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We have had a special package of stationery made that will just suit you, consisting of 50 sheets paper and 50 envelopes, a high grade Linen Fabric in fancy lithographed medallion boxes. Made to retail at 50c but we are going to sell this lot at 27c per box. Be sure and get a box or two before it is gone. Only at

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Lowell, Mich.

CHAS. F. LANE'S ALASKA LETTER

OLD LOWELL BOY WRITES FROM LAND OF MIDNIGHT SUN.

Graphic Description of Country, Climate, Products, Natives, Industries and Life in Far North.

Nome; Alaska, Jan. 14, 09. F. M. Johnson, Editor Ledger.

For the benefit of those who have never had the opportunity of seeing this country and whose only ideas of this great land are drawn from a crude geographical outline, weird stories circulated by irresponsible yarn manufacturers and a more or less vivid imagination, I will endeavor to give some idea of this vast district also of its people and output.

For this immediate vicinity you may draw a mental picture of a long stretch of low barren waste reaching some forty odd miles in nearly a straight line terminating at each end in high precipitous cliffs known as Cape Nome to the east and Cape Rodney to the west.

Near the center of this line of low sandy beach lies Nome a typical mining camp of some 4000 inhabitants its shacks and cabins close huddled as if for mutual protection from the fierce storms and blizzards that frequent this coast, with here and there well erected dwellings and public buildings.

The main street running parallel with the beach and just far enough up the sands to be away from the pounding seas in summer and the crushing ice floes in winter, both of which on several occasions have gone beyond the usual bounds and played havoc with buildings, furs and bulkheads.

The streets are narrow and crooked, having been first laid out with the contour of the beach and never changed, planked, to make the hauling of loads in summer possible, as the soft sand and softer tundra are impassible to loaded teams.

The streets are lighted in winter by small tungsten lights with also a few individual electric and gasoline arc lamps. In the summer we need no lights as nature provides that essential in great plenty. During the longest days in the latter part of June we have twenty-four hours of sunshine while in December we have scarcely enough daylight at noon to fill our lamps. The sun just peeps out over the horizon and goes back leaving us in the dark.

But these are only the extreme conditions as there are practically seven minutes change each day giving us normal days and nights during March and September.

Our long nights are not unpleasant, as the moon and the stars give us a fair light to say nothing of the Aurora Borealis the beauty of which no pen can adequately describe.

Our fire protection since the big fire of 1905 has been of the very best. A large modern engine, chemical apparatus, well trained teams and men, with two large pumping stations that pump salt water for fire purposes only.

Water for domestic purposes is in summer brought through a large wooden pipe from a spring four miles back, while in winter it is delivered in tanks mounted on sleighs, the average cost being about 5 cents the bucket.

From the beach back to the mountains a distance varying from four to six miles and laying nearly flat is what is called "Tundra." Its appearance in summer is like a great treeless swamp while in winter it is simply a wide snowy waste with here and there a prospecting outfit. "Tundra" is a decayed vegetable formation closely resembling peat and is from four to fifteen feet in thickness under which we find the usual sand gravel and clay. This is frozen solid the whole year except the surface which in summer thaws down from two to four feet and is then practically impassible.

The mountain range back of the tundra begins with high foothills and runs back to the high rocky peaks of the Saw Tooth and are literally carpeted with blue berries, salmon berries and a profusion of the most beautiful wild flowers.

Of the products, gold is the principal at present, last year's output being over \$19,000,000, \$1,000,000 short of the preceding year, the shortage being due to lack of water for sluicing purposes.

Copper stands second and is rapidly increasing. Quartz tin is being added, placer tin being shipped in considerable quantities.

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A PUBLIC BUILDING

Former Lowell Citizen Interested Offers Suggestions as to Our Needs.

Grand Rapids, March 21. Friend Johnson:—In recent issues of THE LEDGER I noticed mention of some interest being taken in the matter of a public building for Lowell, but in last week's issue I saw nothing in regard to the movement. I sincerely hope that the interest has not died out and that the interest already taken was not contented in THE LEDGER entirely and that some results will be the outcome.

