steep declivities to their left, for the almost unused trail they are following is hundreds of feet above the travelled bridge path that keeps to the torrent, dashing through the bottom of the valley. After nearly an hour of this, the noise of a waterfall strikes their ears, gradually growing louder.

Five minutes later, Barnes holds up his hand cautiously. Marina's glance follows his; far below them, concealed in the big rocks that skirt the stream at the little bridge near the waterfall, are several crouching, armed men. A little farther down the rapid, in the top of a big beech tree, is perched another, his hand shading his eyes from the rays of the declining sun that shines in his face as he looks down the pathway coming from the east.

"These gentlemen are waiting for me," remarks the American, in his face the supreme joy of a sportsman who will bag not only one head, but a battue. He puts his rifle on the ground, loosens both revolvers in his belt and asks: "The way to descend the precipice from here?"

"Why?" falters the girl.

"Why? Because I am now the hunter," answers Barnes. "Do you think I am going to spare the wretches who have stolen my wife? None of them!

Quick, the path by which I can intercept them and cut them off to the last man!"

Marina looks at his fatal pistols and shudders! "Thank God, there is no path!"

"Ah, then I will have to be content with the sentry, that fellow in the beech tree there."

"My God, if you kill any of them," gasps Marina, "you will never get Enid out of the island alive. You came to save her, not to murder her." She puts a white imploring hand on Barnes, who is already preparing his rifle. Then she suddenly half cries: "Your wife! You want her!" and points far up to the top of the pass between the two great mountains, Rotondo and Del Oro, and Barnes' eyes following her hand, he sees figures silhouetted against the clear blue Alpine air. All are mounted, and one is surely a woman.

"You think that is my wife?"

"I am sure of it. Sallceti has only left some of his men behind to waylay you if you come on unguardedly."

Barnes doesn't even answer her. His quick steps are carrying him so rapidly in pursuit along the dizzy mountain path that Marina, though the poor girl half runs, can scarce keep up with him.

Their path leads along the precipices, now and again reaching some little mountain valley through which a stream trickles between stunted pines, and about whose rocks are growing the sweet forget-me-nots and violets of Corsica.

But as they near the summit of the mountain, darkness comes also and a blinding mist, cold with the chill of melting snow, descends upon them, and enveloping them with a fleecy sheen, the rocks and firs above the path are shrouded from their gaze.

They are above the timber line and the great bare granite blocks bruise Marina's tender feet as they stumble among them.

The girl lays her hand upon her companion's arm. "We may reach the summit before darkness," she pants, out of breath, "but the dizzy descent on the other side is impossible without daylight."

"I remember," answers Burton. "I have passed down it hunting mouflon." Then he takes off his hunting coat and places it carefully over



Concealed in the Big Rocks That Skirt the Stream Are Several Crouching Men.

the delicate shoulders of his fragile companion, already shivering in her light summer garment under the icy mist about her. "I am thinking of some shelter for you, for we must pass the night upon the mountain," he says tenderly; then asks anxiously: "Do you know one?"

"Yes," she replies, her teeth chattering, "if we can reach it in this storm. The little chalet where poor old Tomasso sometimes took me when he brought me here as a child to pluck the flowers of the mountain."

With this she turns abruptly to the left, and Barnes following her, they struggle up a colloid filled with massive boulders, but nearing the summit the mist becomes colder, the wind sharper and the gloom more deep. Surrounded, as they are, by frightful precipices, this is appalling.

"I've lost my way," mutters Marina, her voice low with faintness, but a moment after she cries: "Ah, see the granite cliff. Follow its wall! The cabin is beneath it. But beware! beyond the cabin there is a very deep crevice."

The wind howls about them. The night is even blacker, but keeping the sheen of the cliff close at his left, Barnes stumbles over the granite slabs almost carrying the exhausted girl. Finally, compelled by the howling of the wind, he calls into her ear: "Courage! I see the hut. Thank God, someone has a fire inside it."

"Perhaps it is made by the awful bandits, the Roehini and Romano who murder so many poor travellers," shudders Marina.

But undeterred by this, using the light as a beacon, her escort rapidly approaches the open door of the little cabin, from which issues a cheerful gleam.

Suddenly they pause, for a deep tone issues threateningly from its interior: "Hola, if you are gendarmes, beware of me!"

"Madre mia," gasps Marina, with a low scream, "that voice."

"Bandit or no bandit, you shall give us warmth and shelter!" calls Barnes in answer. Then he too, stands astounded, as from the rough door strides a man, and outlined by the flickering blazes and surrounded by the mists of the mountains is a face that makes Marina tremble and

shrink: "Holy Mother of God, a ghost!"

For it is the countenance of her foster father, old Tomasso Monaldi, whom everyone had thought dead from the night of her wedding.

