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OUR NINETY-FIRST.....

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF
The Lowell State Bank
at Lowell, Mich., at the close of
business
DECEMBER 5, 1911.
as called for by the Comptroller of
the Banking Department:

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts, viz:	
Commercial Dept.	\$ 81,170 00
Real Estate Dept.	25,529 08
Real Estate Dept.	137,725 14
Real Estate Dept.	2,500 00
Real Estate Dept.	178,000 00
Real Estate Dept.	178,500 00
Real Estate Dept.	428 30
Real Estate Dept.	4,700 00
Real Estate Dept.	2,000 00
Real Estate Dept.	770 00
Real Estate Dept.	12,500 00
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RESERVE	
U. S. Bonds	\$10,000 00
Due from banks in other cities	\$11,800 76
U. S. and National bank currency	4,425 00
Gold coin	6,645 00
Silver coin	2,225 05
Nickels and cents	274 42
Total	\$35,370 23

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 25,000 00
Surplus fund	5,000 00
Undivided profits	4,125 00
Dividends unpaid	300 00
Commercial deposits	1,000 00
Time deposits	8,670 46
Commercial certificates	22,215 10
State monies on deposit	146,104 02
Savings deposits (book accounts)	180,870 80
Savings certificates of de- positors	146,104 02
Reserve for taxes, interest, etc.	59 97
Total	\$401,351 54

Since our organization in 1891 we have rendered to the Commissioner of the Banking Department of this State ninety-one reports of our condition. The annexed speaks for itself showing, as it does, a footing of over \$400,000.00. We realize that the most valuable asset of a bank is that of public confidence and we have always furnished our depositors every safe guard and protection for their funds, and we shall continue to do in the future as in the past.

I, D. G. MANGE, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and correctly represents the true state of the several matters therein contained, as shown by the books of the bank.

D. G. MANGE, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of December, 1911.

ARTHUR J. NASH, Notary Public
My commission expires Aug. 25, 1916.

Correct, attested:
R. L. BARNETT, J. M. QUINN,
R. L. BARNETT, Directors.

LOWELL STATE BANK, LOWELL

CHAR. McCARTY, Pres. R. L. BARNETT, TOM P. DOYLE, Vice-President
D. G. MANGE, Cashier, A. J. NASH, Asst. Cashier.

METHODIST CHURCH.

10 a. m. class meeting. 10:30 p. m. Sunday school. 3:30 Junior League. 7 p. m. preaching by Rev. F. A. Hatch.

2:30 p. m. preaching at Bailey church followed by communion. Let the people come.

DEATH OF MRS. LEE

Well-Known Lowell Woman Rests After Long Illness.



Mrs. J. Edwin Lee passed away Monday afternoon, Dec. 11, at four-thirty, at her home in Lowell, after an illness of many months. Funeral services were held this afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frances Doyle conducted by Rev. S. T. Morris of Grand Rapids, and she will be laid to rest beside her late husband in Oakwood cemetery.

Helen M. Boyce was born at Galt, Ont., Nov. 19, 1851, and was the daughter of William and Helen M. Boyce. During her childhood the family moved from Galt to Hamilton and from there to Dundas, Ont. Later they again moved to Hamilton, from which place, when Helen was about seven years old, they came to Michigan and settled in Grand Rapids which was then but a village. At that time there were no railroads and the trip was made over the corduroy roads. From Grand Rapids, about three years later, the family went to Ravenna where they remained perhaps two years, and from there to Muskegon. Soon after the close of the war they moved to Lowell where they made their permanent home. On Oct. 5, 1870, Helen Lee, the marriage taking place at the home of her father in this village, and their entire married life was spent in Lowell with the exception of a short residence in Muskegon where Mr. Lee was at one time in business.

Mrs. Lee was an honored member of the Eastern Star, of which she was Worthy Matron last year, an active worker in the societies of both the Congregational and Methodist churches, and an upright Christian character. She bore her long illness patiently, and as she felt the end drawing near calmly and willingly prepared herself for the close of this life and the entrance into the better one. She leaves one son, Dr. S. S. Lee of Calumet, one daughter, Mrs. Frances Doyle of Lowell, and one grandson, Edwin Doyle, Mr. Lee having predeceased her several years ago. One brother died in childhood, and there are left three sisters and one brother: Mrs. Mina Owen of Muskegon, Mrs. Sarah Clark of Lowell, Mrs. Frances Parks of Grand Haven and C. L. Boyce of Detroit. Mrs. Lee is also survived by her mother, Mrs. Helen M. Boyce of Muskegon at the ripe old age of 87 years.

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PAVING SURVEY IS ON

Grand Rapids Engineer Will Do Preliminary Work

Edward H. Christ of Grand Rapids civil, consulting, railroad and municipal engineer, will have charge of all the preliminary work in connection with the Lowell paving job, up to letting contract. This has been determined by the Council after a thorough investigation by its committees of the engineer's work, after a trip to Greenville where work of this kind was done by Mr. Christ and following careful inquiry at Sparta where paving is now in progress.

Grades will be established and specifications made for two jobs, one from Hudson street to Lowell house and from the latter to the Baptist church, the latter work adding nothing to preliminary costs; and the property owners concerned desiring it. Mr. Christ is expected to begin his work this week.

