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SUCCESSFUL PRODUCTION

OF QUEEN ESTHER BY LOCAL TALENT LAST WEEK

Names of Those Who Help to Make the Enterprise a Success. Total Receipts $186.90.

The dramatic opera Queen Esther was presented to Lowell audiences on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings of last week and those who witnessed splendid productions of the same by local musicians of ten and twenty years ago declare that the latest one does not suffer by contrast.

The players were somewhat handicapped by reason of proper stage equipment at the church; and it will be borne in mind that the entertainment was planned for the opera house. After the fire the Methodist church being the beneficiary and the largest ayailable building it was perforce chosen. The public was well taken care of, and the promoters, the Nicholson circle, and their helpers and supporters have reason to be pleased with their success. The total re eipts of the three evenings were $186.90.

Following are the characters represented and the names of the participants. Paste this in your local scrap book. It may interest you ten or twenty years later:

Esther the Queen - Bertha Carson.
The King - - George Howes.
Haman the King's Counsel, Earl Caldwell
Zeresh, Haman's wife - Bessie Henry
Mordecia, a Jew, - Harley Maynard
Mordecai's sister, - Anna Maynard
Phrophetess, - Hattie Peckham
Scribe, - - - - Elmer White
High Priest, - - Clarence Collar
Herald, - - - - Chas. Burr
Princesses, - Maude Andrews, Mayme Hayes, Lucile Tinkler.
Queen's attendants, Irene Heydlauff, Ethel White.
Page, - - - Walter Ransford
Trainbearer, - Elzabeth Smith

GUARDS—F. E. White, M. B. Conklin, L. E. Culp, E. R. Collar.

PERSIANS—Marie Perry, Edythe Charles Isabel Cholerton, Winnie Donaker, Ruth Wood, Blanche Wood, Alice Crawford, Maude Andrews, Ethel White, Olive Morse, Viola Morse, Hazel Langworthy, Anna Roth, Marie Roth, Marguerite Finch, Ida Friedli, Irene Heydlauff, Lucile Tinkler, Mayme Hayes, Irma Scott, Ida Hunter, Ethel Morse.

JEWISH—Mesdames T. Whitehouse, R. D. Stocking, Ray Beebe, G. G. Towsley, R. E. Springett, J. B. Nicholson, Burt Ransford, E. S. White; Misses Ethel Thomas, Minnie Langworthy, Roxy Denny, Dell Winegar, Minnie Meek, Anna Stoutenburg, Freda Ecker.

The following sang in both Choruses: Albert Roth, Harry Andrews, Chas. McCarty Jr., Mart Langworthy.

FLOWER GIRLS—Mildred Cameron, Pauline Roth, Olive Murphy, Marion Oliver, Thelma Peckham, Ruth Johnson, Violet Langworthy, Kathyrn Towsley, Ruth Mattern, Blanche Perry, Angelus Tinkler, Helen Kelly, Hattie Wilson, Emogene Rhodes, Merril Andrews, Hazel Stocking, Florence Yeiter, Lucretia Nicholson.

MUST RELAY WALLS

Expert Builder Makes Report on Rebuilding of Opera House.

John Rowson one of the leading building experts in the state was called here Monday by the village authorities to examine the walls of Train's opera house block and to report on measures needed to be taken to insure public safety in the rebuilding of the hall.

His report was submitted in writing and recommendations are given in detail. Briefly, he finds the walls spring and with other defects that necessitate the relaying of much of the third story walls. Other directions for securing safety are given, which if followed will insure public confidence.

We understand that the owners are in an obstinate mood and propose to build on the old walls according to their own ideas without regard to the experts recommendation.

Sargent-Rulason.

Orley L. Rulason and Vera D. Sargent were married Tuesday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sargent, Rev. I. B. Jones officiating. A large company of relatives were present, the apartments were prettily decorated and a fine wedding supper was served.

The young people left on the evening west-bound train for a short wedding trip. They were recipients of numerous and valuable gifts. They will make their home on the groom's farm in West Lowell.

Lost a Little One.

Varnalee Denny, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Denny died last week Wednesday at the home of her parents, aged 2 years 4 months and 17 days. The funeral services were held at the Methodist church, Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. Russell H. Bready officiating, the burial at Oakwood.

Miss Bessie Curtis of Alto has been visiting Miss Maude Andrews.

LIFE-LONG RESIDENT

Mrs. John S. Bergin Passed Away Saturday Morning.

Mary Frances McGee was born in Vergennes township, Kent county, Michigan, Sept. 14, 1850. On Saturday Feb. 20, after an illness of scarcely thirty hours, she passed away at her home in Lowell.

Her childhood and girlhood life was spent on the farm of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Bernard McGee Vergennes. On Nov. 4, 1867, she was married to John S. Bergin of Lowell. Since that time most of her life has been spent in Lowell and vicinity with the exception of two years in Grand Rapids. Eleven children were born to this union, only six of whom live to share their grief with the father.

Mrs. Bergin's life has always been a happy and a contented one. All of her care and affection went out to the husband and children. Her loss is like the passing of a saint to a higher realm. Her life has always been a model of virtue and a good Catholic outside of her family her chief interest was her church and her name is spoken with reverence by priests in all parts of the state. All who knew her well were proud to call her a friend. Only to know her was to love her.

Besides a husband she leaves three daughters—Mrs. O. J. Howard and Eva and Izene Bergin of Lowell, three sons Frank and Raymond of Lowell and Carl of Petoskey, Mich., two brothers Richard and George McGee of Vergennes and one sister Mrs. Chris Bergin of Lowell.

The funeral was held at St Mary's church, Lowell Rev. Fr. Behan officiating, and officiating and she was buried in St. Mary's cemetery Lowell.

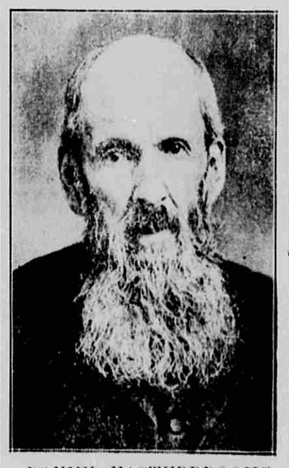
A large number of relatives and friends from out of town were present among whom were Messrs. and Mesdames Robt. Bergin and son Robt., Andrew Bergin, Wm. Hammell and Messrs. Stephen and Dan Bergin all of Howell; Messrs. Frank and Henry Bergin of Brighton; Mrs. Thomas McKeever and Joe Bergin of Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bergin of St. Johns; Cormac McGee, Mrs. James McGee and daughter Edna and son Will and Messrs. and Mesdames F. W. Hinyan, and R. B. Loveland.—[Com.

OBITUARIES

Daniel Easterbrooks, Forty-five Years a Master Mason.

Daniel Easterbrooks was born in Cayuga county, N. Y., October 9, 1822 and died at the home of his daughter Mrs. J. H. Freeland Freeport, Mich., February 14, 1909, having lived to the ripe old age of 86 years 4 months and 5 days.

He was united in marriage to Miss Phebe Burghdurf Nov. 27, 1844. To this union three children were born. One daughter Helen L. of Freeport, two sons, C. D. of Orleans and H. D. of



DANIEL EASTERBROOKS

Washington, D. C. who together with five grandsons and many other relatives and friends are left to mourn their loss, his wife having departed this life September 19, 1893. He was a devoted husband a kind and loving father and a consistent Christian whose chief object in life was to do good to others. He was made a Master Mason at Clyde, N. Y., Aug. 16, 1864, and at the time of his death was a member of Lowell Lodge No. 90 F. & A. M. During his forty-five years work as a Master Mason he was honored by the highest offices in the lodge. As a member he was deeply interested in lodge work and as an officer worked for the good of the fraternity.—[Com.

Mrs. Susan Williams McDeid Saturday, February 20.

Saturday February 20, there passed from her earthly home into one of the "many mansions," one who for half a century had been closely identified with the business and social interests of Lowell.