But now the goblin recognizes her; it cries: "Marina! daughter of my heart! you have come to succor your poor old hunted down Tomasso," and sinking on his knees, it catches the half fainting girl's hand, and kisses it reverently.

"You, alive, dear old Tomasso? Impossible!" half shudders, half sobs the girl, sinking down beside the spirit and looking into his deep, dark eyes that gleam so lovingly upon her.

"Two weeks ago, on the morning of the tragedy, De Belloc's soldiers reported to that officer in my presence that they'd killed you," says Barnes impressively.

"Bah!" sneers the ghost; "the sergeant, I suppose, told his officer they shot me. The soldiers fired. It was easier for me to fall down behind a granite boulder than stand up and let them shoot again, though it was the darkness of the early morning. Then I came up on the mountain here, and fearing the soldiers would again pursue me, I have been a hermit, descending at night to the lower valleys to garner chickens and steal sheep."

"Holy smoke," grins the American, "here's the fellow for whose death they have vendettaed me, alive and talking!"

CHAPTER XIII.

"Glorious Bandits."

The storm fairly howls about them, but Marina forgets it as Tomasso half sobs: "Your coming here, dear mistress, shows you forgive me for the killing of the Englishman, your husband, the one who murdered Antonio in the duel, and the flickering light revealing Barnes' face, he exclaims: "The American who saw your brother slain. Ah, now you agree with me this accursed Anstruther's death was just."

"Thank God, you didn't murder him!" cries the girl. "Your stiletto entered the heart of Musso Danella, who deserved death for his lies."

"I killed poor Musso Danella!" stammers the old Corsican. Then he mutters as if he can't believe: "No, no, I heard his groan as I struck through the curtains."

"'Twas the groan of Musso Danella," answers Marina. "That you killed the right man proves my husband innocent. 'Twas the hand of God directed you." The girl's voice is very reverent.

"Then if it was the hand of God, Danella's death is sure proof your husband killed not Antonio," says Tomasso solemnly, making the sign of the cross; but again breaks forth: "No, no—the proofs Musso gave to both you and me made us believe this Anstruther, your spouse, shot your brother. The things he held up to our very eyes—"

"Were the property of another English officer—one killed in action on a British warship under the Egyptian guns at Alexandria! Do you think I'd live in the arms of a man with my brother's blood upon him?" cries the young wife fervidly.

"No, that is not possible, also," agrees old Monaldi.

"But," interjects Barnes, "while you jabber here, your darling mistress dies of cold."

"Oh, my heart is warm enough with joy at seeing Tomasso live to make me forget the icy wind," and the enthusiastic girl kisses the rugged face of her old servitor.

"Nevertheless, I have not forgotten supper," suggests the common-sense American, and half drags Marina into the cabin. "Eating first and affection afterward."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

EFFECTS OF THE FOG.

Even Blind Men Lose Their Way—The Ground "Sounds Different."

Nothing has such a bewildering effect as fog. Only animals which find their way by scent can get about in it with any certainty, says Chums. Birds are entirely confused by it. Tame pigeons remain all day motionless and half-asleep, huddled up, either in or just outside their houses. Chickens remain motionless for hours during heavy fogs. No bird sings or utters a call, perhaps because it fears to betray its whereabouts to an unseen foe. During one very thick fog a blind man was found wandering about a certain district of London. This man was in the habit of carrying notes and parcels, and had scarcely ever lost his way before. Asked why he had gone astray, for he was quite blind, and it was supposed that weather would have made no difference, he said that in a fog the ground "sounded quite differently."

Duration of Animal Life.

A great variance as to length of life appears among different animals. Some insects live only for a few hours, while fish, elephants and turtles are frequently centenarians. The average life of the mosquito is three days. Toads usually live to the age of about 15 years, while carp have been known to reach a hundred and fifty. Chickens live from 12 to 15 years; dogs to the age of 10 and occasionally 15, and parrots to extreme age. These birds have been known to pass the age of 200 years. Turtles are also frequently centenarians, as are storks, and elephants are said to reach the age of 300 years.

Oldest Bank in Maine.

The oldest bank in Maine is the Lincoln National, in Bath. It was started as a state bank in 1813, was incorporated as a national bank in 1864, and has conducted business to almost a century.

LEFT HIM GUESSING

INSPECTOR HAD NO ANSWER TO CUB'S RETORT.

Army Officer Relates How He Got Beautiful Setback from the Young Quartermaster of a Western Post.

"In an interchange of repartee, friendly or for blood, one can nearly always find some sort of answer in rebuttal," said an army officer of the quartermaster's department, "but I got the finest flooring at a western post the other day you ever heard of."

"This cub is the quartermaster at the western post. Rather a classy young fellow, too, only eccentric. I suspect that what ails him is that he's a bit of a genius."