It has been found that a special election to authorize a bond issue for paving is not necessary; but an advisory election will probably be held, in order to give all taxpayers a chance to be heard.

G. A. R. Officers

Joseph Wilson Post No 87, G. A. R., has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: W. R. Andrews, Com; John Hilliker, S. V.; James Godfrey, J. V.; T. B. Carter, Q. M.; Joseph Klayon, chaplain; T. B. Carter, delegate to state encampment, John Hatch alternate.

Attention

The Oddfellows and Rebekahs will give a moving picture entertainment at the East Side theater December 22nd for the benefit of the carpet fund. Everybody invited. Admission 10 cents.

MURPHY RESIGNS

Lowell Banker and City Clerk Moves to Grand Rapids.

Thomas A. Murphy has resigned his office as cashier of the City State Bank to accept a position in the office of the Preferred Life Insurance company in Grand Rapids. His resignation takes effect at the annual meeting of the City State bank officials January 9, and he will take charge of the Preferred Life books January 15. He will be succeeded as cashier by R. Vandike whose name is an assurance that the interests of the bank will not suffer by the change.

His removal to the city will necessitate the severing of Mr. Murphy's long-standing connection with Lowell village affairs as clerk, which since the establishment of the municipal light and power plant has been an office of much responsibility and importance, and one that will be hard to fill.

Mr. Murphy has lived all his life in Lowell having been born in the adjacent town of Ada and coming here as a child 27 years ago. He has nearly completed his thirteenth year as village clerk and began his twelfth year's work with the City State bank last October. Both of these positions he has filled with credit to himself and satisfaction to the public.

To say that his removal will be deeply regretted is to put it mildly and to add that he will take with him to his new home and larger field of usefulness the well-wishes of every good citizen of Lowell and vicinity is to state but the simple truth.

By the way: If Lowell has anything the Preferred Life would like, won't Brother Watts please take it. This cutting off a piece at a time as the Dutchman did his dog's tail is getting tiresome.

MYSTIC WORKERS

Enjoyed a Pleasing Program and Banquet.

The Mystic Workers held a reception Saturday evening at their hall in honor of their Supreme Secretary, John R. Wabbe, of Fulton, Ill., who was unexpectedly detained at the last moment. The company numbered about sixty, including members and guests.

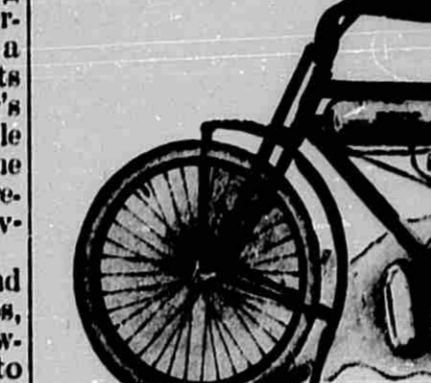
Messrs. Floyd Wright and Alex. McQueen opened the program with a dulcimer and violin duet and responded to an encore. An interesting address was given by the State Manager, M. E. Curtis of Big Rapids, who first presented to the lodge a banner bearing the colors of the order, made for Lowell Lodge by Mrs. Walter Maynard. Next came a reading, "A Leap Year Card" by Mrs. W. O. Merrill, who gave "So Was I" in response to an encore. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Speaker sang a duet, "When the Birds in Georgia sang of Tennessee" and responded to an encore with "When the Bluebirds Nest Again," closing the prearranged program. During the evening several additional musical numbers were given by Messrs. Wright and McQueen and one or two readings by Mrs. Merrill, by request.

A dainty banquet was served the tables being prettily adorned with carnations. The hall was decorated in purple and gold, the colors of the order.

STANDING OF CONTESTANTS

In the Dixie Flyer Motorcycle Contest at A. L. Coons, December 13, 1911.

B2	86,700	K8	55,170
B4	122,975	K10	241,875
B5	1,932,050	M11	241,200
C1	82,225	R4	2,194,685
E4	4,090,285	R5	4,857,840
E5	414,125	R13	20,725
F9	1,869,705	S1	92,405
G9	159,315	S10	655,000
K2	22,450	S15	21,125



The purchase of a trunk, suit case or bag on Wednesday, Dec. 13, will get 5,000 Dixie Flyer votes with each dollar. A nice bag or suit case will make a good Christmas gift and secure a large number of votes well. Here are the standings for Wednesday, Dec. 13.

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The Lowell Bread Question.....

YOU should know where your bread comes from. I use the best brand of flour money can buy to make it with.

I have over one hundred pounds of the finest genuine pound fruit cake baked up for my Christmas trade, all new fruit and fresh dairy butter in it. 20c per pound, order now and I will keep it until you want it. Fancy bouquet holly wreaths for your decorations.

HERMAN STRONG

BANQUET & SMOKER

Lowell Woodmen Enjoy Big Feast and Fun

Berry Camp No 1154 Modern Woodmen of America at its meeting Monday evening elected the following officers: Venerable Consul H. L. Godfrey Past Consul, Walter Morris Adviser, Elmer Pletcher Banker, Will Knaak Clerk, H. J. Coons Escort, Orrin Sterkins Watchman, Porter Sayles Sentry, Morrison Brighton Manager for 3 yrs. H. J. Taylor

After election the entire company numbering 130 repaired to Hotel Waverly where a sumptuous chicken pie supper had been spread to which they applied themselves as only male and hearty woodmen can to the good things provided by Mme Host and Hostess Waverly.