Susan A. only child of Jacob and Caroline Snell was born in Bath, Steuben Co. N. Y., Sept. 14, 1837. In the Spring of 1852 her parents came to Lowell, then only a small hamlet at the meeting of the two rivers, the entire population consisting of nine families. Her father was a law-

MRS. SUSAN McDEID.

yer, and for years was a prominent factor in the growth of the new settlement.

The young girl then in her fifteenth year, fresh from the advantages of an Eastern school, soon found that her part in the pioneer life was to be no idle one. In the organization of the first Sunday school she was forced to assume the role of teacher, as being the only young person who had ever been in a Sunday school. Quick witted and a keen observer she accumulated through all those early years a rich fund of fact and story of pioneer life from which to draw in later years, for her own enjoyment and the delight of her friends. But to this high spirited and sunny hearted girl came early in life the shadow of sorrow, the saddest form that sorrow can take, that of a divided home. Possessing strong filial affection, that she was able to hold with unswerving fidelity to the innocent and with equally loving charity to the guilty, evinced a remarkable character. In her mature years it was granted to her to minister through years of helplessness, to the more than widowed mother, and afterward to grace with her presence and loving words of cheer, the aged father in his hours of weakness.

July 15, 1821, she was married to Uriah B. Williams, a prosperous business man of Lowell. Two children were born to them, Carrie H. born January 5, 1862, and twelve years later, Uriah B. born March 14, 1875; the son still lives in Lowell, our well known townsman.

The joy of the birth of the son was quickly overshadowed with sorrow, as it was followed three days later by the sudden death of the father. All the hopes and plans they had shared of the new life to be centered in this little one were hidden in the heart of the young mother, and she took up this heavier burden with cheerful fortitude. Two years later the invalid mother found relief in death, and she found herself alone with the little son.

Mrs. Williams was at one time a large owner of real estate in the village and when her son was partly grown she entered into business life, which continued until the son reached manhood, when she withdrew leaving the business with him. All the trials of these years, which were often exceedingly heavy failed to quench the sunshine of this rare spirit. No word of rebellion toward God, or bitterness toward man, however great her wrongs, ever escaped her lips. She was a woman of many sorrows, but she did not wear them upon her sleeve.

In 1871, Mrs. Williams became a member of the Congregational church of Lowell, of whose society she had been a life member. The faith she then publicly confessed, has grown stronger each year and she was always ready to defend it.

She was married to Samuel H. McDeid April 5, 1903, and in these six happy years she realized the fulfillment of the promise "At eventide it shall be light." The sunset of her life was made bright by the loving companionship of a devoted husband and son and the affectionate ministry of the two daughters that were hers by law. Anxious cares that she had borne for so many years slipped from her and while just beginning to feel the cool of the evening of life the "light of eventide" fell upon her.

A modern author has described true happiness as, "not missing any one," Few of us can hope to attain that in this life. Mrs. McDeid was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star; the Old Residents association and the Hooker Pioneer society, in all of which orders she will be sadly missed.

The characteristics for which Mrs. McDeid will be longest remembered were, her charity of thought and that "charity that suffereth long and is kind," her unfailing cheerfulness, and keen sense of humor, which did her good service in many a dark hour. The laugh was so firmly planted in her nature, it could rise above all the buffeting of adverse fortune. While we shall miss the bright smile and keen wit, the familiar form and pleasant companionship through so many years, yet we can rejoice for her, that at the close of the long and toilsome day, even in the peace and brightness of the Eventide, "He giveth his beloved sleep." L. S. P.

TRIP TO HOLY LAND

Popular Lowell Pastor to Tour Europe Egypt and Palestine.

Rev. Russell H. Bready, pastor of the Lowell Methodist church, has applied to the Bishop through the District Superintendent for a four months' leave of absence for a tour of Europe, Egypt and Palestine, leaving here April 13, and sailing from New York on the Muretana three days later. The expedition is the eighteenth to be conducted by Rev. Roy Allen of Rochester, N. Y., and the company is composed of thirty ministers.

The local church board voted unanimously Mondad evening to approve the pastor's plan, considering his arduous and successful labors here, his need of a rest and the educational benefits to him and his later charges sure to result from such a journey.

Rev. A. T. Cartland, for the past two years of Alberta, N. W. T., and formerly a professor of Michigan Agricultural college, has been appointed pastor during Mr. Bready's absence.

DOINGS OF THE COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING HELD MONDAY EVENING FEB. 15.

Appointments Were Made in Connection With the Annual Village Election.

Regular special meeting of the common council of the village of Lowell, held in the council rooms on Monday evening, Feb. 15, 1909.

Meeting called to order at 7.30 p. m. by President Look. Present, Trustees, Bergin Mattern, McQueen, Peckham Taylor and Winegar.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The resignation of Chas. Kraft as chief of the fire department was referred to the fire committe.

Street Commissioners reports for two weeks was received and placed on file.

President Look announced the adjustment of the loss on Engine House, by reason of fire, at $216.53.

President Look announced the following appointments in connection with the annual village election:

To secure building in which to hold election, Bergin and Winegar.

Election Commisioners: A. W. Weeks, J. B. Yeiter, and A. L. Coons:

Board of Registration: Trustees, Bergin and Peckham;

Election Inspectors, Winegar, Mattern, and Taylor.

The Fire Committee was instructed to secure options on any buildings or sites that could be made available for the purpose of constructing a building to be used for city hall, engine house, jail, etc.

On motion by trustee Bergin the following bills were allowed: yeas 6.

General Fund

Hydrant Rentals	$150 00
G. H. Uglow	4 05
John Dawson	6 00
J. C. Hatch	1 00
G. Johnson	1 00
	$162 05

Street Fund

Street Lighting	$200 00
E. C. Terry	10 00
	$210 00

Light and Power Fund

C. Guy Perry	40 00
Anderson & Ford	3 00
C. B. Francisco	1 00
	$44 00

On motion of Trustee Mattern council adjourned.

T. A. MURPHY, CLERK.

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We have sold some very fine expensive diamonds lately and have more real bargains. Compare our values with others.

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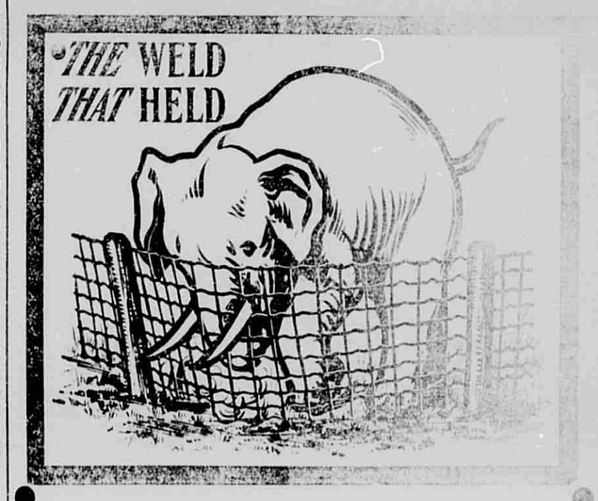

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LOWELL, MICHIGAN

Now that William is 50 years old he will be hard for him to pose as a boy kaiser.

"Women and children first," said Capt. Sealby. This is still the age of chivalry.

Though 50 years old, the kaiser is still picking up bits of valuable information.

The Cornell university library now contains over 252,000 volumes and more than 53,000 pamphlets.

The sale of matches made of white phosphorus has been prohibited in England by act of parliament.

Another good thing about the water wagon is the small amount of repair bills ever incurred on its account.

New York doctor says that happy childhood is a rare in humanity. Please note that a New York doctor says it.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller's physical care has seemed to be worth $100. A doctor worth having! May his patient never miss his old friends, either.

In Oregon a resident hairpin is to be the limit. This are slang and legal phraseology working pleasantly hand in hand in the little book, a goodness good cause.

Miss C. de B. Bennet is the first woman driver of a motor omnibus in England. She was the woman who take the examination for motor engineering recently held in London.

A woman in New York wants a divorce on the conditions that permit of involuntary servitude. This is merely another variation of the time-honored idea of the husband being the weaker sex.

Now a relative of Roberts comes forward to explain publicly how a woman in a sacque may be the best of soldiers. As if in this age of beauty culture and personal youthfulness by ever sawed an anomaly as a withered old soldier.

