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WELDON SMITH SELLS

To Take Charge of Wholesale Bakery in Grand Rapids.

Weldon Smith has sold his bakery business to W. R. Schloerke of Niles, a practical baker and business man, who took possession yesterday morning.

This transfer, which has been "in the wind" for some time, will be universally regretted by the people of Lowell, with whom Mr. Smith and his family have made many warm attachments during their nine years residence here; and the regret is shared by the Smiths, who have arrived at the decision to change only after long consideration. The almighty dollar, the welfare of the



WELDON SMITH.

family and a chance to do better financially were the deciding factors. Mr. Smith has accepted the superintendency of a wholesale bakery in Grand Rapids with A. M. Scott, proprietor of the City bakery at 125-127 Monroe street, in which he will have a third interest. A new bakery plant is being built at the corner of Commerce and Oakes street, which it is expected will be ready for active operations November 1.

Mr. Smith turns over to his successor a flourishing business and a model plant, both of which have been built up by him and his estimable wife. Mr. Schloerke has taken an option on the building and will doubtless purchase the same.

For the past six years Mr. Smith has been a member of the Village Council, where he has done good service, and where he will be missed by his fellow trustees.

The Ledger's relations with Mr. Smith have always been cordial and in bidding him a regretful farewell and God-speed, we extend to his successor a cordial welcome and a fair field.

ANOTHER BIG TIME

Odd Fellow and Rebekah Picnic to be Held in Lowell Labor Day.

West Michigan I. O. O. F. and Rebekah Picnic Association of Kent, Ottawa, Ionia, Muskegon and Allegan counties will hold its eight annual picnic at Island Park on Labor day, Sept. 7. The speaker of the day will be Mr. Humphrey of Chicago, member of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and appointee for the Grand Site of North America to speak in his stead. A short address of welcome will be made by President Look and a response given.

At the close of the speaking program of sports will be carried out at Recreation Park. Members will be present from the five counties and many others from other parts of the state, probably including the Grand officers. Everybody is welcome whether Odd Fellows or not.

H. W. Hakes, Rev. Russell H. Brady and the local lodge are entitled to much credit for bringing the association to Lowell and should be accorded hearty support in the enterprise.

FROM AN OLD RESIDENT

Former Lowell Woman Writes of Early Days.

Grand Rapids, Mich., July 20, '08. To the Editor of The Lowell Ledger.

I have seen a late copy of your paper which contains many invitations for those who once made Lowell their home, to come and participate in the Harvest Home or Home-Coming as they call it. Being once myself a resident of that place for over 25 years, this invitation appeals to my heart. The summer of 1859 found me enroute from New York state in answer to an urgent appeal from my father (a resident of Caledonia township) to come and make Michigan my home. One afternoon I landed at the little station called Segawun bearing at that time its Indian name. Very tired from my journey I was welcomed by friends and learned that I had yet to ride 10 miles in a lumber wagon. They say it is lovely riding if you can stand the grubs. Well I could not see for the life of me what grubs had to do with the roads in my ignorance of roads in a new country. I had often read in my letters from Michigan about the grubs, but all the knowledge I possessed of them was that they were a white worm which infested rotten logs, and I had many a time seen my father dig them out for bait to go fishing with. Well, long before I got to the end of that 10-mile ride I was made well aware of what grubs were and was very glad to arrive at my destination. My first visit to Lowell was in the spring of 1860.

My next one, soon after, occurred when the board of school inspectors met at the old schoolhouse where now the M. E. church stands. There were several young ladies myself among the number who were to take part in the examination for teachers. We awaited, with fear and trembling, the verdict of the board which was to give us our parchment or send us back home to wash dishes. Not that I think any honest labor is degrading but contrary it is ennobling but we all have our choice in employment if we are permitted to take it. I was called to teach in the country I forget the number of the school district but it was called the Mapes schoolhouse. During the summer I attended the dedication of the Baptist church in Lowell. I naturally felt an interest in the same for I was at that time a member of that denomination. I had forgotten to mention that I believe the school board consisted of three members. Only one of them do I remember by name. It was our Dr. Perry afterward a surgeon in the army of the Rebellion who escaped the perils of war only to be shot down by a cowardly assassin and murderer after his return home.

In the fall of 1861 I moved to Lowell to make it my home for so many years. We rented a house on Peck's hill known at that time as the Balcomb house.

As memory recalls the past, I can see in my mind's eye our Dr. Peck driving east o'er hill and dale to answer his patients call, in a buck board. I firmly believe it could not be mistaken in these days for an automobile, but it served the purpose then for doctors or any one who wanted to make fast rides over the country. I have ridden in one myself and preferred it at that time (and should now) to an ox-cart, especially when I went to church. A buggy looked like a big affair at that time. My father's oxen were well broken and he could sit in his cart and ride at his leisure with an occasional "haw and gee."

And now as we look over the "depot road" we can see the old bus driven by Mack Shaw its owner bringing in the mail bags and what ever passengers that were suited to ride in his conveyance and then he was one of the old brass band, also a fine architect, for who but himself could design so famous a castle as the one we were wont to call the ark? Altogether he was a versatile genius.