No doubt every citizen of Lowell has had some suggestion to offer, but permit me to offer one that has occurred to me a number of times. Realizing how much good our library is doing here and how much education is obtained, which would not be obtained in any other way I wish that the Lowell Library could be given more prominence.

Your library interests are divided. If the township and district libraries could be combined, even if you had to have a special act of the legislature, and you could give more room and attention, also establish reference and reading rooms, I believe that great good would result both for the young people and the older ones.

Wouldn't it be possible, if the Pullen corner were used, to build a building with a high basement for town clerk, council room, etc., then on the first floor reached by broad steps have the library and on the second floor the town hall, which could be used for so many useful purposes.

This is a personal letter; but I wanted to express to you my feelings, for in my mind I can see such a building and what it will accomplish. Hoping that something good can be done on this line, I am sincerely, CLARE M. FINDLAY.

SCHOOL NOTES.

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

School closes Friday of this week for the spring vacation of one week, opening again on Monday April 5.

Parents having children old enough to enter the kindergarten may start them with the opening of school after vacation as a new class will be formed at that time. All new children entering the kindergarten this spring will be expected to continue work in that department during the next school year unless they come under special conditions which will be arranged for by the superintendent.

Miss Imogene Culver and brother William entered the high school last Monday.

Chas. Leary and Raymond Bergin, members of the physics class, recently set up an apparatus for distilling liquids, and after mixing water and alcohol successfully recovered the alcohol by the method of fractional distillation.

Members of the chemistry class performed the famous Marsh test last Tuesday for arsenical poisoning.

The botany class consisting of twenty-eight members made their first outdoor excursion last Monday.

PHILIPPINE LETTER.

A Few Lines From Lowell Boy in the Far East.

Iloilo, P. I. January 26, 1909. The Lowell Ledger, Lowell, Michigan.

Dear Editor,—Enclosed please find Post Office Order to cover my subscription for the Ledger. Kindly change my address from the Bureau of Audits, P. I. to Bureau of Audits, Iloilo, P. I.

I was transferred to Iloilo, the headquarters of The Philippine Railway Co., on October 1st, and have a fine position in connection with the construction of the lines on the islands of Cebu, Negros and Panay. Iloilo is a very decent little place situated on the southern coast of Panay, about three hundred miles south of Manila. It has a population of about thirty thousand, of which, two hundred fifty are Americans and Europeans.

Everything is booming on the island, the rice and sugar are being harvested, the weather is ideal at present and the only things we have to break the monotony are the mails from the states, the earthquakes and an occasional typhoon.

Wishing the Ledger continued success and with kindest regards to the people of Lowell and vicinity, I am, Yours respectfully, LLOYD A. BEHLER.

An Efficient Drain Commissioner



WILLIAM H. MURPHY

The efficient Kent county drain commissioner was born in London, Ont., in 1850 and came with his parents to Michigan in 1866. The next year he went south where he lived in the New Orleans district until 1848, when he returned to Michigan and located on the farm in South Lowell, which has since been his home.

He served Lowell township nine years as highway commissioner, during which time he "put in" two 100-foot spans in upper Grand river bridge and raised the abutments. He also built the temporary bridge across the chasm left on Main street by the destructive flood of several years ago. Mr. Murphy has now served three years as county drain commissioner and has given on a fair and efficient service, appropioning the patronage of his office in an impartial and non-partisan manner.

FIRE AT SARANAC

Citizens Telephone and Masonic Lodge Burned.

SARANAC, March 20.—Fire which originated in the Eggleston & Burnett millinery store this forenoon destroyed the building owned jointly by the Citizen's Telephone company and the Masonic fraternity, and before it could be extinguished had spread to the Crawford block adjoining on the east, and damaged the structure to the extent of \$1,000. The entire loss is estimated at \$5,000.