A tunnel more than a mile in length said to be the longest in existence for use by a municipal electric railway has been opened for operation in the Genoa Street railway. It connects Genoa with the adjacent large community of Rivarolo.

That gentleman who suggests that we provide a comprehensive deep-water scheme for the whole country before spending much money on waterways appears to have a longer head than those belonging to some enthusiasts on little regular features.

Many persons who are otherwise total abstainers permit the use of whiskey as a stimulant in case of accidents. It is interesting to note that the reputation "first aid" stimulant for miners is becoming, not alcohol, but coffee and aromatic spirits of ammonia.

Kansas proposes to teach its women citizens how to cook. And Kansas is a state in which women have the right to vote. The suffragists may find there is something more difficult than cooking to teach the women of Kansas.

THE BOOK TRUST PRICES VARY

HOW THE HOLD UP IS WORKED IN MICHIGAN FOR LARGE PROFITS.

SEEMS EASY MONEY.

Scheme Appears to Be Smooth and Evidently Successful in This State and the People Pay.

Rep. Stralght, of Coldwater, has discovered what certainly seems like a rank discrimination against Michigan in the matter of the retail price of school books. Several days ago a friend at Vermont, Ind., directly south of Coldwater and only about a mile over the state line, sent him a copy of the Complete Geography, by Alexis Everett Frye, formerly superintendent of schools of Cuba. The book is published by Ginn & Co., Boston and London, and is marked "Indiana edition."

The friend purchased the book at a store in Vermont for 75 cents and the bookseller said he was making 10 per cent on it.

Mr. Straight purchased an identical copy of the same geography at a leading book store and was charged $1.25 for it. The Lansing purchased copy is marked "Michigan and Western edition." The paper and the binding of the two editions are exactly the same, the only difference being that there are a few more maps in the "Michigan and Wisconsin edition" and a copy of the latter edition weighs one ounce more than a copy of the Indiana edition.

At the department of education in the state house it is stated that last September about 40,000 Michigan boys and girls bought a copy of a geography the same as that sold in Indiana for 75 cents and $1.25 in Michigan. This means that the 150,000 Michigan school children paid $150,000 for geographies that cost the Indiana children $56,000 for the same kind of geography.

President Snoder of the M. A. C. lately spoke to the students during chapel hour, unless the students believe. He has reference to the recent spiking of a wire across the campus, by which he killed the application, following the testimony of doctors that the lad was shot.

His father in petitioning asserted that the boy had epileptic fits, which become impaired following his being struck over the head with a club by a school teacher five years ago. That he did not name the teacher and had made no complaint of the assaption and an investigation followed.

Want the Warden ship.

Gov. Warner and Senator Atkins will go to Jackson for a short visit at the state prison. Both say it is an informal visit and has no bearing on the investigation now going on there. The governor says he has had about 20 applications for the wardenship, and he discourages all of the applicants from securing petitions or asking any influence. No application will be considered until the present investigation is completed.

Farmers Do Not Want Him.

The Farmers' club of the Fifteenth ward, Detroit, has passed resolutions and presented them to the senate and house of representatives, asking that the salary of Secretary of Agriculture be reduced from $12,000 to $5,000 for a salary-grabber or favor a $5,000 salary also out of office. The farmers do not want a man who takes $12,000 a year for a salary.

MICHIGAN BREVITIES.

Mrs. Mary Mullen, of Ionia, is 100 years old.

Mrs. Mary Bailey, of Ionia, is 100 years old.

Mrs. William Wagner, of Ionia, is 100 years old.

Fifty thousand dollars was set aside by the board of regents of the university from the general building fund for the two additions to the engineering building on the part of the men and officers at receptions and while on liberty in strange and peculiarly interesting places has been far less than was expected.

From the point of view of the trained mariner, bringing a ship around the world is no extraordinary task. But bringing 16 battleships, with 15,000 men, around the world is a new and gigantic naval undertaking. Unlike the merchant ships, they are things of massive and intricate mechanism. They moved in battle formation, maneuvering at sea, to simulate, as far as possible, war conditions. At two stops in their journey, Magdalena bay and the Philippines, the great batteries were brought into play for target practice, without preparation, to prove the fitness of the ships for fighting at the end of a long cruise.

Many Countries Visited.

The cruise took the 16 countries and anchored in 24 foreign ports. The 16 ships passed through the Straits of Magellan, made the journey through the Suez canal without mishap and coaled at Port Said in record time to be off to help the Italian earthquake sufferers, all without mishap. Two passed through the Panama canal, the first foreign warships to do so without grave conferences between the vice president and the ruler of the United Tortkish offices who were to come to the United States. Two saluted the new sultan of Morocco. One division dropped anchor at Algiers to do honor to Gen. Gallieni, and fire few tiny colors in the ports of Japan. The flags of nearly all the world were unfurled in succession.

To drive the ships 43,000 tons of coal were used. Practically all of this came from America, for it was found there be no variations in quality which would interfere with the accurate steaming tests to determine the maximum power to be obtained from the

GREAT FLEET IN HOME PORT AGAIN

AMERICAN SHIPS DROP THEIR ANCHORS AT HAMPTON ROADS.

VESSELS IN FINE CONDITION

Long Voyage Has Demonstrated the Marvelous Efficiency of the American Navy—Foreign Countries Impressed as Never Before—Developments Reported as Surprisingly Few—President Roosevelt Reviews Armada from the Mayflower.

Hampton Roads, Va., Feb. 22.—The most stupendous task of naval history was completed when President Roosevelt received the fleet of 16 battleships as they filed into Hampton Roads to drop anchor at the port from which they sailed one year and two months before.

The homecoming was much the same as the departure. The ships came in single, with the exception of the Nebraska and Wisconsin, which took the place of the Maine and Alabama. The flag of Rear-Admiral Sperry flew from the Connecticut. Rear-Admiral Evans flew the admiral's flag from the Kearsarge, and Rear-Admiral Thomas, who was successively in command, having been placed on the retired list.

Crowding the piers the same wives and sweethearts gathered to welcome one. The cab drove along Jefferson street and Phipps gazed with wondering eyes upon the house wherein he had once lived so happily. He watched it out of the cab window and then from the window in the back until it had faded from his view.

"I'm ready to go now," he said, and Murray took him across the river and back to the jail from which he had made such a daring escape.

There were several circumstances that weighed heavily against Phipps' chances of escaping death on the gallows. In the first place his jailbreak-by exploit in company with Bucky Greenfield was against him. Given the field got away safely to Mexico, and as there was no extradition treaty between Canada and the United States at that time covering his offense, he was never brought back. Doubtless Greenfield meant well by his cellmate when he planned their escape, but it would have been far better for Phipps had he not broken jail. Then there was the episode of Billy Callaghan in Sandwich jail which had much to do with influencing public opinion in the County of Essex at the time of the Phipps trial.

Callaghan belonged to Detroit. He came of a respectable family, and in his younger days was a dry goods clerk, but became a professional burglar and desperate crook. He and a familiar named Kennedy were being held in Sandwich jail and on March 16 they made a dash for liberty. George O'Callahan Lewis, the old governor of the jail, tried to intercept the escaping prisoners, and Billy Callaghan drew a revolver which had been smuggled into his cell, shot and killed the governor and escaped with Kennedy. Callaghan got safely away out of the country but Kennedy was caught and sent to Kingston penitentiary for seven years.

While there Kennedy became pals with another convict named Binky Morgan who was serving a long term for manslaughter. Shortly after he commenced serving the term he broke out of Kingston penitentiary. Morgan was traced to Reno, Ohio, by a detective named Hoolihan and in the fight that occurred when they met the officer was killed. Morgan escaped after slaying Hoolihan but was run down in Alpena, Mich., where he shot the sheriff and wounded another man. He was captured, taken to Cleveland and hanged. Kennedy got away.

In the meantime Callaghan, after killing Gov. Lewis of Sandwich jail, had disappeared completely. Murray sent out circulars offering a reward for his arrest and finally received a telegram from the police of Hamilton, Mo., which read:

"Come at once. Callaghan in jail, acknowledges identity."