And who could spray our streets as well as our Joe Dorrell? Before we got this work to do we was inquiring one day of an acquaintance if they could tell him of some employment where it was a good deal of horse and not much Joe. This friend could not, but I think Joe struck the job he was looking for when he mounted the old water wagon. Some of the happiest days of my life have been spent in Lowell. Since my removal here I have been called to part with a beloved husband and daughter, many of my former acquaintances have gone to

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TRAVELLERS WIN OUT

Commercial Menget Second Game in Close Contest.

The Saturday game with the G. R. Commercial Travellers was an exciting race from the start. While Lowell was handicapped by lack of players, the Lumberjacks showed lots of ginger and had the visitors on the anxious seat several times. Minardo, the G. R. twirler was batted from the box in the sixth, when Lowell started a batting rally, but, but Ryder replaced him and was invincible. Three runs were scored this inning, making it four and six. The score remained the same until the end. J. Byrne umpired and might have done a better job.

Score by innings:
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
Lowell 0 0 0 1 3 0 0 0—4
G. R. 3 0 2 1 0 0 0 0—6

Tuesday the Woodmen and Macabees engaged in a nerve racking contest, the former winning with an 18 to 12 score. Holliday and Vanderlip performed for the Macabees, while McCarty and Garfield formed the winning battery. Mills umpired. Score—Woodmen 18 Macabees 12. (G. E. L.)

LEAP YEAR WALTZ PARTY.

A leap year waltz party was given last evening by twenty young ladies to their gentlemen friends in the Star vaudeville on the west side. The hall was prettily decorated for the occasion with "black-eyed Susans", potted plants and college pennants, and punch was served during the evening by Misses Alice Crawford and Marguerite Pettit. Miss Lotta Ruben and Bruce Crawford furnished piano and trap drum music for the dancers. The following guests were present from out of town: Miss Helen Hine of Detroit, Miss Pearl Reese and Beatrice Morton of Jackson, Miss Mabel Todd of LaJunte, Col., Harrison Blakeslee of Charlotte, Loren McIntyre of Guilbert, Miss Harry Fuller of Seattle, Wash., Phil Sayles and Clarence McGee of Grand Rapids.

Lowell has its annual Home-Coming celebration August 4-6, when all the old time boys and girls will come back and have a good time with those who remained at the old homes. The **LOWELL LEDGER** last week made it the occasion for a "peach" of a special edition devoted to the interests of the celebration. It is well illustrated; and the merchants have shown substantial appreciation by giving **The Ledger** a generous lot of advertising for the edition.—[Cedar Springs Liberal.

A new post card 6 Lowell views on neat floral folder 5c at Henry's.

Mrs. U. B. Williams is visiting her father and mother in East Lansing.

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This Soap Box is a Little Beauty.

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EARL HUNTER.



N. T. Hubbell of Saranac visited his sister Mrs. George Comstock Get Brick & Bulk Ice Cream company's ice cream at Scott's, best in Lowell. J30 Monday.

Notice of Transfer.

I have this day, July 21st., sold my bakery business to Mr. W. R. Schloerke of Niles, Mich.

Mr. Schloerke is a practical business man and a baker. To the people of Lowell and vicinity who have given me their business and contributed so largely to my success I feel grateful, and would ask that they continue to trade with my successor who, I believe will do everything he can to merit their trade and friendship.

Yours truly

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Lowell, Michigan

BRIDES of all NATIONS

BY Albert Edward Ullman

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WHAT IS POWER?

By REV. A. C. DIXON, D. D.,
Pastor of the Chicago Ave. Moody's
Church, Chicago.

THERE may be special months or seasons favored by brides to be in different climes for the ringing of wedding bells but any old time is a good time. From China to America and from Iceland to Patagonia the whole earth is perpetually smiling with brides. Think of the tresses that are being prepared, from the red silk veil of the orient to the white tulle of the occident; of the girls that are being given, of the odd, strange ceremonies that are being performed, of the rites and feasting! Indeed it is a wonderful time; and a time when all should be happy. And, in general, we may suppose that all brides are happy, but—

In the land of the fess the little Chinese maid who is about to be married doesn't seem to look forward to the venture with anything like the enthusiasm of her American sister. It is a time of wailing and lamenting with her. She is looked upon from her very birth—if, indeed, she is not smothered as a babe—as something despicable. A girl baby finds no favor in the eyes of the gods of the Flowery Kingdom; all honor goes to the male child over there. Hence when the girl baby grows up there is small wonder that she is disposed of lightly to some man who, instead of looking upon her as a wife, views her as a servant, and a profitable one, too, inasmuch as he doesn't have to pay her anything for her services. And this is even shown in the marriage service; for at the conclusion of the rites she is received by the austere groom as he sits upon a high stool, indicating his superiority, and is made to prostrate herself at his feet! The women of the east, it must be observed, are far more abject and dependent than the women of the west.

In Japan, the dear little island of cherry blooms, the woman is treated with respect; inasmuch as this modern country is rapidly taking on the customs and manners of Europe, their treatment of the fair sex is considerably "fairer," and this is shown in many ways. The young girl is given the opportunity of refusing her suitor if she doesn't want him, a privilege that is frequently denied the Chinese bride. In Nippon the wooer comes and places a sprig of shrubbery on the house of the maid he would like to marry; if this shrub is neglected, it shows him that he is rejected. If it is taken into the house and placed upon the wall, it means the young lady "has no objections." Then she, to show him that she returns his affectionate regard, blackens her teeth. After they are married she plucks out her eyebrows, and then the husband and wife are allowed to talk together; for, you must know, the young men are not often allowed to talk to the girls over in the mikado's realm.