For a time the fire threatened the whole business section of the town, but the efforts of a bucket brigade served to confine the flames to the two buildings. The telephone switchboard was saved but the service in the village and throughout the surrounding country is at a standstill. Repair gangs are at work and it is expected that everything will be in working order by Sunday night.

The paraphernalia of the Masonic lodge was destroyed and entails a loss of \$700, partially covered by insurance. The loss to the building was \$2,000, while that of the Crawford building is estimated at \$1,000. Eggleston & Burnett lost \$800 in damage to their millinery stock and are partially insured. Other tenants sustained losses amounting to \$500. —Herald

FARM HOUSE BURNED

Ernest Pickney's Family Lost Their Home Last Saturday.

Ernest Pickney's house in Keene was burned Saturday morning with most of its contents. Loss about \$1200, with \$550 on house and \$350 on contents.

The fire caught in the roof, probably from the chimney, and the house was completely destroyed; and caring for the little children prevented their parents from saving but a small portion of their effects. Of their wearing apparel none was saved but that worn when the fire was discovered.

The family are staying with the elder Pickney for the present.

W. C. T. U. Election.

A very enjoyable afternoon was spent Friday at the home of Mrs. Lewis Andrews who pleasantly entertained the members and friends of Lowell W. C. T. U. Two new members were received into the Union and a good program was rendered after which refreshments were served.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Miss Mary Robinson; First Vice President, Mrs. A. M. Barnes; Second Vice Pres., Mrs. Grace Andrews.

Third Vice Pres., Miss Lucy Roth Cor. Sec'y., Mrs. Phila Clark. Rec. Sec'y., Mrs. Clara Alberts. Treas., Mrs. L. P. Hodges.

BULL HUNT IN A RAILROAD TUNNEL

ECHOES OF HOOF BEATS HEARD COMING AND RECORD TIME IS MADE TO DAYLIGHT.

ENGINEER WARNED OF DANGER

Cab Driver, Detective and Policeman All Vanquished by the Bovine Terror, Who Finally Becomes Disgusted with Passage.

Seattle.—An escaped bull, bellowing with rage and dragging a long rope which was attached to his horns, charged into the Great Northern tunnel here shortly before five o'clock the other evening. The animal had been unloaded from a car in the switch yards and two men had undertaken to lead it with a stout rope when the bull decided to go in a wholly different direction. The bull prevailed, and finding easy going beneath the Jackson street bridge, plunged into the gloom of the tunnel, where it could be alone in its hour of grief and fright.

Two "bus drivers" who were waiting for trains viewed the terrifying spectacle of the bull and the cloud of cinders, and straightway informed Patrolman George Osborn that the tunnel was full of bulls.

"Maybe it was buffaloes," said one "bus driver." "We just saw the air full of dust and a string of bulls a block long go into the tunnel."

Detective Lee Barbee was at the station, and joined with Patrolman Osborn in the hunt. The trail was picked up at the mouth of the tunnel, where the rope had dragged in the mud. The policemen decided that the bull could not wander far afield beneath the city, and started at a brisk run.

When they arrived at a point almost beneath the Lincoln hotel, Detective Barbee heard hoof steps in the pitchy dark.

"Say, Osborn," said Detective Barbee, "did you ever meet a big, woolly-headed bull in a dark tunnel?"

"Never did," replied Patrolman Osborn. "Met a bull in a pasture in Illinois, but as we were soon going in the same direction pretty rapidly, I never got much acquainted."

"Well, the thought occurred to me that somebody ought to warn the engineer of the north-bound train," said Detective Barbee. "Now, you stay here and hold the bull in check while I flag the train."

"No let's both flag the train," said Patrolman Osborn. "I don't know this bull at all, and maybe he doesn't speak my language."

Echoes of hoof beats coming toward the men decided the question, and they swarmed out of the tunnel in about ten flat.

When they informed the engineer of the danger ahead, that genial monarch of the locomotive laughed. "Come into the tunnel in about ten minutes and see if I have met the bull," said he. Then the train pulled out.

