

Home-Coming August 4, 5 & 6

THE LOWELL LEDGER.

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OLD HOME WEEK.

Home after years of absence; what a boon
To view again old scenes, and once more
(greet)
The friends who in life's early, glad forenoon
Have been so dear and made earth seem so
sweet.

Here are the hills they used to climb with me;
There are the pastures where as boys we
played;
Yonder the river rippling to the sea
Between its "brodered banks of light and
shade.

In summer oft I wood its cooling tide,
In winter joined the skaters in their glee—
And now it seems, as in my boyish pride,
The fairest stream in all the world to me.

I wandered by the old schoolhouse to-day,
The spot so filled with varied memories
dear;
I saw the happy boys and girls at play,
I heard their laughter and their shouts of
cheer.

Hail children! I salute you where you stand—
Your vivid present is my haunting past—
And the worn pilgrim from a foreign land
Returns to find his solace here at last.

A shade of sadness lingers round the place
At thought of those I here shall see no
more;
I miss so much each kind, familiar face
That smiled and greeted me in days of yore.

And yet their presence seems to walk with me
And almost secret makes these memories
dear;
I know I shall once more their faces see
And clasp their hands again beyond Death's
stream.

Home after years of absence; what a boon
To know the turmoil and the strife may
cease—
And that life's fast declining afternoon
May here regain its quiet and its peace.
—Clara A. Allen.

THE HOME-COMING SEASON.

There is an old saying, trite and true, that "the best friends are the old friends." We appreciate the substance of this nearly every day and more especially at the approach of the vacation time. Then it is that our minds revert to the scenes of our earlier years and we recall with tender memories those friends of our childhood and feel a longing to see them again and to clasp their hands in ours. This is the spirit which makes for the success of the "home-coming" celebrations which have become so popular in all parts of the country during the past few years.

This is the season of the "home coming festivals" and as we hark back through the years we can see the old village school and can hear the old church bell which so oft on the Sabbath days called us to the house of worship. What if we did go to sleep in the old pew and felt the nudge from father or mother to keep us awake that we might not miss the words of the good man? What if the drone and hum of summer life outside the open window did cause us to wander in spirit into the meadow and the woods and down to the banks of the little stream where in week days we spent so many happy hours? When the doxology had been sung and the benediction pronounced we hurried home where the splendid Sunday dinner was awaiting for us and in the afternoon uncles and aunts and cousins and chums came to visit, or we went to see them.

P perchance now the old home is gone, has given way to the progress that the village has had since we were there last. It may be that father and mother and many of the friends of other days have passed to their reward; yet there is a feeling that there will still be some to greet us and we can talk over again the days which are a sweet memory.
—[Grand Rapids Herald.

OLD TIME BOYS & SPORTS

Written for Ledger Home-Coming Edition by C. Guy Perry.

I have been a boy about town for quite a long time, or ever since Henry and Warren Shepard used to land their rafts of lumber at the landing near the barn of J. E. Lee's place. After the raft period, came the log running, the joy of all kids, for it was during the summer and all boy's were at the sort, to go in swimming, scrape gum off the logs, fight black ants, and ride logs from the sort down to the Dam. And how familiar the sound of "Let-em hang" it would start down by the dam and run along until it reached the ears of "Pony Morse," and then the men at the sort would let them jam, or hold up until the lower pond was cleared; and in the fall came our annual treat or feast, and we began to get ready and fit ourselves for it about the first of May, by asking every man on the drive how long before the rear would be here, and how cheerful we

we never "smoked cigarettes" if any kid got it in his head he wanted a smoke, there was some means devised whereby a "cheroot" would be obtained from "Ed. Wisner." It was an innocent looking thing about 10 inches long, and about as large around as a rat's tail and about as crooked, and when a kid smoked one of them, it was just as good as "an ocean voyage" and we used to claim after a boy had smoked one and came back to life again, he would never have the ague.

Our hangouts were Grand Trunk depot. Where is the boy that does not remember how he was black and blue from the pinches of "Hi Dawson" who ran the dray line and always said come on boys and ride. And at the "House that Mack built" where we used to be lots of help to Mack in caring for his stock, draining bus, etc, here is where dancing schools were held, and how today I can see the stick of wood or rail one end in the stove and the other end laying across two chairs, and as it burns of some one would shove it along. Mack did not even do that,

were always there.

We generally had a circus each year either John Robinson, 4-Paw or VanAmburgh would come here, but we did not go to the depot to see them unload, but about midnight the people old and young would commence to congregate between where Ben Soules now lives and the forks of the road above Fox's corners, and about daylight the advance part of the circus would begin to arrive but the crowd would wait until the elephant came along and then the whole crowd would follow, it seems as if I have seen more people following one or two elephants from John Shear's house to town, than there are people here today.

And then another periodical feature was when "Harry Wickham" and "Old Hop" would get into an argument over the merits of their horses, old "Black Shark" and would have it out on a course about "Dolly Hop" respectively and they in front of J. E. Lee slaughter house in Vergennes, and the crowds that would turn out to one of those races

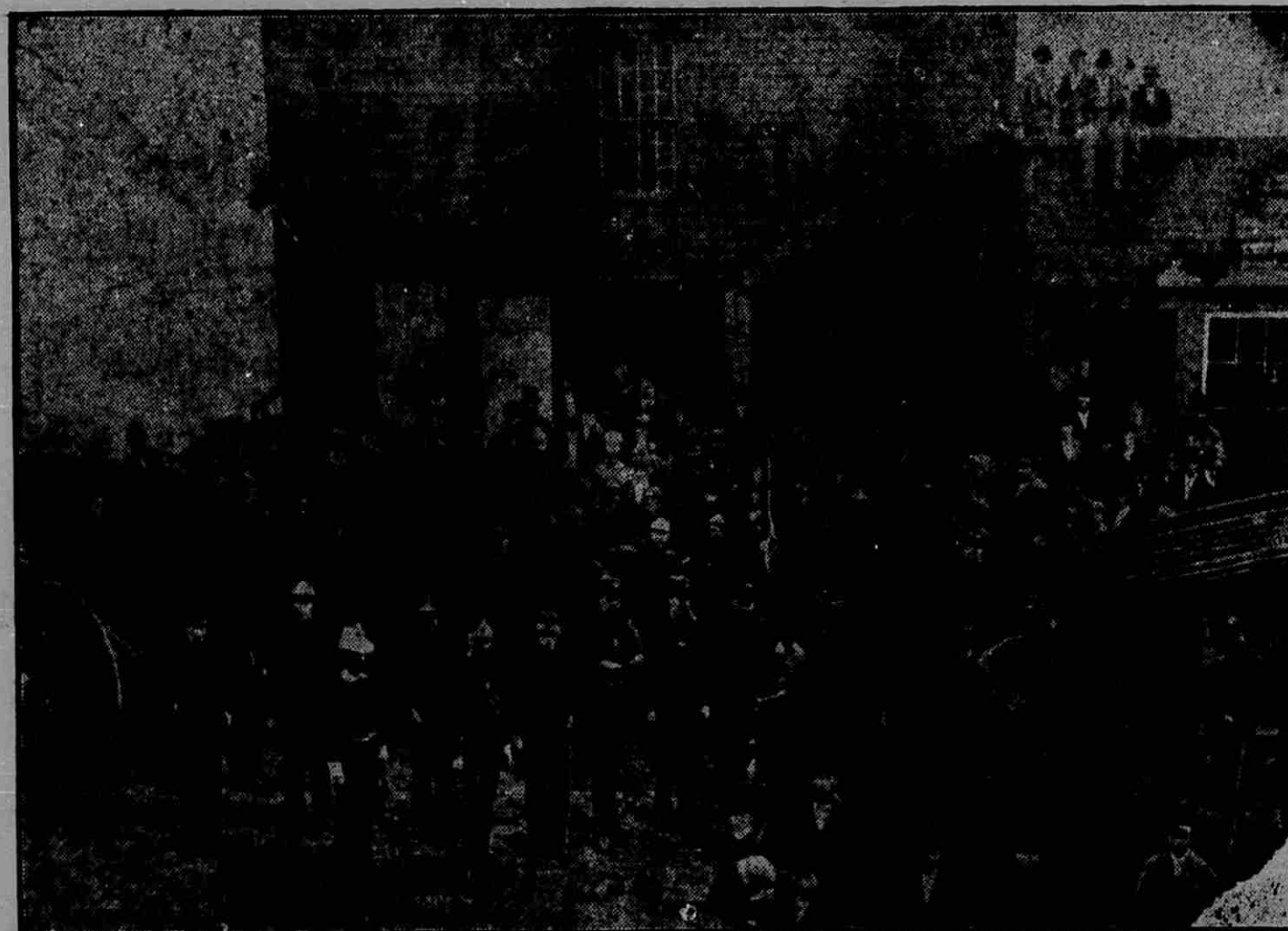
but it was not long after that that the hard ball came into general use. We were not uniformed but once, we had a game with the "Segwun Butter Fingers" a team composed of John Deegan, "Brigham" Young, Dennis Hamberry, Dell Button and other well known players of that day living in the village of Segwun which in those days was quite a business center. Well on the day of this eventful game our captain called a business meeting to be held in the barn of Capt. Weatherwax (where John Hatch now lives) for the purpose of fitting suits etc, well we met early and our Captain informed us that by a very dangerous but never the-less successful piece of smuggling he had obtained suits for the "Wolverines" for the occasion, and then he opened a large package and produced 9 suits of his mothers and sisters red flannel underwear, we were ordered to disrobe and be fitted which we did. Clyde Weatherwax produced some soldier caps that were left over after the war, and our Captain had on a "Hayes and Wheeler" tanners cap, and if there were ever 9 more hideous looking human beings in one bunch I have failed to ever see them, we had the scare crow in the wonderful wizard of Oz beat by a mile. We played in "Dan Win's" lumber yard, and our game broke up in a row as was customary when we played Segwun. And then there was good base ball team here to the Alerts, composed of Allen Lamb, Will Coleman the

whose cracker barrel furnished many a boy his rations, and while John was rough and hurt us like the dickens with his pinches, split tobacco juice on our bare feet, we voted him the best man in town, and then there was George W. Parker and J. C. Train. They were both friends of the boys and held in high esteem by them all. For many was the poor

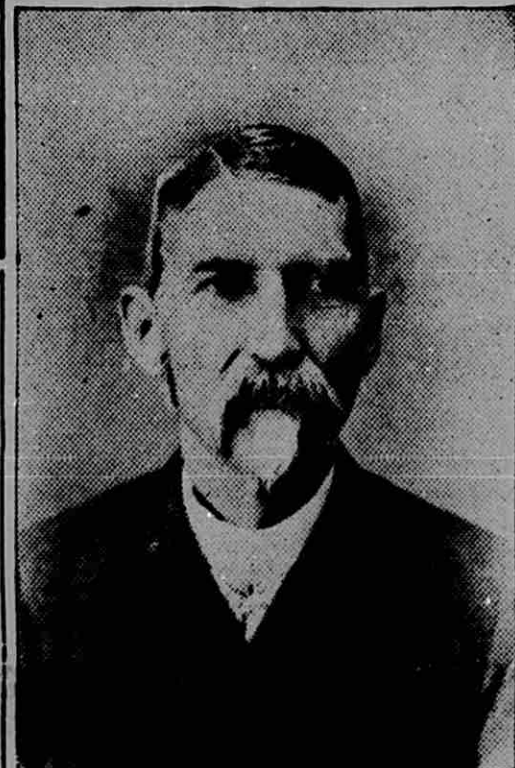


J. C. TRAIN Deceased.

boy that was befriended by them. It seems that the people were divided more in classes when I was young and I guess I was in all of them. But there are people who will remember the Ragan's, Tettley's, Qualey's, etc, we don't have any of them now, but they all lived here and helped make the town. I might write many an in tance of experience around Sam Sweetland's livery barn, Avery's planing mill, the old Franklin house under the management of "Bill" Misner, A. Dake and Lo. Davle, and the restaurants of Bill Crane, Eliza Goble and Silvia Williamson, the Hoop-skirt factory of Grandma Phelps, which all went to make up one of the best towns in this whole world to those who are fortunate to call it "Home", and to those and their offspring we extend a "Welcome Home" on Aug. 4, 5 and 6, 1908. All who may read this please make an extra effort to come this year. Your presence is what makes it a success, and we want to see you, so come.
An Old Lowell Boy.



The Lowell Hook and Ladder Company and Silver Cornet Band—Thirty-Two Years Ago.



G. W. PARKER, Deceased.

Brown boys etc, and The Red Clouds with "Tug" Wilson, Jim Henderson "Moose" Hatch, "Tanney" Bolce, "Cully" Gardner etc, who were our ideals, we had an idea that they could not be beaten and beaten fair.

As in all towns there is one certain person whom boys will have it in for. We were well organized and Jedediah Wood was our victim. It was his cows that were always let out of pasture, his corn roasted, his gate off its hinges or stolen, and all sorts of pranks were played on him, and on many an occasion we should have been punished for our actions. And, then there was the good man. The friend of the boys was John Wingler

Stood Their Ground.
"Hello, Throggins! The last time I saw you, I think, you were in a peck of trouble. Some fellow had bought a suburban lot alongside of yours and put up a livery stable on it. Is he there yet?"
"No; he's gone away, and taken the stable with him."
"Then he worked his little scheme all right, did he? Made the property holders in the block pay him a big price to get out?"
"Not at all. We bought the lot from him for about half what he paid for it. He was glad to get away."
"How did you manage it?"
"I bought a dozen hives of bees and put them along the edge of my lot, next to his stable. The man on the other side of him did the same. The fellow stood it till about the middle of June, and then he hiked. There's more than one way to skin a cat, old chap."

felt when we received the reply it has just left Langston, and then when it finally got down here how many of the boys and girls can remember, and you that were older at that time, the familiar words of "Jim Gault" get a plate and fill up, and who ever tasted a better meal than that prepared by "Tommy Hamilton" and eaten from your lap on the bank of that stream that was making millionaires by its location in the midst of the white pine industry "Flat River."

I do not know that boys are any different now than they were in the days of my youth only it seems that they do not have as much fun as we did, but there is one thing that I can give the boys of our day credit for,

he was a great labor saving device, or perhaps we were in the dance room, listening to the squeals of the pigs in the cellar, and strains of Mack's fiddle while there might be Charlie Wisner and some of the older boys tripping the light fantastic.

And nights when it stormed we would congregate at the old "Potter House" which stood where Dr. McDannell's dwelling now stands. There we would surely be entertained by thrilling tales of shipwrecks, sea serpents, moonshiners, snakes, bears and such things that will make a boy step about 30 feet every step he takes on the way home so the object behind him will not get him, by Zed Howe, Harry Wendover, Charles Morse and other old standbys who

would be a credit to our local Fair's of later days, and in speaking of "Hop" how many can remember the circus of "Yaukee Simpson" and old Hop, and how Hop tried to walk a rope.

Our games were "yoller" a game that started about 8 o'clock at night or as soon as it got dark enough as it was surely a night game: and as long as until 2 or 3 o'clock in the morn you could hear ring out in the stillness of the night the words "Holler yoller er we wont foller." Rolley Bolley and Base Ball—and once I belonged to a regular base ball team, had a name "Wolverines" Captain Frank W. Hine, we played with soft ball and threw it at base runners and if they were hit they were out,

Home-Coming, Tues., Wed., Thurs., Aug. 4-5-6

Did it ever occur to you, That time is money? You lose no time here trying to get as low price as the other fellow got. The price is the same to all, which is fair and honest. The low and only price is marked on the goods.

The clothing store that sells wool for wool, cotton for cotton. Where your boy can buy as cheap and safely as yourself.

The Peninsular work clothes are sold here. They are the best in the U. S. for the price. Overalls, shirts, jackets, pants. Ask your neighbor.

"There is no place like home" for the home-comers. This store is the home of careful buyers. Make it your home when in town.

MART SIMPSON

If You See it in My Ad It's So

LOWELL

Not how cheap, but how good values for the money. Economy is getting good values. Not getting poor goods at a low price.

A better assortment of clothing this year than ever before. It's a pleasure to show you the goods, stop in and look them over.

HOME COMING

AND HARVEST FESTIVAL

AUGUST 4th, 5th and 6th

4th

Tuesday

4th

Welcome and Reception of Home-Comers

2:30 P. M. BASE BALL, WOODMEN vs. MACCABEES. 2:30 P. M.

These teams will be made up mostly of business men and clerks and game will be warmly contested.

EVENING

Banquet of Lowell High School Alumni Association at Train's Opera House.

S. P. Hicks, Lowell, Mich., Toastmaster. Responses by Prof. McEwan, of Kalamazoo College; Judge Geo. P. Stone, of Ithaca, Mich., and others.

5th

Wednesday

5th

12 o'clock, Noon.

Home-Comers' Picnic at Island Park,

Toastmaster—Frank W. Hine, of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Responses—Mrs Ida Hatch Mitchell, Grand Rapids, Mich.; "Gene" Parrish, Hillsdale, Mich.; Wayne E. Morris, Plainwell, Mich.; Ed R. Kniffin, Detroit, Mich.; Dr. Chas. Quick, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Wheeler J. Hull, Columbia Falls, Mont.; Frank B. Clark, Mt. Pleasant, Mich.; Manley Jones, Grand Rapids, Mich., and others, followed by a general visit and good time.

Plenty of room for everyone. Lots of tables and seats on the Islands. An Ideal place for a picnic. Island Park is always cool and clean and convenient to town. Something doing all the time Wednesday and Thursday. Special attractions each day.

6th

Thursday

6th

12 O'clock, Noon.

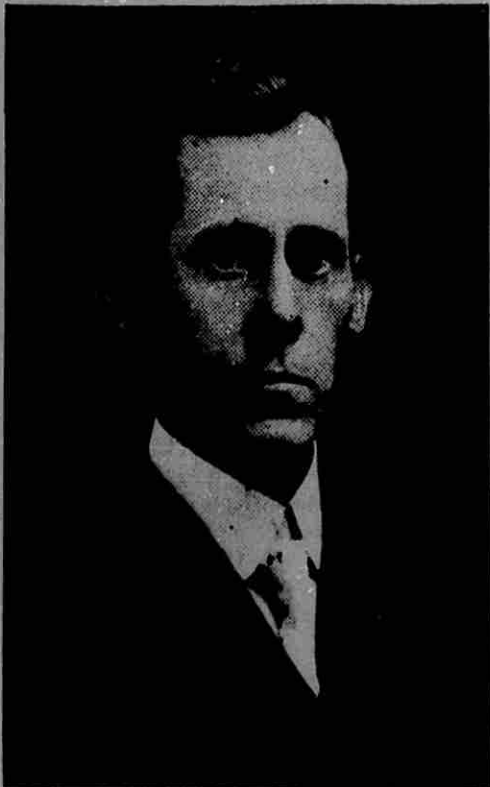
Annual Harvest Festival Picnic at Island Park,

followed by an Oration, Ball Game, Sports and Music. Continuous band concerts, ball games and balloon ascensions both days, Wednesday and Thursday.

Several families of Native Indians will be camped on the Islands, secured through the efforts of our fellow townsman, John S. Hooker, who lived here among their camps years ago and knows them. They come to help celebrate Home-Coming and renew acquaintances.

Watch for Complete Program Later.

In Our 28 Years Of Business



in Lowell many of our old friends have moved away.

Home-Coming Time

we would like to meet them all at our store to talk over old times and incidentally to show them over the best store of its kind to be found anywhere.

Yours as of old

A. D. Oliver.

COME BACK TO LOWELL



We are prepared to meet all our old friends on August 4th, 5th and 6th. We have as good facilities for baking the good stuff you like as anywhere in the country and our large experience makes us confident of suiting your taste.

Our candy and ice cream department is certainly tempting. Always a fresh lot of candies, and as for our ice cream, we make it ourselves and we know it is good.