In Korea, close at hand, men of all ages take up the benedict's life. It frequently happens that young boys, scarce 12 years old, are married to girls of the same age. The price of a wife is a bullock, and, needless to say, a good bullock is regarded over there as a thing of much more value than a mere woman. The photograph shows a bridegroom on his way to the wedding; it is taken at Seoul, in the southern part of the island, where the sun is hot, and a servant is seen protecting the speeding groom from the rays of the sun with a large umbrella. A curious custom in connection with Korean weddings is that concerning the bridegroom's hair. Before his marriage it is left long and braided down his back; but afterward it is coiled on top of his head, much as the American woman coils up her hair, and is surrounded by a wire apparatus not unlike a bird cage or a mouse trap and left that way as a sign; doubtless to all scheming widows that he is already "took" and is not to be tampered with.

In Norway the crown is on the woman's head, as can be seen by a reference to the photograph. It is a magnificent affair, but it is rather cumbersome and unwieldy and, while no doubt it is considered quite a luxury, the mere fact that the bride has to wear it night and day for a week would make it a decided-



THE WELL-GERFONY



MANCHU GROOM AND HIS BRIDE

ly unpopular custom in this country. The methods of the suitor are unique, as is the case in almost every foreign country. If a man and a maid happen to eat off of the same piece of bread it is taken for granted that they are sure to fall in love, then, after the marriage, the bride runs away the next day and hides. She is sought out by the whole village and, when found, is brought back, set up in her new home, and made to dispense liquor to the villagers. A week is generally given over to the bridal festivities.

The "match-maker" is always a prominent institution among foreign brides and bridegrooms; he (or she, as the case may be) is a sort of bride-merchant, a middleman, who sorts out a likely husband for an anxious wife, and vice versa. Generally it is the other way; generally the wife has to be sought, and sought with care. The matter of the dowry has to be arranged, and the match-maker has to be paid by the wife's parents. In the United States we frequently hear, among the Ghetto tribes, of the "shaetchen," which is the same thing as the old world "match-maker." Greece, Palestine, Persia, India, practically all the eastern countries have this sort of traffic; and these wily wife-merchants make a very good living, indeed.

In Greece the "match-makers" practically arrange all the marriage among the lower classes. There, too, are orange blossoms used, one of the few countries besides our own in which this flower has some special significance. There also the best man has a rather delicate job which probably would not be popular in this country. The groom presents his bride with a pair of shoes and it is part of the best man's duties, during the ceremony, to get down and put these shoes upon her dainty feet. In the photograph here given the Grecian woman has arrayed herself in a splendid costume and is standing in mock simplicity (the usual Grecian custom) while a part of the ceremony is being performed. It is this traditional affection of hers which has given rise to the Greek saying, "as affected as a young bride."

In India there is a curious way of "getting rid of the women," if it may be said in that brutal phrase. There a young bachelor is apt

to wait a long time before purchasing a bride, because the cost is too great. Widows, however, are cheap! What does the wily father of the rapidly aging daughter do, in order to make her readily marriageable? He marries her to a bouquet of flowers and then throws the flowers in a well! This makes her technically a widow and as such, very cheap, on the market. After that, the process of wedlock is easy. A wife is a decidedly handy thing to have around the premises. She can work equally as well as the man and, in time of debt, she is accepted by the creditor as so much cash.

We are apt to gather from the Rubayat of Omar Khayyam and from other Persian poets that the Persian is a very poetical man, yet here is the burden of one of his wedding songs:

"Ah, Lalla, Lalla, you have made roast meat of my heart!"

But to tell all the customs of all the tribes of the universe in regard to weddings, betrothals, and married life would fill a big book; indeed, it has been written about extensively enough to fill two volumes.

The thing that is of most interest to American women, naturally enough, is the American proposal and the American marriage. How many of our love songs have been written around this enduring topic? How many of the very greatest love poems have breathed this sentiment? Under a moonlit sky, by the ocean side, on the western plains, on the European-bound steamers, in the silence of the parlor with the gas turned low (as in our picture)—every conceivable place has marked the setting of a love affair and a proposal. "Faint heart ne'er won fair lady;" and the brave-hearted have not balked to propose even in a motor car going at the rate of 50 miles an hour! Such is America. Then, after the proposal, comes the solemnization of the new life before the two young people—the wedding ceremony itself. More and more in the United States is this function becoming a "home affair," as is shown in the picture. Then follows the period of congratulation—the wedding supper or breakfast, with smiling friends and happy faces around the festive board. And last of all, the swain, silent moment when the bride and groom are clasped in each other's arms, the moment of highest consummation. Alone at last!