"About two years ago this young officer had a bad fit of sickness after his return from the Philippines, and it affected his head. In fact, he had to take sick leave for six months and go to an institution where people are treated for nervous prostration. At the end of his six months he was examined by a board of army surgeons, pronounced quite sane again—they gave him a certificate to that effect—and he was restored to duty in the quartermaster's department. He was assigned to duty at this western post."

"He isn't much of a bookkeeper, and his accounts got all pickled up a while ago, and so after a lot of futile correspondence the quartermaster's department fired me off to straighten the cub's accounts out."

"When I finished the job of straightening his accounts I proceeded as per orders to read a little piece or two from the riot act to him."

"You've got to take a brace, son," I said to him, "or they'll be coming down on you like a thousand of bricks. They won't stand for another bunch of messed up accounts from you. You've got to get right down to it and keep these things straight if you lose a leg at the job."

"Well, he's a decent boy, and all that, but when he proceeded to give me an argument about this gentle little lecture I couldn't help but call him. His idea of it was that the quartermaster's department's established method of having post accounts kept was all wrong, too laborious, involved, complicated, and so on, and he said he'd like to have the job of revising the department's old-fashioned methods, as he called them. This particularly riled me."

"You're dreaming, youngster," I said to him. "Dreaming or daft?"

"Then utterly forgetting that the young fellow had been out of his head in a sanitarium for quite a spell—of course I never would have made the remark if I'd remembered that—I added:

Deserved His Liberty.

The smartest lunatic who ever escaped from an English asylum seems to be a well-known Hadley man. Wearing a silk hat and a frock coat, he walked into a newspaper office in Hadley and, after writing a thrilling story of how to elude the vigilant attendants at the Staffordshire county asylum, asked the editor to publish it. According to his story he waited for a foggy night and then, after loosening the screws in his cell window, descended to the ground by a rope ladder. He then visited Stockport and the poor law officers to look over the lunacy law. After learning that a lunatic could not be apprehended after 14 days of liberation unless a fresh order should be made out against him, he gave himself up to unrestrained celebration of the new year. He complained in his story that the asylum system was too prisonlike and that it discouraged and depressed him.

Use for Laurel and Sunflower.

People who live in damp localities, particularly near ungrained land, in France have discovered a simple remedy for damp situations. Successful experiments have shown that it is possible materially to improve the atmosphere in such neighborhoods by the planting of the laurel and the sunflower. The laurel gives off an abundance of ozone, while the sunflower is potent in destroying malarial conditions. These two, if planted on the most restricted scale in a garden or any ground close to the house, will be found speedily to increase the dryness and salubrity of the atmosphere.

Great Chilean Salt Deposits.

The salt deposits of Chile are the greatest in the world. The Salar Grande mine in the province of Tarapaca, about 60 miles south and east of Iquique, covers an area of 80,000 acres to the depth of 25 feet. This body of salt is nearly pure and contains more than 14,000,000,000 tons, or enough to supply the world's demands for many decades. There are several other deposits in the interior that cover two or three times the area of the above.

HOW DO THEY GET IT?

Physiological Problem That Nora Could Not Solve.

A Philadelphia physician tells of an amusing conversation between two Irish girls in domestic service who, while on the board walk at Atlantic City one day not long ago, were exchanging views as to their various physical ailments.

"It's a strange thing, ain't it, Nora," asked one of the girls, "how many new kinds of diseases people get these days. Only this mornin' I were readin' an advertisement of a new medicine. It said it were wonderful for a sluggish liver."

"Gwan!" exclaimed the other girl, scornfully. "Liver trouble ain't no new disease. Me own grandfather was havin' liver trouble when I were not more'n tin years old."

"Maybe," was the laconic response. "But," added Nora, "what I want to know is: how do them slugs get inside the liver, anyhow?"—Illustrated Sunday Magazine.

ECZEMA FOR 55 YEARS.

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TOO MUCH.



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There is a Brooklyn woman who possesses a servant who is a model in all respects save one—in that she is none too truthful.

Lately the mistress has been using all her eloquence to make Nora see the error of her deceitfulness. But at last she had to own herself beaten when Nora, with a beaming Irish smile, turned and in a most cajoling tone said:

"Sure, now, mum, an' wot de ye suppose the power of desavin' was given us fer?"—Illustrated Sunday Magazine.

Dogs to Watch Churches.

Ever since the robbery of a valuable Van Dyck at Courtrai the churches of Bruges, which contain so many treasures, have taken extraordinary measures to prevent similar losses.

At the Church of Notre Dame, Bruges, a watchman perambulates the church at night accompanied by a dog. A similar course is adopted at the Cathedral of St. Saviour and other churches.