Murray wired back: "Will come, but I do not believe it is Callaghan. He would not acknowledge identity."

He prepared the necessary extradition papers and went to Hannibal, taking with him Turnkey Smith, of the jail with jail, who knew Callaghan well. Arriving at their destination they were informed by the officers that two crooks, known as Joe Rice and John Carr, had burglarized Dave Taylor's son's house in Barry, Ill., making him get out of bed, open his safe and empty it of its contents, taking the money and jewelry. When the crooks had left the house Taylor's son took the alarm clock and he left Detroit resolved to enter upon a new life.

But the Canadian authorities were not disposed to easily relinquish the possession of a prisoner who had broken their laws and set them at defiance. Orders were issued to capture Phipps, wherever he might be, and the task of hunting him down was assigned to Detective John Wilson Murray.

He sent out a description of Phipps to police headquarters all over the continent. The fugitive was a billiard room habitue and it was reasonable to expect that he would be simply a question of time until his money gave out and he would be obliged to look for a job in a billiard room. Every man to his trade is a maxim that also holds good in the case of a fugitive from justice, and the detective's surmise proved correct. Phipps was located in Pullman, Ill., where he had obtained a position in a billiard room. Murray prepared extradition papers, went to Illinois and took Phipps from Pullman to Chicago.

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"I'm ready to go now," he said, and Murray took him across the river and back to the jail from which he had made such a daring escape.

There were several circumstances that weighed heavily against Phipps' chances of escaping death on the gallows. In the first place his jailbreak-by exploit in company with Bucky Greenfield was against him. Given the field got away safely to Mexico, and as there was no extradition treaty between Canada and the United States at that time covering his offense, he was never brought back. Doubtless Greenfield meant well by his cellmate when he planned their escape, but it would have been far better for Phipps had he not broken jail. Then there was the episode of Billy Callaghan in Sandwich jail which had much to do with influencing public opinion in the County of Essex at the time of the Phipps trial.

Callaghan belonged to Detroit. He came of a respectable family, and in his younger days was a dry goods clerk, but became a professional burglar and desperate crook. He and a familiar named Kennedy were being held in Sandwich jail and on March 16 they made a dash for liberty. George O'Callahan Lewis, the old governor of the jail, tried to intercept the escaping prisoners, and Billy Callaghan drew a revolver which had been smuggled into his cell, shot and killed the governor and escaped with Kennedy. Callaghan got safely away out of the country but Kennedy was caught and sent to Kingston penitentiary for seven years.

While there Kennedy became pals with another convict named Binky Morgan who was serving a long term for manslaughter. Shortly after he commenced serving the term he broke out of Kingston penitentiary. Morgan was traced to Reno, Ohio, by a detective named Hoolihan and in the fight that occurred when they met the officer was killed. Morgan escaped after slaying Hoolihan but was run down in Alpena, Mich., where he shot the sheriff and wounded another man. He was captured, taken to Cleveland and hanged. Kennedy got away.

In the meantime Callaghan, after killing Gov. Lewis of Sandwich jail, had disappeared completely. Murray sent out circulars offering a reward for his arrest and finally received a telegram from the police of Hamilton, Mo., which read:

"Come at once. Callaghan in jail, acknowledges identity."

Murray wired back: "Will come, but I do not believe it is Callaghan. He would not acknowledge identity."

He prepared the necessary extradition papers and went to Hannibal, taking with him Turnkey Smith, of the jail with jail, who knew Callaghan well. Arriving at their destination they were informed by the officers that two crooks, known as Joe Rice and John Carr, had burglarized Dave Taylor's son's house in Barry, Ill., making him get out of bed, open his safe and empty it of its contents, taking the money and jewelry. When the crooks had left the house Taylor's son took the alarm clock and he left Detroit resolved to enter upon a new life.

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IN March, 1884, a man by the name of Luke Phipps was the proprietor of a billiard room in Detroit, Mich. Phipps was about 34 years of age, of fair complexion, with brown hair and a sandy mustache. His family consisted of his wife and two children, a boy and a girl.

Mrs. Phipps was a pretty little woman, apparently very fond of her husband.

But fate decreed that the serpent of jealousy should creep into this Eden of domestic bliss. Mrs. Phipps, without the knowledge of her husband, had been in the habit of making secret trips across the river to Windsor, and it chanced that Luke Phipps received information of this fact. Passionately devoted to his wife, this discovery filled him with madness. He watched her carefully and shadowed her movements. One fateful night she left her home and boarded the ferry boat for Windsor. Close on her heels followed the infuriated husband, armed, and under the influence of strong liquor in which he had been indulging freely since he had been informed of his wife's supposed unfaithfulness.

Not until the boat was well out in the river and approaching the Canadian shore did Phipps reveal himself to the woman. Angry words passed between them, the husband accusing the wife of infidelity. Mrs. Phipps replied harshly and the words had scarcely left her lips when the man drew a revolver and fired point blank at her. The bullet sped true to the mark and Mrs. Phipps fell to the deck dead. The murder was witnessed by a score of passengers and Phipps was instantly seized. He made no resistance but meekly gave up the weapon with which the deed was committed, and when the boat landed at Windsor was taken to the jail of the Canadian authorities. He was taken at once to Sandwich jail, three miles from Windsor, and committed for trial.

At that time Sandwich jail was looked upon by the habitues of the underworld as a sort of "soft berth" on the road to Kingston penitentiary, where the long term criminals of the province of Ontario were confined. To a crook to reach the precincts of Sandwich jail usually meant that he was destined to spend the best of his dreaded penitentiary. There were exceptions to this rule, and in the famous Kingston bastile, a truth is well recognized by law-breakers in the early eighties that many a daring attempts made by the Sandwich prisoners to break jail.

Into this ill-omened place of confinement came Phipps sobered by the realization of the awful tragedy of which he had been the author. The future looked black indeed, for Canadian justice frowns grimly upon the destroyer of human life. There he by what her or his provocation may have been, and the dreary shadow of the gallows loomed threatening before him. Among the inmates of Sandwich jail was one "Bucky" Greenfield, a professional thief, who like Phipps was awaiting trial, but on a far less serious charge. To this man Phipps was assigned as cell-mate; and glad to find someone in whom he could confide, he willingly told the story of his crime and the circumstances which had prompted it.

Greenfield sympathized with the newcomer whom he had taken a strong fancy to at first sight. He agreed that matters were likely to go hard with Phipps, in the event of his being brought to trial, and that in him the only chance of escaping the gallows was to break out of Sandwich jail and get to Michigan. Shrewd as astute Mr. Greenfield further confided to his cell-mate that he was making arrangements to have some friends abode by stealth, and proceeded to describe the part which he intended Phipps to play in their mutual deliverance from durance vile.

As a result of this conference a mysterious female shortly afterwards paid a visit to Greenfield and for ten days following her call Bucky kept close in his cell. During this interval Luke Phipps became seized with a mania for music. He whistled and sang continually in a loud voice for hours at a time. None of the warders offered any objection, for life in Sandwich jail was a monotonous existence at the best, and if a prisoner found comfort in the sound of his own voice he saw no particular reason for silencing him.

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At last the persistent gnawing of the file conquered the stubborn resistance of the steel bars. They were cut through and the way of escape lay open before the prisoners. In the dead of night in the two men slipped out into the darkness. Greenfield got through the narrow opening with little difficulty, but Phipps where had to wrench stuck fast. His comrade tarried for a few moments making desperate efforts to extricate him, but Phipps remained immovable, as though gripped in a vise. Self-preservation became the first law of nature, lucky Greenfield resolved to obey its dictates, and seized with sudden panic he swiftly into the night.

Despair seized the heart of Phipps in its icy clutch when his comrade deserted him. A few seconds passed and he still lay in the narrow opening panting from his exertions. Then a wild cry filled his veins. He strove to free himself loose with a wrench so powerful that the momentum threw him over the wall, and he fell heavily to the ground below. There he lay for some time, severely bruised and only half conscious. He was aroused by hearing voices in the jail, and awakening to his feet dragged himself away in search of a hiding place.

The prisoner, who had escaped, had crawled along in the darkness, fell head foremost into a newly dug grave.