The Dauphine maiden is past mistress in the art of encouraging or discouraging a lover's attentions besides saying in so many words that he is welcome or had better be gone. When a swain's visits are pleasing to her, she makes his soup thick with grated cheese; if the contrary, he will find a handful of oats in his pocket. Should he persist she will turn



A GRECIAN PEASANT BRIDE



NORFJORD BRIDE AND GROOM



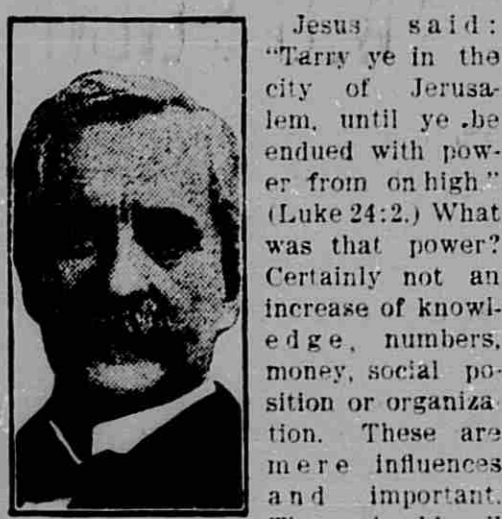
A KOREAN BRIDE GROOM

the blackened ends of the firebrands towards him, a sign there is no mistaking. The peasant girl admits a favored lover to a parliment which corresponds to a consent to "keep company," as we say in this country. The swain is now allowed to dance with and call upon her, and to make himself useful in a thousand little ways. Should no better suitor come forward, the two will probably become man and wife.

But with the better classes in France there is little opportunity for courtship. In Paris young unmarried girls go out occasionally into society; in the provinces this is not allowed. When a young man resolves on matrimony, and hears of a young lady whose family and circumstances are in every way suitable, he makes informal inquiries, through a priest or some lady of her circle, about the girl's domestic qualities—and amount of dowry. This last particular is of the highest importance. It is rare for a dowryless girl to marry in France, though the portions which wives, even of the comfortable middle-class, bring their husbands only consist of a sum of three or four figures. On receiving satisfactory information the suitor who wishes to do the thing in a decorous manner commits the affair to some elderly woman, perhaps his mother or aunt. This good lady hastens to acquaint the girl's family with the offer, and in her turn informs them of the suitor's unimpeachable character and good circumstances.

Marriage is more difficult of accomplishment in England from the fact that there is so much red-tape attached to it. Most of our customs have come from England, though born of earlier times. The "best man" dates back to the days of marriage by capture, as he helped the bridegroom to catch his bride. Nor is this the only relic of the most ancient of human institutions; for what was the honeymoon? It was not merely a pleasure trip as now, but a rapid and hurried flight of bride and bridegroom, rendered necessary by the anger of an outraged father.

Presents to the bridesmaids form another interesting link with primeval days. They were originally a form of toll which the couple were glad to pay in order to be alone. By the act of uniformity only one method of marriage can be used, but the state allows certain indulgences to the wealthy, who may be married privately by a special license; or by a license, given upon the oath of the man that he knows no legal obstruction to his union; or by the publication of banns used among the poorer classes. As in other countries, so in England, there is much joyous feasting on the occasion of a wedding. This is clearly shown by the very word "bridal," which is simply another form of "bride-ale," or "bride-feast." Originally it meant only the carousal, or drinking in honor of the bride.



Jesus said: "Tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high" (Luke 24:2.) What was that power? Certainly not an increase of knowledge, numbers, money, social position or organization. These are mere influences and important. They should all be used for Christ. But influences are not sufficient for the needs of the church. The word "influence" occurs only once in the Bible, and that in the question of Jehovah to the patriarch Job: "Canst thou bind the sweet influences of the Pleiades?" (Job 38:31.) "The sweet influences of the Pleiades" which bring the spring with its bloom of flowers and song of birds are to be welcomed and prized, but for the most effective Christian service we need more than genial influences. The need of every Christian is in the New Testament word "power," which has in it the omnipotence of God.

Power Is God at Work.

The power which came on the day of Pentecost was God himself in the person of the Holy Spirit, who "like a rushing mighty wind filled all the house where they were sitting" and as "tongues of fire sat upon each of them." (Acts 2:2, 3.) Power is God at work. He uses the word as a sword and the Christian as an agent. Power, however, is not in the sword, but in the arm that wields it. Nor is it in the agent, but in the Master whose servant he is. God delegates power to no one. Jesus said: "Go ye and disciple all nations, and lo, I am with you." (Matt. 28:19, 20.) In other words: "I will go with you and do the work myself, provided you fulfill the conditions I impose. You are to pray, trust, preach and live the truth, while you depend on me for power."

The redeemed in glory sing: "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power." (Rev. 5:12.) And every Christian, however weak in himself, has no right to give weakness in his service to Christ, for power is within the reach of all who believe. At Pentecost the Holy Spirit, the "Comforter," the "Paraclete," one who comes to our aid when we call, came to stay, and he has been with the church ever since. He is often grieved, and, like Jesus, unable to do mighty works because of our unbelief, but he is never absent.

Transmission Wire of Faith.

The power house is built once for all, and the motorman on the trolley uses the power furnished by the company according to the capacity of the wire for transmitting and the machinery of his car for utilizing it. At Pentecost the coming of the Spirit was like the building of the power house once for all. We have not to pray the Spirit out of heaven; he is with us all the time, but the measure of his power depends upon the wire of faith and consecration through which he may work the machinery of our lives and bring things to pass. The city builds the reservoir once for all, but the supply of water for every house depends on the pipe which connects with the reservoir, and the water will do the people no good unless the channels are open through which it may flow into their houses. Pentecost was the building of the reservoir once for all. The Holy Spirit is to be ever with the church, but his power depends upon the channels of faith and faithfulness through which he flows into our lives.