Following the banquet Consul Walter Morris called the merry company to order and in fitting words introduced a toast master Neighbor M. N. Henry, who presented the several speakers in a humorous way, getting many a laugh on his victims who were not slow in turning the tables on the toastmaster.

Neighbors Kallinger, Tower, Parker, Anderson and Godfrey and Guest Johnson all responded to call, each adding something to the pleasure of the evening. Neighbor Maynard contributed a patriotic song and an instrumental trio composed of Messrs. Hentchel, Kuhlman and Royde; Warner gave several pleasing numbers.

These were followed by the principal speaker District Deputy Libby of Grand Rapids, who in an interesting way told of the M. W. A. its commanding position among fraternal insurance orders and of the necessity approaching of a re-rating of assessment rates in order to maintain the splendid record so far made. Owing to its past conservative course and present sound financial condition this the speaker claimed would not hit the Woodmen so hard as re-rating has other orders, and the M. W. A. proposed to be fair with the old members.

It was very early Tuesday morning when the company broke up, after a glorious old smoke, from the effects of which the writer has not at this date fully recovered.

OLD RESIDENT GONE

Death of Mrs. Eva Buchanan of Vergennes.

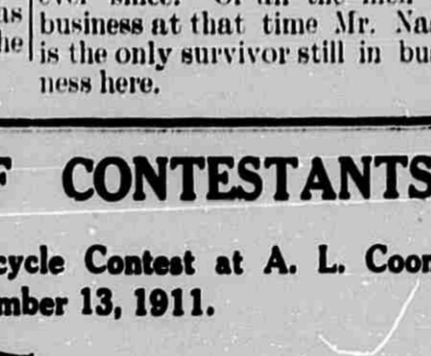
Mrs. Eva Buchanan of Vergennes died Monday after an illness of two months. Funeral services were held this morning at the home, conducted by Rev. W. D. Ogg, and burial was made in Oakwood cemetery.

Mrs. Buchanan was born in New York state, November 9, 1862 and came to Michigan when about eleven years of age, with Mr. and Mrs. Frost now of Smyrna. Deceased leaves one son, Harold, one sister, Mrs. Josie Spencer and one brother, John Green both of New York state.

Forty-five year ago this month, December 1866, H. Nash began business at his present stand in Lowell as a maker of axes and has remained continuously in business at that stand ever since. Of all the men in business at that time Mr. Nash is the only survivor still in business here.

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MASONIC DOINGS

School of Instructions. Officers Elected for 1912.

School of Instruction for Blue Lodge F. & A. M., was held at Masonic hall in this village last Thursday afternoon and evening for Ada, Boston and Lowell lodges, under direction of Grand Lecturer Frank O. Gilbert of Detroit. First degree was exemplified by Ada lodge and third degree by Lowell lodge, acting officers receiving very little course and many compliments from the grand lecturer.

After the completion of the work an oyster supper with the usual accompaniments was served by the Lowell lodge.

At the annual meeting of Hooker Chapter No. 73, Royal Arch Masons, work was performed in the Mark degree after which election of officers was held, the old officers being re-elected as follows: H. P., Dr. M. C. Greene, K. Chas. Wisner, S. J. Howard Payne, C. of H., J. A. Mattern, P. S., Harry Shuter, R. A. C., D. G. Look, M. of T. V., Charles Doyle, M. of S. V., M. N. Henry, M. of F. V., Dr. C. H. Anderson, Treas., Jas. McPherson, Sec., Earl Hunter, Sent, S. D. Marsh.

Lowell Lodge No. 90, F. & A. M., held its annual election Tuesday night, December 5th, the former officers being re-elected. They are: W. M., Dr. F. E. White, S. W., Dr. C. H. Anderson, J. W., Earl Hunter, Treas., E. R. Collier, Sec., R. E. Springett, S. D., Harold Hiller, J. D., Clarence Collier, Tyler, S. D. Marsh.

TWO GREAT STATES

Compared in Interesting Program by L. L. C.

The L. L. C. met at the home of Miss Audie Post Wednesday night, December 5th, the former officers being re-elected. They are: W. M., Dr. F. E. White, S. W., Dr. C. H. Anderson, J. W., Earl Hunter, Treas., E. R. Collier, Sec., R. E. Springett, S. D., Harold Hiller, J. D., Clarence Collier, Tyler, S. D. Marsh.

Opening number was a very pretty solo played by Miss Lotta Ruben. Mrs. Greene responded with a few very interesting impromptu remarks on "A Trip to Santa Catalina Island and a glimpse of San Diego, California. Mrs. King told us some very interesting things about the ostrich industry. Mrs. Rhodes then read a well prepared paper "Michigan and California in Comparison." A little extra was planned for the afternoon, to have Mr. Ogg tell us something of interest about California and Michigan, he being a native of California. Mr. Ogg's remarks were a comparison of the two states as regards land, fruit, coast lines, harbors, climate and mining.

Misses Hazel Stocking and Blanche Perry then favored us with a piano duet after which Miss Cecil Bancroft played a very pretty piano solo.

The club adjourned to meet at the home of Mrs. W. S. Winegar. (Com.)

CLOVER LEAF CLUB.