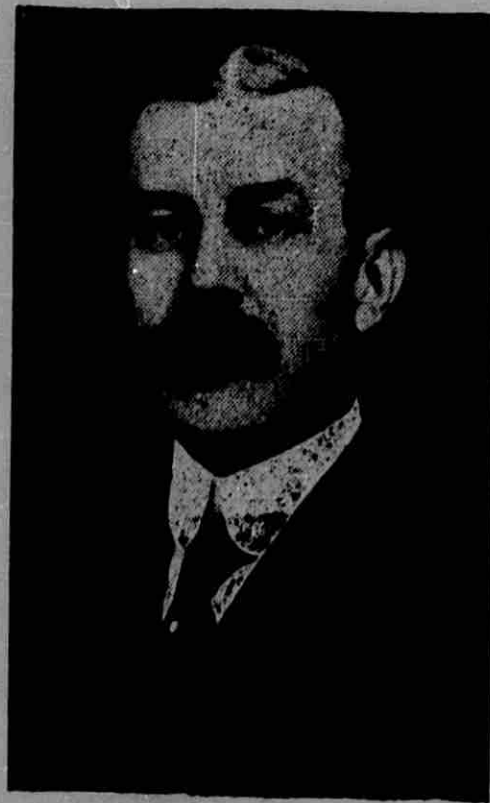
A hearty welcome is extended to all who come home this year and we would be pleased to shake hands with you.



WELDON SMITH.

LOWELL.

Home - Comers Heartily Welcome at our store



and the faithful Stay-at-Homes who are always with us—glad to see them too. The latter in entertaining the former should spread their tables with the

Best of Everything Groceries

We always have it, in fact our customers know than.

Still at the old stand **VanDyke's** It's Good."

Home-Comers

Please drop into our store and sit for a picture while in town.

PHOTOGRAPHS

finished in the highest style of the art.

Yours anxiously to suit.

The old stand **F. B. Rhodes**

Lowell, Michigan

MUSIC AND DRAWING A TRIO OF OLD TIMERS.

At the annual school meeting Monday with the usually large attendance of about fifty, among whom were a number of ladies, the usual routine business was transacted.

The director's report showed a balance in the treasury of \$4073.68 and recommended the raising this year of \$4000.

Prof. Martin being called upon recommended the employment of a teacher to take charge of music and drawing in our schools; and the meeting by unanimous vote expressed its approval. A motion to reseat the high school room was defeated.

W. S. Winegar and H. A. Peckham were re-elected trustees; but as the latter declined to serve, G. G. Towley was chosen instead.

INDIANS WILL RETURN

A number of Indians, some of whom lived here in their childhood during pioneer days and all of whom are descendants of the Grand River Valley tribe, have written J. S. Hooker that they will attend Lowell Home-Coming with their families and will tent on the island.

Among those who will be here are Lewis Medavis and family of Dorr and Wabeka Omeme and family of Bradley who are descendants of Skibegosh. Coghesay of Grand Haven, son of Chief Cobmoosay, will make the journey up the river in an Indian canoe and join the others here.

AN INTERESTING RELIC

Mrs. Susan Williams McDeld hands us an old relic, mention of which will be interesting to Lowell people at this Home-Coming time bringing to mind as it does the names of many who have long been dead.

It is a little yellow pamphlet styled: "Constitution and by-laws of Protection Fire Company Number One, Lowell, Kent County, Michigan, 1868."

Following is the list of members: Joseph W. Amphlett, Earl W. Avery, Homer W. Avery, Ephraim J. Booth, James F. Booth, Joseph M. Bruner, James Cheeseman, Martin S. Cogswell, Cornelius M. Corlis, Edwin R. Crow, O. Coats, Elias S. Dawson, Clark M. Devendorf, Albert D. Dibbro, J. H. Dawson, Wm. H. Eddy, William Edle, William W. Hatch, John Huggins, George Haser, Edwin O. Johnson, Harry Knapp, Colosian Kullfin, Nathaniel H. McCarty, Robert Moe, Wm. Pullen, B. Pickard, George Smith, Luther Avery, S. Sweetland, John Tate, Samuel J. Taylor, Orlando Taylor, Harrison VanOrnum, P. VanSlack, James H. Weeks, Judson West, Uriah B. Williams, Billings G. Wilson, John Wilson, John Wright.

MACCABEES - WOODMEN

What the enthusiastic promoters announce as the biggest and best ball game of the season is looked for Tuesday, July 21, between the local Maccabees and Woodmen.

The line-up promised is as follows:

MACCABEES	WOODMEN
L. Jones	P. D. McCarty
H. Jay	C. D. Garfield
T. Mueller	1b. Stub Owen
Jim McMahon	2b. F. Coons
C. Holliday	3b. C. Collar
F. McMahon	ss. Jocko Smith
Doc Gilbert	lf. W. Morris
W. Flynn	rf. G. Fletcher
Earl Thomas	cf. John Areshart
SUBS	SUBS
J. Collins	C. Burr
H. Rolf	A. Hill
L. Alexander	C. Wolfe
C. Townsend	Cap Hiller

OFFICIAL SCORERS
R. VanDyke Will Hakes
L. P. Thomas Dr. Anderson

HEAD WATERBOYS
John Roth Walter Morgan

ARBITRATION COMMISSION
N. P. Husted S. P. Hicks

UMPIRE, Dr. McQueen

HEAD SURGEON, Dr. Draper

Game to be called at 2:30.

It is expected that the survivors of this battle will renew the struggle on Tuesday, August 4, Home-Coming opening day.

DEATH OF DAVID H. LONG.

David H. Long died Friday, July 10, 1908, and funeral services were held Monday morning at the home of his brother Wm. Long in this village conducted by Rev. W. D. Ogg after which the body was taken to Mar for burial.

David H. Long was born Nov. 15, 1862, in Ionia county where he spent the earlier part of his life. During the past twenty-three years he has lived in the South. He is survived by a wife Mrs. Lula Long of Mississippi, four brothers, W. Long of Lowell, Albert of Ionia, G. B. Long of St. Louis, Mich., and Eugene of Orange, and one sister Mrs. Jessie Aldrich of Lyons.

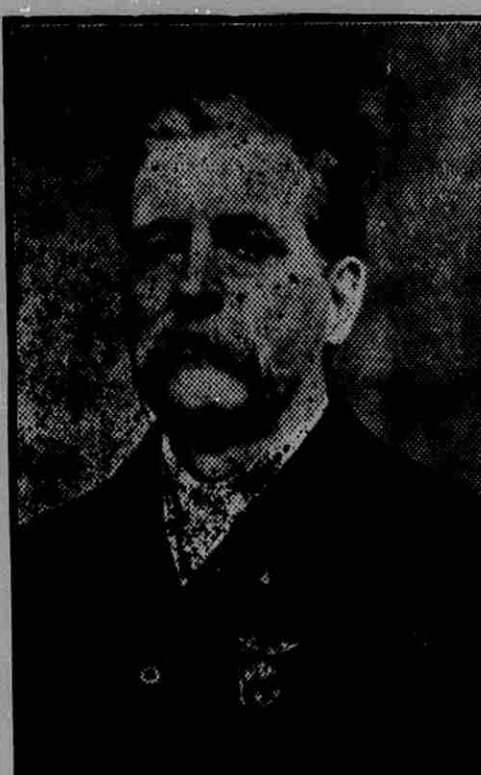
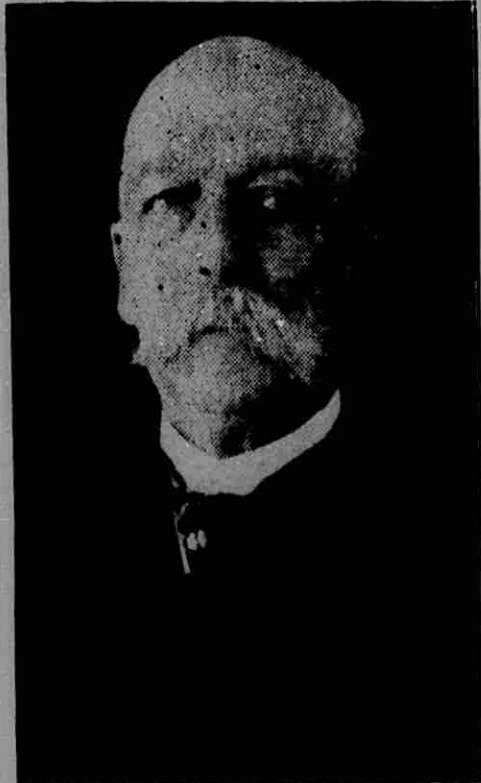
Mrs. M. Rich, dressmaker in the Lee block. Phone 163.

Willard Bennett and Joseph Bennett of Greenville visited Misses Marguerite Pierce and Alice Tinkler Thursday.

D. G. Mange attended the convention of the Michigan State Bankers' Association at Marquette last week. W. E. Marsh of Benton Harbor was also present.

Mrs. R. D. Stocking and Miss Katherine Lewis are making an extended trip to Toronto, Montreal and Quebec, and will visit relatives in Boston, Mass., before returning.

Miss Jessie Thomas of Ionia who has been teaching music here the past four years has gone to Ann Arbor leaving her Lowell class in the hands of Miss Maude Andrews. Her pupils, while regretting her departure, wish her success.



HARMON NASH, DR. McDANNELL CHARLES McCARTY

Here's a trio of old-time business men who "are still at it." All Home-Comers will "sure see them."

Mrs. Olive Haas left Tuesday for an extended sojourn with her daughter in Seattle, Wash.

Miss Isabel Fallas entertained twelve young ladies Tuesday night in honor of her friend Miss Hazel Dillon.

Mrs. J. W. Maynard is in Battle Creek with her two little sons John and J. D., caring for her mother who is very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kropf left last week for a trip to Bern, Switzerland, where they will visit relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Look and daughter Helen leave today for a ten days' visit with friends at Alden and other points.

Mrs. Geo. Clarkson and Miss Viva Clark of Detroit are spending several weeks with the former's sister Mrs. Jas. McPherson.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Peckham and baby and Guy Johnson of Grand Rapids are guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Peckham.

Mrs. Will Pullen, Misses Lynn Crawford, Nettie Pullen, Alice Crawford and Marguerite Pettit spent Wednesday in Grand Rapids.

Joe. Eveland and daughter Gussie of Mayville visited the former's niece Mrs. H. A. Briscoe today and Miss Gussie remains for a few days.

Mrs. Harriet Day and Mrs. Dr. Whitfield of Grand Rapids have been visiting their sister Mrs. M. A. Carr. Mrs. Day remains for an indefinite time.

Tenth annual field day at Clarksville July 22. Remember the date. Ball games, horse races, street sports and a general day of fun from daylight to midnight.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Fletcher returned this morning from a three months' visit with their daughter and sons in Helena, Mont. They spent a few days in Minneapolis on their way home.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Crawford returned Monday to their home in Kalanassoo after a visit with Lowell relatives, the former having spent two months with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Crawford.

Mrs. J. R. Rogers and daughter Cora, Mrs. Helen Rogers of Ericson, Neb., and Mrs. May Benson of Jackson are attending a family reunion at Hart, where they will meet relatives they have not seen for 25 years.

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The

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We are proud of them and want you to know all about them. No one Rexall Remedy is a "cure-all," there is ONE remedy for each ill and that one remedy the unquestioned best.

If you buy a Rexall remedy and are not entirely satisfied with it, bring back the empty bottle or package and we will return the money to you instantly and cheerfully. Can any principle of business be fairer than this, is it not strictly in accord with President Roosevelt's idea of a square deal to every man?

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D. G. LOOK,

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Our watch and jewelry repair benches at your service. Work guaranteed.

Is Complete

Our stock of Hardware is complete. We carry everything from a wire nail to a furnace, and the best, is none to good for us and for you. We earnestly invite you to call and look over what we have, and especially do we invite Home-Comers on Aug. 4-5-6. We will try and make it comfortable for you while you are with us.

Scott Hardware Company.

Lowell, Mich.

LOWELL LEDGER

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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.

CONVENTION NOTES.

The Democratic national convention at Denver concluded its labor by the nomination of John Worth Kern of Indiana for vice-president. The nomination was made by acclamation Charles A. Towne, Archibald McNeill and Clark Howell, whose names had been presented, withdrew before a ballot was reached.

Mr. Taft and Chairman Hitchcock and Treasurer Sheldon of the Republican national committee declared that publicity of campaign funds would be observed strictly by the Republicans.

For the third time, William Jennings Bryan was nominated for the presidency by the Democrats. Only one ballot was needed in the Denver convention to reach this result, which came after a day and night of tumultuous enthusiasm and wild disorder.

PERSONAL.

John L. Sullivan, pugilist, actor, philosopher, lecturer and temperance taker, has begun an action for divorce against his wife Annie, whom he married 25 years ago in Boston, and from whom he separated a few years later.

GENERAL NEWS.

Four persons were drowned through an explosion on board a 45-foot launch off Marion, Mass. They were Roland Worthington of Boston, John T. Trull of Woburn, Joseph S. Seal of Milton, and George Savory of Marblehead.

The presidential elections through out the Isthmus of Panama passed off without disturbance. Senator Dor Jose Domingo de Obaldia, formerly minister to the United States and acting president during the absence of Dr. Amador, was elected president.

George W. Smith of St. Louis was elected chairman and J. T. Rock of Iowa vice-chairman of the national board of directors of the Travelers' Protective Association.

The will of Grover Cleveland, prepared at Princeton, did not disclose the size of the estate, nearly all of which was left to Mrs. Cleveland.

Seven trainmen were killed and four injured in a collision on the Canadian Pacific near Medicine Hat.

Three little girls tried to wreck the Pennsylvania flyer near Hazleton, Pa., by piling stones on the track.

During the fighting in Paraguay the American minister, E. C. O'Brien, was fired on three times by government troops by mistake, and narrowly escaped death.

Charles Taylor, a Missouri Pacific operator at Lamonte, Mo., was arrested on a charge of manslaughter on account of the wreck near Knobnoster.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Smith, who lived on a farm two miles east of North Rose, N. Y., were burned to death in a fire which destroyed their residence.

The Republican national committee, in session at Hot Springs, Va., elected Frank H. Hitchcock of Massachusetts its chairman and made him manager of the presidential campaign.

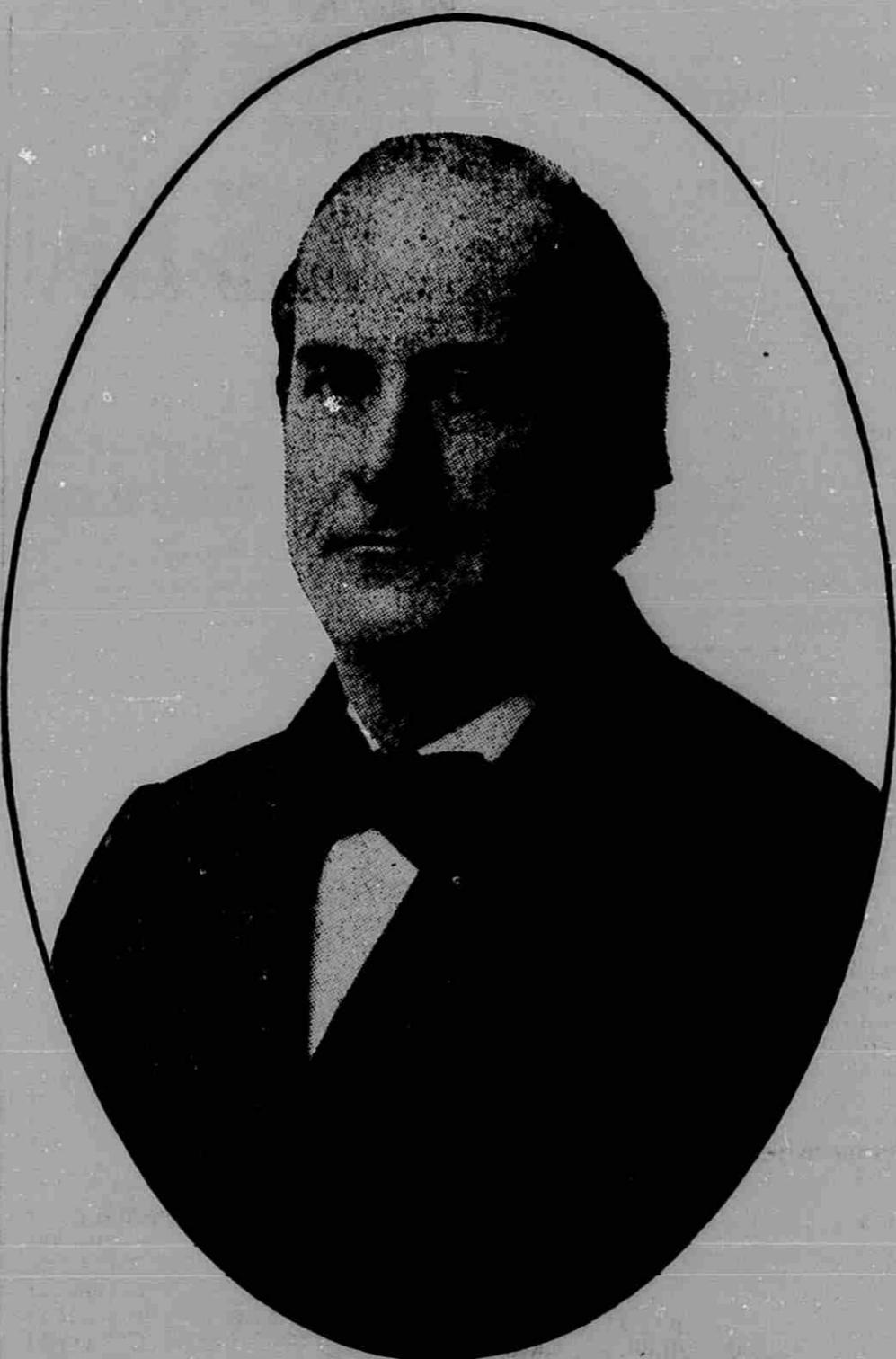
Fire on the harbor front of East Boston destroyed piers and warehouses and an elevator, the property loss being about \$1,500,000.

Richard Alexander, treasurer and a member of the board of governors of the real estate board of brokers of New York, shot himself twice at Dexter, Me., and probably will die.

BRYAN AND KERN

A Strenuous All Night Session Ends With Adoption of Platform and the Nomination of Bryan.

The Work of The Democratic National Convention Shows It Was Fully Controlled by the Nebraskan.



WILLIAM J. BRYAN

By unanimous vote the platform soon as stable government is established.

Believes in navy adequate for defense and protection. Would limit Asiatic immigration. Favors admission at once of Arizona and New Mexico as separate states.

Demands territorial government for Alaska and Porto Rico. While awaiting the presentation of the platform the nominating speeches were made so that after its adoption the balloting opened up.

The Democratic national convention late Friday afternoon completed the ticket for the campaign of 1908 by nominating by acclamation John W. Kern of Indiana for vice-president.

More Were Killed. Seventy-two dead and 2,736 injured are the totals to date of the accidents attending the celebration of the Fourth of July in the United States.

The number of injuries, however, is only two-thirds of the average for the last five years. This is regarded as an indication that the agitation for a sane Fourth is having its effect.

MICHIGAN BREVITIES.

Saginaw launch owners have formed an organization and propose to improve the navigability of the river. John Burns, aged 75, was killed by being run over by a runaway team. He was a native of Essex.

The Mexican Revolutionists.

Thirty-two revolutionists tried and convicted of the crime of treason, were brought to Ciudad, Juarez, opposite El Paso on the Mexican side of the international border Saturday.

A code message which escaped the Mexican censor, says that 20 revolutionists who had been condemned to die, were removed today from Casa Grandea to Chihuahua, where they will be executed in the state prison later.

South American Troubles.

The government of Honduras instituted a suit before the Central American court of justice formally at Cartago, Costa Rica, against the governments of Salvador and Guatemala, charging violations of the treaties signed by the states of Central America at Washington last winter.

Mervin Tomlin, a Port Huron boy, aged 14, plunged into the river Thursday and rescued a drowning boy.