The Spirit-Filled Life.

The Spirit-filled life is the Christian's normal condition, and we should be satisfied with nothing less than the best God has for us. In John 7:38, 39, we read: "He that believeth on me, as the Scripture saith, from within him shall flow rivers of living water. But this spake he of the Spirit which they that believed on him were to receive, for the Spirit was not yet; because Jesus was not yet glorified." In chapter 4, verse 14, Jesus tells us that the water he gives becomes "a well of water springing up into everlasting life." Now, a well is a fountain curbed in. There is no overflow. The life in us is living water, springing up, but not overflowing. The Spirit-filled man, however, is a fountain of blessing to others. The well overflows its curb and sends out refreshing and life-giving streams. This takes place only when Jesus Christ is glorified. "The Holy Spirit was not yet, because Jesus was not yet glorified," and the Holy Spirit is always not yet when Jesus has not been glorified. He testifies of Jesus; he takes the things of Christ and shows them unto us. None of those, therefore, who take from Christ the glory of his deity or refuse to enthroned him in their lives need expect the fullness and power of the Holy Spirit. Christ must be glorified if we would have the Spirit in power for service.

Boric Acid in American Meat.

London food inspectors claim to have found as much as 154 grains of boric acid in a single pound of meat imported from America.

THE Alteration Sale

ALTERATION

is still in force and many are taking this time to buy both heavy and light weight merchandise at greatly reduced prices for we must have room therefore we sacrifice the profits in order to bring about the results.

We reserve no stock at all and reductions are made on such goods as Sincerity Clothes for men, XTRA GOOD Clothes for boys, Wilson Bros. and Hart Bros. Furnishings. Also Hats, Caps, etc. Sale lasts until Aug. 1.

HARVEY J. TAYLOR,

Successor to M. Ruben.

The Sincerity Clothes Shop,

Lowell, Michigan.

Heard About Town

Mrs. Frank Pickard is quite ill. Mrs. W. A. Waits was in Grand Rapids Wednesday.

Miss Lena Murphy spent Sunday at Ottawa Beach.

F. W. Hinyan of Grand Rapids was in town Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Comstock visited relatives in Grand Rapids last week.

Miss Ethel White returned Monday from a week's visit with relatives and friends in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. J. W. Murphy is spending two weeks with her daughter Mrs. H. N. Briggs at St. Joseph.

Anton Kallinger has purchased of A. A. Husted the house and lot north of Marks Iubens' residence.

Miss Irene Bently of Grand Rapids has been visiting Mrs. Gilford Johnson and other relatives here the past two weeks.

W. P. White who suffered a severe stroke of paralysis while visiting in Centralia, Ill., last April is slowly recovering.

FOUND—PAIR GOLD-BOWED GLASSES, on depot road. Owner can recover same at this office.

Mrs. A. O. Heydhauf, daughter Irene and son Maurice are making a trip to Grand Rapids and Bay View.

John Miller and Nelle Jones of Greenville visited at the home of George Comstock from Thursday until Monday.

General Austin Miles is having an upright two story addition 12x24 made to his house on East River street.

Fred Watters and Clifford Cholerton leave today for Andover, S. Dak., where they will work during the harvesting season.

The Nicholson circle of the Methodist church had a picnic supper at Union Park Tuesday afternoon, twenty-eight young ladies being in attendance.

Vere Parks who is traveling in Illinois for the Acme Reed Chair company of Jackson has been assigned to Wisconsin and Iowa in addition.

A United Brethren camp meeting will be held at Sebewa near Sunfield August 1-10. Bills advertising same have been posted hereabouts. Rev. H. Coles of Lowell is president and treasurer of the association.

An auto touring party composed of Mr. and Mrs. Clark and daughter of Chicago, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. Wilson of Chesteron, Ind., and Mrs. A. A. Smith of Grand Rapids called on Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Hoffman Tuesday enroute for Flint, Port Huron and Detroit.

The case of M. VanArsdale charged with having his saloon open on Sunday came up for hearing in Grand Rapids Tuesday. After examination

of the complaining witnesses the case was adjourned until Friday, the 24th. Rev. Russell H. Bready and Rev. W. D. Ogg of Lowell were in attendance.

Orton Hill is able to be out again after a long illness.

Lucretia Nicholson is recovering from a two weeks' illness.

Mrs. E. R. A. Hunt and daughter Mildred of Eschpening are spending several weeks with Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Winegar and other relatives.

On account of ill health Mr. and Mrs. John Randall have sold their home in this village to Miss Jessie Combs of Saranac. Mr. Randall has gone to live with his son in Camden, N. J., and Mrs. Randall will be taken care of at the home of her daughter Mrs. M. Langworthy. Miss Combs will make her home here.

Franklin D. Eddy, an old well known Lowell boy, and Henry Smither of Grand Rapids are here working up an illustrated advertising souvenir of Lowell, for the Home Comers. The book will be printed on heavy calendar paper bound and tied with ribbons and will contain many portraits of Lowell citizens, past and present, and views of interest. This will be a souvenir highly prized by all Lowellites.