Hold Enjoyable Meeting With Mrs. C. D. Hodges.

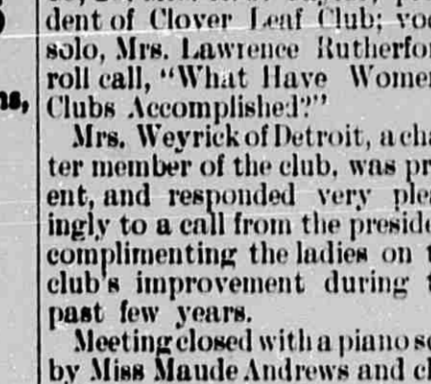
The Clover Leaf Club met Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 5, at the home of Mrs. C. D. Hodges. After the business meeting the vice president, Mrs. F. E. White took the chair and the following program was rendered: Duet, Mrs. F. F. Coons and Mrs. C. D. Hodges; vocal solo, Miss Maynard; Report of Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs held at Detroit Oct. 17, 18 19, 20, Mrs. H. J. Taylor, president of Clover Leaf Club; vocal solo, Mrs. Lawrence Rutherford; roll call, "What Have Women's Clubs Accomplished?"

Mrs. Weyrick of Detroit, a charter member of the club, was present, and responded very pleasantly to a call from the president complimenting the ladies on the club's improvement during the past few years.

Meeting closed with a piano solo by Miss Maude Andrews and club adjourned to meet Dec. 19 with Mrs. B. Vanlyke when the debate planned for December 15 will be given.—[P. R.]

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Look's Christmas Sale

You must decide on your gifts within a few days, why not come to our Store this week. make your selection and avoid the rush of the last few days?

Here are just a few of the many sensible holiday gifts that our stock contains.

- Books - All the late copyright gift books and books for children.
- Perfumes - Palmer's and Intense line, either in bulk or fancy packages.
- Manicure Sets - A splendid assortment bought from traveler's samples and marked at wholesale prices.
- Manicure Goods - The largest display of fine stationery ever shown in Lowell.
- Stationery - Bulk or packages, all the choicest and purest goods made.
- Confectionery - Hat, Hair, Cloth, Military and Shaving brushes. Very reasonable in prices.
- Brushes - "The kind he smokes" in boxes from 25c to \$2.50.
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D. G. LOOK

Lowell The Rexal Store Alto

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EARL HUNTER

IF YOU GET IT AT CLARK'S ITS CLEAN

HOME MADE CANDY

Clark's Confectionery

Give Him a ROBESON "Shur-Edge" POCKET KNIFE for Christmas



A Useful, Lasting, Guaranteed Gift. A Dandy Present for any man—big or little.

SEE OUR ROBESON "SHUR-EDGE" CHRISTMAS WINDOW

A great variety to choose from. You will find a style for nearly every purpose.

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HENRY'S

HOLIDAY display is not in this news-paper but at his Store in the new Negonce Block, where he has the largest stock and is making the lowest prices on useful, serviceable and dependable Xmas merchandise.

A look here will solve the problem, what to buy and where to buy your Xmas presents. Your money back if not satisfied.

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December 18th to January 1st.

The Biggest Bargains ever offered our readers. Three Big Combinations for your choice. Each represents the biggest value your money can buy. You want the Best. You'll find it in these combinations.

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**LOWELL LEDGER
GRAND RAPIDS HERALD
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All One Year

\$2.80

No. 2

**LOWELL LEDGER
GRAND RAPIDS HERALD
WESTERN RURAL ROUTER
FARM NEWS-HOME LIFE
WORLDS EVENTS
FARM LIFE**

\$3.00

No. 3

**LOWELL LEDGER
GRAND RAPIDS HERALD
WESTERN RURAL ROUTER
MICHIGAN FARMER**

All One Year

\$3.05

No Better Bargain anywhere. All three combinations selected to give our readers the best that can be secured. One of these combinations would be a high grade Christmas Present to send your friend. Remember this offer is good only until January 1st.

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THE LOWELL LEDGER

Grand Rapids Anti-Tuberculosis society.

Oldest Business Man in Lowell.

A PIONEER GONE

Enoch Wilkinson's Long Life Has Closed.

Enoch Wilkinson was born Jan. 11, 1823 in Genesee county, New York, in the town of Avon, and departed this life Dec. 10, 1912 at the home of his son Brayton in Keene. Funeral services were held at the Methodist church in Saranac, conducted by Rev. George. Burial in Saranac cemetery.

When but 13 years old he moved with his parents to Oakland county, Michigan, where he lived until he was 21. In the winter of his 22nd year he was married to Wealthy C. Flint. To this union five children were born two sons and three daughters, Brayton of Keene, Albert of Ionia Mrs. Jane Moe of Vanderbilt, who died Feb. 28, 1911, Mrs. Etta Gould of Montcalm county. There were also 13 grand children and 17 great-grand-children.

On the 27th of August 1887, he was married to Mrs. Joel Andrews and moved to her home where he lived until his health failed in the fall of 1907. He then came to live with his son Brayton and wife where he was watched over with tenderest care.

He was a firm believer in Jesus his savior from his childhood and remained so until death.

Enoch Wilkinson was one of a family of five sons and three daughters only two of whom survive: George of Vernon aged 95 and Mrs. Cynthia Heath of Grand Rapids, aged 80 years.