Silent he lay without moving, with fascination the eyes at the fatal hole. He heard a creaking and bumping and faintly, as though far away, he heard the harsh sound of earth falling on the casket. Yet no weight seemed to press upon him, but this did not surprise him, for he was long past the stage of astonishment. It was the end, and nothing mattered now. He heard the rumble of wheels as the carriages departed and the footsteps of the mourners did away.

His awakening came suddenly, accompanied by a cold thrill of horror, for a man had crawled into the darkness. He tried to move, but his entire frame seemed to be paralyzed. Yet a rush of recollection then crossed his mind the memory of the burial, the prayer and singing. He knew that he was buried alive and the hay caught sight of the twinkling eyes. Slowly and with great pain he managed to rise to a sitting posture. Where was the coffin, where the six feet of earth underneath which he lay? He staggered to his feet and saw that the grave he occupied was empty. His very objective life in Sandwich jail was a monotonous existence at the best, and if a prisoner found comfort in the sound of his own voice he saw no particular reason for silencing him.

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Then painfully he turned and crept out of the cemetery, across the road, through the fields, traveling like an animal, feeding on all fours.

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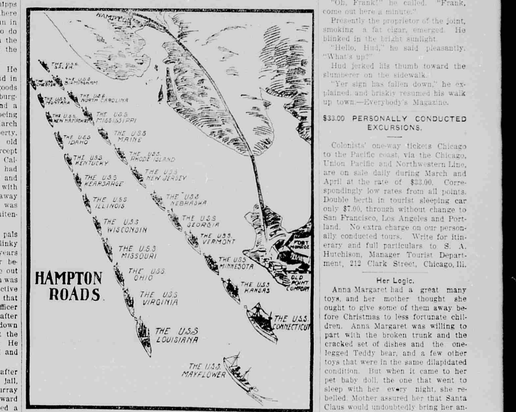

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From Our Point of View

Here's a Job For You, Reader.

Success Magazine is moving editorially and through its board of life subscribers to effect a reform in the National House of Representatives in the matter of the Autocratic power given to the Speaker. The defeat of the present czar is thought to be assured and it is acknowledged that he will be reelected if the people do not stir themselves. Under the present rules the Success editor alleges—and THE LEDGER believes it is true—that you, dear reader, are not really represented in the House. The interests have the present speaker's ear and needed, pressing reforms are pleaded for in vain. Success readers everywhere are urged to write to their representatives in Congress demanding that Speaker Cannon be put in the Down and Out Club, where he of right belongs and that the Speaker's power be curbed. THE LEDGER asks that its readers join in this reform movement by writing personal letters to Hon. Gerrit J. Dickema, representing this district, stating their views on this matter. Remember, all the corporations and special interests with their millions are playing Jonny on the Spot. If you don't want your own interests exclusively looked after like a hound in this. Let us find out if our representative in Congress stands for Cannon or the people. Remember that eternal vigilance is the price of liberty, and write today.

The editor of Farm and Stock alleges that the lumber interests of the country are maintaining a powerful lobby in Washington and using all means in their power to induce Congress to pass the Dingley bill without any material change in the present tariff of from $2.00 to $3.50 per thousand on lumber retained. At present rate of consumption our forests will be used up in from twenty to thirty years unless the Government adopts a policy of forest conservation. Haven't the dear people been skinned for this damnable scheme long enough? Or do they want to present the lumber lords with their carcasses also? Better write to your representative in Congress, Hon. Gerrit J. Dickema. Or do they want to elect Hon. Gerrit J. Dickema and Sent for Smith to help put lumber on the free list? Haven't we all been kind of suckers long enough? Then, let Dickema and Sent for Smith to help put lumber on the free list. Don't forget, that to help them we need help ourselves.

The public, doubtless, will understand the position of the Lowell Methodist church relative to amusements and the feeling of duty to the public when issues are made up between the church and out a place of public entertainment. Not being of ordinary sense and only enough to know anything of the history of Methodism will lead that anything of sovelgious nature will be found in the church. Indeed, it is not to be expected that outside supports will be found in such a case. Nothing of moshmuch members. Indeed, it is not too much to say that without that outside support some of them could not exist. Bearing this in mind, the opening of the Methodist church to the public is considered a mistake. Nothing of moshmuch is already booked and paid for—until a public hall is provided. It is merely a bit of reciprocity which the public should be slow to appreciate. As Pastor Brously says: "Any dissatisfied Methodist who wishes to have a dance can go to the church and be allowed to have it in a church." After all, the great needs of the public are religious and temporal is the exercise of good common sense and to thank the good Lord that in this day and age the church is not the place to go to satisfy a vile sinner nor the eyes, yes, mans mind.

THE COUNCIL is doing the proper thing in considering the matter of a new city department building. One to combine at the department house, jail, council rooms and public hall must be had, especially the latter if Frank's opera house is to be sold so that it will have to be converted into a public hall. Unless the people of the village of Lowell, the village and township have made up their minds to erecting creditable public buildings suitable for all village and township purposes. That our people would be heartily endorsed in such a move cannot be doubted.

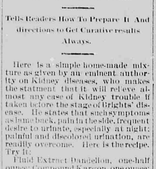
OBITUARY

Mrs. Clarissa Elizabeth Hicks An Old Resident Of Vergennes.

Clarrisen Elizabeth Hicks was born in Parts township, October 22, 1841 She was the daughter of Thomas and Caroline Wooster Hands. At the age of 2½ years her father died leaving his wife and two little daughters Elizabeth and Mary, who with their mother went to live with their grandfather the Rev. David Wooster in Vergennes. When Elizabeth was five years of age her mother was united in marriage with William Forrest Perrin whose home was in immediate vicinity. It was in Vergennes that she received her education and lived with her parents until her marriage to Benjamin Hicks at Grand Rapids. Six children were born to this union all of whom are living. The oldest a daughter Mrs. Kimball Fletcher of this place and one son, Ira, Elias of Ionia, Mich., Ohio, Dodge B. of Brooklyn, N. Y., Ira and Mark E. of Grand Rapids and Wilder Hicks of Stanwood, Mich. The latter passed away about six years ago at the home of a sister in New York. Mrs. Jesse E. Hodges and Mrs. F. D. Medjenn of Will M. and Elmer D. Perrin are surviving sons and sisters of the deceased.

She has left us, and oh how shall miss her, a devoted mother and kindest of friend. It is the little deeds of kindness and gentleness that show to us the noble life within. The wax the keynote of her life, ever to be useful, kind and helpful to those around her.

Mrs. Hicks was a member of the Old Residents association, and honorary call based S. S. Hooker, J. Nash, E. T. Ising and L. J. Post, were chosen from that organization to attend the funeral.—[illegible]



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MAKE THIS UP AT YOUR HOME.

SIMPLE MIXTURE FOR KIDNEY AND BLADDER TROUBLE.

Tells Readers How To Prepare It And directions to Get Curative results at Home.

Here is a simple home-made mixture as given by an eminent authority for kidney and bladder troubles, the statement that it will relieve almost any case of kidney trouble if taken before the stage of Bright's disease. He states that sneezy symptoms as lumbago, pains in the side, frequent desire to urinate, especially at night, painful and scanty urination, are readily overcome. Here is the recipe. Try it.

Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce; Compound Kargon, one ounce; Compound Extract Sarsaparilla, three ounces. Take a teaspoonful after each meal and at bedtime.

These ingredients are all harmless and easily mixed at home by shaking well in a bottle. This mixture has a peculiar healing and soothing effect upon the entire kidney and urinary structure, and often overcomes the distressing urination, so just a little while. This mixture is said to remove all blood disorder and constipation, to decrease the kidney to filter and strain from the blood and expel the acid and poisonous decomposed waste matter, to thin the urine when too dark and obstruction. Haven't the dear people been skinned for this damnable scheme long enough? Or do they want to present the lumber lords with their carcasses also? Better write to your representative in Congress, Hon. Gerrit J. Dickema. Or do they want to elect Hon. Gerrit J. Dickema and Sent for Smith to help put lumber on the free list? Don't forget, that to help them we need help ourselves.