WILL MAKE PRETTY RESORT.

C. W. Parks of Lowell and R. D. Parks of Mecosta have purchased a tract of land two miles west of Mecosta, to be known as Oakdale Resort, surrounding Blue lake, Long lake, Round lake and School Section lake all within a radius of 1/2 mile of this resort, and are planning same for summer cottages and homes. It will be laid out in pretty streets, avenues and lanes and will make one of the finest resorts in this part of Michigan.

ALTO M. E. CHURCH CELEBRATES.

The anniversary of the dedication of the M. E. church of Alto will be held Sunday and Monday Aug. 2 and 3, 1908, services Sunday morning and evening at both of which Rev. G. D. Chase, District Superintendent, will preach. On Monday evening a supper will be served followed by a lecture by Rev. F. E. Day of Albion, "The Greatest Gash in Nature's Face."

NOTICE.

Having sold my Bakery I wish every one having bills against me would present them and get their money, people owing me will confer a favor by calling and paying up. Weldon Smith.

If wishing would bring big crops, wheat would sell for 3 cents a bushel, but to grow wheat you must supply plant food. Use ARMOUR FERTILIZERS "Natural Plant Food" and raise not only more wheat but better wheat. Sold by F. J. Morse, Lowell.

The historical drama Damon and Pythias, will be shown at Ideal vaudeville Tuesday and Wednesday Aug. 4 and 5.

Exchange Department.

Wants, For Sale, To Exchange, Lost found, Strayed.

FARM FOR SALE—My farm home of 33 acres all within the village of Lowell is for sale. Apply on the premises to Mrs. W. R. Bladell.

ROOMS TO RENT. Inquire at Silsby's barber shop.

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

SUITE OF ROOMS TO RENT. Inquire of Myrtle Graham at residence or shop of H. H. Silsby.

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

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

Balloon Ascension.

I will send up another paper balloon from my store at 6:30,

Saturday, July 25th.

My business card will be attached and on return of card will accept same for 50c in trade. Other balloons will be sent up at Home-Coming, Aug. 5 and 6.

H. H. REED.

Old Reliable Harness Shop

Anything in the harness line.

Call and see him.

You are Welcome.

Remember that we have the only exclusive, up-to-date shop in town.

C. J. BRADISH

A CIVIL WAR RELIC.

N. P. Husted calls our attention to a Civil War relic in Island park. It is a weather-beaten flag staff which was bolted to a small tree near the upper end of the Island.

When put there the flag that flew from it waved above the trees and was conspicuous for a long distance. Now, the old staff has to be sought for far beneath the top of the tree on which it was placed, then small, now large, and the casual observer would think it was but a decayed branch of the tree. John Hatch, the veteran mail carrier, recalls that the recruits were drilled under that staff and flag prior to going South.

Those of our readers who want to see this war time relic will find it in the oak tree nearest the Pere Marquette railroad bridge on the south side.

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 troubles 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.

Painting the pump does not purify the water. The best seed won't make a crop unless Plant Food is in the soil. Use ARMOUR FERTILIZERS and supply all the plant food needed. We have brands for all plants and soils. The kind that grow big crops. Sold by F. J. Morse, Lowell.

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

Don't Forget.

Remember.

Summer Clearance Sale

of Summer Dry Goods at E. R. Collar's.

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.
Dimitics, 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.

Big Bargains in Remnants in All Departments.

50c Belts at 25c.

E. R. COLLAR

LOWELL,

MICHIGAN.

Make Our Store Your Headquarters During Home-Coming.

Closing Out Sale

My entire stock of Hardware, Stoves, Ranges, Tin and Graniteware, Paints, Oil, Glass and Nails, Guns and Fishing tackle must be closed out within 60 days regardless of cost.

Screen Doors formerly \$1.50 now \$1. Rogers Paint guaranteed for 5 years, formerly \$1.60 per Gal., now \$1.25 per Gal. Ironing Boards formerly \$1.25 now 90c.

ALL OTHER GOODS IN PROPORTION AT

EDELMANN'S HARDWARE.

Lowell, Michigan.