Fifteen minutes later the bull, uninjured and disgusted with tunnel life, promenade on the King street station platform. Four stout baggage smashers seized the rope and the animal was returned to its owner.

Ostrich Snaps Girl's Nose. Long Beach, Cal.—Miss Bertha Proctor, secretary of the Long Beach ostrich farm, is suffering from a mutilated nose, the result of an encounter with one of the old birds at the farm. She was viewing the creatures and one of them attempted to take a nail she was holding in her fingers. Being repulsed, it attacked her, snapped her nose and held on to it for two or three minutes. The marks of the injury will remain some time, but the attending physician does not think they will be permanent.

Bull Derails Trolley Car. West Chester, Pa.—On account of the dense fog, a trolley car over the Kennett division of the West Chester street railway struck and killed a valuable bull belonging to William Thatcher, near Unionville Junction, as the animal was crossing the tracks. The trolley car was derailed and traffic was tied up for two hours, though no one was injured.

Wise Woman. He—Will you share my lot? She—Yes, when you have a house on it that is paid for.—Judge.

This is Wall Paper Time.

This is the time for Wall Papering and decorating, when it is as natural to see your house and home decorated and beautiful as it is to see the trees leaf and the flowers bloom. This season we have put in a larger stock and greater quality than ever attempted before, and complete not only in assortment for every room from hall topiarior, library and dining room bedrooms, kitchen and bath room, with a wide range of prices for each room.

This is the Wall Paper Store.

This is the home of handsome wall papers for tasteful people. They are right up to the times in every respect—artistic novel in design and color, and worthy of your most careful consideration. Our prices on wall paper are always lower than elsewhere and assortment much larger.

SPECIAL CURTAIN SALE. Seconds of our regular 30c curtain, and while they last will sell them at 17c each.

D. G. LOOK--The Drug & Wall Paper Store.

REPAIRING!

Not only watches, but anything that is bought in a jewelry store, and many other things that are bought in other stores. Bring your broken or damaged articles to me, and we will repair them if it is possible to do so. Our charges are moderate. Recently we repaired a watch successfully that had been dropped over 40 feet on to a cement barn floor. Necessary repairs were new balance staff, cock and fast jewels, one pallet jewel and roller jewel, case screws, hands, crystal, etc., etc. Watch is as good as new to the satisfaction of its owner who thought it damaged beyond possibility of repair.

R. D. STOCKING



How About Fence?

When you want fence, you want a fence that will stand hard usage as well as the ordinary one, that will not sag, slip and conform to uneven ground. One that will stay where you put it, not for ever but for a number of years. Now we can guarantee either the "Pittsburg Perfect" or the American Fence to do all this and more. If you have fencing to do you will make no mistake in investigating either of these fences and learn their merits. Come in and talk the matter over before you buy.

Scott Hardware Co.

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Carrying lumps of comfort into the many homes in Lowell, it may be some time since we visited your home, and perhaps your winter supply is about exhausted. There will be more cold weather yet and we suggest that you put in an order now for what you think will carry you through. Just call up 127 and we will attend to it. EARL HUNTER.

Bazaar Goods

We have a fine line of these goods always in stock, and new goods arriving all the time. We will try to please you in quality and price at all times. Make our store your headquarters while in Lowell.

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Is showing a nice increase each month, which proves that the people appreciate the fact that everything we sell in the line of

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Has to have the *Quality Built In to It*, not merely rubbed or painted on the outside. Our prices are no more than others charge but our quality is better. Our Spring Styles are all in, if you wish to get posted on what is right, *Let Us Show You.*

Remember we can repair your shoes *While You Wait.*

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Forty-three Years Selling Good Shoes.



To the Public

I wish to announce to the people of Lowell and vicinity that I have opened a

Shoe Repair Shop

3 doors east of the Lowell post office where you can get your shoe work done neatly and in a workmanlike manner. I will warrant my work to compare with all others at reasonable prices.