Churches and Societies

Congregational.

Sunday Feb. 28 morning service topic, "Gospel sermon—More Christlikeness." Bible school at 12 m. Emphasis on Man's Reason and Revelation. Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. Topic, "Our Duty to Our Neighbors." Evening service at 7:30 p. m. Sermon topic, "Christ's Question to Nicodemus." Welcome to all.

BAPTIST.

Prayer meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ransom Smith on Grand Avenue.

Sunday services as usual. Morning worship at 10:30. The Law of Christ. Bible school at 12 m. Topic of Christ's Evening at 6:30 p. m. Topic, "Our Duty." Sunday school at noon. Children's Bible study at 4 p. m. Welcome to all.

METHODIST.

Sunday morning at 10 Rev. Hand will speak on "Public worship." Sunday school at 12 m. Public worship, and Lesser sermon on bible. Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. Topic, "Joshua into the promised Land." Sunday school at noon. Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. Topic, "Joshua into the promised land." Evening service at 7:30 p. m. Sermon topic, "The Life of Faith." Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30 p. m. Topic, "The Life of Faith." Prayer meeting at 7 o'clock

DYNAMITE TRIO

By GEORGE T. PARDY

A True Story Unrevealed for Years.

THE DARK, AND FOREBODDING, ON THE BANKS OF THE ST. LAWRENCE RIVER LOOM THE MASSIVE STONE WALLS OF KINGSTON PENITENTIARY, WHERE, THE DESTINY OF CRIMINALS AND ALL LONG TERM CONVICTS OF THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO, CAN ALSO BE FULFILLED. WITHIN HIS GLOOMY PRECINCTS, OCCUPYING SEPARATE CELLS, ARE THREE MEN WHOSE SENTENCES ARE FOR LIFE. ENGLISH LAW, JUST AS RELENTLESS, HAS CLOSED THEM IN ITS IRON GRIP, A GRIP NEVER TO BE RELAXED UNTIL THE DEATH SHALL SHATTER THE FETTERS FROM THE LIMBS OF THE PRISONER.

THE CRIME FOR WHICH THESE THREE MEN ARE SENTENCED TO DIE WAS NO ORDINARY ONE. IT INVOLVED A CONSPIRACY AGAINST THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT BY WHICH, UNDER THE GUISE OF THE MOST HORRIBLE REIGN OF TERROR WAS TO BE INAUGURATED THROUGHOUT CANADA, AND THROUGHOUT THE THEN UNCLAIMED, THE INTERVENTION OF FATE, PROVIDENCE—call it WHAT YOU WILL—ALONE SAVED US FROM being successful, BUT THE FAILURE OF THE PLOT WAS NOT owING TO ANY LACK OF TEST ON THE PART OF THE HUMAN instruments employed to carry out the design. TO Detective John Wilson Murray is due the credit of having laboured together the evidence which shed light on the past careers of the Dynamite Trio, evidence which proved them to be outside the rank of ordinary criminals who execute desperate deeds in the hope of financial gain, placed them in the category of men who would willingly walk through seas of blood to accomplish their political aims.

AT seven o'clock on the evening of April 21, 1900, the little Canadian town of Thorold, lying along the waterway of the Welland canal, within easy walking distance of the Niagara frontier, was shaken to its foundation by the terrific explosion.

Masses of solid rock were torn up by the shock, immense spouts of water leaped high in the air, window panes were shattered into minute crystals and for a few awful seconds the firm earth trembled as though in the throes of an earthquake. For miles around the people, terror stricken and aghast, waited dumbly for the aftermath, a descent of death and destruction, which would sweep them and their homes into the black chasm of oblivion. But it did not come, the blind gods of chance had selected a fatality almost too horrible to contemplate.

The Welland canal is the Dominion's channel of commerce between Lakes Erie and Ontario. Lock No. 24 is located at Thorold. Above it is the canal, is a wide basin, some one hundred feet wide, and twenty feet in depth, on a level. Near the lock, and about 1000 feet from it, on to Lake Ontario, there is a flight of drops, each lock dropping lower, like a series of steps. Vessels in the waters make their way through the lower Thorold lock, and, as they rise, the smashing of the gates, which have released this minimum, as the trains formed in from the lake, and are still water to a roaring, raging, rushing torrent, spread a deadly blanket over the lock, and, in the place of obliterating them, and freeing the floods of waters, sweep them Grand Trunk Railway bridge, spreading out into the valley of Thorold, and, in the wake of the floods, leaving devastating ruin and ghastliness of all, of Memphis and Sodom, the town of Thorold, and the surrounding hundreds of hundreds of human lives. Canada would have paralyzed, Canada's great commercial life would have been stagnated, Canada's water trade from the great Lakes.

One of the eye witnesses of the explosion was Miss Euphemia Cameron, a 16 year old girl who lived with her parents about 50 yards from the lock No. 24. She was coming out of her home across the canal about 6.20 o'clock, and when nearing the bridge, which is by the lock, could clearly see the lock. One was walking down by the tow house to the far end of the lock. The other was standing at the end of the bridge, and then stepped over to the swing bridge. Suddenly the lock was the water was carrying and sweeping off the bridge just as the girl passed within five feet of him. He had on long rubber boots, like and the other covering his face, but a sudden motion on his part revealed his features and she other was a good view of them. He stepped through the side of the bridge and off from the middle, and carried the wa like to the end of the lock.

This, at each end of the lock stood one of the men, and each had a valise. As Miss Consitable walked past she heard the man farthest away cry: "Carry on, Jack, or it will so off!" and he ran down the road leading to the falls. Turning her head she saw that the second man was tying a rope to the end of his valise. When it was secured he dropped the valise into the lock, sprang over the bridge and ran after the first man on the road to the falls.

AT EACH END OF THE LOCK STOOD ONE OF THE MEN AND EACH HAD A VALISE.

Then came the thunderous roar of the first exploding charge. After the first shock Miss Constable lost consciousness and knew nothing of the second explosion. Both of the valises lowered into the lock contained dynamite. They were fired by fuses and the explosions were not quite simultaneous. They broke the casings on the head gate, tore up the banks on both sides of the lock, knocked people over who were sufficiently near, smashed windows and shook the country for miles around. Water surged upward in huge volumes, but the gates held. The dynamiters had blundered by lowering the dynamite into the lock instead of into the gate holes. Experts after showed that there was not sufficient dynamite in the valises to do the work and this fact alone prevented the disaster that would have followed if the dynamite had been placed as planned for, and had smashed the gates.

A third man who had been seen around with them before the explosion, and who was waiting at the Rockwood station, for the first train out of Thorold, passed gave his name as Paul Dubois, and the two left Thorold on a train bound for Niagara Falls, where they parted, Dubois taking the train for Buffalo, and the other taking the train for Niagara Falls, where he was last seen by the train hands, who had seen him with the other two men, having been introduced into it by a man named Jack Hand, a Lake Dillon, who had worked day by day near him, visited Karl Dallman and identified him positively as the former high official of See Clan-na Gael.

But above all Murray's careful, unerring tracing of the chief suspect's career convinced the Canadian government that Dallman and Dillon were one. Originally Dillon was a shoemaker. In 1881 he was working at his trade at 629 Paul street, Philadelphia. The members of the dynamite trio were brought up for trial on May 25, 1900. With the mass of damning evidence accumulated by Murray's efficient efforts and submitted to the court, there could be but one result. As the clock struck six on the evening of May 28, the jury retired to consider their verdict. Twenty minutes later they re-entered court and the three prisoners were declared guilty. The dynamiters were sentenced to imprisonment for life and taken to Kingston penitentiary.

Four to two years after the trio entered upon their prison life the general public knew nothing of the identity of Karl Dallman. Then a Buffalo paper made known the fact, telling of his connection with the Cronin affair. The story was denied by some of Dillon's friends, who asserted that he had been killed during the South African war while fighting with the Boer army against the British. But the real, grim truth is that the once leading leader of the Clan-na-Gael is buried alive within the walls of Kingston penitentiary. He is no longer either Karl Dallman or Lake Dillon, for the inmates of that gloomy edifice are known by numbers, not names. Kings may die and empires pass away, but naught of the air and bustle of the outside world enters into the colorless silent existence of the men who made up the dynamite trio. For them all the plots and passions of restless humanity have ceased to be—are merged into the gray horror of a living death.