HEARD ABOUT TOWN

Dr. White, dentist, phone 151.
H. A. Briscoe was home from Iowa over Sunday.
Miss Winnie Leary was at Freepoint Saturday.
Phil Sayles of Grand Rapids spent Sunday in Grand Rapids.
Twelve young ladies held a picnic at Central Park Friday afternoon.
Miss Marguerite Pierce spent Sunday with friends at Highland Park.
Miss Pearl Reese of Jackson is the guest of her sister Mrs. R. E. Spring-
-hill.
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Tinkler spent Sunday with friends in Grand Rapids.
Camp Thomas of Grand Rapids visited at the home of C. O. Lawrence last Thursday.
Miss Belle Dawson of Grand Rapids is spending her vacation with her mother and friends here.
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Woodcock of Grand Rapids spent Sunday with the latter's mother and sister here.
Miss Zita Downs left Tuesday for a week's visit in Grand Rapids with her friend Mae McNamara of 68 Lake Ave. and other past schoolmates.
Mrs. L. Hunt left Monday for Waukegan, South Dakota, to visit her sister Mrs. C. M. Vinton until September, Vinn accompanying her to Grand Rapids. Her sister Mrs. C. G. Tucker of Cincinnati joined her in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Weekes spent last week in Chicago.
Mr. and Mrs. George Manis spent Sunday in Grand Rapids.
Hugh Nigh of Grand Rapids spent Sunday with Miss Rhea Peck.
Newton Warner made a business trip to Grand Ledge Saturday.
Mrs. C. L. Smith of Edmore visited her sister Mrs. B. C. Noble last week.
Miss Zella Curtiss of Morse Lake has been visiting Lowell friends the past week.
Miss Beatrice Morton of Jackson is spending several weeks with Misses Lotta and Esther Ruben.
Miss Florence Scott returned Monday after spending four weeks with friends and relatives in Grand Rapids.
Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Thomas of Kenda-ville, Ind., have been spending a few days at the home of the former's brother L. P. Thomas.
Mrs. Alice Barnes and granddaughters, Katie and Pearl Scott, are spending two weeks with relatives at Lansing and Potterville.
Mrs. Adella Slasen of Grand Rapids has been visiting at the homes of Dr. G. G. Towsley, Chas. McCarty, N. V. Warner, and other relatives and friends.
David Flanagan returned Tuesday from a three weeks' visit with relatives and friends in Seaford, Kirkland, Paris, Ayr, Galt and Chatham, Ontario.
We notice many worms' nests in trees about the village. They should be destroyed at once. Tie a bundle of rags to the end of a pole, soak with kerosene and apply the torch to the pests. A second or two will destroy the worms and not injure the tree.

Mrs. Chas. Alexander has been visiting at Owosso.
R. B. Boylan is spending several days in Detroit.
Frank Baldus returned from Port Huron last week.
Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Young and son Wayne visited at Ionia over Sunday.
Miss Gertrude Bernard of Grand Rapids is the guest of Miss Rhea Peck.
Mrs. Seydewitz of Muskegon is visiting at the home of her son Fred G. Seydewitz.
Everett Cogswell has accepted a position at the "Victoria Cafe" in Port Huron.
Miss Mary Quillan of Vergennes has been visiting relatives in Owosso the past week.
Loren McIntyre of Gulpot, Miss., has been spending a few days with Don M. Smith.
Austin Miles has sold his cottage to Will Walker and family, who will occupy it soon.
Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Denny and daughter Roxy visited relatives at Greenville Sunday.
Miss Florence King has returned from Chicago, where she has been spending several weeks.
Mr. and Mrs. Warren Carr of Grand Rapids were called here by the death of the former's brother.
Mrs. D. H. English of Saranac and Mrs. R. Smith of Grand Rapids have been visiting Mrs. Abe L. Peck.
Miss Jessie Harroun and little brother Harry of Belding visited Mr. and Mrs. L. P. McLean in Vergennes last week.
Hazel, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Ross, had her left thumb broken in her mother's clothes wringer Monday.
John M. Rhodes and Miss Eva Gehrler went to Waukegan, Ill., last week for a several weeks' visit with Miss Gehrler's sister Mrs. Paul Gramer.
Messrs. F. T. King, Charles McCarty, S. C. Bradford and R. J. Enos have been spending the past two weeks in the lumbering district near Rhineland, Wis.
Miss Sarah Dagget and Mrs. Emma Short of Lake Odessa have been visiting their aged aunt Mrs. Eliza Wells who is in falling health at the home of Merritt Sayles.
Mr. and Mrs. Warren Sprowl (nee Frank Pearsall) of Port Huron have arrived for Home-Coming and are visiting their cousins Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hatch.
Among the very earliest residents of Lowell was Mrs. D. O. Shear, then Louisa Wright, who came from Monroe county with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Wright in 1840. The only white people here at that time were Daniel Marsac and Mr. Wooley.
Chas. M. Edelmann announces that his hardware business will be closed out and that the stock and fixtures are for sale as he has decided to "go on the road" again, his employment prior to engaging in business here. The Ledger regrets this decision on Mr. Edelmann's part, as will the many friends made by him during his residence in Lowell.

OLD KENT RESIDENT DIED

Mrs. Richmond, formerly of Lowell, and Vergennes, Died in Oregon.
Mrs. Mahalath Richmond, for 43 years a resident of Vergennes and Lowell died June 29 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. S. P. Hale in Salem, Oregon at the age of 85 years, 5 months and 20 days. The Daily Statesman of that city published the following obituary:
Mahalath Bedford was born in the village of St. Johns, Prince-Edward's Island, December 9, 1822.
When she was about two years of age her parents moved to Quebec, where they remained about three years, then her father, who was a ship carpenter, built a boat and moved his family via the St. Lawrence and St. Charles rivers to White Hall, N. Y. A few years later he bought a canal boat and took his family to western New York, going on from there to Erie, Pa., where Mahalath grew to womanhood.
Here at the age of 13 years she was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal church under the ministrations of Rev. Seth Lowe.
She was married April 18, 1841, to M. S. Richmond and together they walked life's pathway for nearly 45 years till her husband was taken from her by death November 23, 1885.
Shortly after her marriage they went to Cleveland, O., to make their home, living here most of the time for 22 years. Here were born to them nine children, two of whom died in infancy. During the Civil war she gave two sons to fight the battles of her country, both of whom returned at the war's close, one to die later at the hands of hostile Indians in Arizona.
In April, 1863, they moved to Kent county, Michigan, where she lived for 43 years, coming to Salem, Oregon, in April 1906.
Since the death of her husband she has lived for the most part with her daughter Mrs. S. P. Hale.
In 1888 she became blind from cataract, which was afterward removed from one eye, and she was able to read by the use of two pairs of glasses, and every day she could be seen reading her bible, which she read through several times in each year, besides doing much other reading. Her mind was clear and she could converse intelligently till the time of her last sickness, and she lived the 23 years of her widowhood surrounded by the love and care of her children and grandchildren, to whom she was ever a pleasant companion, and she "comes to her grave in a full age, like a shock of corn cometh in his season," leaving behind three sons, two daughters, 18 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and many other relatives and friends who will ever hold her in loving remembrance.
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LOWELL WEEKLY MARKET REPORT.