THE MARKETS.

Detroit. — Cattle — Extra dry-fed steers and heifers, \$5.50; steers and heifers, 1,000 to 1,200, \$4.50@5.25; grass steers and heifers that are fat, \$8.00 to 1,000, \$4@4.85; grass steers and heifers that are fat, 500 to 700, \$3.50 to \$3.75; choice fat cows, \$3.50@4.50; good fat cows, \$3@3.65; common cows, \$2.25@2.95; canners, \$1.25@2; choice heavy bulls, \$3.75@4; fair to good heavy bulls, \$2@3.50; stock bulls, \$2.50@3; choice feeding steers, 800 to 1,000, \$4@4.65; fair feeding steers, 800 to 1,000, \$3.75@4; choice stockers, 500 to 700, \$3@3.50; fair stockers, 500 to 700, \$2.75@3.25; stock heifers, \$2.25@3; milkers, large, young, medium age, \$4@5.00; common milkers, \$2@3.00.

East Buffalo. — Cattle — Best export steers, \$6.50@7; best shipping steers, \$5.75@6; 1,000 to 1,100 lb. steers, \$4.50@5.00; best fat cows, \$4@4.50; fair to good, \$3@3.50; common, \$2.25@2.50; milkers, \$2; best heifers, \$5@5.50; butcher heifers, \$3.50@4; stock heifers, \$2.25@3.50; best feeders, \$3.75@4; best stockers, \$3.25@3.50; common stockers, \$2@3.25; export bulls, \$3.75@4; heavy bulls, \$2@3.25; stock bulls, \$2.25@3. The fresh cow market was a little better: good cows, \$3@4.00; mediums, \$2.50@3; common, \$1.8@2.00.

Sleep and lambs — Slow, best lambs, \$4@4.25; heavy and yearlings, \$3.50@4.25; calves — Steady, \$4.70@7.25.

Grain, Etc. — Wheat — Cash No. 2 red, 1 car at 92c, closing at 92 1/2c; July opened with a drop of 1/4c at 89c, declined to 88 1/2c, advanced to 90c and closed at 89 1/2c.

AMUSEMENTS IN DETROIT. — Woking Ending July 18.

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The burned out Kalkaska families are living in tents and one is encamped under the band stand. The owners of the burned stores will build immediately. L. E. Beebe, who was injured during the fire by falling from a roof, is in a serious condition.

THE STATE IN GENERAL

THE VILLAGE OF RIGA SUFFERS BY A DASTROUS FIRE.

GENERYS'S BODY FOUND.

Matters of Note and Comment Gathered Here and There About the State and Briefly Told.

Practically the whole business district of Riga, two miles from Blissfield, on the L. S. & M. S. Ry., was destroyed by fire Saturday morning, which started in an elevator owned by William J. Knoblauch, and the strong wind which was blowing carried the flames to two cars of grain standing on a spur track, and from them to a mill on the other side.

Grand Island Mystery.

With the discovery of the badly decomposed remains of Keeper George Genery, the mystery of the Grand Island lighthouse has been solved. Nearly a month ago, Assistant Keeper Morrison, of Detroit, was found dead in a sailboat.

A Curious Condition.

The acquittal on a technicality of Rep. Bunting on a charge of certifying to a fraudulent bill of expenses for Rep. Anderson has uncovered a curious state of affairs. Bunting was acquitted on the ground that the house had not authorized the junket for which the expenses were paid to Anderson, although he never left home, and it has been learned that numerous other junkets have been held for years past without any authorization, and at least \$30,000 paid out under this head.

Aldrich Captured. Charles Aldrich, formerly recorder of Jackson, who disappeared at the end of his second term, three years ago, leaving a shortage of \$14,000, it is said, has been arrested at Mobile, Ala., and brought back.

MICHIGAN BRIEFS.

Senator Burrows has returned to Kalamazoo for the summer. Joseph Cannon, speaker of the house of representatives, is getting cool at Mackinaw Island.

George Whitaker, an Ashley farmer, was struck and killed by lightning while riding on a load of hay.

Webb Snow, former sheriff, has introduced on his farm the custom of giving his hands a half holiday on Saturday.

Dominico Amante, aged 5, of Grand Rapids, accidentally shot his baby brother while playing with a revolver. The child may die.

The body of an unknown man was found floating in the river, Thursday afternoon. The man was about 40 years old and poorly dressed. Part of one hand was missing.

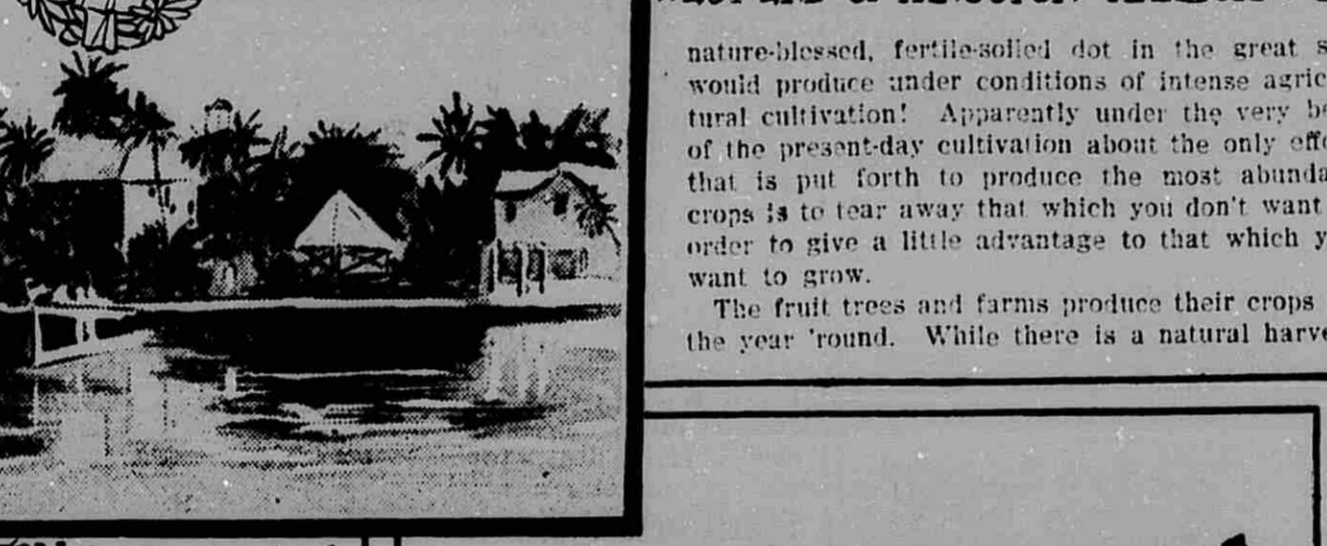
KINGSTON, TORN AND DESOLATED BY QUAKE, WILL SOON BE ONLY A MEMORY.



TURTLE FISHING OUTFITS AT KINGSTON

KINGSTON, Jamaica, once a veritable heaven of tropical villas and southern industry, now bids fair to pass into archives of history and within a few years this gem of the south will probably be only a memory in American minds. It is nearly 18 months since the earthquake which ravaged that at San Francisco tore down the beautiful bungalows and public buildings and desecrated the plazas of Kingston, but there has been hardly a move to rebuild the city. As a consequence the place to-day looks much as it did the

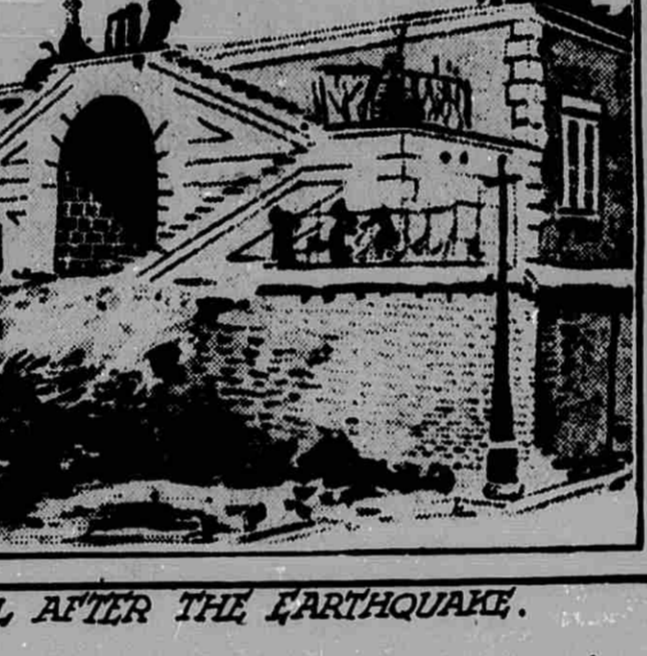
WEST END OF KINGSTON HARBOR '98



MARINE GARDENS NEAR KINGSTON

morning after the terrible rumblings of the earth announced to the residents of Kingston that they were experiencing one of the worst earthquakes which ever befell the western hemisphere. The streets of Kingston are still strewn with broken brick, stone and mortar. Only where absolute necessity demanded has the debris of a year and a half ago been cleared away and to-day one may walk the streets of this historic city and be compelled to take the middle of the road in order to avoid the great piles of shattered buildings which blockade the sidewalks and most of the thoroughfares.

en; they work on the streets, with pick and shovel; they help to break the stones for macadamizing the streets, and they are to be found in the working gangs in all private and public building operations. It is said that the stone for the macadamized highway which runs entirely across the island of Jamaica from Kingston to Port Antonio was all crushed by native women. One thing can be said that cannot be claimed for the states, however, they receive equal wages with the men for similar work.



GORDON HALL AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE.

This condition to the minds of Americans is perhaps an enjoyable contrast to that which took place in San Francisco shortly after the Golden Gate city was desolated by the quake of a few years ago. The Pacific coast metropolis awoke the morning following the earthquake and literally went to work then and there to place a new city on the site of the one destroyed. Workmen were paid wages which drew laborers, mechanics, engineers from every section of the world to take advantage of the high price put upon services. To-day the tourist would scarcely know there had been a disturbance of seismic conditions.

But to drop the distressing features of life in Kingston for the more delightful ones of the rest of the island of Jamaica, which is truly a tropical gem of the first water. Vegetation! Its luxuriance can hardly be conceived of by a northerner without a personal visit. Its productiveness is almost beyond conception; fruits grow in rare abundance with only the slightest effort on the part of the ranchmen or native farmers. A trip across the island either by rail or automobile is a revelation of beauty on every hand. At every turn new beauties and new delights are thrust upon you; the fertility of the soil both on the hills and lowlands is almost beyond belief; vegetable growth, rank but perfect, at every point. So far as one can see, the term "bare land" does not apply in Jamaica; vegetation, either wild or under cultivation, a mass of greenery and bloom.

time for the various products, the climate is such that with little effort it can be changed to suit the convenience of the producer, just as the skilled florist can produce June roses in December in his northern hothouses. Here about all that is required is to plant your seed in anticipation of the time you wish to gather your harvest; in due time the seed sends forth its shoots, which blossom, develop fruit that ripens and may be harvested, whether it be October, May or December.

But in Kingston some of the residents made homeless by the earthquake are still inhabiting tents, others have departed, while still others have moved away from the stricken city. Little has been done. And what is the reason? Tourists ask. Is it the traditional "tired feeling," attributed to southern peoples, is it lack of activity on the part of the government or lack of facilities? Those are the questions which experts in building and organizing are trying to solve to-day, many months after this condition was brought about.

Here a hedge, a grove, a hillside covered with the ever-bearing coconuts trees in full fruitage; there, long rows of banana trees, with great green bunches hanging from the thrifty stalks. Sometimes they were in scattered patches and at others they were cultivated with skill and precision, and covering wide ranges of land as far as the eye could reach, while here and there were orange groves or isolated trees, all laden with the rich, yellow fruit. The little English railroad which crosses the island from north to south winds for some distance from Port Arthur along the southern coast. Then it turns abruptly to the interior, plowing its way over the hills, through tunnels, across ravines and down inclines.

What wealth this means for the island and to the mother country when, in the years to come, the land is put under intense cultivation and advantage is taken of all that nature has done for Jamaica, time only can tell.

One reason is that the English insurance companies have evaded payment of losses in the fire which followed the earthquake. The cases are in the courts for adjustment, but the progress is slow. In many cases where the property was destroyed the owners are unable to rebuild without assistance and that is hard to obtain while the insurance cases are pending. Others are disheartened and would rather sell their land than to rebuild and improve it. The scene is almost as desolate as it was the week following the earthquake. In some sections, notably on Harbor and Orange streets, the rubbish has been cleared away and small one-story frame buildings have been erected in which stores and business places were quickly opened; at another point the government is clearing an entire city square for the erection of new federal buildings. Aside from these minor matters the city has made little progress toward rebuilding, and business is generally carried on in temporary structures or in old buildings which were unaffected by the earthquake and which likewise escaped the flames.

But at every point, on the hillsides, by the seashore, in the valleys, even in the swamps, the prolific growth of all manner of vegetation is everywhere present. Nature has apparently done so much for the little island that the people have had no proper incentive for effort or development. Why live the strenuous life when it is so much easier to exist with little physical or mental labor? Why strive for a competence when the means of subsistence are at hand without such strife? Why lay up something for a "rainy day" when it is the actual rainy days which come so frequently and refreshing-like to this island that absorb one from the absolute necessity for such saving? And such seems to be the thought of the natives of Jamaica.

The hillsides and the valleys of this little island are capable of producing crops under the best conditions that would support a large nation. Mineral wealth is unnecessary here; the real wealth, which is perpetual and inexhaustible, is in the fertility of the soil and the climate conditions which have produced such fertility.

And yet, Kingston still shows much evidence of its former beauty. The stately palm trees are to be seen along many highways and in private grounds; the coconut palm flourishes in almost every dooryard; the rank growth of tropical foliage is quickly covering much of the unsightly ruins and giving an air of life in which the hand of man does not co-operate.

The English language is almost the only one heard on the island. The natives, even in the interior, who seldom get down to the coast, use the English tongue in a corrupted form, but easily understood. They are all proud of the fact that they are English, whether black, bronze, mahogany or white—and you find all shades of color, the black predominating to a very large degree. In excess of 90 per cent. of the population of Jamaica is black.

The feeling of depression that must come to one in the city of Kingston gives way to one of optimism as he gets out along the seacoast or into the mountainous country, where everything is pleasing. It is quiet and restful in Jamaica; people here do not do things in a hurry; the climate is not conducive to the hustle of a northern community. Even the turkey buzzards that abound everywhere, soar slowly away over the city or the hills as if they had no thought of being late for dinner or that the supply might give out before they reached the dining table. And the little brown boys who dive for pieces of money from the decks of steamers or the pier at Kingston go into the water so leisurely and remain under so long that you begin to think they are going to stay down; but they always come up with the coin clasped in their fingers, and stow one piece after another into their spacious mouths for safe-keeping until the sport is over.

A sight that impresses one in the Kingston streets is the prevalence of women laborers. Much of the heavy work is done by the native black wom-

While there appear to be no minerals of value on the island—except, possibly, a little copper—Jamaica is certainly one of the richest of England's great family of islands. Imagine what this

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From Our Point of View

COME BACK TO YOUR OLD LOWELL HOME

To every one of her absent sons and daughters, wherever they may be, Lowell sends an old-time greeting and a most hearty and urgent invitation to the second annual Home-Coming festival August 4, 5 and 6.

We had a grand time last year; and if you were here then you will need no urging to repeat the experience this year if possible. Home-Coming is in many respects the best thing that ever happened to Lowell; and it will grow better year by year, as our old friends learn of its heart-warming opportunities.

At the first Home-Coming there were reunions of friends who had not met before in ten, twenty, yes forty years. Some had grown gray, wrinkled and bent, but as they met and harked back to the good old days of yore, they found that their hearts were still young; and that's the all important thing. To remain young and cheerful and sweet in spirit, in health or in sickness, in prosperity or adversity, that's splendid. To remain "true blue" to "Old Times, Old Friends and Old Loves," in spite of years and miles of separation—ah, that's the best thing in life!

And Home-Coming has done this for Lowell people, both past and present: the open door, the glad hand, the welcome home, the reviving of tender memories, with tears for the "gone-but-not-forgotten" and smiles and kindly greetings for the living—it has brought us and taught us all these and more, things worth while.

We are thinking of those whose affections have remained unchanged through the changing years. If indeed, there

"Breathes a man with soul so dead Who never to himself hath said: 'This is my own, my native land'"—this appeal is not for him. Let him pass it up. People with real, human hearts are the kind we are after; and for these many pleasures are preparing.

The Home-Coming idea is expanding, old school and church associations will figure largely this year, the alumni banquet and Home-Coming services at the various churches being important features. Old teachers and former pastors will be here to renew old associations. Don't fall them. Remember, old Lowellite, Home-Coming days are for you. Improve the opportunity if you want the event perpetuated.

To the young who have a multitude of friends here, the occasion will be one of unalloyed pleasure, while the older people must inevitably miss many dear friends who have gone to the great Home-Coming beyond. A few indeed, like our Indian guests, may find in the unchanging rivers and the eternal hills almost their sole reward. But for the many there remain the remnant of the old guard and its filial descendants, who will welcome you loyally and royally.

Prepare then for the great Home-Coming. Pass the word on to your friends everywhere. The week of August 4, 5 and 6 is the time when roads will lead to Lowell.

AFTER the Chicago convention the familiar query was: "Who is Sherman?" Since the Denver crowd adjourned the question is: "Who is Kern?"

ONE of Iowa's representative Republican daily newspapers, while standing squarely for Taft & Sherman argues that to re-elect the congressmen and senators of the Cannon-Foraker stripe, men who have blocked Roosevelt reforms and progressive legislation, will be folly on the part of the people. It advocates the turning down of such men irrespective of party ties and the election of friends of the common people. That may not be very good party politics but it is mighty good Common sense and it will have a familiar ring to LEDGER readers.

ANOTHER old person has made the great mistake of trading away her home and property for a promise of care during life. A Niles woman 85 years old, after having given away her farm home was spanked and threatened with the poorhouse. Then in revenge, she burned up buildings; worth \$4,000. It is an old, old story and it points a familiar moral: "Old folks, hang on to your property until you are through with it." Time enough then to reward the faithful.

THE LEDGER is greatly indebted to its many friends for the aid given in producing this number. Contributors and advertisers have shown a cheerful loyalty to Lowell that is exceedingly encouraging. The result can safely be declared the largest and most representative of Lowell of any newspaper ever issued here.

HOBSON is bound to have a war with Japan, even if he has to work overtime to bring it on. If he can only succeed in scaring himself to death, it might be a relief to his countrymen; and seeing that he has a monopoly of the fright, such an outcome is not impossible.

ENCOURAGING reports of reviving business activities, especially in manufacturing, come from many quarters. May they multiply from Maine to California and from the Lakes to the Gulf, until every man who wants to work has a chance to exchange an honest day's work for an honest day's pay.

THE OLDTIME FIREPLACE.

The fireplace of the olden time back on the farm, when the world was young and fair to see—who does not recall it when March winds howl and the furnace gasps impotently? Frank L. Stanton, in the Atlanta Constitution, recalls it and sings:

The stoves an' the steam heat "git" me,
These wearisome wintry days,
Gimme the oldtime chimney,
The blacklog an' the blaze;
I want to sit where the oak fire gleams
An' tell old stories, an' dream old dreams.

The steam heat—it says nothin',
The stove hides dreams from sight;
But the flames of the open fire
Sing songs of a winter night.
Settin' there, where the bright light streams,
I tell old stories, an' dream old dreams.

Youth comes back with its roses
As I dream by the fireside late,
The face of the oldtime sweetheart
In the starlight at the gate.
Old times—old loves, in the firelight's gleams—
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CONGREGATIONAL.

"A people whose hearts God hath touched," or the people who are ready to every good work, subject next Sunday morning 10:30. Communion in connection with this service.

Noon bible class, "That which will make any people under any government secure, or faithfulness not form the essential."