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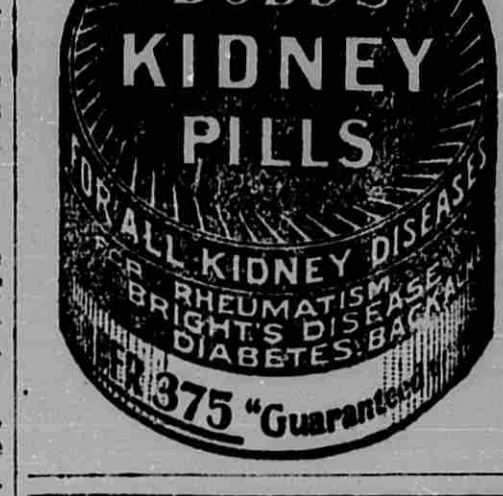
The man who has greatness thrust upon him is always sure that he could have achieved it if that had been necessary.

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HER CHOICE OF DEMISE.

Pathetic Thought of Little Girl Who Had Lost Playmate.

Mary had for neighbor a small playmate, a much-loved and attractive boy. The little lad rushed across the street one day, throwing back a glance at his mother.

SHE WAS BUSY, TOO!



She—And did my Duckums do a lot of work-work at the office last night? He—A—er—yes, dear, in fact, darling, I was so much occupied that I have never known time go as quickly as it did last night.

John Muir's Simplicity.

Once, in a talk with E. H. Harriman, John Muir, author and ranchman, said that he was richer than Mr. Harriman.

Sees America a Heaven.

Prof. W. B. Eskin of the University of Missouri believes that America will be a veritable heaven on earth within 100 years, and he goes on to tell why in an article which he has written for the American Journal of Sociology.

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"Unable to eat breakfast I felt faint later, and would go to the pantry and eat cold chops, sausage, cookies, doughnuts or anything I happened to find. Being a writer, at times my head felt heavy and my brain asleep.

"When I read of Grape-Nuts I began eating it every morning, also gave it to the children, including, my 10 months old baby, who soon grew as fat as a little pig, good natured and contented.

"Within a week I had plenty of breast milk, and felt stronger within two weeks. I wrote evenings and feeling the need of sustained brain power, began eating a small saucer of Grape-Nuts with milk instead of my usual indigestible hot pudding, pie, or cake for dessert at night.

"Grape-Nuts did wonders for me and I learned to like it. I did not mind my housework or mother's cares, for I felt strong and full of 'go.' I grew plump, nerves strong, and when I wrote my brain was active and clear; indeed, the dull head pain never returned.

"There's a Reason." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

THE YOUNG IDEA

By JAMES BARRINGTON

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"Oh, it's simply preposterous!" expostulated Blake. "And on 'the first,' too! I regard 'the first' as a day sacred to serious shooting—not an outing for babies!"

He sent a glance full of irritation at the young Hedleys, who, with their backs to the hedge, stood waiting in the next field.

"It's too bad of Hedley," agreed Coulson. "This is one of his practical jokes, I suppose. Why, the girl's only 13, and the boy not much more!"

"Children with guns—I never heard of anything so idiotic!"

"Toys, I call them. They'll frighten everything for miles!"

Blake fidgeted with his safety-bolt. "What the deuce can I do?" he reflected dolefully. Presently he went through the gate and approached the boy.

"You'll be very careful, won't you, George?" he said in a troubled voice.

"Oh, yes," said the boy cheerfully. "And you, Kathleen—you don't think it will tire you to carry a gun?"

"Oh, no, Mr. Blake; not at all." Blake shrugged his shoulders helplessly. He felt he could do no more, and he left them muttering unkind things about their inconsiderate father.

"What charge are you using, Kit?" asked the boy when Blake was out of hearing.

"Twenty-six grains of S—and three-quarters of an ounce of No. 7 chilled," was the girl's matter-of-fact answer as

she slipped a couple of cartridges into her 28 bore. "Field loading; nice and tight," she added.

"Bet you my bag beats yours." "So it ought—with a 20 bore!"

"Give you five birds then." "Make it six, and I'm on."

"All right—for a box of candy," agreed the boy.

"Come along!" called Blake, and the youngsters, with their guns tucked well under their shoulders and eyes alert, went up the stubble a good two paces ahead of their elders.

Half way across the field a single brace of old birds got up with a whirr.

"My bird!" sang out the boy and girl in a breath. Bang went their guns and the birds fell, clean shot, to their right barrels.

Coulson, next to the girl, saw them drop while he was getting his gun to his shoulder; and before he had explained his slowness to himself Kit had stopped a hare ten yards in front of him.

He turned and stared at her. She had already reloaded and was carrying a spare cartridge between her teeth.

"You won't do that again, my young friend," he glared, but to himself.