Corrected July 23, 1908.


Wheat 60 lb.	87
Middlings per ton	31 00
Corn Meal per ton	31 00
Oats	53
Corn	70
Rye	65
Buckwheat	75
Corn and oats per ton	\$35 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 basils)	2 25
Potatoes	-50
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	7 00-7 50
Sheep live	3 00-4 00
Lambs live	4 00-5 00
Calves live	5 00-5 50
Pork live	6 00
Pork dressed	8 00
Fowls dressed	9-10
Hides	-5 1/2

Bracelets

We invite your inspection of our line of bracelets.

Only the highest quality of goods, and priced the lowest.

We think we have the nicest line ever shown in Lowell, and would appreciate your opinion.



WE CONTINUE OUR SHOE SALE

Until Aug. 1st-1908.
ONLY 8 DAYS LEFT

in which to shoe up your family with shoes at and below actual wholesale costs.

Don't be Late

All Oxfords selling at and below cost. Many Bargains Left.

SMITH'S Cash Shoe Store.

Our Seventy-fourth.

No. of Bank 111.
Report of the Condition
—of—
The Lowell State Bank

At Lowell, Michigan, at the close of Business, July 15, 1908, as Called for by the Commissioner of the Banking Department.

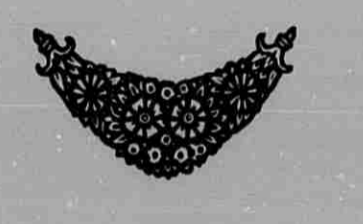
RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$ 111,280 46
Bonds, mortgages and securities	108,832 51
Overdrafts	22 49
Furniture and fixtures	4,500 00
Items in transit	2,000 00
Due from banks in reserve cities	2,044 19
U. S. and National Bank currency	\$ 39,285 96
Gold Coin	9,950 00
Silver Coin	5,235 00
U. S. Notes and cents	961 00
Checks and other cash items	58 92
Total	\$255,300 46
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$25,000 00
Surplus fund	5,000 00
Undivided profits net	861 05
Commercial deposits	\$ 41,242 19
Savings deposits	139,114 15
Savings certificates	74,123 07
Total	\$255,300 46

State of Michigan, County of Kent, ss.
I, D. G. MANGE, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
D. G. MANGE, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of July 1908.
My commission expires Mar. 4th, 1912.
JESSIE K. FISHER, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest:
E. L. BENNETT, F. J. LAYLER, C. A. LEE, Directors

Since our organization as a State Bank in 1891, we have rendered to the Banking Commissioner seventy-four reports of our condition. The annexed speaks for itself, showing as it does, total deposits of over a quarter of a million of dollars. We realize that the most valuable asset of a bank is that of public confidence and we have always furnished our depositors every safe guard and protection for their funds, and we shall continue to do in the future as in the past.

The Lowell State Bank.

To the People of Lowell and Vicinity



We wish to announce that we are in a position to fill all of your wants in both staple and fancy groceries.

We handle nothing but the very best, and fully guarantee every article that we sell.

McCARTY BROS.

[Continued from first page] the spirit land, some of them the wide ocean rolls between us and some have gone to make their home and fortune in different parts of the United States. But where ere they may be whether on land or on sea they'll surely want to greet again their old time friends of yore.
—An Old Resident.

Mrs. Elma Taylor is ill this week. Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Jacob of Neenah, Wis., are in town.
Mrs. S. O. Littlefield was at Saranac yesterday on account of her sister's illness.
P. H. Schneider of Akron, Ohio, joined his wife yesterday at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Winegar and will remain until after Home-Coming.

One-third off on croquet sets at Henry's drug store.

H. W. HAKES

Licensed Embalmer and Funeral Director

Telephone Calls Given Prompt Attention.

CITIZENS PHONES: OFFICE 29 HOUSE 182

Lowell, Michigan

ONE THIRD OFF ON Croquet Sets

75c 4 Ball Sets	50c.
\$1.25 8 Ball Sets	85c.
\$2.25 Professional Sets	\$1.50.

These are Bargains.

All made from first-class stock, well seasoned and are the best values offered at regular prices. We have a few sets left that we want to close out at once.

NORTON HENRY,

The Modern Druggist.

New Negonce Block, Lowell.