Union service at the Baptist church subject: "The Good Samaritan," by pastor of Congregational church.

Wednesday night bible class, subject: "The Believer's Rule of Life." To all the services of this church, you are welcome.

Arrangements will be made for a service for all old Congregationalists who will remain over for August 9, one of the former pastors will speak and on one of the Home-Coming days a Congregational reception will be held at the church. The church welcomes back any of its former members and friends.

NOTICE.

On and after July 18, 1908, the Phin Smith shoe store will be known as Smith's Cash shoe store. Goods will be sold cheaper and for cash only. All accounts must be paid by that date.

MADISON SQUARES EASY

Lumber-jacks Simply Out-Classed the G. R. Crack Team.

Ocker, for the local aggregation had the visitors guessing in every step of the Saturday game. He only struck out eleven men and allowed three scattered singles in the full nine periods. That's all! Gazala, behind the plate worked with him well, and but few men took a gift on bases.

The scoring by the locals started in the first, when Mills drew one, and after Blume's sacrifice came in on G. Mersman's error. O'Donnell also tallied in this section on an error by the back-stop, after getting first on the same individual's fumble.

These two runs practically settled the game, for while the Grand Rapids gang got a run in the third and fourth they were not dangerous at all, Ocker having them under control from the beginning.

The fielders worked good in this game, Talbot, O'Donnell and Lake getting all their chances without an error. White at first base also played a gilt-edge game.

Score by innings:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Mad. Squares	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0-2
Lowell	2	0	2	0	0	2	2	2	-6

G. E. L.

AN EASY VICTORY.

Saranac won from Lowell in the second game of the series by the outrageous score of 25 to 10. It was just a farce and everybody hit the ball. Lowell took fifteen safe hits from Kench while the visitors got 27 bingles from Lowell's four pitchers.

White started the box-work for the locals but was pulled out in the sixth. Then Ocker, Talbot and Blume took a hand at it, but were no improvement. Lake umpired. G. E. L.

TO THOSE INTERESTED IN HOME-COMING

It is my desire to make the display of photographs etc a success, and to all parties having any that they will loan, I beg to inform them, that if they will attach their names to all such, I will be sure of their return, and to out of town people, I will pay return charges. Asking your co operation, and to begin to look them up and send them in now please do not wait until the last day, I am Yours, C. Guy Perry.

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Middlings per ton.....	28 00
Corn Meal per ton.....	31 00
Oats.....	53
Corn.....	70
Rye.....	65
Buckwheat.....	75
Corn and oats per ton.....	\$32 00
Bran per ton.....	27 00
Flour.....	2 80
Buckwheat flour.....	3 00
Baled hay.....	13 00
Eggs.....	16
Butter lb.....	16-18
Lard.....	10
Beans (hand picked basis).....	2 25
Potatoes.....	-69
Timothy.....	2 00-2 50
Clover seed per bu.....	14 50
Beef live per cwt.....	3 00-4 50
Beef dressed.....	6 00-7 00
Veal dressed.....	6 00-7 00
Sheep live.....	4 00-5 00
Lamb live.....	4 00-5 00
Calves live.....	4 00-5 00
Pork live.....	5 25
Pork dressed.....	7 00-8 00
Fowls dressed.....	9-10
Hides.....	4-4 1/2

A BIG SHOW EVERY DAY.
IDEAL VAUDETTE
AUGUST 4, 5, 6.
WELCOME TO ALL.
FRANK E. HOWK.

The sacrifice goes on

A look at Phin Smith's window ought to convince anyone that he is surely sacrificing all profit and much of the 1st. cost and an examination of his 3c, 5c, 7c and 8c tables must convince any one he means to sell out and he says they must go at some price.

Dry Goods, Notions, Lamps, Crockery, Glass Ware, Tin Ware, Enameled Ware are all in the sacrifice. Our people ought to get all the goods they can spare the money for as no such chance will probably occur again. Should he sell to other parties up will go the price from 1/4 to 1/3.

Smith's Bazaar

THE LOWELL GRANITE AND MARBLE WORKS

Dealers in all kinds of American and foreign Granite and one of the largest stocks in the state to select from. All work done with pneumatic tools.

J. H. HAMILTON, PROP.

Home-Comers Please Call
At the pleasant new quarters of
... The Lowell Ledger ...

Business Office and Reception Room

Before returning home. We are located on the ground floor of the old Hunt and Hunter drug store block. Old timers know where that is. Good cool place to rest, look at the papers and write your letters. Retiring room at your service. The first proposals of Home-Coming were made by this paper several years ago. We are doing our level best to help make Lowell worth while coming back to.

If your name is not already on our subscription list won't you let us put it there, to keep you in touch with the old town? We'll do it a whole year for a mere song, just a measly dollar, that's all. Drop in and talk it over.

The Lowell Public Schools



The above cut shows a portion of Lowell's finely equipped High School Laboratory with a class in chemistry at work.

Among other institutions upon which the people of Lowell look with pride is her excellent system of schools. At the opening of a child's life he enters the kindergarten department where he receives instructions from a kindergartner who has made a special study of her work. Passing through the Primary and Grammar grades instruction is given in the common branches by well prepared teachers, while Music and Drawing are in the hands of a specialist. The High School department offers a choice of five courses, viz., Latin-German, Scientific, Latin-English, German-English and Commercial. The departments of History and English, Science, Mathematics and Languages are all in charge of University or College trained teachers who have specialized in their respective lines of work.

That the Lowell Public Schools rank high is attested by the fact that they are on the approved list of the state University as well that of other colleges and Normal Schools in the state.

The Lowell Board of Education take pleasure in calling the attention of parents in the surrounding districts to the superior advantages offered by

The Lowell Public Schools

SORRY CAN'T COME

Former Lowell Man Expresses Interest in Home-Coming.

Canon City, Colorado, July 7th, 1908.

F. T. King, Esq., Dear Sir: Yours of the 29th. ultimo to the effect that some one has expressed a wish that I might visit Lowell on your "Home Coming" of this year, is at hand, and I certainly thank both yourself and the unknown friend for the remembrance. The least one can say is that the invitation circular sent out is decidedly a credit to the committee which put it up. It would be presumption for me to claim Lowell as a "Home,"

would feel strange. And yet I have never had a closer or more trusted friend than one with whom I became acquainted during that short stay in Lowell, one who has been true during all the years that have passed since then, and all my memories of Lowell are agreeable.

As we are speaking of old times, perhaps an old story (read in those old times) will illustrate my present condition. It is said that an invitation was once sent to Admiral Goldsborough which bore the letters: R. S. V. P. As he knew far more of nautical than of social phrases, he went with this to a friend who explained that those were the initials of four French words, signifying: "Answer, if you please." He forthwith sent to the lady a card bearing the letters: D. S. C. C. When she sought an interpretation he said those were the initials of four English words: "D—Sorry Can't Come." Without justifying all the language, I am sure it accurately expresses my feelings on this occasion. I would be glad to come, but cannot see any possibility of being a way from Canon City as early as your date.

Yours very truly,
Charles E. Waldo.

It Can't Be Beat.

The best of all teachers is experience. C. M. Harden, of Silver City, North Carolina, says: "I find Electric Bitters does all that's claimed for it. For Stomach, Liver and Kidney trouble, it can't be beat. I have tried it and find it a most excellent medicine." Mr. Harden is right; it's the best of all medicines also for weakness, lame back, and all run-down conditions. Best too for chills and malaria. Sold under guarantee at D. G. Look's drug store. 25c.

Newspapers—25 for 5c—Jallies and weeklies, recent dates, clean and whole. Get them at the LEDGER office.

IF YOU WANT

A Good Square
Meal Go To

ANDREWS' Restaurant.

Everybody welcome

The Old Home Paper.

'Tisn't filled with cuts and pictures, nor the latest news dispatches; And the paper's often dampened and the print is sometimes blurred. There is only one condition, and the eye quite often catches Traces of a missing letter and at times a misspelled word.

No cablegrams nor "specials" anywhere the eye may engage; The make up is, maybe, a trifle crude and primitive; But an atmosphere of home life fills and permeates the pages Of the little country paper printed where you used to live.

How the heart grows soft and tender while its columns you're perusing Every item is familiar, every name you know full well; And a flood of recollections passes o'er you as you're must-g On the past, and weaves about you an imaginative spell.

You can see the old home village once again in fancy, seeming To be clasping hand of neighbor, and of friend and relative; And their faces rise before you, as you're idly, fondly dreaming Of the little country paper printed where you used to live.

And you seem to leave the city, with its rush and roar and clamor, With its busy, bustling atmosphere of turmoil and of strife. Leave the multitude of surging, eager workers, and the glamour, For the quiet soothing blandishment of restful country life.

And you note a vine clad cottage with the roses nestling round it; Hear the voice of mother calling for the long-gone fugitive, While the echo of her pleading, memories repeat, and sound it Through the little country paper printed where you used to live.

Every printed line reminds you of the days long since departed; Here a boyhood chum is mentioned there a schoolmate's name appears; And the eye grows moist in reading, while the soul grows heavy hearted O'er the changes time has wrought throughout the swiftly-passing years.

Memory's scroll has deep impressions stamped upon its face forever Of sweet pleasures which the busy city life can never give; And, in fancy, you are roaming through the quiet town whenever You peruse the country paper printed where you used to live —Sunset Magazine.

MADE A HIT AT BAY VIEW.

The Bay View people were so well pleased with Rev. Bready's assembly lecture that the committee engaged him for the final sermon on the last Sunday morning of the assembly for next year. That particular meeting calls out the largest crowd of the year and the engagement is considered the best compliment in the gift of the committee.

Concerning the lecture given the Daily Resorter and Petoskey News has this:

A masterly conception of the true Christian philosophy of life, was the unanimous verdict of all who heard Rev. Russell H. Bready give his famous lecture, "Square With the World." His subject was suggested to him by a young man who served in the Spanish-American war, and who, blighted in health, prayed that he might do enough each day to feel that he was square with the world. "To be square with the world," said Rev. Bready, "is to be square with God, through love, joy, peace, long-suffering, right, gentleness, faith, meekness and temperance, and the man who is square with the world is the supreme ideal of all creation." Rev. Bready proved himself to be an orator as well as a scholar.

Women jump at conclusions and mice. Investigate Fertilizers before placing your order. Years of experience shows that the ARMOUR brands are always reliable, up to guarantee and growers of big crops. Sold by F. J. Morse, Lowell.

The Remedy That Does.

"Dr. King's New Discovery is the remedy that does the healing others promise but fail to perform," says Mrs. E. R. Pierson, of Auburn Centre, Pa. "It is curing me of throat and lung trouble of long standing, that other treatments relieved only temporarily. New Discovery is doing me so much good that I feel confident its continued use for a reasonable length of time will restore me to perfect health." This renowned cough and cold remedy and throat and lung healer is sold at D. G. Look's drug store. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.



Scene on Main Street During the First Home-Coming in Lowell, August, 1907.

Best the World Affords.

"It gives me unbounded pleasure to recommend Bucklen's Arnica Salve," says J. W. Jenkins, of Chapel Hill, N. C. "I am convinced it's the best salve the world affords. It cured a felon on my thumb, and it never fails to heal every sore, burn or wound to which it is applied. 25c at D. G. Look's drug-store.

Number of Heathens.

In the world's religions those who are usually termed heathen have a larger place numerically than all the other religious divisions. Mohammedans, Buddhists, Brahmins and all other non-Christians except the Jews number together about 1,400,000,000, leaving but about 448,000,000 to be divided among the Roman Catholics, Protestants of all denominations, Armenians, Greek, and Abyssinian Catholics and Jews.

Never Too Old.

A Welsh paper tells of a family in Wales where the father is 83 years old, the mother 82 and the youngest of three children, all unmarried and living at home, is 45. When these "children" misbehave they are cuffed and switched the same as if they were only ten years old. The father was switching a son of 60 when the reporter called at the house, for the offence of having spilled some milk on the floor. An American boy may be glad that he wasn't born in Wales.

Their Double-Bedded Room.

At Nice two travelers arrive at a hotel and having ordered a double-bedded chamber go out to take a stroll. When they return to the hotel the fair chambermaid lights them to their door, and, with a bewitching courtesy, says: "Here is your double-bedded room, gentlemen. One of the beds is occupied by two other guests, so you will have to sleep together. Good-night."

MEANT GOOD TIMES FOR ALL.

Mrs. Homer Clay Washington Was Not Talking Against "Society."

There has never been any difficulty about securing Mrs. Homer Clay Washington of Maple court, when one more woman was needed for washing or scrubbing, so that when two postal cards failed to bring her to the Morse residence one winter Mrs. Morse went to see what could be the trouble says a writer in the Youth's Companion.

She found Mrs. Washington evidently in the best of health, entertaining two of her neighbors, and was welcomed most cordially.

"I am really so glad to see you, Mrs. Morse," said the hostess, "an' is de fambly all to'able well?" "Not as well as we should be if you had come to help us out," said Mrs. Morse. "Why didn't you come when I wrote you? We thought you must be ill."

"No, indeed, Mrs. Morse," and the black head tilted airily: "I's enjoying de best ob health, an' de charity society done 'stablish a bread, soup an' coal fund up in de corner, so none of us hides in de cot has to work dis rheumatically time ob yeah. "You heah folks talkin' 'bout de harm society does, but us ladies ob Maple Cot's is right ready to stan' up fo' it any time now."

Just Exactly Right.

"I have used Dr. King's New Life Pills for several years, and find them just exactly right," says Mr. A. A. Felton, of Hartsaville, N. Y. New Life Pills relieve without the least discomfort. Best remedy for constipation, biliousness and malaria. 25c at D. G. Look's drug store.

Best of All Possessions.

Earnestness is enthusiasm tempered by reason.—Pascal.

Heart to Heart Talks.

By EDWIN A. NYE.

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MILK AND KINDNESS.

Think of it— If you work at the dairy farm of Mrs. Addie F. Howie you must say "Good morning" to her cows.

Eleven years ago Mrs. Howie was a Milwaukee society woman. Now she is the acknowledged authority on Jersey cattle breeding in this country.

More than that. She is on the staff of the Wisconsin Agricultural college as a lecturer, and students of dairy work and stock breeding come from all over the country to attend her lectures. Eleven years ago she was "afraid to look at a cow," as she puts it.

What new thing has this successful woman contributed to the science of cattle breeding? Chiefly this: She employs kindness.

Now, you would scarcely suppose that the yield of a cow's milk could be doubled by kindness? Mrs. Howie has proved that to be true.

She says every stroke of petting, every word of love and every bit of appreciation and attention bestowed on a cow will come back to you in dollars and cents. "Put in affection with your scientific feeding and I promise it will repay you."

For instance: Mrs. Howie coaxed and caressed twenty-two pounds and five ounces of butter out of Sadie Le Pet, one of her favorites, in seven days. She sells calves for \$300 apiece, and they are bespoken before they are born. And her cows take first prizes wherever they are shown.

Of course you must really love your cow if you want to double her yield of milk by kindness. Mrs. Howie is in love with her pretty creatures.

Isn't the woman's theory fine? And it has its uses.

You may lecture a brutal owner of a cow about being kind to all of God's creatures and it will never get under his skin. But show him that he is cheating himself out of dollars—that's another story.

And by analogy— If it pays to be kind to a cow, will it not pay to be kind to a horse or a dog—or even a human being?

Dr. White, dentist, phone 151.

Welcome Friends To TINKLER'S Barber Shop

in the Lee Block—Opposite King Milling Co.'s office.



THE STANDARD REMEDY FOR ALL FORMS OF RHEUMATISM LUMBAGO, SCIATICA, NEURALGIA, KIDNEY TROUBLES, CATARRH, ASTHMA and KINDRED DISEASES

GIVES QUICK RELIEF

Applied externally it affords almost instant relief from pain, while permanent results are being effected by taking it internally, purifying the blood, dissolving the poisonous substance and removing it from the system.

DR. C. L. GATES

Hancock, Minn., writes: "A little girl here had such a weak back caused by Rheumatism and Kidney Trouble that she could not stand on her feet. The moment they put her down on the floor she would scream with pain. I treated her with '5-DROPS' and today she runs around as well and happy as can be. I prescribe '5-DROPS' for my patients and use it in my practice."

TEST "5-DROPS" FREE

If you are suffering with Rheumatism, Lumbago, Sciatica, Neuralgia, Kidney Trouble or any kindred disease, write to us for a trial bottle of "5-DROPS." It is entirely free from opium, cocaine, morphine, alcohol, laudanum and other similar ingredients. Large Size Bottle "5-DROPS" (300 Doses) \$1.00. For Sale by Druggists. SWARSON RHEUMATIC CURE COMPANY Dept. 60. 174 Lake Street, Chicago.

DRIVE AWAY THE MAIL ORDER WOLF



To Drive Away the Mail Order Wolf

You can drive him out quickly if you use the mail order houses' own weapon—advertising. Mail order concerns are spending thousands of dollars every week in order to get trade from the home merchants. Do you think for a minute they would keep it up if they didn't get the business? Don't take it for granted that every one within a radius of 25 miles knows what you have to sell, and what your prices are. Nine times out of ten your prices are lower, but the customer is influenced by the up-to-date advertising of the mail order house. Every article you advertise should be described and priced. You must tell your story in an interesting way, and when you want to reach the buyers of this community use the columns of this paper.

Every family has frequent use for a good liniment 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.

FOR FAMILY USE

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.

FOR VETERINARY USE

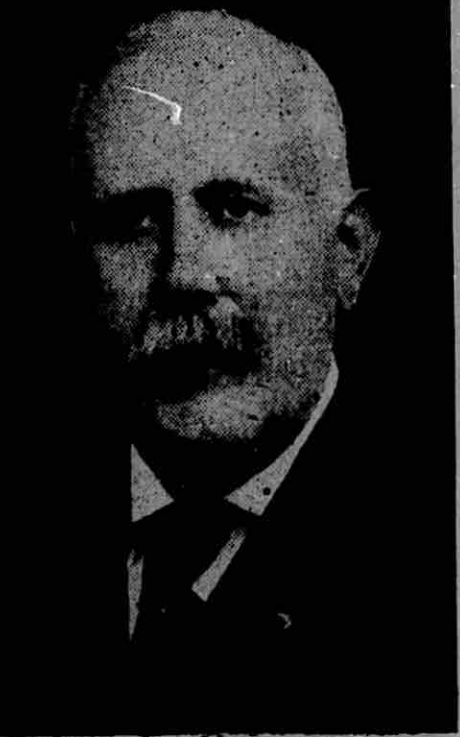
KING CACTUS OIL STANDS SUPREME. It is invaluable for BARBED WIRE CUTS, HARNESS AND SADDLE GALLS, COLLAR SORES, SCRATCHES, GREASE HEEL, MANGE, ITCH, and All External Diseases.

If your druggist does not sell King Cactus Oil take nothing else, but remit to us and we will send it prepaid.

OLNEY & McDAID, Sole Manufacturers, 113-117 Fifth Avenue, CLINTON, IOWA.

Dean's Sweet Ointment Cures Spavin, Ringbone and Carb. All Druggists, 50c per bottle

FOR SALE BY For Sale by M. N. Henry, Lowell, Mich



F. T. KING—"The Only Name."

For my residence there was less than a single year, and, as I read the names of the various committee members, yours is the only one of which I feel sure I ever set eyes on the person, and as for yourself, the least one can say is that you were younger 42 years ago this summer than you now are. If you could produce a lot of the old citizens whom you name, beginning with Mack Shaw, the first man a stranger used to meet, and including Hatch & Crow, Hunt, Eaton & Co., and their successors, Hunt, Wood & Vinton, Hine & Congdon, Charles Hine and your own respected father, with others, it surely would be a day to remember. But, even then, with a residence of but months instead of years, I fear I

The King of Diamonds.

By LOUIS TRACY.

Author of "Wings of the Morning," "The Pillar of Light," Etc.