"Mark time!" cautioned George as the keeper wheeled. The girl's brown legs responded. Then, as they went on again, a big covey rose. Coulson, who was not going to be caught napping this time, got the leader, but, because of his hurry, missed another strong bird with his left. Blake, for similar reasons, wasted two cartridges on one bird. But the children waited until the young ones rose and then each got in a deadly right and left.

Blake gave Coulson a look of astonishment. Coulson's look in response said, "Don't understand it" as plainly as looks can speak. The boy and girl, with a box of candy in the balance, kept their eyes fixed right ahead.

In the next field a small covey, going fast down the wind, crossed the line from Blake's end. Both he and Coulson shot behind the same bird. Kit knocked some feathers out of it and George brought it down at 40 yards. The rest flew wide.

"Wiped our eyes, by gad!" exclaimed Blake. Coulson couldn't say anything; he was staring open-mouthed.

Through gaps in a low quickset they passed into wurzel. George and Kit, as usual, a bit ahead, got all four barrels into some birds before the men had time to swing on.

"My bird!" one or the other would yell out each time anything got up, and the constant repetition of the words had the effect of flurrying the men.

The two small guns seemed at times to be keeping up a fusillade. It was not that game was more plentiful than usual, but because nothing escaped the youngsters' keen eyes. They 'got on' at lightning speed. Even when a bird rose right under the muzzle of Blake's own gun one of them would rob him of his shot before he could pull trigger.

"Nineteen for me," nodded George to his sister as they paused to let the dogs work a patch.

"Seventeen—only two behind," returned the girl evenly, as she bowed over the first rabbit that boited.

"Mind the dog," she admonished Blake, who, seeing a movement in the patch, had raised his gun.

"Awfully sorry," he stammered, hardly knowing what he was saying.

"Never saw anything like it in my life," admitted Coulson, in an awe-struck tone to his host when, a little later on, Kit took a snapshot across a reed-bed at a woodcock and bagged it.

"And to think I asked them to be careful!" confessed Blake in dismay.

As the morning wore on the two men became completely demoralized. They shot disgracefully, missing birds and holding yards behind rabbits. They began to be glad of the stray shots that the youngsters had, perforce, occasionally to leave them.

And all the while the boy's 20 bore kept going, as though it had but a single trigger, and the crack of the girl's 28 almost emulated it.

But George was five birds ahead of his sister when they turned into the last field, and Kit, as they walked it up, felt her candy slipping away. In the further angle they flushed a single partridge, right ahead of them. Bang went the small bores, and, as the bird fell, Kit, for the first time, ran in.

"My bird!" she screamed.

"Bosh! I simply smothered him!" objected George.

"Prove it!" was the challenge.

Down the youngsters plumped with the bird between them, while Blake and Coulson came and stood over them in wonder. Kit extracted the pin that held her Tam o' Shanter, and began probing the bird with it. George, with a penknife, became similarly engaged.

"There you are!" he cried, presenting, exhibiting a black speck. "No. 6—knew I'd got him!"

But his exultation was short-lived. The next moment the girl held up gory fingers with a pellet between them.

"No. 7—my bird!" she exclaimed in triumph.

"A double hit, by Jove!" cried Blake. "I say—do you"—looking from one to the other—"do you shoot—much?"

"Oh, yes," piped Kit. "Didn't father tell you? We perform in public. We're 'The Two Little Sure-Shots.' Didn't you know?"

FEWER WOMEN AT WORK.

Demand Declining in London Except in the General Postoffice.

"For lady clerks there seems to be less demand than formerly," states the report of the employment department of the London chamber of commerce dealing with the condition of the clerical labor market during the closing quarter of last year.

The manager of an important London business, on being asked the other night whether he could give any explanation of the declining popularity of lady clerks noted by the chamber of commerce stated that his experience was that many lady clerks looked for a great deal of consideration. They expected to be paid as men and to be treated as women. They disliked being taken to task when they did their work indifferently and were too fond of appealing to the chivalry of the mere male.

Another business manager thought that the standard of attainments required had risen of recent years and many of the lady clerks in the market were not up to it. He said that he found that women did routine work well but showed little or no initiative, and when set any task which was complicated or which involved much thought they were apt to fail, with a few brilliant exceptions.

On the other hand it is worth notice that the general postoffice makes great and increasing use of lady clerks for work involving considerable responsibility. Thus the savings bank department at West Kensington is largely staffed by women, and its heads have repeatedly testified to their competence and efficiency in carrying out duties which demand a high degree of accuracy.

Beautifuling Valparaiso.

The government of Chile has paid to date \$2,818,480 United States gold for property appropriated for public use in the reconstruction of the city of Valparaiso. This is done to widen some of the streets, straighten others, and to modernize that portion of the city that was so nearly a total wreck.

The greater the office the better should be the man.