LOWELL CENTER.

Born, Dec. 8, to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Purdy a son.

Died, Dec. 10, infant of Mr. and Mrs. Will Foster. We sympathize with them in their sorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Yates were in Grand Rapids Wednesday.

The Ladies Aid will meet with Mrs. Walter Blakeslee this week Thursday.

Ed. Sahn has moved into Fred Slama's tenant house and will work the place next year. Mr. Slama is ill.

Notice.

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ADA BANK CLOSES

Ada Concern Pays Off Depositors.

ADA, Dec. 9—The Citizens' bank of this village started by the S. Francis Walsh interests of Detroit, has been closed upon orders from Walsh and the depositors paid in full.

The Walsh concern, which has sold some \$3,000 in stock in the Continental Bankers' Corporation, a million-dollar institution incorporated in New York, offered to turn in the cash received from this stock, it is understood, toward the capital for a state bank but the local investors, following the recent run and temporary closing of the bank, pending the arrival of more funds, did not

seem disposed to subscribe to the new scheme so the bank was closed.

The bank has a lease until December 21 on the building, but it is not thought that a state bank can be started at this time.

When the promoters of the bank sold the stock in the Continental Bankers' corporation, it was proposed to establish a chain of private banks from coast to coast under the million dollar parent concern and thereby stockholders would not be directly interested in the local bank but in all of the banks established, and thus have the advantage of the profits of a gigantic banking organization.

Banks at Hanover, Ada and Nunica, Mich., were thus started as the first of this great chain.

Cashier J. A. Edwards, who came here from Georgia with his bride, months ago, to become a part of the new chain of banks, expects to leave in a few days for New York, where he may enter a bank. He has made many friends while here and should local investors organize a financial institution, it is probable that he will be induced to take charge.—[Grand Rapids News.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

Sunday December 17. Morning meeting Rev. F. A. Hatch a former Lowell boy will speak in the morning at the Congregational church and in the evening at the Methodist church in the interest of the American Sunday school union and he is anxious to have the people hear of the work of this marvelous society.

The evening service will be conducted by the pastor. Subject "The Most Wonderful Spot on Earth." All welcome to our services.

Notice

The taxes for the township of Lowell became due Dec. 1st and may be paid at my office over the City State Bank.

R. E. Springett, Treas

Hitchcock Wiser than Fathers of Republic

IF THE schemes of Postmaster General Hitchcock are allowed to work, as to doubling second-class mail rates, half the publications in the country will have to suspend, the other half will be compelled to double their rates to subscribers. The talk of curtailing the advertising is rank nonsense. Cut the advertising and you cut the first class mail receipts accordingly, as every business man knows that advertising creates business. If Hitchcock doesn't know it, he is no business man and no fit person to be in charge of the public intelligence department of government and public welfare established by Washington, Jefferson and other fathers of the republic, who in their simplicity (according to Hitchcock wisdom) conceived that a good, free untrammelled press delivered at least possible expense was a public benefaction and a national necessity. It is time for Congress to put some of the Hitchcock nonsense to the test and out of business.

AT PEACE WITH ALL NATIONS

President Taft Sends in Special Message Reviewing Our Relations With Other Countries.

Important General Movement for Broader Arbitration on Part of Powers is Noted—Mexican War Discussed—Merchant Marine Needed.

Washington, Dec. 25.—The first of President Taft's special messages to Congress, reviewing our relations with other nations, was received here today. The President's message is the longest ever sent to Congress, and it is the first to be published in full. It is a comprehensive review of our foreign relations during the past year, and it is a most interesting and important document. The President's message is a most interesting and important document. It is a comprehensive review of our foreign relations during the past year, and it is a most interesting and important document. It is a comprehensive review of our foreign relations during the past year, and it is a most interesting and important document.

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THE MICHIGAN HAPPENINGS

WESTERN CANADA FARMER SECURES WORLD'S PRIZE FOR WHEAT

A ROSTHERN, SASK., FARMER THE LUCKY WINNER.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 25.—The world's champion wheat grower has been crowned in the annual world's wheat competition at St. Louis. The winner is a farmer from Rosthern, Saskatchewan, Canada. His wheat is the best ever grown in the world. It is a most interesting and important document. It is a comprehensive review of our foreign relations during the past year, and it is a most interesting and important document.

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Imports of potatoes from abroad are being restricted in New York. The main bulk of them comes from Ireland.

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"I had been given up to die by three of our best doctors, but I gathered smiles."

EXPECTING TOO MUCH. UNCONVENTIONALITIES.

After wandering up and down the earth for half a century the wayfarer went to visit the little village where he had passed his boyhood days. The first thing he did was to "hup up an old friend."

Dr. Miles' Heart Remedy

which for over twenty years has been recognized as the best preparation of its kind to be had.

Dr. Miles' Heart Remedy is a most interesting and important document. It is a comprehensive review of our foreign relations during the past year, and it is a most interesting and important document.

FOR WOMEN

Dr. J. A. McCall's Famous Female Suppositories

For sale at all Druggists

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Printed on elegant stock, with two sets of envelopes, your choice of type and forms

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GATHERED SMILES

WEST INDIAN BANANA FREAKS

Man Long in Fruit Business Sends Photograph of Two Remarkable Bananas.