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Synopsis

CHAPTER I—At Johnson's Mews, a slum in London, Phillip Anson, a well reared boy of about fifteen, loses his mother, the only relative, so far as he knows, that he has in the world. He finds a package of letters, many of them from a Sir Phillip Morland refusing aid to Mrs. Anson. Mrs. Anson was a Miss Morland and was thought by her relatives to have married beneath her station. II—During a great storm Phillip saves a little girl, addressed as Elif, from being crushed by a carriage. In his squallid apartments Phillip, sick of the outlook and discouraged, is about to hang himself when a huge meteor falls into the courtyard. Phillip, sympathetic and imaginative, regards it as a message from his mother in heaven. III—With some fragments of the meteor Phillip goes to a jeweler. He is told that they are diamonds and is referred to Isaacstein & Co., London's largest dealers in diamonds. IV—Isaacstein is astounded by the gems Phillip shows him and has the boy arrested. V—Isaacstein explains in court that the gems are doubtless of recent meteoric origin. VI—The wife of Sir Phillip Morland reads in the papers about Phillip and his marvelous diamonds and sends to Johnson's Mews to inquire about him. She learns nothing. Phillip is dismissed from custody. VII—Phillip agrees to supply Isaacstein with a quarter of a million pounds sterling worth of diamonds each year for many years. VIII and IX—At Johnson's Mews, while Phillip is preparing to remove the rest of his diamonds, he detects an intruder, who, with the assistance of a policeman, is captured. He is a noted criminal named Jocky Mason. Phillip removes his diamonds forever from Johnson's Mews. X, XI and XII—Isaacstein sells thirty of Phillip's diamonds for \$52,000.

CHAPTER 10 (continued)

Judd had time to collect his scattered ideas during this long speech. "Blow the ninepence!" he cried. "Wot's ninepence for the treat I've 'ad? People I never set eyes on in my life afore kem 'ere an' bought cab-biges or taters or mebbe a few plums, an' then they'd stawt. 'Mr. Judd, wasn't it you as stood a dinner to the boy king of diamonds?' That's wot they christened yer, sir. Or it's: 'Mr. Judd, can't yer tell us w're that young Morland lives? Surely yer know summat abah't 'im or yer wouldn't hev 'e told none of 'em as how Mr. Judd went to 'Olloway that night, did we, Willium?" "Not us. Ye see, I took a fancy to ye. If ahr little Johnnie 'ad lived, 'e'd ha' bin just your lge. Fifteen, aren't ye?" At last Phillip got him persuaded to summon his neighbor. Judd did so with an air of mystery that caused the baldheaded restaurateur to believe that a burglar was bottled up in the greengrocer's cellar. Once inside the shop, however, Mr. Judd's manner changed. "Wot did I tell yer, Tomkins?" he cried elatedly. "Wot, price me as a judge of karakter! 'Ere's Mr. Morland come back to py' me that ninepence. Eh, Tomkins! 'Oo's right now, old cock?" Phillip solemnly counted out the money, which he handed to his delighted baker. "There was a bet, too," he said. "Ra-ther!" roared Judd. "Two bob, w'ich I've plid. Out w'f' four bob, Tomkins. Lord lumme, I'll stand treat at the George for this!" "There's something funny in the kise," growled Tomkins as he unwillingly produced a couple of shillings. "I was sure you would see the joke at once," said Phillip. "Goodby, Mr. Judd. Goodby, ma'am. You will hear from me without fail within a fortnight." He was gone before they realized his intention. They saw him skip rapidly up the steps leading into Holborn, and London had swallowed him forever so far as they were concerned. Ten days later a firm of solicitors wrote to the greengrocer to inform him that a client of theirs had acquired the freehold of his house and shop, which property during the life of either himself or his wife would be ten-antable free of rent, rates or taxes. So Mr. Judd's investment of ninepence plus the amount expended on eatables at the Royal Star hotel secured to him and his wife an annual revenue of £175. And Tomkins never heard the last of it.

CHAPTER XII

BEFORE retiring to rest Phillip ascertained Mr. Abingdon's London address and wrote asking for an appointment the following evening. He also interviewed the manager. "I want the help of a thoroughly reliable solicitor," he said. "I wish to purchase some property—not valuable property, but of importance to me. Can you give me the address of some one known to you?" M. Foret named a reputable firm in the locality. "They may refer to you," added Phillip. "Of course I do not ask you to say more than that I am staying here, but the point is I do not wish you to mention my age."

"Will you not see them, then?" "No. I will endeavor to conduct the whole business by post." The manager laughed. "You certainly are the coolest young gentleman I ever met. However, Mr. Anson, it may please you to know that your bank gave you the best of recommendations. I will say so to anybody."

So Phillip first drafted and then copied the following letter:

Dear Sirs—M. Foret, of this hotel, has given me your names as a firm likely to transact certain negotiations for me. I want to purchase a small property in the Mile End road, known as Johnson's Mews, also a shop near the entrance to dealer named O'Brien. The mews is owned by the Cardiff and Havre Coal company, limited. I do not know who owns the shop. I wish to acquire these properties for a philanthropic purpose, but I am most desirous that my name should not figure in the transaction. I propose, therefore, when you have ascertained the price, which should be at the earliest possible moment, to pay to your credit the requisite amount. You can have the properties transferred to any nominee you choose and again transferred to me. Kindly add your costs, etc., to the purchase price. My movements are somewhat uncertain, so please send all communications by letter. It will be an obligation and lead to future business if you attend to this matter tomorrow morning. Yours faithfully, PHILIP ANSON.

He did not compose this letter without considerable trouble. The "philanthropic purpose" he had already decided upon, but he thought it was rather clever to refer to the possibilities of "future business."

As for the double transfer, he distinctly remembered copying letters dealing with several such transactions at the time of the coal company's conversion into a limited liability concern.

He was early to bed, and his rest was not disturbed by dreams. He rose long before the ordinary residents. Deferring his breakfast, he walked to Fleet street and purchased copies of morning and evening papers for the whole of the week.

He could thus enjoy the rare luxury of seeing himself as others saw him. He read the perverted descriptions of the scene in court and found himself variously described as "pert," "masterful," "imperious," "highly intelligent," "endowed with a thin veneer of education" and "affected."

Phillip could afford to laugh at the unfavorable epithets. Up to the age of thirteen he had been trained in a first rate lycee, and his work was supervised by his mother, a woman of very great culture. He spoke French as well as English and spoke both admirably. He knew some Greek and Latin, was well advanced in arithmetic and had a special penchant for history and geography.

It was in the glowing articles which appeared during his imprisonment that he took the keenest interest. Oddly enough, one ingenious correspondent blundered on to a clew. Gifted with an analytical mind, he had reasoned that Victoria street helped him by describing the center of the disturbance as situated somewhat to the east of the London hospital.

The writer had actually interviewed a member of the staff of that institution who amused himself by noting barometrical vagaries. His instrument recorded an extraordinary increase of pressure soon after 10 o'clock on the night of the storm.

"Alas," said the scribe, "it did not indicate where the meteor fell, and not a policeman, bus driver or railway official can be found who observed anything beyond a phenomenal electrical display and a violent downpour of rain."

That was too close to be pleasant, and Phillip was glad to hear from M. Foret that the solicitors after telephoning to ask for some particulars concerning Mr. Anson were giving prompt attention to his instructions.

"What did you tell them?" asked Phillip.

"I said that you impressed me as the kind of young gentleman who would pay well for services given unsparringly."

"Did that satisfy them?" "Perfectly. Such clients do not abound in these hard times."

Three hours later a letter came for Phillip Anson, Esq., by hand. It was from the solicitors and read:

We are in receipt of your esteemed instructions. Although Saturday is a day on which it is difficult to do business, we lost no time in inspecting the premises in the Mile End road, accompanied by a surveyor. We found that the mews stand approximately on an area of 2,200 superficial feet, while the shop tenanted by O'Brien has a frontage on the main road of eighteen feet, with a probable depth of thirty or thirty-five feet. The owner of this shop is a resident in the neighborhood, and he will accept £200 for the freehold.

We were fortunate in finding the managing director of the Cardiff and Havre Coal company, limited, at his office. Although the company require the mews for the purpose of a depot, they are not unwilling to sell, with a stipulation that the premises shall not be used by any competing company during a period of twenty years from the date of transfer. We stated that the site was required for a philanthropic purpose, but the latter stipulation is insisted on. The price asked is £2,200, which we consider excessive, there being a very inadequate approach. Moreover, we wish to point out that O'Brien's shop does not adjoin the mews, and it would be necessary to purchase two other houses to make the entire property a compact one.

However, adhering to the letter of your instructions, we have pleasure in informing you that the two properties can be acquired, with very little delay, for £2,650. The legal and other charges will not exceed £150. We trust, etc.

Phillip immediately wrote: I am greatly obliged by your promptitude in the matter of Johnson's Mews and the shop. I inclose check herewith for £2,600. The purchase of the other houses can stand over for a few days.

This he dispatched by special messenger, and in a few minutes he held a formal receipt.

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AFTER MANY YEARS

Methodist Home-Coming Article by Mrs. Phila Clark.

The Christian Household that we have learned to love, and which has been named the Methodist Episcopal church of Lowell has a history which dates back nearly a half century. And but few there are who are left to tell the story of its growth as the years have come and gone. But the social life of our pleasant village even today we venture to say bears the impress of the courage, heroism and devotion of those who from time to time have entered into its life and history. They came among us, they went out from us, but the inspiration of these noble characters moulded and fashioned by Gospel methods are still remain. Chief among these are those pastors, tried and true, who held a large place in the hearts of all those to whom they have been called to minister. Faithfully they entered into our joys and sorrows, were glad with us in the day of our prosperity and mourning with us in hours of trial and affliction. Like the great Apostle to the Gentiles, they were, though "often sorrowing yet always rejoicing as poor yet making many rich as having nothing yet possessing all things."

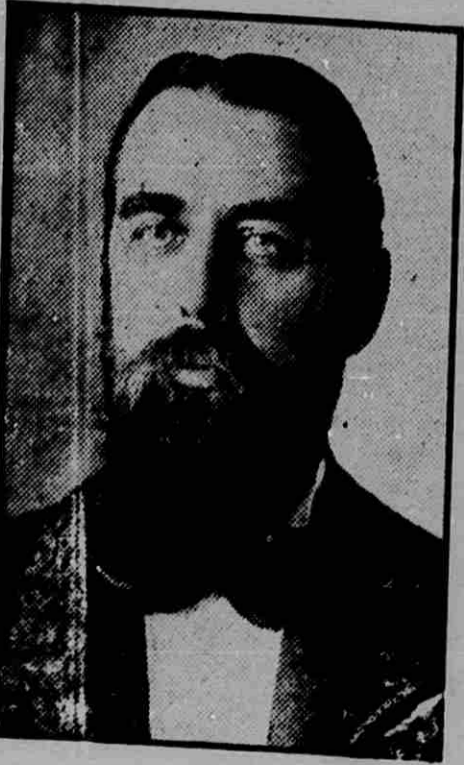


MRS. PHILA CLARK.

We remember with gratitude the faithful class leaders and the large army of Sunday school workers, how their hearts would rejoice could they but know that the seed they had planted in some young hearts long ago had borne fruit, perhaps even a hundred fold, could they but know that they had set forces at work that are making for righteousness, their work still going on in the lives of those who are building today for the life that now is and that which is to come. Then again, those choirs, we seem to hear them yet, the sweet melodious strains in perfect harmony with the deeper tones, there are that have not hung their harps on the willows, but are singing the old, old song in other lands. What shall we say of the many who have walked and talked with us, who have sat by our side in the old church pew? Yes, they have reasoned with us, closely allied themselves with every interest pertaining to our society, and when obstacles appeared in the way (however great) the timely exhortation came "we can and we will overcome them" and with open hearts and ready hand we seem to hear them say "how much (not how little) shall be my share in this crisis that we are called upon to meet?" "Great peace came upon these clothe souls because they loved the Law of the Lord and nothing seemed to offend them."

We are reminded that gratitude and thanksgiving belong to us as a church for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with us—while death has taken many of our number and others have removed, we rejoice that so many are with us yet and that our membership is steadily increasing and we would that these Home-Coming days might bring to us some of the old-time preachers who have inspired us to a higher and better life, some of the old time voices with whom we used to sing, the old time brother, sister and friend who cheered us on our way, who helped us in our need who encouraged us by their example to faithfulness even unto death.

Once again we state that a cordial welcome from Pastor and People await all those who may come. Mrs. Phila Clark.



REV. CHARLES NEASE.

Note:—Pastor Bready, who is absent at this time, advises us by letter that Home-Coming services will be held at the Methodist church August 9. Rev. Charles Nease of Grand Rapids, a former pastor, will preach in the morning and a sacred concert will be given in the evening.

Editor.

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THE OLD SCHOOL DAYS

"Come Back Home for Home-Coming." Written by Mrs. Arthur Stone.

The words "Home Coming" bring to our mind first of all, the boys and girls who went to school in the old white school-house many years ago. The same school-house stands now, in the same old place, but it is so changed I am afraid the boys and girls of those days would scarcely know how to get into it.

The old school-house then, had a board fence around it, making it rather inconvenient when some one batted a high ball over it in one of our exciting games of "two old cat."

Our reluctant feet took us over the stile, up the broad board walk, and to the main entrance on the south. Two stairways led from the lower halls to the main room above, one on the right for the girls, on the left for the boys.

On the upper floor was the large main room (for advanced pupils) with a recitation room on the south where the assistant teacher heard some of the classes recite. On the lower floor there was one large room called the intermediate room, with recitation room on the south and a primary room on the north, making five rooms in the building.

In 1871 the need was felt for more room, so the roof was raised on the primary room and a room was added above, making the "Grammar room."

Mrs. Hicks was the first teacher in this room.

The great majority, some have wandered far away, but to all those who are living we say, come back home for "Home-Coming."

Come back and let us take each other by the hand and talk over our school-days for they were happy, care-free days.

We want to ask you if you remember the time when the match was dropped down the knot-hole and no matter how tightly the foot of a certain boy was held over it the smoke would come out and how frightened we were when Miss Scott discovered it, and what a fire there was. We needed no fire drill to empty the building for three of us went through the window at once.

You will remember on Friday afternoons when we had exercises, the songs that were sung, the dialogues that were gone through with, and how we would all sit and feel the hair slowly rising on our heads, as Homer Hosford or Frank Hine would face the rostrum and recite some blood curdling poem they had committed for the occasion in their own inimitable way. Don't you want to come back to see if the willows grow just as thick down by the river back of the school-house, as they did when Mr. Hicks used to send the boys down for a bunch of them? for you know what



"The Old White School House."

The old wooden benches and desks had long been silent witnesses of the different degrees of sharpness of the pocket knives of the boys, so in the year 1875 the rooms were all re-seated with modern seats, a door was cut through into the grammar room and a large rostrum put in on the north.

We had long felt the need of an instrument of some kind, for we had a great amount of musical talent so in the year 1876 under Mr. Hick's careful training we gave a grand exhibition in Train's Hall and were so successful financially we purchased a fine organ.

The boys and girls who climbed the stairs in those long ago days are scattered; some have gone to join

Oh! you know you want to come and we are expecting you. We want to see you all at our Alumni meeting which is held the evening of the 4th of August when we will have a genuine reunion with former teachers and schoolmates.

The dear old school-house will welcome you and perhaps reveal some of the secrets whispered there so long ago. And so, old schoolmates, we extend the hand of greeting and no matter where you are wandering come home for "Home-Coming."

Kittle Edie Stone.

NOTE—This article was kindly contributed by Mrs. Stone, after another had failed us at the eleventh hour. Editor.

Our Country Cousins

PRATT LAKE—SOUTH BOSTON.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Thurlby spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Will Tapley.

Harry Andrews of Lowell spent Saturday and Sunday with his sister Mrs. Jennie Draper and family.

Mrs. T. H. Parsons left Saturday for Tullahoma, Tenn., to care for her daughter Ruby's husband Peter Dogger who is very ill with typhoid fever.

Miss Luella Phillips of South Bend, Ind., is visiting her mother Mrs. P. D. Sneathen.

Miss Nelle Dogger of Grand Rapids is assisting in the housework at the home of T. H. Parsons.

Mrs. Ida Bovee was given a surprise Saturday in honor of her birthday by her lady friends.

Mrs. Annette Smith and Miss Gertrude Bernard of Grand Rapids are visiting the former's nephew E. W. English.

Mrs. Ida Babcock is entertaining Miss Ida Hatch of Jackson.

Mrs. Susan Duma is quite ill.

Guy Draper of Freeport is spending

ing a couple of weeks at the home of his brother Will.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. English entertained Prof. Herman (professor of Mechanical Engineering) and Mrs. Hunt of Columbus, Ohio, university, Miss Isabelle Hunt of Grand Rapids and the three Misses Hunt of Saranac last Sunday.

Master Emery Freeman and nieces Bethel and Ruth Collar left Monday to spend a week with the former's sister Mrs. Mae Minty at Lansing.

CASCADE.

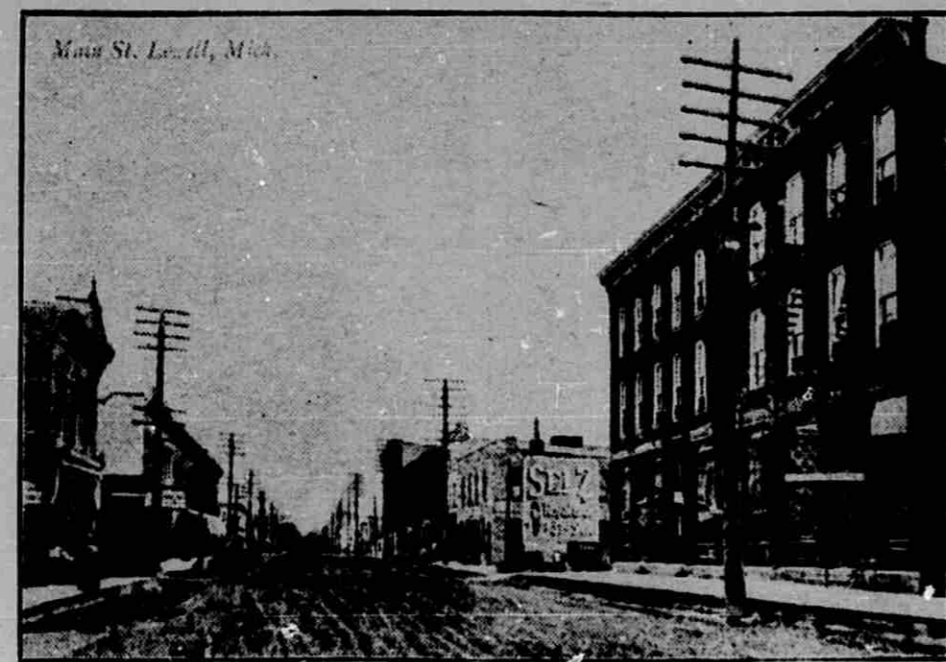
Mrs. C. H. Brown entertained the Ada Baptist Ladies' Aid society last Thursday.

Mrs. Wilson's mother Mrs. James DuBoise of Grand Ledge is keeping house for the family during their vacation.

Mr. Calkin's driving horse died last week.

Miss Frances Fish spent last week with Mrs. E. B. Teeple at Alaska.

Raymond Prescott is at his parents' home here, laid up with a brok-



Bridge Street Lowell, Looking East, Hotel Waverly in the Foreground

en arm.

Mrs. F. M. Thompson has had a drive well placed "in the shade of the old apple tree" in her back yard. J. B. Coons and stepson Clayton Cole of Alaska did the work, reaching water in coarse white sand at the depth of 36 feet.

Dr. and Mrs. S. S. Quick of this village are entertaining their niece Miss Vera Quick of Bronson, Mich.

We wish through the Ledger to extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs. D. E. Pletcher and family in their bereavement in the sudden death of husband and father.

H. G. Holt and R. D. Fox of Grand Rapids called to see Mr. Holt's sister Mrs. E. R. Johnson who is slowly improving.

Mrs. Lulu Brown and son Gordon are visiting the former's brother-in-law R. J. Slater and family.