IMMIGRATION FROM SOUTH EXPECTED

U. S. FARMERS ARE RECOGNIZING SPLENDID OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED BY WESTERN CANADA.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 9, 1908.—Present indications are that the Canadian Northwest will draw an exceptionally heavy movement of new settlers from the United States this year.

This is not only based on the fact that the Americans have come to realize generally that the Canadian Northwest offers splendid opportunities, but also because the railroads have awakened to the fact and are offering rates to the Canadian Northwest which are exceptionally favorable.

The lines which lead to St. Paul from the east and south are offering homeseekers' rates to the Canadian Northwest this year which are on a parity with those in existence to the southwest for a couple of seasons.

These rates can be obtained from any agent of the Canadian government, who will be pleased to give all information possible regarding those districts which offer the greatest inducements to settlers. The weather throughout Western Canada has been remarkably good this year. A telegram from the winter wheat belt of Southern Alberta dated at Cardston, Alberta, January 29th, says:

"This winter up to January 25 was nothing short of a marvel, in fact, it was the finest anyone can remember for twenty-five years though there have been others nearly as good. The days were fine, sunny and warm with light frosts at night. Overcoats and gloves, etc., were discarded by most people in the day time. There was so little frost in the ground that post holes could be dug without any trouble after the first inch was broken through. Winter wheat remained fresh and green although there has been no snow since the September storm. If there is an early spring, winter wheat should gain a great start."

Amongst the reports of the yield of last year the following extracts are taken:

H. Howe, of Magrath, Alta, writing on November, 1907, says: "I have 70 acres in crop, 50 acres of wheat and seven acres of oats. My average yield of oats was 35 bushels to the acre, and of wheat 45 bushels. The value to me was \$35 per acre."

J. F. Haycock, of Magrath, writes in November: "I had 65 acres in winter wheat, which went 60 bushels to the acre; oats averaged 80 bushels. I also had 12 tons of hay worth \$10 per ton. I got 600 bushels of potatoes from three acres of land; I got eight tons per acre from five acres of sugar beet."

J. F. Bradshaw, of Magrath, had 1,030 acres of winter wheat last year which averaged 39½ bushels to the acre. The value of his farm products per acre was: Wheat, \$31.60; oats, \$11.20 and barley, \$25.15.

Three Alarming Symptoms. Physician—Madam, I can find no traces of disease in this boy of yours. What made you think he was ill?

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The Rough Finish That Happened

to 1907

Has not spoiled the good looks of this year for us. Your patronage has been an important factor in enabling us to increase our business so that the sales for 1907 were the largest in the history of our store regardless of the short financial flurry. We are now prepared to show complete lines throughout the store and are enabled through buying large quantities to make you the lowest price in every line of Dry Goods.

White Goods

It may seem early to some to make selections of White Goods, but we buy early in order to get the choice things which cannot be had later. For the same reason why not purchase your needs in white sheer goods now?

India Linons

Among our extensive line of imported India Linons we wish to call your attention to our 30 inch fine sheer India Linon. It is the best we have seen for the money. Price per yd. 15c.

Imported Persian Lawn

A fine sheer lawn that is just the thing for extra fine dresses or white waists. Width 32 inches. Price per yd. 25c.

French Lawn

This French Lawn is pretty sheer fabric and is

washable. Extra Quality and 45 inches wide. Price per yd. 25c.

White Chiffon Batiste

Width 45 inches, is silky in appearance and very fine and sheer. A very popular and beautiful goods. Price per yd. 35c.

Mercerized checks and figures in fine Lawns. Excellent styles for waists. 25, 35 and 40c.

Satin Striped sheer Waistings at 25c.

White Dotted Dress Mulls in pin dots at 15 and 20c.

36 Inch White Linene

Takes the place of Linen Suiting. It is a heavy white cotton fabric having the appearance of Linen. It is easier to wash and iron and wears and looks as well as linen. Prices per yard 15 and 25c.

Spring Dress Goods

Self Checked Panama 38 inches wide, colors Navy, New Green, Brown, and Dark Red. Price 60c.

Rob Roy Check 38 inches wide, Black, Green and Red Check. Extra good for wear. Price 50c.

Invisible striped Batiste, the newest out. Colors Navy and Brown. Price 50c.

1 yd. wide all wool Batiste, White, Lt. Green, Lt. Blue, Pink and Medium Brown. Price 50c.

42 inch Invisible Checked Chiffon Batiste, the prettiest novelty of the season, colors Navy, Lt. and Dark Brown and Tan. Price \$1.00.

42 inch Wool Taffeta, the prettiest weave known and just the right weight for Spring Dresses. Colors Black, two shades in Brown, Green and light and dark Navy. Price \$1.00.