Cash Paid

for second-hand shoes and old rubbers. Please give me a call.

Austin Miles.

For sale—dry beech and maple wood, \$2.25 per cord green beech and maple wood \$3. green second growth with wood \$1.75. Delivered at house 1/2 cord up. T. J. Brooks, phone 117-40.

Heard About Town

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Mrs. E. S. White will re-engage in the military business at her old stand in the King block.

Look says you can paper your house at a smaller expense this year from his large stock of wall paper than ever before. Try him.

Mrs. A. W. Bennett and two children left Monday for Tacoma, Wash., to join their husband and father who has a position there and where they will make their future home.

A new lot of bond papers for type writer purposes just received at The Ledger office. These can be cut to any desired size. Also a nice variety of ruled stock for those who use the pen. Printing done on short notice.

Dr. and Mrs. Smith spent Sunday in Saranac.

Mrs. D. A. Houser is visiting friends in Grand Rapids.

Miss Roxie Denny is recovering from a severe illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Paynes spent Sunday in Saranac.

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House to rent. J. H. Hull. if The Lowell hotel sports a fine new awning. Frank Baldus of Grand Rapids Sunday here. Miss Mary McGinnis was in Grand Rapids Monday. Miss Bernice Pettit spent Sunday in Grand Rapids. Earl Caldwell spent Saturday in Grand Rapids. Emory Lilly is able to get about town again after his long illness. Misses Bertha Carson and Maude Andrews were in Belding Saturday. J. COLN Seed Oats at Nash's seed store. L. E. Culp has sold his house and lot to J. J. Holmes, consideration \$750. Mr. and Mrs. Will McCarty entertained the Summer club Friday evening.

Dr. and Mrs. Chas. Quiek of Grand Rapids spent Sunday with Mrs. Reuben Quiek. Mrs. Gertrude Becker and sister Katherine Lewis, spent Saturday in Grand Rapids. Fred Waters was here from Benton Harbor to spend Sunday with old Lowell friends.

Chas. Hutchison accompanied by his friends of Muskegon spent Sunday here. Miss Mae McCormick of Ada has been spending a week at the home of T. F. Doyle. Mr. and Mrs. C. Guy Perry and family have moved into their new home on Hudson street.

The two children of Mr. and Mrs. Gage Peckham are recovering from an attack of pneumonia. Mrs. J. Walsh was in Grand Rapids several days last week and attended the play at Power's.

Mrs. C. O. Lawrence met Mr. Lawrence in Grand Rapids Saturday and spent the day there with him. LAND WANTED—I want to work 20 acres in corn and oats on shares. T. J. Brooks, phone 117. 2wp

Look says he's ready with his wall paper, paint and moulding stock for a large spring business; try him. Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Miller of Saranac visited at the home of Mrs. C. M. Rieker Saturday and Sunday.

The Morse circle of the M. E. Ladies' Aid will serve a coffee at the home of Mrs. Agnes Wiley, Friday, March 26. The men are specially invited. Five acres of good pasture land, handy to water, on east side, close in, for sale cheap.

Lowell Real Estate Co. HOUSE FOR SALE—seven year old, 1200 pounds. Inquire of A. Toft Keene Mich; near Pickney cemetery. The Democrats of Vergennes will hold their caucus at the Waters school house Saturday, March 27, at 2 p. m.

Good 9 room house on west side, basement, lights, central heating, cement walks and small barn. Only three blocks from Hotel Waverly.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. White entertained the West Side Saturday night club at their home Saturday evening. Maple syrup and hot rolls were served.

Charles F. Lane, whose Alaskan letter is printed in this issue of THE LEDGER, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Lane of this village. Austin Miles has recovered from his long illness and has opened a shoe shop in the Spagnola building "on the bridge." Elsewhere in this paper he requests you to give him a call.

Our tin shop is now open and ready for business, and we will do a line of your groaning, roofing, tinning, eave troughing, heading etc. Lowest possible prices consistent with good workmanship and material.