New York.—From Kingston, Jamaica, comes a photograph of banana freaks, sent by W. Livingston, who writes:

"In the accompanying picture are depicted two freaks. One a monster banana, the other a banana with a weight of 125 pounds, containing 15 hands, averaging 15 fingers to the hand and an average length of 15 inches. The banana is known to botanists as the Musa Sapientum, with 22 logs or hands weighing 25 pounds, both well matured and cut from the same tree. It is the most perfect freak that I have seen after an experience of over 20 years."

WORLD'S OLDEST RAIN GUAGE

Was Constructed by Order of George King in the Year 1462.

In the ruins of an old castle in the town of Buxton, Mass., the first record of a rain guage in North America is preserved. It was constructed in the year 1462 by King George, the first of the name.

SIZE OF POULTRY PEN.

The size of pen depends entirely upon the purpose for which it is to be used. For a single bird, a pen of 10 to 15 feet in length and 6 to 8 feet in width is sufficient. For a larger number of birds, a pen of 20 to 30 feet in length and 10 to 15 feet in width is necessary.

STAYED LATE.

Little Peter had disobeyed his mother, and when, in a shocked voice she called him to her, he came running. "What's the matter, Peter?" she asked. "I stayed late," he replied. "What's that?" she asked. "I stayed late," he replied. "What's that?" she asked. "I stayed late," he replied.

Private Opinions.

John's family tree was a very poor one. "It's a shame," said his father. "It's a shame," said his mother. "It's a shame," said his sister. "It's a shame," said his brother. "It's a shame," said his cousin.

Love to Meet in Her Hat.

Leighton, Pa.—The lady of the plumage which she wore in her bonnet was responsible for the fact that she was not invited to the party. She was wearing a hat that was very old and very ugly. She was wearing a hat that was very old and very ugly.

Money in Advance Satisfaction Guaranteed.

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One of the most remarkable proofs of the efficacy of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People is the case of a man who has been suffering from chronic constipation for many years. He has been unable to get any relief from any other medicine, but he has now found a cure in Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

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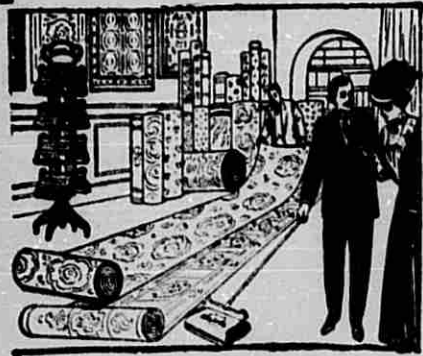
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Genuine Bissell's Carpet Sweeper

Make the most useful and practical gifts for the home. Our assortment is complete. Mahogany, golden oak, dark oak and Cressian walnut finish, Japan nickel trimmed, all moderately priced at

\$2.50, \$2.75, \$3, \$3.50, \$5.00



New Black Satin 25c Special

To convince every lover of Art Needlework that Richardson's Grand Prize Wash Embroidery Wash Silk is the Best, we will sell a black satin Pillow Top with back for only 25 cents. All we ask is that you purchase 6 Skeins of Richardson's Grand Prize Wash Embroidery Silk and a Fully Illustrated Diagram Lesson for 25c. And we will give you your choice of six pretty designs in black satin pillow tops for only 25c each.

Waists

\$3.00, \$3.50, \$5.00 and \$7.50

All new models for the Christmas selling. Made of the best qualities of taffeta, messaline, cashmere de sole, lace, net and muslinette, every thing that is up-to-date. Pretty silk waists, neatly trimmed, \$3.50. Elaborately trimmed waists, of heavy silk, \$5.00 and \$7.50. Several styles of lace and net, that sold at \$5, reduced for Xmas to \$3.00.

THE WINTER STYLE BOOK

32 Colored Pages
2000 Illustrations of

LADIES' HOME JOURNAL PATTERNS

IS NOW ON SALE

5c if purchased with a 15c pattern

Bathrobe Blankets

For the whole family, medium and dark colors, attractive designs, cords to match, excellent values

\$2.00 and \$3.00

Every home has a place for more blankets. We're selling lots of blankets at 98c; they come in white, tan and gray and extra heavy and extra wide. They are really

Big Bargains at 98c

Silk Hosiery

Is always a popular gift and highly appreciated. Beautiful Silk Hosiery, with silk lisle sole and toe, put up in a nice Xmas box

\$1.50

Silk Boot Hosiery, with cotton tops and soles, in fancy holiday boxes.

50c

Silk Hosiery, the best wearing hosiery, winter weight, black only in fancy box.

50c

Lace Curtains

Practical Gifts for the Housewife

Special values that will be welcomed by every housewife. Nottingham and fancy nets in great assortment.

50c to \$5.00

Auto Scarfs

Make handsome Xmas gifts. We've more than 100 different kinds and they're all beautiful.

50c, \$1.00, \$2.00, \$3.00, \$4.00

Pretty shaded colors, floral and striped patterns, we've a scarf you'll like.

Extra large hat veils of silk net, in black and white, very popular.