Miss Lura Slater is convalescing from a severe attack of tonsillitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Watterson visited their daughter Mrs. Byron Patterson and family Sunday.

EAST LOWELL.

Mrs. Mary A. Ware entertained her sister-in-law Mrs. S. A. Aldrich of Muskegon Sunday.

Jesse Ware and Katie VanDerwall are recovering.

The school board met Monday evening and Seymour Coles was elected director.

N. T. Young visited J. N. Hubbel Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Ware and two children of Freeport visited at the homes of Myron Kyser and S. A. Ware Thursday.

Mrs. Marie Hill of Grand Rapids came up in her automobile one day last week to visit her father L. Cogswell.

Ray Jones of South Boston visited his parents Sunday.

Way Lovell visited at the home of M. Page Sunday.

S. Coles and family took a two-days' outing on the river banks last week.

Lowell Center.

William Pollok and son Clarence of Rochester, N. Y., have been visiting the former's sister Mrs. Ed. Parker. Mr. Pollok was unexpectedly called home by the firm for which he travels.

Mrs. Flora Keene and daughter Pearl of Lowell were in this neighborhood recently.

Mr. and Mrs. David McConnell are yet unrecovered.

Mrs. Ray Graham is ill at the home of her mother Mrs. Denny at Alto who is caring for her.

Misses Mabel and Hazel Kinyon have been visiting their aunt Mrs. Marion Burch.

Will Kinyon was unanimously re-elected as treasurer at the annual school meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Blakeslee visited the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. Alex Blakeslee at Lowell Sunday.

George Abbott of Lansing is visiting his uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. Walter Blakeslee.

Mrs. Miles Graham visited Mrs. Ray Parker last Thursday.

Miss Yelter visited Miss Anns Fort over Sunday and they spent Monday at Alto.

Misses Mabel and Hazel Kinyon attended a picnic at the river school Thursday.

KEENE CENTER.

Judge Davis and Dr. Ogden of Ionia were guests of Ed. Trask at dinner Sunday.

Miss Jennie Joseph, daughter of Will Joseph of Grand Rapids, is spending a week with Mrs. Dorothea Carr.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Titus spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John King.

Mrs. E. Hancorne is entertaining her grandchildren from Cadillac for a few weeks.

J. T. Calvin of Alaska is visiting his son on the Adams farm.

Mrs. C. W. Hale who has been ill for some time passed away Tuesday of last week. The funeral was held Thursday afternoon at Keene church, and burial was made in Pinckney cemetery. Rev. Moore of the Disciple church of Ionia officiated.

Mrs. Mary Hicks of Ionia is spending two weeks with her nephew Max Raymer and his wife.

The Ladies' Aid will be entertained next time at the home of Mrs. Frank Raymond one half mile east of Potter's corners. All are invited to come.

Mrs. Emerson Holmes and Miss Hilda Lewin of Milwaukee are visiting their aunt Mrs. Elizabeth Daniels and other relatives in Keene and Otisco.

A merry party of friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bowen, numbering about thirty, gave them a genuine surprise Saturday evening in honor of Mrs. Bowen's birthday anniversary, and though the hosts were unprepared for company a jolly good time was spent.

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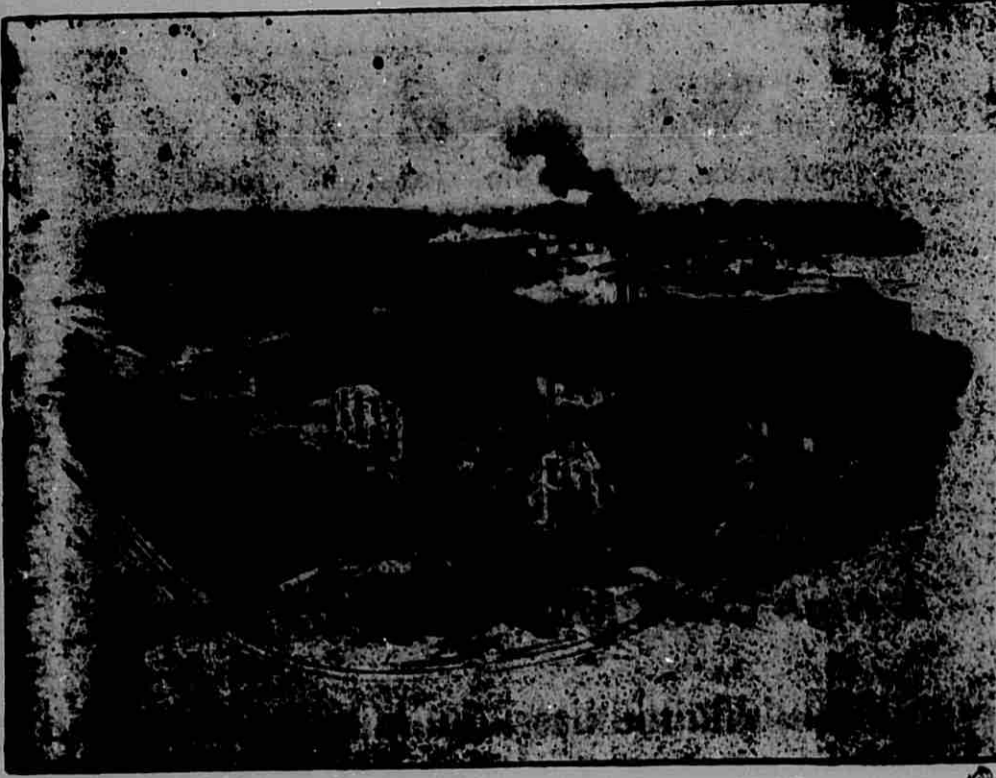
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BAPTIST HOME-COMING

Written for Ledger by Mrs. Mary Babcrison on Request of Editor.

The Baptist church of Lowell was organized in the fall of 1854, with a charter membership of about twenty-five (25), meeting for worship in a schoolhouse standing where the Methodist church building now stands, our present building being erected in 1890 and remodeled in 1898.

Rev. A. P. Howell was the first pastor called to the leadership. Brother Robert D. Winesgar, father of Mrs. F. N. White of this village, was elected first church clerk, and Brother Robert Barber, father of M. C. Barber of Houston, Tex., the first deacon elected. Fifty-four years have passed since then with the varied experiences that go to make up church life. Our roll call shows a total membership of five hundred and seventy three (573) of which one hundred and fifty-four (154) remain at this date. Many have been transplanted to the heavenly home, many have removed to other fields of labor, and many are scattered, we know not where.

The men who have served us as pastors are as follows: Revs. Howell, Wilkie, Cists, Conally, Hickox, Baker, Dunham, Hulbert, Oldfield, Webster, Flagg, Saxton, Compton, Gussman, Morley, Tilly (supply), Powell, Thomas, Shanks, Graybiel, Dexter, Anderson, Davidson, Sprague Galloway and now E. P. Knight our present pastor. One of our young men, Brother Frank Stiles, is now a successful preacher of the gospel, first licensed to preach by this church in 1895. He is now pastor in one of the Chicago churches. This cheers our heart, how we would like to welcome him again at our home-coming!

In glancing over the records, it is like turning the pages of the old album. One by one the faces come before us, and eyes look again into ours, even from the cold pages, bringing to our remembrance, perhaps dimly, perhaps clearly, the associations and sacred recollections of days past with our loved ones. But they live in our memory, and often times the knowledge we have of those lives, their faithfulness, victory over discouragements and trials, have been the beacon light that has encouraged us to renewed effort in like conditions. Even so, as we take a look over records of the Lowell Baptist church, do we feel to bow in reverence to those earnest workers who have labored

and prayed for the uplifting of the Cross of Christ in our midst. As we peruse the pages marking the different pastorates we find the clouds and sunshine following one after the other, times of exultation perchance followed by seasons of depression, yet through all, the faithful few who bear on their heart the burden of the responsibility. The times of the greatest ingatherings have come at certain seasons, separated each time by some years of quiet sowing of the seed.

The gathering of the harvest is the blessed work of some pastors, made possible, perhaps, by the thorough soil preparation and true seed sowing by those who have labored before. One may sow, another may reap, but the Lord giveth the increase. Only at the bar of our God will just awards be rendered.

As we recall in fancy the faces of those we have loved and labored with, in the great cause that is most dear to us, we can but long to meet them again. As a church we are always interested in the welfare of those gone from us, and methinks there must be a responsive chord in their hearts vibrated by a tender feeling for the little home church.

To any who read these lines we extend a hearty invitation to come home for a visit. If this be impossible, cheer our heart by a letter of greeting for our home-coming Sunday Aug. 8. We shall invite several of our old pastors to be with us that day, and expect to enjoy a happy reunion. Our pastor, we are sure, will arrange a pleasing informal service for the time. We would make this a personal invitation to all who have in years gone by worshipped with us or are in any way interested in us.

As the years bring to us the cares and anxieties of life we often think those who before ourselves have borne the burdens, shared the joys, and sacrificed for the church. In our young days we little realized what it meant, but as the duties and responsibilities rest on us in a greater measure, do we appreciate the consecrated work of those gone from us. We rejoice in the knowledge that all believe in Christ, of whatever church or denomination, belong to the great family of God, still the one church that we have been led to enter into, must ever be more precious, as it becomes our church home. As in our individual homes, we cherish, protect and provide for those God has given us, so should we strive to maintain, and encourage all that is for the best interest of those committed to us in

a spiritual sense, forming our church home, ever bearing in mind the tone and the only mission of the church, winning men and women for Christ, that in that great Home Coming by and by, we may come with rejoicing, bringing sheaves with us, and with all church families united at last in the most 'glorious reunion' ever celebrated, doing honor to the one King and Lord of all, Jesus Christ our elder brother. There, all that we here have counted as differences, viewed with our limited vision, will be lost in the grand chorus of Praise and Glory to the God of our Salvation.

I note from the roll sixty or more death records, many only remembered by the older members and many known to all. We glory in those faithful lives, called direct from this church to the church triumphant, leaving us legacies worth far more than earthly riches. Being dead, they yet speak to us, and their works live. May we emulate the good, throw the mantle of charity over the faults and mistakes, and run



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with patience the race set before us, laying aside the weights and sins that so easily beset us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith, our advocate now at the right hand of the throne of God.

We desire to reach as many of our former members and friends as possible, but there are many that we have lost all trace of. Let all help the work by extending the invitation to those we may not reach.

A hearty welcome and hand shake to all who may be able to gather with us August 9.

Truth and Faithfulness.
Truth is confirmed by investigation and delay; falsehood avails itself of haste and uncertainty.—Tacitus.

A PIONEER'S INVITATION

A Marking Back to the Days of '46 and Little Lowell.

Home-Coming to what I would call pioneers, would only signify come and find here and there an old landmark. Waters from the same source still flow down the Quab-i-quash-sha and O-wash-te-nong-sebees and to which our beautiful city of Lowell is indebted, in a large degree, for its present growth and prosperity. But few are now living, that can



JOHN S. HOOKER

remember when the water of Flat river was first bridled and used as a source of revenue, while white settlers came to where Flat and Grand rivers join many years before still the true birth of what is now Lowell was Dec. 3, 1846, where Cyprian S. Hooker purchased of Daniel Marsue 9 acres of land for the purpose of improving the water power and erecting a grist mill. On the 7th of that month he came with his family and began improvements by building the first frame dwelling house and



View Forty Years Old,

showing South Side of Main Street, West Side, About 1870. Prior to building of Train's Opera House. The Wooden Building on the Corner Shows Site Now occupied by East Store of Opera House.

had it completed and moved in on Christmas day. You may think it was only a shack or an excuse for a house, but such is not the fact. It was a good 9 room house and is still occupied, (with the necessary repairs) by James Scott and family. Mr. Hooker at once began the necessary preparations for the erection of the mill which was completed and the first revolution of the mill stones and the first bushel of wheat was ground on the 4th day of July, 1848, and our fellow townsman J. S. Hooker holds the record of superintending that event and continued to tend the mill until 1854, when it was sold to Telford & Chapin of Grand Rapids. At this date only one house was located on the west side of Flat river. In fact the birth of the west side dates April 17, 1855, when C. S. and J. S. Hooker began the erection of the Franklin house which was finished and opened for business on Christmas night of that year. The pioneers will remember the house and its location—that among many other landmarks are gone—but the old mill with its many improvements is still standing on the old site where it was raised over

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KING MILLING CO.

Manufacturers of

Pure Gold Flour

Ask Your Grocer For It.

Dealers in All Kinds of

GRAINS AND BEANS.

Dr. White, dentist, phone 151

We Want You to Know Just How Strong

THE CITY STATE BANK

Is Financially

The people who entrust their money to a bank want to know something of its financial strength. We fully recognize this right and are pleased to present a detailed statement, carefully explained, and put in easily understood form, the different items showing the splendid financial condition of this bank.

We invite careful consideration believing that a complete knowledge of the care and conservatism used by the management of this bank will increase your confidence and if you are not already a customer, be the means of securing your business.

Absolute safety is the best thing we have to offer. Upon this basis only, do we solicit your business.

There is \$1.20 assets behind every dollar deposited in this bank.

We call your attention to the important point that while the Michigan law requires a reserve of 15 per cent in cash and deposited in reserve banks, This bank has a reserve of 31½ per cent more than twice the amount specified in the law.

The directors of the bank want you to know that the City State Bank is operated for the benefit of the people in this vicinity and the statement here given shows the bank's strength. It is the ambition of the management to afford a safe depository for the people's money, and on this basis, desires the support of everyone in this community.

Resources

Loans and Discounts

This item consists of loans to the people of Lowell and vicinity exclusively. We do not handle outside paper. These loans are examined by our Board of Directors each month and a finance committee of the Board, who keep in constant touch with all loans as made. This item amounts to.....\$ 66,558.25

Mortgages on Real Estate

This consists of the first mortgages on improved real estate in the vicinity of Lowell. We aim to handle no loans where the property is not worth at least twice the amount of the mortgage. This amount is..... 44,313.05

Overdrafts

Sometimes customers temporarily overdraw their personal check accounts. We are very conservative about allowing this practice, and we are very glad to say that our customers very seldom ask it of us. At present we have no overdrafts..... 0.00

Furniture and Fixtures

This item includes our Mosler Screw Door Safe, Burglar Alarm System, Vault Books, Furniture and Fixtures, carried on our books at the nominal sum of..... 3,500.00

Expenses and Interest Paid

This item includes expenses and interest paid since the 1st of July. Expenses and interest paid previous to that date having been charged off at the close of business June 30th. This item am'ts to.... 124.89

Cash and Exchange

This represents the idle money we have on hand to care for the wants of our customers and is on deposit subject to call in the following cities:

Old National Bank, Grand Rapids, Mich.....	\$12,680.22
People's State Bank, Detroit, Mich.....	12,301.38
Chase National Bank, New York.....	1,651.20
Kalamazoo Savings Bank, Kalamazoo, Mich.....	1,844.48
Continental National Bank, Chicago, Ill.....	1,422.78
Cash (in our safe).....	11,125.39
Total Cash Resources.....	\$41,025.45

The law of Michigan requires this item to be 15 per cent of our total deposits. You will note that we have on hand 31½ per cent of our total deposits, more than twice the amount required by law. **Total Resources.....\$155,521.64**

Liabilities

Capital Stock

This represents the original investment of the parties owning this bank and is divided into shares of \$100 each fully paid in cash amounting to.....\$ 25,000.00

Undivided Profits

This represents the undivided net earnings of the bank at the close of business on June 30th amounting to..... 801.31

Interest, Discount and Exchange

This represents the earnings of this bank since July 1st. amounts to..... 72.15

Individual Deposits

This item is money left with us subject to check at any time and known as checking accounts. These demand deposits amount to.... 50,175.73

Savings Deposits

This item, like the above is made up of money deposited by thrifty people of this vicinity in what is known as our Savings department. A saving book is issued to each depositor and if left three months, draws interest at the rate of 3 per cent. Interest is credited twice a year, in June and December and all money deposited before the 10th of the month draws interest from the 1st day of the month. These deposits amount to 50,139.04

Savings Certificates

These also represent savings of the people. The Convenience of this form of deposit appeals to many, as a certificate is convenient to carry and can be transferred by endorsement. Certificates draw interest at the rate of 3 per cent if left six months and 3½ per cent if left one year. These deposits amount to..... 29,333.41

Total Liabilities.....\$155,521.64

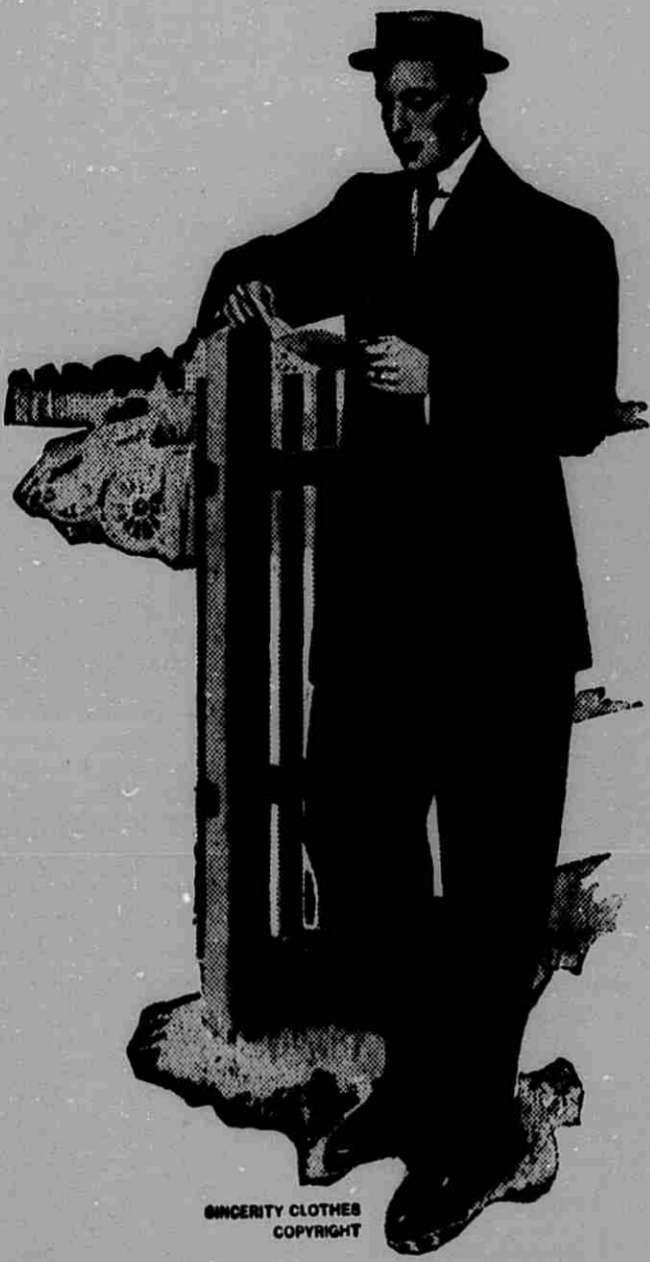
The above is a report of the condition of the City State Bank, Lowell, Michigan, at the close of business July 6th., 1908.

State of Michigan, County of Kent) ss. I, W. A. Watts, Cashier of the above named bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. Signed, W. A. Watts, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me a Notary Public, this 7th day of July 1908. T. A. Murphy, Notary Public. My Commission expires Jan. 16, 1909

Correct Attest. **A. W. Weekes, H. A. Peckham, John S. Bergin, R. J. Flanagan, Orton Hill, W. T. Condon, F. W. Hinyan, R. VanDyke, T. A. Murphy, Directors**

VERY SAFE & STRONG

IT IS BURGLAR PROOF



Alteration Sale!

Summer Things Priced Low to Assure Speedier Disposal.

Men's, Youth's and Boy's Suits, Negligee Shirts, Fancy Hosiery, Hats and All Furnishings at Reduced Prices.