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BE YE THANKFUL

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

Water seeks its level. The water in the reservoir on the hill proceeds down through the pipes, and up into the air it goes sparkling in the sunlight, making the beautiful fountain. Its gravitation is upward because of the pressure in the reservoir. A thankful heart is a heart that feels the pressure of God's goodness and lifts itself up in praise and prayer.

It is easy to thank God for what we have gained, and yet the loss is often gain. You lost your wealth and gained a substitute spirit. You lost your health and gained a firmer grip on the promise of God that "all things work together for good." You lost your friend and gained a larger realization of the friendship of God. Emerson said of a British young man graduated at Harvard, "He lacks but one thing. If he could lose his popularity with his class, or some one would slander him, or some great misfortune should come into his life, it would make a man of him."

There is a legend in England about the sunken city of Is. Two or three places are pointed out as the traditional spot where the city during an earthquake sunk out of sight. Tradition says that during a storm the steeples of the churches can be seen in the trough of the sea, and even during a calm the bells of the church steples still ring out, and they ring the appropriate song or tune for each day. The sunken city still makes music. Has your wealth sunk out of sight? Have things that you prized gone out of view? If you have accepted it in the spirit of true Christian autosecure here still comes music from the sunken city of loss, and every people that has gone beneath the waves sends out harmonies of peace, hope and joy.

Gain Through Loss.

A mother buried her little daughter, the only child of the family. A friend called to see her a few days afterward and found her smiling through her tears. "Oh," she said, "I think I understand it now. God has taken my little girl in order that I might be the mother of every little girl that walks the streets." Thus, while there was a great loss, there has been the gain of a larger sympathy, and it may be a sweeter experience.

We thank God for all that he has done for us. Old Jacob said, "All these things are against me." But, Jacob, you were mistaken. The Lord was working in a way you did not know toward your elevation, enrichment and joy. When the Pilgrims at Plymouth were fighting the cold, burying their dead, watching around the bodies of the dead on the old captain of the Mayflower said, "plenty of nothing but gospel," one of them might have said, "What is the use of all this suffering on a bleak shore far from home? We may as well lie down and die." Little did they know that out of this suffering would come a nation, and that the Indians and, as old captain

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Woman's Power Over Man

Woman's most glorious endowment is the power to awaken and hold the pure and honest love of a worthy man. When she loses it and still loves on, no one in the wide world can know the heart agony she endures. The woman who suffers from weakness and derangement of her special womanly organism soon loses the power to sway the heart of a man. Her general health suffers and she loses her good looks, her attractiveness, her amiability and her power and prestige as a woman. Dr. R.V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N.Y., with the assistance of his staff of able physicians, has prescribed for and cured many thousands of women. He has devised a successful remedy for woman's ailments. It is known as Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It is a positive specific for the weaknesses and disorders peculiar to women. It purifies, regulates, strengthens and heals. Medicine dealers sell it. No *honest* dealer will advise you to accept a substitute in order to make a little larger profit.

IT MAKES WEAK WOMEN STRONG, SICK WOMEN WELL.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets regulate and strengthen Stomach, Liver and Bowels.

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have had one week of successful clothing merchandising and we feel very enthusistic over the results. It is very evident that the store with one price, the store with good goods, the store with honest intentions is the choice of the people.

We thank you for your encouragement this first week, and trust we will be able to satisfy you for many weeks to to come. Saturday will be the last day of the clean up, so don't be late. The new goods are now arriving and we want you to see them.

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Clothiers

Successor to Mart Simpson

Canned Goods.

Just at this time of the year the cook is puzzled at what to prepare for the meal. Something is wanted to change the bill of fare, your appetite asks for something new. As a remedy for this we would suggest you come to our store and get an assortment of canned goods. We have the famous hart brand so well liked by all because they retain their flavor. If you were to try a can you surely would com back for another.

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All Staple Fences May Look Alike, But There Is a Difference.

This King of Fences, is the fence that is sure to please you, because: Every wire from top to bottom, and from end to end—line wires, cross wires and locks, is of a superior quality of BASIC OPEN HEARTH STEEL, heavily galvanized, and an examination of the tie will, we think, impress any farmer with its superior features. Firm but not rigid, simple, but strong, it has the smoothest, safest and surest tie on the market. It will not slide, slip, fall off or injure stock.

The Lion can be erected with any good fence stretching outfit, adapts itself to the lay of the land and will outwear any other fence on the market. WIRE GATES of Page Pattern, both double and single, we can furnish for use with Lion Fences.

It is Moderate in Price, None Better, Why Pay More?

Stowell & Ford

The new hardware firm, Lowell, Mich.

HEARD ABOAT TOWN

Wm. Aldrich is still very ill.

THE SALE goes on until we move. Phin Smith.

Orrin Stekin spent Sunday with his parents in Grand Rapids.

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

I. O. O. F. 1st. degree March 4th. Earl A. Thomas, N. G.

Mrs. Chas. Althen was in Saranac yesterday.

George Grames of Ionia visited Miss Ethel Burnett Sunday.

Sprague Keene of Grand Rapids is visiting his aunt in Oregon.

Rev. R. H. Bready and F.N.White were in Grand Rapids yesterday.

Mrs. R. D Stocking is in Detroit on business this week.

The Lowell orchestra played for the dance at Moseley Monday night.

Mrs. L. P. Thomas entertained the Sunshine club at her home Thursday afternoon.

John Barron of the Home Gaurds of America is organizing a lodge here.

Mrs. M. J. Painter returned Monday night from a week's visit in Ionia.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Houser entertained a few friends at six o'clock supper Monday evening.

Fred Watters of Benton Harbor has been spending a few days with his parents Devello Watters and family.

The M. E. Ladies realized about $23 00 from their dinner Tuesday evening, despite the stormy night.

Mrs Ora Gibson of Grand Rapids has been spending a few days at the home of her brother Will Burdick.

The Old Residents' annual meeting to have been held at H. Nash's store Monday was adjourned till Monday March 8 at 2. 30 p. m. at same place.

Leo Walsh of Grand Rapids has been spending a few days with his mother here.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Titus spent a few days of last week at Lake Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Titus visited in Grand Rapids Tuesday and Wednesday.

Harley Maynard was in Grand Rapids on business Tuesday.

Mrs. Newton Coons and daughter Neva returned to their home in Grand Rapids Saturday, after spending five weeks with Mrs. Coon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. White.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Francisco went to Grand Rapids last week to spend the remainder of the winter with their daughter, Mrs. Chas. Krum.

Misses Kate and Agnes Perry were in Grand Rapids Monday. Miss Perry returned home the same night but Miss Agnes will remain for a week

The Loyal Temperance Legion will give an entertainment at the Methodist church March 12.

SPECIAL NOTICE—All accounts not settled by March 15 (on account of moving) will be left with S. P. Hicks for collection, Phin Smith.

W. F. Howk has bought of E. R. Ferguson the cottage so long the home of A. J. Howk, consideration $1,000. The deal was closed by the Lowell Real Estate company.

Mrs. Essie B. Brooks and Mrs. O. B. Preston of St. Johns are spending a few days with their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. John Wright.

A citizens caucus for the nomination of village officers is called for this (Thursday) evening at 7.30 in the Wright building. A president, clerk, treasurer, three trustees and assessor are to be nominated.

J. B. Nicholson is expected home from the west today. Mrs. N. will meet him in Grand Rapids.

A Boy 17 years old wants work on a farm. See L. E Clup at LEDGER office.

Miss Mary Bready of Cadillac is the guests of the family of her nephew, Rev. R. H. Bready.

Tinuing, Roofing, Eavetrouging, Plumbing and Heating. First class man. Shop opens March 1st. Stowell & Ford's Hardware.

Miss Ethel Burnett is attending wholesale at Corl-Knott's in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Lena Bostwick of Grand Rapids spent from Friday till Monday with Miss Della Winegar.