Just to let you know what a big seller our Wool Taffetas have been and that everyone is after this weave we wish to state we have had eighteen pieces of this weave within the last few months.

In Black Dress Goods we wish to call your special attention to our 54 inch Black Chiffon Panama. It is a beauty and is the famous Broadhead Goods of Jamestown which means it will wear as long as you care to have it. Price \$1.25

Special Values

One Lot Light Prints, pink and blue figures 5c per yd. New Leather and Elastic Belts at 25 and 50c. Good Wash Cloths at 1c each. Lace Curtain Samples at 25c. Children's Muslin Underwaists with hose supporters attached. Age 1 to 12. Price 25c. Children's Fleece Sleeping Garments. Ages up to 8 years. Price 25c. Sultana Carpeting, Reversible and long wearing. Price 28c. Net Waists, White, Tan and Black. Price \$5.00. Our Spring Shirt Waists are here in abundance. Come and get one. Women's Black Umbrellas 26 inch, Tape edged mercerized cloth, paragon frame and Horn Handles. Special at \$1.25.

The Second Large Shipment of Toile Du Nord Gingham

Has now arrived making the largest and most handsome selection of fine Dress Gingham we ever displayed. Price 15c per yard.

Heatherbloom Underskirts

We are showing something different in underskirts. It is a Heatherbloom skirt with an elaborate wide embroidered flounce which is cut exceptionally full and wears longer than silk. We have just received the second shipment of these skirts and they are going fast. Price \$3.75

A. W. Weekes, - Lowell, Mich.

Our Statement Appears in This Issue

We desire to invite your attention to the Statement of condition as made to the Commissioner of the Banking Department, to be found elsewhere in this issue. We would request that you note the splendid growth of the bank during the past year. OUR POLICY in the past has been one of Security, Conservatism, Safety of Funds, Service to Patrons. We shall continue on the same principles.

The Lowell State Bank
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FREE TO YOU the best offer that has

ever been made, \$1. worth of Prussian Remedies absolutely free with the purchase of one 25 lb. pail (1200 feeds) Prussian Stock Tonic.

This gives you the opportunity to buy the Best at the price of the Cheapest. And sold to you by your own dealer whom you know, stands back of the goods.

Make your purchase today of

Henry the Druggist

SOLE AGENT FOR LOWELL.

Major Dickenson is seriously ill with pneumonia.

WOOD WANTED—I want to buy 25 cords of green stove wood to be delivered by March 1. What have you and what's your price. Call at Ledger office or phone 200.
F. M. Johnson.

Phil Althen, who has been traveling in the South during the past six months, came Saturday from North Carolina to spend a several weeks' vacation with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Althen and other relatives and friends.

Receipts from the social given by the Congregational Ladies' Aid at

the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Rouse last evening were \$10.41, the house having been well filled. A short though pleasing program of music and recitations was followed by a spelling-match. Several of the spellers went down on the word "Chautauqua" because of the fact that an obsolete spelling not in accordance with modern authorities was used. "Chautauqua" being the only form of the word given by Webster's International dictionary of 1898, Crain's atlas for 1907, the 1902 Century, Rand, McNally & Company's Encyclopedia for 1903, or Encyclopedia Britannica for 1892.

Heard About Town.

Dr. White, dentist, phone 151.
Try Henry's lotion for chapped hands or lips.
Harold Fairchilds is ill with grip.
Mr. and Mrs. A. Streeter and family of South Dakota and Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Dodds of Saranac were guests of Ed. Walker and family one day last week.
Ward Boulard of Bowne Center was here on business Friday.
Miss Lizzie Rowland of Ionia was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Heydlauff over Sunday.
If you want to see the newest creations in young men's suits and top coats go to H. J. Taylor's.
H. D. Smoke of North Bend, Ore., a resident of Lowell years ago, is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mull while on an extended visit with his mother at Saranac and with relatives in Keene. This is his first visit to Lowell in eighteen years.
Those who wish to take advantage of the special offer on the Commoner should do so at once and get the benefit of all the numbers. It will be sent each week until the close of the presidential campaign for 60c and subscriptions will be received and sent in by THE LEADER.

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Williams THE JEWELER.