Sale Commences Saturday, July 18th, Ends Saturday, August 1st

This store has always been known to be an up-to-date, high quality and right priced place to buy clothing. We have always taken great care for the convenience of its customers, therefore in order to make still further progress along this line the stock must be reduced in order to give us room to make the changes that we are going to make. Therefore all considerations of profit are ignored to accomplish the desired end, for the store must be in the future as it has been in the past, up-to-date, highest quality, fairest priced and always convenient for the customers.

Here are only a few of the many bargains to be had for the next two weeks:

Men's and Youths' Suits.	Boys' Suits.	Furnishings.	Men's Pants.
We reserve no suits at all and this sale includes all the new styles such as the conservative sack for the older men and suits with snap and go for the young men, made with good linings, good material and the best workmanship, at the following prices for the different lots: Any suit that sold for \$8.50 for \$5.00 Any 10.00 suit for 7.00 Any 12.50 suit for 8.50 Any 15.00 suit for 11.00 Any 18.50 suit for 13.50 Any 25.00 suit for 18.50	In this line are the famous XTRA GOOD suits for boys, and although people have been very liberal buyers of clothing we still have a very large line and wish to close out several broken lots, hence the following VERY LOW PRICES. Lot 1. Suits up to \$2.50 for \$1.50 Lot 2. Suits up to 4.00 for 2.50 Lot 3. Suits up to 5.00 for 3.75 Lot 4. Suits up to 7.00 for 4.50 Boys' Wash Suits all put into one lot to be closed out at \$1.00 each.	Men's Shirts One lot of men's dress shirts, broken sizes, to be closed out at 39c Dress shirts with detached collars. 50c Shirts for39c 75c Shirts for58c \$1.00 Shirts for75c \$1.50 Shirts for\$1.00 Dress Shirts without collars. \$1.00 Shirts at75c \$1.50 Shirts at\$1.00	One lot of men's pants, consisting of \$2.00, \$2.25 and \$2.50 pants at\$1.48 One lot men's pants, former price \$3.00 and \$3.50, for only\$2.48 OVERALLS One lot men's overalls, 50c quality, while they last for35c BOYS' KNEE PANTS Any 50c pant38c Any 75c pant50c Any \$1.00 pant75c

We invite you all to make this your headquarters during Home-Coming Week and extend you all a hearty welcome. All packages left here will be well taken care of.

HARVEY J. TAYLOR,

Successor to M. Ruben.

The Sincerity Clothes Shop.

Lowell, Michigan.

THE WANDERER.

Upon the mountain height, far from the sea,
I found a shell,
And in my listening ear this lonely thing
Ever a song of ocean seem'd to sing—
Ever a tale of ocean seem'd to tell.
How came the shell upon the mountain height?
Ah, who can say
Whether there dropped by some careless hand—
Whether there cast when oceans swept the land,
Ere the eternal had ordained the day?
Strange, was it not? Far from its native deep
One song it sang:
Sang of the awful mysteries of the tide,
Sang of the restless sea, profound and wide—
Ever with echoes of the ocean rang.
And as the shell upon the mountain height
Sang of the sea,
So do I ever, leagues and leagues away—
So do I ever, wandering where I may,
Sing, O, my home! sing, O, my home! of thee!
—Eugene Field.

Our Country Cousins

Listen to the wedding bells in the near future.
Mrs. Welsh and daughter Mrs. Osmond and two children of Chicago are visiting Mrs. Wm. Perkins and Mrs. Markey during the warm season.
Mrs. Effie Burdock and little son of Grand Rapids are visiting the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. Angus McDiarmid this season.
Mr. Percy Boulard and son Richard of Grand Rapids, and Miss Boulard of Lowell are visiting Lewis Boulard and family for a few days.
The social held Friday night at the Bowne parsonage was well attended, table receipts fifteen dollars and thirty cents.
Rev. Richtmyer was in Grand Rapids last week.
Sunday visitors at the home of George Salsbury were L. K. Salsbury and family, Walt Salsbury and two daughters and Miss Hall.
Paul and Gaylord Holcomb spent Sunday with Charley Clark.
Mrs. Fred Schenck and two sons of Ada are visiting Mrs. Schenck's brother Frank McNaughton.
Mr. and Mrs. Lester Godfrey and daughters Bell and Velma recently visited Mrs. Godfrey's mother Mrs. Colburn in East Caledonia.
Mrs. Josephine Murphy and two daughters of Lake Odessa visited the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. Albert VanDyke last week.
Oliver Perkins has moved his family from Chicago to Bowne where they will make their future home.

There's no complaint about the killing qualities of Paris green bought at Look's.

Best the World Affords.

"It gives me unbounded pleasure to recommend Bucklen's Arnica Salve," says J. W. Jenkins, of Chapel Hill, N. C. "I am convinced it's the best salve the world affords. It cured a felon on my thumb, and it never fails to heal every sore, burn or wound to which it is applied. 25c at D. G. Look's drug store."

LOWELL DISTRICT NO. 2.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Pant gave a dance on the evening of July 10 in honor of the birthday of their son Earl. Lemonade and cake were served to about forty guests.
Mrs. Warren Lillie and daughter Louise of Lowell spent Sunday at Eugene Engle's home.
Walter Rogers and sister Mrs. Roy Dollaway spent the latter part of the week with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Milton Rogers near Saranac. Mrs. Rogers and Mr. Dollaway spent Sunday there with them.
Base ball between R. R.'s and Elm Dale Sunday resulted in favor of the former, score 6 to 3.
Mrs. Creque and Mrs. Inman and son Harry all of Grand Rapids are visitors of Mrs. W. G. Dollaway.
Mr. and Mrs. E. Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. F. Pant and Mr. and Mrs. Roop of Grand Rapids who came to the dance at the home of Mr. Pant visited over Sunday in the neighborhood.
Mrs. J. C. Andrews spent Saturday and Sunday with her sister Mrs. F. Fairchild at Lowell.
Mrs. Ernest Althaus entertained her cousins Carl and Susie Beirt of Alton Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Miller entertained the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. B. Carr Sunday.
Little Sarah June Engle is staying with her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lillie at Lowell.
Harold Dollaway who is working in Grand Rapids was home over Sunday.
Just Exactly Right.
"I have used Dr. King's New Life Pills for several years, and find them just exactly right," says Mr. A. A. Felton, of Harrisville, N. Y. New Life Pills relieve without the least discomfort. Best remedy for constipation, biliousness and malaria. 25c at D. G. Look's drug store.
FALLSBURG.
Mrs. B. F. Wilkinson spent last Wednesday with Mrs. J. Tower.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Duffee visited the latter's sister Mrs. A. Knee in Keene Sunday.
Charlie Howe and family of Vergennes spent Sunday at the home of A. A. Covert.
About forty people from different localities spent Sunday here on the cool banks of the river.
Albert Ryder and friend of Lowell were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sherrard Sunday.
A sister of Mrs. Duffee of Three Oaks is visiting her.
J. E. Tower has sold his 46 acre farm in Keene to Axel Carlson of Jollet, Ill., through the agency of Oscar Svenson. Mr. Carlson will move here next fall.
Axel Carlson of Jollet, Ill., has been spending a week with Oscar Svenson. Last week's letter.
Miss Whedon of Lowell who has been teaching school in Iowa is home for the summer and visited her relatives here Mr. and Mrs. Sherrard and Mr. Whedon one day last week.
Miss Ina Alger of Vergennes entertained her cousin Miss Jennie Joseph of Grand Rapids from last Thursday until Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Baker of Lowell were guests of the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. Ira Pottruff from Friday night until Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Smith and daughter of Grand Rapids visited their uncle Wallace Halsted and family Saturday and Sunday. Charlotte Smith remained for a long stay.
Mr. and Mrs. Morton of Grattan visited their brother James Stanton one day last week.
Stanley Parker of Bailey church vicinity was home to see his father Sunday and called on former friends.
Mrs. May Chapman and three daughters and Merton Beebe of Belding returned home Monday after a week's visit here with Frank Jones and family.
James Stanton and daughter Gladys visited Mr. and Mrs. William Rexford in West Lowell Sunday.
Louie Calhoun of Keene came with a friend to fish Sunday. Ask Louie if this is a wet river or not.

Frank Jones was in Belding Saturday and purchased 200 full blood brown leghorn chickens.
Bernie Powell of Keene visited his brother Otis at J. Tower's home Sunday.
William Bovee of Keene spent Sunday with his mother and brother.
Mrs. Fountain visited Mrs. David Garfield (her daughter) near the new plant Sunday.
A dance was given Friday night by Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Richmond at their home in Vergennes in honor of a sister who is visiting Mrs. Richmond from Terre Haute, Ind.
Wallace Halsted and family and Louie Pottruff were at Murray's Lake Sunday.
Parties from Grand Rapids, Belding, Saranac and Keene came in automobiles, buggies and on wheels, to picnic and fish here the fourth and others came on foot from Lowell.
Mr. McLaughlin of Grand Rapids spent Sunday and Monday here.
Elmer Richmond and family of Vergennes visited at the home of Frank Sherrard Sunday evening.
Mr. and Mrs. David Garfield of the new plant spent the fourth at the home of Wallace Halsted.
Frank Raymond, Bert Holcomb and Art Goodell of Potter's Corners were here fishing Tuesday.
Messrs. and Mesdames Sherrard and Denny spent Sunday at the home of John Wright in Vergennes.
Mrs. Thomas of Greenville and granddaughter of Grand Rapids visited the former's son Milton and other relatives Saturday and Sunday.
Mrs. Townsend and little daughter and Mrs. Mary Scott of Lowell visited Mrs. John Wright in Vergennes last week.
Mrs. Elele Reed of Ohio, Miss Luella Richmond of Grand Rapids and Mrs. Eunice Richmond of Vergennes are visiting Mesdames Denny and Sherrard and will visit Mrs. Carrie Barber at Lowell before they return home.
Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Duffee have been entertaining their daughter of Pratt Lake the past week and a son also visited them a day or so. The visitors were also guests of their sister Mrs. Albert Raymer.
Will Joseph and daughter from Grand Rapids were guests at the home of Ed Alger in Vergennes Monday.

The Remedy That Does.
"Dr. King's New Discovery is the remedy that does the healing others promise but fail to perform," says Mrs. E. R. Pierson, of Auburn Centre, Pa. "It is curing me of throat and lung trouble of long standing, that other treatments relieved only temporarily. New Discovery is doing me so much good that I feel confident its continued use for a reasonable length of time will restore me to perfect health." This renowned cough and cold remedy and throat and lung healer is sold at D. G. Look's drug store. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

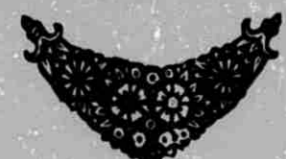
Buy
The Little
Things You
Need

There are probably many little things in the hardware line that you have felt in urgent need of many times, but like the little leak in the roof, they are forgotten until "it rains."
Perhaps it is frequently a hammer, tack puller, chisel, wrench, or some small cooking utensil—some odd piece—which your wife needs sorely at times when you have no opportunity to get it for her.
We are making a marked reduction in just such little things this week to clear up our stock. It will be much in your favor to buy them now, as a dollar or two spent while this sale is on will go a long way in helping out at the house. These things don't cost much at our reduced prices; so, why do without them? We cordially welcome all Home-Comers.

Edelmann's Hardware

F. B. McKay & Co.

Farm Implements.



A Cordial Welcome is Extended
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Lowell,

Michigan.



Main Street at Night as Illuminated in Home-Coming Last Year

Dry Goods
Cloaks
Suits
Skirts
Waists

Carpets
Rugs
Draperies
Lace Curtains

The Newest Styles
The Best Qualities
The Lowest Prices

Come to Lowell
August 4, 5, 6.

MARKS RUBEN

"The Best in Dry Goods"

Lowell, Michigan

Your request by mail
will receive the same
careful attention as
a personal visit.

WELCOME HOME!

We wish to welcome all former Lowell residents home again August 4th, 5th and 6th,

"Back to Lowell."

Our new stock is full of articles suitable for Souvenirs and reminders of the "old town."

Watches,	Chains,
Diamonds,	Spoons,
Bracelets,	Forks,
Rings,	Jewelry,
Fobs,	Cut Glass.

"The Store of Merit."

Williams
THE JEWELER

HOME-COMERS

MAKE OUR STORE YOUR MEETING PLACE August 4th, 5th and 6th. You will be welcome, and all the conveniences of an up-to-date establishment will be at your disposal.

WE HAVE several new Post Card views of the "old town," some new and dainty packages of Perfumes, complete line of Popular Books, the largest stock in Lowell of imported and domestic Cigars—we have the brand you smoke.

NORTON HENRY,

The Modern Druggist.

New Negonce Block, Lowell.

Mrs. Ora Gibson and Mrs. A. Dennis and daughter Marjorie of Grand Rapids visited at the homes of E. S. and W. I. Burdick over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Anderson of Detroit and Mrs. M. F. Farrington of Saranac were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Peck Friday.

Heard About Town.

Dr. White, dentist, phone 151. Ralph Chase is visiting friends at Ada.

Mrs. S. M. Carr is visiting relatives at Smyrna.

Hazel Stocking is visiting her aunt at Lakeview.

Glenn Ernst of Saranac was in town Tuesday.

Miss Nellie Sturges has gone to Belding to work.

Mrs. F. B. Oliver is visiting in Grand Rapids this week.

Miss Jennie Flynn of Kalamazoo is visiting her sisters here.

Mrs. Edwin Pottruff has returned from a trip to Milwaukee.

Emogene Rhodes is visiting her aunt at Hart this summer.

Miss Lila Lawrence is visiting friends at Greenville this week.

Arthur Avery has gone to Ypsilanti to attend the summer Normal.

Miss Hazel Dillon of Grand Rapids has been visiting Miss Isabel Fallas.

Ralph Kenyon of Freeport spent Sunday with Miss Winifred Leary.

Miss Julia Farrington was the guest of Miss Rhea Peck one day last week.

Born—in Lowell, Tuesday July 7, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Andrews, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Leary returned Monday from a two weeks' visit in Detroit.

Miss Anna Easterby is visiting her aunt Mrs. Anna Stuart at Durand this week.

Mrs. Harry Fowler of Chicago visited her aunt Mrs. F. B. Rhodes Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. F. G. Hoffman returned Tuesday from a two weeks' visit with friends in Saranac, Ont., and other Canadian towns.

Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Halstead and Mrs. Albert Ryder visited friends at Stanton, Sheridan, Ettrick and Greenville last week.

Mrs. Lottie Wilson and daughter Hattie visited the former's son in Grand Rapids from Wednesday until Saturday.

Mrs. J. C. Hatch and son George returned last week from a visit with the former's sister Mrs. Will Fox, and cousin Mrs. Warren Sprowl, at Port Huron.

A Detroit lady married Count Menno Frederick Limberg Strum last week and every time we think of it we go and raise the window. —[Portland Review.]

Don't fail to visit the Star theatre (opera house block) on Saturday and enjoy a first class show. They have installed a large electric fan which insures comfort on the hottest day. Open only Saturdays during July.

A pretty three color post card bearing the picture of Gen. Clement A. Evans riding in front of the Columbia Woodmen building, Atlanta, Ga., comes to us from that city. The cards were issued in honor of the general by the Columbian Woodmen.

Vernor Fisher was in Grand Rapids yesterday.

Miss Mary Abbey of Keene was in town Tuesday.

Mrs. R. W. Stone was in Grand Rapids Friday.

Dance tonight, Stocking's orchestra, opera house.

Miss Elva Fogelson of Freeport was in town Friday.

Fourteen different local view cards at Look's drug store.

Arthur Sherman of Owosso is in town for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. McPherson spent Sunday in Grand Rapids.

Miss Letta Barrett of Richland is visiting Miss Rhea Peck.

Gen. Austin Miles spent Saturday and Sunday in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. S. O. Littlefield spent Sunday with her sister at Saranac.

You will save \$ \$ \$ by buying shoes at the Rogers shoe store.

Earl Millard of Barryton visited his aunt Mrs. M. Rich over Sunday.

We say we will meet every and all competition at the Rogers shoe store.

Miss Marguerite Pierce spent Sunday at her home in Grand Rapids.

J. B. Nicholson has been on a business trip to Milwaukee this week.

Miss Gertrude M. of Grand Rapids is visiting Miss Lucile Tinkler.

Miss Ethel Westbrook of Byron Center is the guest of Miss Lenna Yelter.

Mrs. H. H. Sibly and Miss Myrtle Graham were in Grand Rapids yesterday.

Mrs. Anna Adzit of Grand Rapids spent Tuesday with Mrs. Octavia Eaton.

Miss Bertha Austin has been called to Maple Rapids on professional duty.

John Arehart spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Frazier are visiting friends in Kalamazoo and Jackson.

A few pairs of tan oxfords left. Must be sold, at the Rogers shoe store.

Get Brick & Bulk Ice Cream company's ice cream at Scott's, best in Lowell. J30

Miss Mary Peterle of Grand Rapids visited her father and friends here yesterday.

Phillip Sayles of Grand Rapids has been visiting Miss Rena Klumpf the past week.

Marion Oliver is spending two weeks with relatives in and near Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Bohn of Jacksonville, Fla., are spending the summer in Lowell.

Mrs. Harry Peake of Loveland, O., is making an extended visit with Lowell relatives.

Mrs. Florence Fuller of Grand Rapids is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Kinyon.

F. W. Hinyan and daughter Vena of Grand Rapids visited Lowell friends Tuesday.

A. W. Bennett of Saranac visited Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Kraft Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Taylor visited Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Willard in Grand Rapids over Sunday.

Frank Talbot of Grand Rapids visited at the home of J. E. Tinkler Saturday and Sunday.

Messrs. Walter Leary and Charles Perigo of St. Louis spent Sunday at the home of Chester Leary.

Miss Ethel Thomas has returned from a two weeks' visit with Mrs. E. A. Anderson at Bay View.

Mrs. J. B. Yelter and daughter Florence have been visiting F. W. Hinyan and family in Grand Rapids.

Merrit Miller, Everett Cogswell and Frank Baldus are spending a few days with friends at Owosso.

Mrs. Ray Beebe and daughter Esther of Greenville spent several days last week at the home of E. F. Denny.

Messrs. Jarve Holmes of Ada and Fred Brown of Alto were in town Tuesday to attend the ball game.

Miss Lucile Watts is entertaining her cousins Misses Pauline and Mildred Watts of Chicago this summer.

Marion, two months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marion McCabe of Detroit, died June 9 with peritonitis.

W. A. Covert and family of Saranac were among the crowd who attended the ball game here Tuesday afternoon.

John Bohn and son Ralph of the "Hotel World" of Chicago are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Bohn.

Mrs. Lois Eggleston and family who have been living in Ann Arbor the past four years have moved to Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Martin left today for a several weeks' visit with friends at Charlotte, Lansing and other places.

Mrs. D. C. Macham is making an extended business trip to Milwaukee, Fond du lac, Green Bay, Manitowoc and other points in Wisconsin.

LOST—STAR PIN LAST THURSDAY between home and P. M. depot. Mrs. F. R. Ecker.

Lost—July 4, long black silk coat on south road between Saranac and Lowell, leave at this office and receive reward.

FOR SALE OR RENT—8-ROOMED HOUSE, barn and 3 lots. Inquire of Chas. Kraft. 2wp

SUITE OF ROOMS TO RENT. Inquire of Myrtle Graham at residence or shop of H. H. Sibly. 1w

FOR SALE OR RENT—1 acre mostly fruit, house in good repair, good situation. Inquire Ferris J. Taylor. 1f

FOR SALE—2-STORY HOUSE, 3 lots and barns. Inquire of C. Guy Perry. J23p

TAKE NOTICE. Those ladies that helped themselves to flowers at East ward school-grounds last Sunday afternoon, their names are known, but I do not wish to expose them this time but if it is repeated the law will take its course. C. Townsend, janitor.

WARM TIMES

IT is my business to make people have warm times, especially in cold weather, and have the right kinds of materials to do it with, and have been giving satisfaction to all who have tried me.