Frank Kelly who has been working in Chicago for the Library Bureau has been transferred to Cleveland, Ohio as salesman. He spent a few days with his parents before leaving.

Miss Lena Murphy has resigned her position with the Lowell Lumber Co. and accepted one as head bookkeeper with Wallace Lumber Co. at St. Joseph, Mich.

The following ladies made up a theatre party and attended "Too many wives" at Majestic Friday. Mesdames: M. N. Henry, Will McCarty, J. B. Nicholson, Orton Hill, G. G Towsley, O. C. McDannell, F. T. King, and Misses Mary McGinnes, Dell Winegar, Ethel Thomas, Helen King and Florence King.

FOR SALE—Seven good heavy work horses and several sets team harness. For information apply to F. T. King Lowell Mich. or Enos & Bradfield 2050 Murray Building, Grand Rapids, Mich. 37

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Mrs. Eunice Parker McWilliams

Died at the home of her granddaughter Mrs. Frank McMahon at 9.45 last night, after an illness of about three months. Funeral services will be held from the Methodist church tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Russell H. Bready officiating. Obituary next week.

IF YOUR EYES ARE SOUND

It would be a pleasure to you to be told so after a searching examination, wouldn't it?

But in case there should be some slight trouble or other which you may have hardly noticed, it would be worth a good deal to know that too, wouldn't it?

Well, our services are at your command.

We can give you an examination according to the science of Optics of today.

And for the ailment of vision relief is certain and quick by the aid of right glasses.

No Fancy Prices.

Williams THE JEWELER.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Furnished by E. J. Martin, Superintendent of Schools.

These notes were prepared for last issue. Editor.

A large number of visitors attended the Lincoln exercises Friday afternoon.

The seventh grade pupils have recently been studying the countries of south western Europe; and, incidentally to their work, made some very neat booklets of of the countries worked out in water colors.

Valentine boxes followed the Lincoln programs in the grades; and, at the west ward, one of the patrons kindly brought a phonograph which helped the pupils to celebrate Thomas A. Edison's sixty-second birthday which occurred Feb. 11.

Harry Hakes, member of the physics class, recently constructed and presented to the school a very neatly made sonnometer.

A second lawsuit is being carried on by members of the civics class in which a high school student is being tried for carrying concealed weapons. At present he is out on five hundred dollars bond with two sureties.

Glenn Barnes from East Lansing writes for his standings.

A number of Alumni have recently favored the school with visits.

Members of the plane geometry class are doing some exceptionally fine work in constructional work.

The tenth grade English class, last Wednesday, debated the question resolved "that the Japanese and Chinese should be excluded from the United States.

Howard Peck recently began work in the high school.

Members of the botany class are studying seeds and their germination; and, incidentally to to the work are making a collection of different kinds of seeds which they are placing in bottles and labelling as a seed exhibit.

Tomlinson-Weeks.

Monday's Grand Rapids Herald had this:

Ara Weeks, a young Vergennes township farmer, was determined that his bride-to-be shouldn't get away from him after the license was secured, so he brought Rev. L. B. Jones with him from Lowell yesterday, secured a marriage license, and was married to Miss Flossie Tomlinson, a pretty 17-year old girl of Ada township.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Weeks and the young couple will make their home at the pleasant farm home by the lake.

Raymond E. Jones of Lowell and Miss Pearl E. Packer of Grand Rapids were groomsman and bridesmaid.

EAT SAUSAGE AND NEW BREAD.

OR ANY FAVORITE FOOD WITHOUT FEAR OF INDIGESTION.

Distress From Dyspepsia or a Disordered Stomach Vanishes Five minutes later.

You can eat anything your stomach craves without fear of a case of Indigestion or Dyspepsia, or that your food will ferment or sour on your stomach if you will occasionally take a little Diapepsin after eating.

Your meals will taste good, and anything you eat will be digested; nothing can ferment or turn into acid or poison or stomach gas, which causes Belching, Dizziness, a feeling of fullness after eating, Nausea. Indigestion (like a lump of lead in stomach), Biliousness, Heartburn, Water brash, Pain in stomach and intestines or other symptoms.

Headaches from the stomach are absolutely unknown where this effective remedy is used. Diapepsin really does all the work of a healthy stomach. It digests your meals when your stomach can't. Each triangule will digest all the food you can eat and leave nothing to ferment or sour.

Get a large 50-cent case of Pape's Diapepsin from your druggist and start taking today and by tomorrow you will brag about your healthy, strong Stomach, for you then can eat anything and everything you want without the slightest dis comfort or misery, and every particle of impurity and gas that is in your stomach and intestines is going to be carried away without the use of laxatives or any other assistance.

FRANCES WILLARD DAY.

The Lowell W. C. T. U. had a most enthusiastic time at the meeting at the home of Mrs. John Lewis Friday afternoon, taking in seven new members. After the business of the day was disposed of a fine program was rendered. It being Francis E. Willard memorial day, the selections, both musical and literary were loving tributes to that greatest of American heroines.

At five o'clock Mrs. Lewis served a sumptuous three-course dinner, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The tables were beautifully decorated with carnations.

The ladies left, earnestly thanking Mrs. Lewis for her kind hospitality. —[Com.

Grange and Teachers Institute at Alto March 3 and 4.

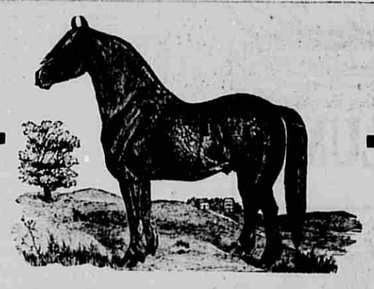
A two day Grange and Teacher's institute will be held with South Lowell Grange at Alto Methodist church Wednesday and Thursday, March 3 and 4, beginning the first day at 1.30, p. m., with sessions Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock and Thursday morning at 8.30. A good program including a discussion of the county road system, has been prepared.

Mrs Harley Delk and two children of Grand Rapids are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Henry Delk this week.

MATCHES

Buy three boxes for 10c and save a nickel. 500 matches in each box. There is a plenty at

Rutherford's Variety Store.



Horses Wanted

We will be at Watters' bus barn and will will stop at Hotel Waverly, Lowell, Michigan, February 25th to Maach 5th. We will buy horses weighing srom 1100 to 1700. Can use horses with age or windy if fat and in good condition to ship. We ship a car load today.

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will do a general real estate business. Farms and village property, sold rented and exchanged. All persons desiring to sell property will do well to list it with us. Fair and honorable treatment guaranteed. Headquarters at LEDGER office, phone 200, or call

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Cedar Fence Posts

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Embroideries at Closing Out Sals Prices.

Special sale

Embroideries

Saturday, Feb. 27, 1909.

Three Thousand yards of fine Embroideries: are offered at way below regular prices.

Every wanted style in Swiss, Cambric and Nainsooks, beautiful combinations of solid and eyelet closest inspection reveals no manufacturers' imperfections.

The Special prices are Extremely Low

4c	FOR EMBROIDERIES WORTH UP TO	10c
8c	FOR EMBROIDERIES WORTH UP TO	18c
14c	FOR EMBROIDERIES WORTH UP TO	35c
21c	FOR EMBROIDERIES WORTH UP TO	50c

Remember-This Sale is for one day only, Sat., Feb. 27

Marks Ruben

Lowell, Michigan

Underwear at Closing Out Sale Prices.

Special sale

Underclothing

Saturday Feb. 27, 1909.

Every piece of underwear in this entire stock must be closed out, ladies' and children's all wool underwear, half wool underwear and cotton fleeced lined underwear, all to be closed out at bargain prices.

$1.25	SCARLET WOOL PANTS AND VESTS	75c
$1.25	GREY WOOL PANTS AND VESTS	75c
$1.25	GREY FLEECED UNION SUITS	75c
50c	FLEECED UNION SUITS, ALL SIZES	33c
50c	PANTS AND VESTS, SMALL SIZES	33c
25c	PANTS AND VESTS SMALL SIZES	15c
$1.50	WOOL PANTS AND VESTS, RIBBED	98c
$1.50	FLEECED UNION SUITS, RIBBED	98c

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