Mrs. C. Parrott spent last week at the home of her mother in Alto.
Carl Speaker was at Saranac Monday.
Albert Ryder was in Grand Rapids Monday on business.
Mrs. Wade Scott of Lansing, visited Lowell friends last week.
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Thukler were in Grand Rapids Monday.
Miss Minnie Meek spent Sunday in Grand Rapids.
Mrs. Ella Husten of Deward visited friends here several days last week.
Mrs. Martha Cruzen of Mancelona is the guest of her brother Wm. Fox and other relatives.
Born—in Grand Rapids, Sunday Feb. 23, to Mr. and Mrs. Will Kopf, a daughter.
Will Rexford and daughter Aurta of Grand Rapids visited the former's mother here Saturday and Sunday.
Fred Condon of Smyrna visited his aunt Mrs. George Comstock Saturday.
V. S. Raymond is installing a new electric organ with orchestra effect at the skating rink.
Old fashioned horehound drops 20c a pound at Look's drug and book store.
Liggett's genuine Saturday candy—fresh for Saturday—50c quality 25c a pound at Look's.
Miss Rhea Peck who is home from Grand Rapids to remain, has been quite ill the past two weeks.
Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Johnson visited friends at Mayville Saturday and Sunday before returning from Saginaw.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fairchilds of Alto were in Lowell Friday to attend the funeral of the latter's brother Chauncey Holdridge.
Nell Cameron and daughter Mildred have been attending the funeral of the latter's grandmother in Grand Rapids today.
C. Barnes of Jackson has been the guest of his uncle A. M. Barnes the past two weeks while here on business.
Mrs. Rennie Alexander was given a surprise party in honor of her birthday Sunday evening by about sixteen young people.
Messrs. Chas. Althen and M. E. Simpson entertained the East Side Club at the home of the former Tuesday afternoon.
Mrs. G. Kopf is spending two weeks at the home of her son in Grand Rapids, her daughter Miss Addie Kopf having accompanied her there Monday.
Marriage licenses were issued Tuesday to George R. Lyons, Grattan, and Lydia M. Reynolds, Evans, Mich.; and to John F. McInann and Mary L. Myers both of Ada.
PEACH TREES Our stock is the finest we have grown in years. We have all the leading commercial sorts, including Elberta. Also a large assortment of Cherry, Plum, Pear, Ornamental Trees, Shrubs, Vines and Roses. Send in your list of wants for special prices.
I. E. Hegenfritz Sons Co., The Monroe Nursery, Monroe, Mich.

Miss Nina Wisner entertained a company of young ladies at a thimble party last Thursday evening.
A marriage license was issued Monday to Vincent Nugent and Miss Emma Helfferen both of Grattan.
Miss Blanche Howell of Holland is the guest of her friend Miss Audie Post this week.
See those new style spring suits and coats that are being shown at H. J. Taylor's.
Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Rhodes and son John of Ionia visited friends here Friday.
Mr. and Mrs. Ransom Vaughan returned Monday from a several days' visit with relatives at Elmdale and Alto.
Mrs. Robt. Graham returned from a trip to Indianapolis Monday evening and will spend some time with Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Post.
Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Andrews and son Harry and Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Keller attended the Story reception in East Lowell Saturday evening.
Mrs. Zella Cogswell returned to her home in Belding Saturday.
Messrs. M. C. Keller of South Boston and Howard Bartlett of South Lowell leave the first of next week for a prospecting trip to Newbern, N. C. Mrs. Keller and children will at present remain with the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. Levi Fletcher in Lowell.

Mrs. Hattie Hatch of Grand Rapids was the guest of Mrs. Arthur Sherman part of last week.
Eddie Ryder filed a bill for separate maintenance from Albert E. Ryder last week and it was granted.
Jessie Chambers of Elmdale has been spending several days with her aunt Mrs. R. Vaughan.
Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Simpson and children of West Lowell were guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Simpson Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Lenlay of Montana and Mrs. Alice Whalen of Ionia spent last Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph VanDyke.
The West Side Euchre club was entertained by Mrs. Mary Scott at the home of Allen Bennett in Vergennes Friday afternoon.
Mrs. George Brown and two children Leonard and Gladys of Traverse City have been visiting Mrs. N. V. Warner the past week.
Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Carr of Keene were guests of their niece Mrs. J. C. Hatch last week on their return from Eaton Rapids and Hastings.
Messrs. Acomb of Minneapolis and A. R. Buck of Grand Rapids visited Mr. and Mrs. James Guilford Saturday.
C. O. Lawrence was home from Grand Rapids over Sunday. Mrs. Lawrence having returned Saturday from her trip to Brautford, Ont.

Choice Fish . . .

We have a large shipment of fish, kinds to suit all kinds of tastes. Read the following and see if you can't find what you want.

Holland Herring—We have this fish in the bulk and sell them, four fish for 10 cts. We also have them in two gallon kegs for 75 cts.

Norway Mackerel—These fish are imported being a small but very choice variety. 15c per lb. We are selling the larger fish for 12½c per lb.

Cod Fish—The Magnolia Bonless we have in bulk and are selling it at 12½c per lb. You never ate a better cod than this one. Opal Brand in packages for 15c.

Hallbut—The heavy Hallbut that we now have is very choice, you certainly should try some of it if you like this fish. 25c per lb.

Salmon—We have the Red Salmon in the whole fish that is very nice, selling at 12½c per lb.

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