50c and \$1.00



Wide Holiday Ribbons

At Special Xmas prices

One big lot of fancy stripes, plaids, florals, persian, moires and brocades in all the newest colors, widths up to 7 inches, values up to 60c, special

Christmas price 25c yd

Fancy Xmas Ribbons for tying packages, by the yard and by the bolt

Dress-Goods

Had you thought of a Dress Pattern for Xmas? Such a practical gift as this would be welcomed surely, and then it would serve to remind the one who wears it of the giver for more than an ordinary length of time

Our regular \$1 kinds are now 79c

Our regular \$1.25 kinds are now 98c

All new snapp woolen, mostly 50 inches wide

Useful Presents are Longest Remembered and Most Highly Valued.

PRETTY SHIRT WAIST PATTERNS

In pretty gift boxes. There's nothing more appropriate, nor more acceptable, than these. We have lots of new designs and patterns to choose from, each in a pretty holiday package. They are appropriate Xmas gifts and we want you to see them.

3 yards of pretty waistings, worth 20c to 25c the yard, neatly folded and tied with fancy ribbon. 50c to 75c

3 yards beautiful taffeta silk, in many colors, come fancy holiday package your choice. \$3.00

Merry Xmas Coats

Coats that make people happy--these are the clothes we like to sell and you to buy. So we want to show you our **Wooltex Coats**. Their wearers are sure to be satisfied women, happy in being well dressed at moderate cost.

Wooltex clothes are first, garments that have the right look, are becoming and fashionable and correct.

Then they Prove in Service what they Promise in Appearance.

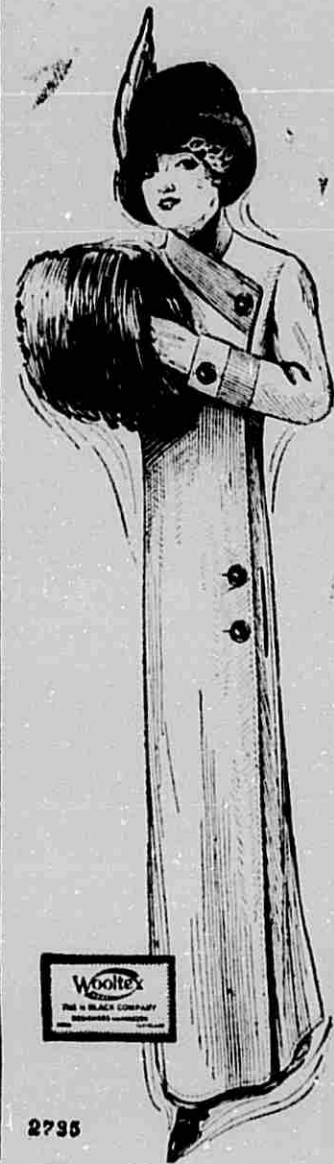
They are Guaranteed for Two Full Seasons

Wooltex Garments are the right sort to wear at this happy season

The right sort to give to make other people happy

We've some special models chosen for Xmas shoppers. Come in and let us show them to you. The prices have been reduced to

\$5, \$10 and \$15



NIGHT GOWNS, 98c

Ten styles, choice materials are used and the trimmings are very pretty; these are regular \$1.25 qualities, special Xmas price. Long Kimonos of heavy duckling fleece satin trimmed \$2.00 Long Kimonos of heavy velvet finished fleece, imported trimming, \$1.50 Dressing Saques at 50c and 75c

SMALL RUGS

are most useful and attractive; we have made attractive prices too.



18x36 now \$1.50 27x50 now 1.95 36x72, 2.95



Handsome Belts in holiday boxes, 25c, 50c, \$1.00

Belt Pins in individual velvet lined boxes, 25c, 50c

Brooches in velvet lined Xmas boxes, 25c, 50c

Barretts in fancy Xmas boxes all the newest shapes, 25c, 50c

Back Combs in fancy Xmas boxes, 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00

Chains and Pendants in fancy Xmas boxes, 50c

Pearl Beads in fancy boxes 25c, 50c

Fancy Hat Pins in Xmas boxes, 25c, 50c

Gloves

You never make a mistake in buying Gloves for Christmas gift making. A pair of gloves are pleasing reminders of the winter long of the giver; they are sensible and appropriate and from our very liberal stock you can make purchases that will save you money. **Grace Gloves**, black and white, \$1.25, \$1.50 **Suede Gloves**, \$1.50. **Deerkin Gloves**, in tan, excellent wearing qualities, beautifully engraved glove certificates if you wish. \$1.50

Umbrellas

We never had a greater variety of good umbrellas in a sale before--seems as if this great stock was just intended for the people to select gift umbrellas from. We have just the very umbrellas you want to select a Xmas present from, and at about 1/3 less than you would ordinarily pay.

The biggest assortment ever shown at \$1.00 \$3 qualities, \$2; \$4 qualities, \$2.67; \$5 qualities, \$3.33, etc

Big Values in Hand Bags at \$1.00

Velvet, Leather, Plush and Satin, black and all fancy colors, gilt and oxidized frames, each put in holiday box, at \$1.00 Others at 50c to \$5.00. Every new idea in Hand Bags.



The Daintiest of Christmas Handkerchiefs

Will be found in our splendid assortment. Hundreds of them to choose from, all of them of the best values. Plain white, narrow bordered lawn \$1.00 for 25c Pure linen Handkerchiefs, each 5c Children's Wonderland Handkerchief, 5c Beautifully embroidered Handkerchiefs, at 10c to 75c each

There isn't an article listed here that would not bring pleasure to the recipient.