Stowell & Ford's Hardware. Farm of 55 acres, 1 mile from Lowell, 3 acres timber, sandy loam, level, some fruit, good well, 5-room house with cellar, barn 32 x 40. Price \$1000, part cash or will trade for desirable city property.

Byron Moyer and Miss Rosa Roth entertained the sophomores consisting of about twenty members at the hall in the country home of the former last Thursday evening. Five hundred was played after which they had an old fashioned dance. An elaborate supper was served.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Morse former Lowell residents have purchased a modern home on 16 River ave, Grand Rapids. Mr. Morse also owns two vans one for Elson & Co. and the other for himself since he moved there. There many friends here will be glad to know of their prosperity.

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ties each year. Coal deposits are practically unlimited but as yet undeveloped. Graphite and talc are also found in large quantities. Rubies, jade, emeralds, sapphires, garnets and other varieties of stones are mined in a small scale. Alaska fisheries are shipping millions of dollars worth of fish each year and steadily increasing. This business has a wonderful future and even with its great output is only in its infancy.

The Eskimo, who inhabit Northern Alaska only, the natives of southeast and central being Indians, are short and of stocky build their features almost identical with those of the Japanese. This likeness of features prevails throughout the different tribes along this coast and also among the different tribes of Northeastern Siberia with the exception of the Deer men who inhabit the interior portions of Siberia.

They are a quiet peace-loving people seldom quarrel with other branches of their tribe, and are very industrious, carrying on trade with other tribes and again with the whalers and traders whose schooners and barques are numerous in the Behring and Arctic. Hunting and fishing occupy a great deal of their time most of them being expert shots.

They will divide their last morsel with a hungry musher and can be thoroughly trusted at any and all times except those who have had frequent dealings with the not over scrupulous white man or have acquired the habit of absorbing large quantities of "hoop" in which condition they are noisy and vicious. One who has once started to drink will sell his last trinket, his hunting outfit, anything on earth he may possess, including his squaw for "hoop."

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C. E. Clark is moving this week to Pullman, Allegan county. A. F. Dahlquist, whose farm he secured in trade for the Clark residence and barn property, will move here and occupy the Clark home.

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Death of Major Brown. Major E. H. Browne died Tuesday of apoplexy at his home at Fort Thomas, Kentucky, aged about 53 years. He was a brother-in-law of F. M. Johnson and an early-day friend of D. G. Look, Mrs. M. B. Conklin and A. A. Dickerson; and had numerous acquaintances in Lowell, where he had frequently visited. Major Browne was a West Point graduate and had been in the military service for nearly thirty years, in the West, in Cuba and twice in the Philippines. At the time of his death he was the ranking major of the infantry branch of the army, and his promotion was daily expected. His wife and two children survive him.

Chas. F. Lane's Alaska Letter (Continued from first page)

are practically unlimited but as yet undeveloped. Graphite and talc are also found in large quantities. Rubies, jade, emeralds, sapphires, garnets and other varieties of stones are mined in a small scale. Alaska fisheries are shipping millions of dollars worth of fish each year and steadily increasing. This business has a wonderful future and even with its great output is only in its infancy.

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legion would require too much valuable space to give at this time so will leave it until a later date. Have made two trips to Siberia and had ample time to observe the different people of that barren land from Vladivostok to East Cape and to the westward. This incomplete description of this great area of practically unscratched land is only some of the sunny side and I do not want any one to come to Alaska, lured by the hopes of great wealth and an easy time or expecting to find sunshine and contentment playing tag on the tundra. Of the other side, the only way to thoroughly appreciate it is to bump up against the trail, cross the divide in a storm with thermometer registering 50 to 60 degrees below, crawl into your sleeping bag alongside of a snow drift and take pot luck with your team of mammoths. There is a plenty of this side of life, in Alaska, in any shape or another and it is anything but pleasant. Hoping this may be of some interest to my old time friends I am Sincerely and respectfully yours, CHAS. F. LANE

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