I cordially invite you back to Lowell and will stand ready to help you enjoy yourselves. My office is yours August 4th, 5th and 6th.

Earl Hunter.

Wood, Coke and Coal.

The Lowell State Bank

Opened as a private bank in 1889, incorporated as a State Bank on January 22nd, 1891, we have been doing business on the same corner since. With age we have not only gained experience but also

Strength and Stability

and are better prepared than ever to take charge of any business intrusted to us. On broad lines yet strictly in keeping with sound and conservative banking principles, our strenuous purpose supported by perseverance has earned us the title of

"The Old Reliable."

Resources over \$280,000.00.

Make our rooms your headquarters during Home-Coming time.

Charles McCarty, President.
E. L. Bennett, Vice President.
Jesse Tompsett, Vice President.
D. G. Mange, Cashier.

We Extend You the

GLAD

August 4, 5, 6.

Call on us, perhaps we can do something for you.

Mc CARTY BROS.

Special Excursions to the Lake Huron Resorts in Canada

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Extremely low rates to Goderich, Kincardine, Pt. Elgin and Southampton and return on all trains July 30th. Return limit August 10th, 1908. For fares and further information consult A. O. Heydlauff, Agent. 2w

QUEBEC EXCURSION

(Ter-Centenary Celebration.) \$24.00

All trains July 17th to 24th inclusive. Return limit August 3rd, 1908. St. Lawrence River trip included at higher fares. For further particulars consult A. O. Heydlauff, Agent. 3w

Mrs. R. H. McCaul has been visiting at Belding and from there will go camping at Pine Island Lake with friends.

H. W. HAKES

Licensed Embalmer

and
Funeral Director

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Lowell, Michigan



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WHERE you stand a good chance of getting eight or ten per cent dividend?
WHERE you have no taxes to pay?
WHERE it is absolutely safe with people you know?
WHERE it is guaranteed by \$50,000.00 worth of stock?
WHERE you can get all or any portion of it any time you want it the same as at the bank?
THEN if you do, Call at our Office and let us explain.

We extend a cordial invitation to all Home-Comers to visit our factory and it will be a pleasure for us to entertain all who care to do so.

The Lowell
Specialty
Company
Lowell, Mich.



CONG. CHURCH REUNION

Home-Coming Call to Old Time Literary and Church Friends.

Homecoming week is drawing near. Have you not heard the call of Lowell to her absent children? It has rung out in silver tones above the roar of traffic, and the din of machinery. It has been wafted across the western prairies and southern fields, even to the distant gardens of the Pacific coast, and has stirred a homesick thrill in many hearts.

You say, dear friend in a western city, it would be worth crossing the continent to be able to step into the Ladies Literary club of thirty years ago; there you gained your first impulse toward the pleasant field of literary study which has been such a delight to you in your later years. Well, we cannot invite you to that old club; but we can do the next best thing, introduce you to our present thriving clubs with a combined active membership of over one hundred. Within the ranks of these two clubs,

and from many pews sainted faces with faces and memories that crowd upon you. The old Sunday school comes back—you were a part of that, you business men in four different states; you could walk today, straight to the pew where your class sat; where, when the spirit of mischief was on, you surreptitiously lifted the cushion, and with the new jack knife carved the polished wood, and later when you rose for the closing hymn, the cushion was slyly lifted again, and a row of quarterlies slipped under, after promising to study them every day. But you need not hesitate to visit the old place; the tell-tale cushions and pews are gone.

And for those of you, bound to the dear old church by a closer tie, who were active workers, and have followed her fortunes with interest, through sun and shadow, there are joys awaiting you within her walls. Many strange faces will greet you,

and from many pews sainted faces will look at you from out the past, invisible to others. The voices from pulpit and choir will be strange, but when the organ tones roll out your hearts will give a bound, and you will realize that you are "on your native heath," for D. Stocking is at the organ. The furnishings of the church are new, the windows new, the congregations change, the Pastors change, the singers change, but "D" still sits at the organ, and so binds the past to the present. While the church has lost many by death, it has had many added to it during the last few months. It has a young, eloquent and thoroughly furnished, working Pastor, filled with the spirit who faithfully breaks to his people the Bread of Life.

A special service for you is being planned and so a note is added to the repeated call—Come Home.

Mrs. M. M. Perry.

Our Country Cousins

MORSE LAKE.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Winks and Mrs. Nina Hartley and son Charley spent last Thursday in Grand Rapids and called on Phillip Hartley at the U. B. A. hospital.

A. Haven and son Carl made a business trip to Grand Rapids Monday.

Orlo Yelter was kicked by a horse last Thursday.

Mrs. Will Klahn and two children called on her parents Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Hill last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Hayden are visiting at the home of their parents Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Duell spent Sunday in Grand Rapids and called on their brother Phillip Hartley.

VENEVILLE STATION.

Moseley Bros of Grand Rapids are building a square frame house 24 x 24 near their warehouse for their foreman at Moseley.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Conklin of Belding were guests at the home of Rev. L. Stimson Sunday and attend-

ing her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. Jakeway.

Mrs. E. Cave and son visited last week in Keene at the home of Israel Cave.

Byron Frost of Smyrna assisted W. H. Keech in haying. His wife filled her sister, Mrs. Cave's place there while she was in Keene.

Phillip Sayles of Grand Rapids and Miss Rena Klumpp of Lowell were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Frost last week.

Mrs. Carrie Vandenberg is no better. Her daughter Nina came last week from Montana.

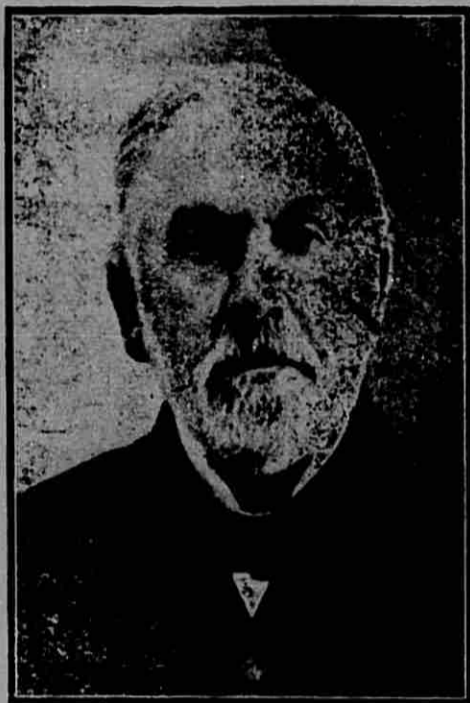
Mr. and Mrs. Herb Jakeway begin housekeeping this week.

Sadie Jakeway returned last week to Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Bresnahan of Grand Rapids was in town Monday.

Mrs. Mlo Richmond and Mrs. James Snyder of Bartonville were callers at the home of E. Ring Monday.

Great things in the garden are those hand wheel cultivators sold by F. B. McKay & Co.

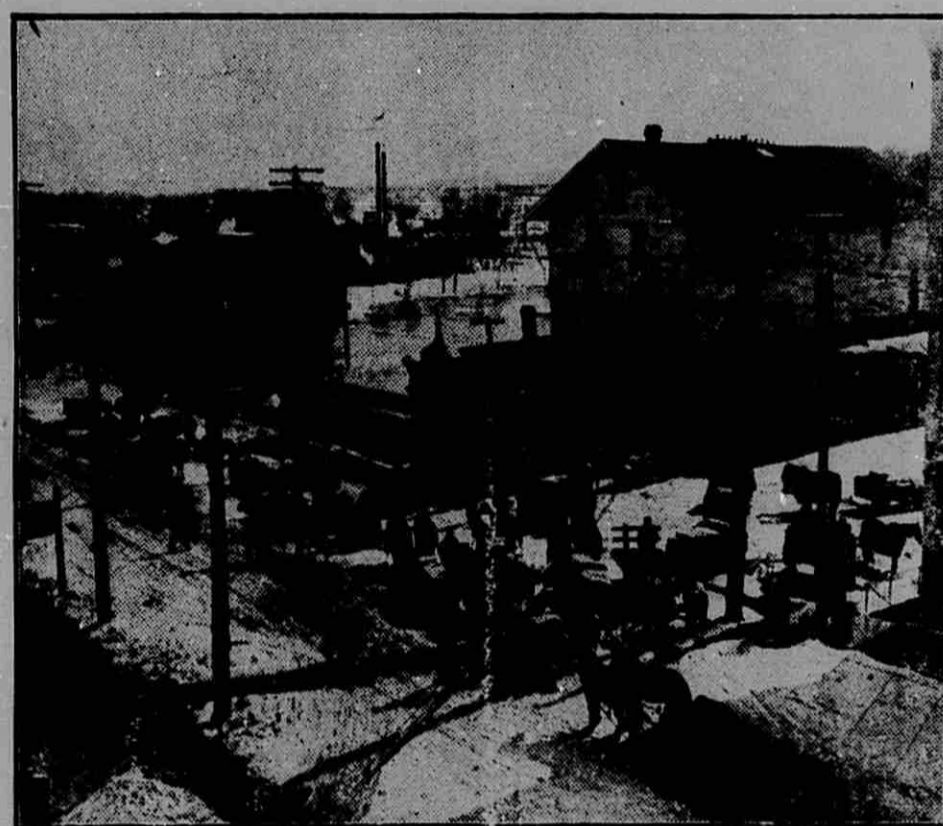


FRANCIS KING, Deceased.

you will find what time has left of the component parts of the old club. That club lived its unpretentious life for over twelve years, and many women have gone out from its ranks to take well deserved honors in other places. It did not seek to save the country, nor reform the world; but its ideals were high and its work conscientious, and it furnished from time to time, entertainment of a high order.

Our clubs of today are strictly up-to-date; are federated, and do not hesitate to leave the beaten path of purely literary study to agitate and further the interests of civic improvement and various needed reforms for the betterment of home and child life. One of these clubs has successfully conducted a Lecture course for several years.

Another landmark to which many of you home-comers will turn with tender memories is the old Congrega-



Scene on Lowell wheat market, March 5, 1908
A reminder of the olden time

ed Sabbath school and church in the evening.

Miss Marlon Jakeway, stenographer, of Grand Rapids is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Asa Jakeway.

The J. J. Kelly circus at Moseley Monday was very largely attended.

Mr. Drurey of Macatawa park is visiting at the home of Lester J. Stimson.

Elma Jakeway left Friday for Midleville.

There is a good attendance at the Sabbath school every Sunday.

Weeks' grove on the banks of Murray's Lake presents a very picturesque scene with the numerous campers' tents.

Eva Stimson has been very ill but is recovering.

Mr. and Mrs. Asa Jakeway moved into their new home Tuesday.

Mrs. Edith Cave is again at the home of W. H. Keech.

Anson Stimson visited his grandfather in Grand Rapids over Sunday. Mildred Jakeway of Belding is vis-

SEELEY CORNERS.

Mrs. O. Reynolds, Mrs. Gabe Onan and daughter Viola of West Lowell spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. I. J. Tidd.

Visitors at the home of Orville Reynolds Friday were Mr. and Mrs. Bert Morse, Mrs. James Durkee and daughter Blanch of Grand Rapids and Mrs. W. J. Carlyle of Boston, Mass.

The reunion of the scholars of Snow school was well attended, about forty being present, eighteen of the scholars and their families. A bountiful dinner was served after which they played games and talked over old times. One teacher was present, Wesley Johnson, who taught there in 1887. They organized with Loren Lewis for chairman and Mrs. Nettie Kinyon for secretary and will meet at the Snow schoolhouse July 15, 1909. There were scholars there from Boston, Mass., Chicago, Ill., Grand Rapids and Saginaw. At three o'clock ice cream was served and all went away feeling they had had been well paid for coming.



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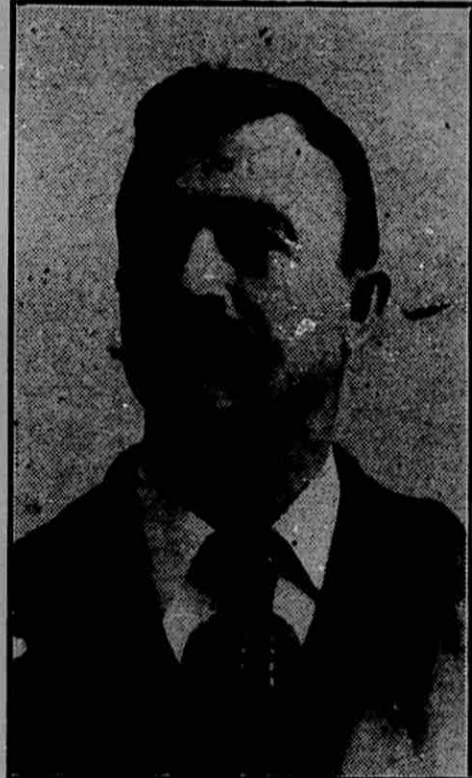
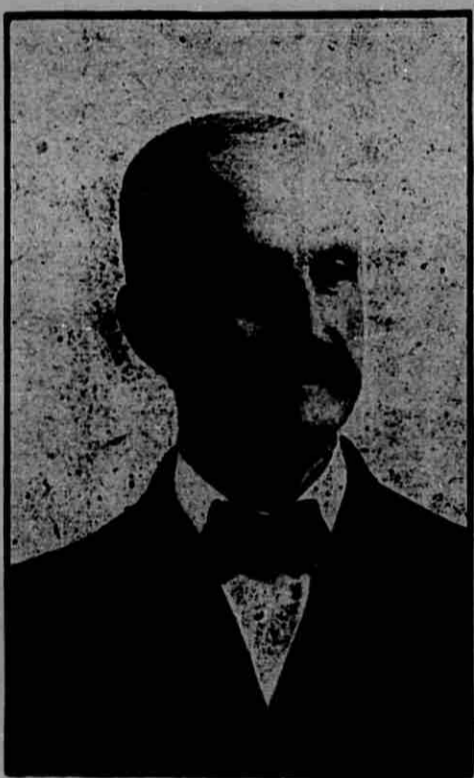
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Take a Look at These Prices:

Antrim Lawn, regular price 6c, - - - reduced to 5c.
 Elite Lawn, regular price 8c, - - - reduced to 6c.
 Batiste, Organdie, good value at 10c, - - - reduced to 8c.
 Dimities, Cordelet, regular price 15c, - - - have gone down to 12 1/2c.
 Verbeneade Soie, Swiss Applique, regular 25c goods, - - - reduced to 19c.
 Our Shirt Waist Sale was a hummer and will continue until we have cleaned them all out. A few of the prices we are making:
 \$3.00 Waists gone down to \$2.48
 \$1.50 Waists gone down to \$1.29
 \$2.00 Waists gone down to \$1.69
 Big line of Silk Waists that will be sold very cheap.
 Dressing Sacques, 75c ones are going at 60c.

Special Prices on Muslin Underwear during July and August.

We have a large line but will give only a few prices.
 25c Drawers to be sold for 19c.
 \$1.00 Gowns for 89c.
 50c Corset Covers for 43c.
 \$1.50 Skirts going at \$1 25.

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22-POUND PICKEREL

R. Dave McGann Lands Big Fish At Moseley.

R. Dave McGann has just returned from a three days' fishing trip and he has about the best haul to show for his work of any angler that has gone out of Grand Rapids this season.

It is not in the number of the fish that he glories, but in the size. Mr. McGann brought back with him a pickerel weighing 22 pounds and measuring 42 inches in length. Of course, this sounds like a fish story, but Mr. McGann has the goods to prove his statements. The fish is on exhibition in front of his place of business on Lyon street and hundreds of people were viewing it last evening. It was caught Thursday night in Murray's Lake. This little body of water is a short distance from Moseley, a station half way between Lowell and Belding on the Pere Marquette road. In speaking of the catch Mr. McGann said to The Daily News:

"I used only a plain spoon hook and line in fishing and got him hooked at just about 5 o'clock in the afternoon. You would hardly believe it, but it was 6 o'clock before I had him landed. It was just a matter of tiring him out, as if I had tried to pull him into the boat at first I would surely have broken the line and lost all. I think I must have lost about five pounds in weight myself during the hard work of that single hour."
 —[The Daily News.

MAY MEAN MUCH TO US

Lowell Cheese Factory Bought by the Michigan Products Company.

A change recently made in the ownership of the Lowell cheese factory is expected eventually to mean much to the village.

The Elsie Sun has this: The report that the M. S. Doyle Cheese Company had sold their interests here and elsewhere has caused much comment on our streets among the farmers as well as the business men during the last few weeks and up to July 1st the new Company were not in a position to make any announcements.

A Sun reporter called on a Representative of the new company Thurs-

From the first of July the farmers will be paid a flat rate for their milk that is on the first of each month the company will make a price for the month and the farmer will know just what they are to receive for every pound of milk delivered. During July they will pay 80c net. This plan seems to have favor with the farmers wherever it is now in use, as there is no waiting for the sale of cheese, but will receive their money each month from the 15th to the 20th. We were also informed that if the farmers wished to make contracts by the year they could do so.

The new company is composed of Eastern capitalists with an abundance of money behind them and they undoubtedly will make this enterprise one of the best in Michigan. B.

SUBSTITUTE FOR THE CRIMINAL.

Vicarious Punishment a Common Thing in the East.

The numbers of aged men among the prisoners in the jails of India is said to be very large, and the explanation is this:

It is a common practice, when a theft is brought home to a man by the police, for him to get an old father or uncle to take the blame on himself, or he puts up a younger brother to do so. Before the court they make full and circumstantial confession. They are convicted, and the real thieves get off. It is done to benefit the family. A sturdy young man is able to do more for the family support by honest labor or by thieving than an old man or a boy.

This is a custom which prevails more or less in all Oriental countries. The judges and the people seem to argue in this way: "Somebody has committed a crime, therefore somebody must be punished. Now the law is no respecter of persons, and one person is the same as another; therefore, it can make no difference to the law who is punished. So, if the law punishes some person for the crime, it makes no difference if he did not commit the crime, the law has been vindicated."

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Chicago's largest music house, Lyon & Healy, announces a Triple Clearing Sale of Pianos. Nearly one thousand splendid instruments are offered without reserve until all are sold. In this stock are all the new Mehlin, Hardman, Ivers & Pond, Smith & Nixon and other noted pianos formerly owned by the Thompson Music Co., the Healy Music Co. and the big F. G. Thearle Piano Co. All these concerns were bought out for spot cash by Lyon & Healy and the public may now share the advantage. In this sale are also a number of Steinway and Weber pianos. In upright pianos neat instruments at \$100, \$120, \$140, \$150, \$165, \$190, \$200 and upwards. This is an unprecedented opportunity that will not occur again. Any piano not proving entirely satisfactory may be returned at their expense. Address Lyon & Healy, 77 Adams street, Chicago. Distance is no obstacle, for in proportion to the saving to be made the freight charges are insignificant. Any banker will assure you of the entire responsibility of Lyon & Healy, and their record of 44 years for honorable dealing. Write to-day so as to avoid disappointment.

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Gathering of Lowell People at Island Park Where Home-Coming Exercises and Picnic Will be Held. Always Cool Here.

day morning and was informed that the transfer of all the cheese factories belonging to the M. S. Doyle Cheese Co. and B. W. Doyle has been made and the new company took possession on July 1st. The new company will be known as the Michigan Milk Products Co. and will condense the milk to a powder form using all the ingredients of the milk, instead of just making the cheese. This powdered milk is used in hot climates in the manufacture of ice cream and in bakeries.

There will probably be two large factories built, one at Ovid and the other at Elsie, the Ovid factory being put in first. At present all the smaller factories will be run just as they have in the past.

W. Doyle will remain with the company as one of the managers. Roy H. Bent and W. Bent, of New York, are now here and will remain to manage the business in connection with Mr. Doyle.

The Ledger is informed that if the new enterprise works well at the other points the change will be made at the Lowell factory also. This will mean a larger and better market for milk and the employment of a number of men.

Motherly Interest.

Lady of Title (to the nurse)—"They tell me my baby boy is a perfect beauty; please do let me take one look at him."—Filegende Blaetter.

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