We are agents for the famous Sealed Handkerchief--each hdkf is made of pure soft linen wrapped in tissue and put into a sealed package. 10c each, 3 for 25c, 2 for 25c and 25c each

Payne's

D. G. Look expresses his regret at not having sufficient souvenirs at his holiday opening Saturday and says he will not let it occur again.

I put velvet collars on your coat while you wait. Will Stone, Mrs. Geo. Smith of Holland, is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. D. Trumble.

Diamonds at Stocking's. Imported olive-oil Spadafora's. Holly wreaths, Lowell Greenhouse.

Penny Christmas cards, Clark's confectionery. GOOD 7-room house to rent. Geo. M. Parker.

Elam Vandusen is spending several days at Muir. Miss Myrtle A. Taylor was in Grand Rapids yesterday.

Holly wreaths, Lowell greenhouse. State Editor Angell of the Grand Rapids Press was in town yesterday.

Mrs. J. C. Johnson of Almont spent last night at the home of F. M. Johnson.

J. Allen Godfrey of Caledonia called on his parents and brothers here Monday.

Vard Raymond of Detroit has been looking after his Lowell interests this week.

Ladies and gents have your suits and coats cleaned for Christmas. Will C. Stone.

The City State bank will be the depository of the new Lowell Postal Savings bank.

The Ionia County Grille club banquet will be held January 26 in the state armory.

A. L. Benedict of Belding visited over Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Susie Harrington.

A poll of the State Grange shows an overwhelming majority for LaFollette for president.

Mrs. Edwin Fallas attended the funeral of her uncle, Enoch Wilkinson, at Saranac, Tuesday.

A mistake in Lalley & Shuter's big ad last week. It should read: "All 50c fleece lined underwear 39c."

Get your Christmas candies, fruits and nuts of Jim Spadafora

Phone 6 for bus and baggage wagon. 2611 Holly wreaths, Lowell Greenhouse. 2w

Hand bag special ten days only at Stocking's. Fine line of fancy box candies at Spadafora's

Mrs. L. W. Halstead was in Grand Rapids last week. Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Jury were in Grand Rapids Monday.

Mrs. Warren Lillie has been spending a week with her son at Beulah.

Lee Walker was in Grand Rapids on business Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. R. B. Boylan and Mrs. C. D. Hodges were in Grand Rapids Monday.

The largest line of box candy ever shown in Lowell at Clark's confectionery.

Harry E. Thomas of Lansing called at the home of Warren Lillie yesterday.

Misses Alice and Lucile Tinkler have been visiting in Grand Rapids the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert McIntyre of Greenville are visiting their cousin Mrs. L. W. Halstead.

Mrs. Worthy Willard was in Grand Rapids last week on account of the death of a friend.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Talbot of Grand Rapids spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Tinkler.

Special for Saturday Dec. 16 one lot 25c and 35c articles, choices 10c at Henry's drug and book store.

Banishing catarrh with Hyomei is a pleasant task; no nauseating drugs to swallow--just breathe it. M. N. Henry guarantees it. Outfit \$1.00. Separate bottles 50c. Break up a cold over night.

Good cigars in fancy boxes at Clark's confectionery. Lowell lodges are requested to furnish THE LEADER with lists of their new officers for publication. No charge.

The recall will go back into the Arizona constitution. The Democrats made a clean sweep there yesterday.

Pyrography sets and supplies are very popular, the only stock in Lowell at Henry's drug and book store.

See the display of electrical goods in the post office windows before spending all your Christmas money.

Holly wreaths for Christmas, double ones 30 cents, single 20 cents. Please order early. Lowell Greenhouse.

20 year gold filled cases with 7-jewel American movements complete for \$6.85 and up at my special December watch sale. R. D. Stocking's.

Henry's drug store is showing all the best things in mirrors, brushes, manicure sets, perfumes and Christmas post cards and albums. Look before you buy.

You will find the book you want for Christmas at Henry's drug and book store. Over 2,000 to choose from.

Toilet cases, the best line in Lowell, prices from 50c to \$15, in all the new finishes at Henry's drug store.

The Lowell Literary club will meet at the home of Mrs. O. C. McDannell, Wednesday December 20 at 3 p. m. This date was overlooked at the last meeting. Arrangements are being made for a fine musical and literary program. All members are urged to be present. Be sure and send your package requested by the committee if unable to attend. Members will respond to roll call with a Christmas greeting.

We now have enough cows to supply all our milk customers, both new and old. The Jersey dairy farm, Lee & Washburn.

Only the purest and best candies comprising the Fenway, Liggett, Walker, Dolly Varden and Johnston lines are shown at Look's.

All 50c fleeced-lined and ribbed 2-piece underwear, 39c, at Lalley & Shuter's, not 50c as the printer made them say in their big adv. last week.

Latest style hand bags just received from factory. Will be sold for less than cost for ten days to advertise my business and draw people to my store. Display in our east window. See the prices and make your comparisons. R. D. Stocking.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Noyes and two daughters Leona and Rita of Scottville, Mich., have been visitors at the home of Elam Vandusen for a few days. Mr. Noyes is a brother of Mrs. Van Dusen. They are on their way South to spend the winter at Lake Charles, La.

Miss Reva A. Owen, who is a graduate of Chicago Training school and has been for two years engaged in field work in Colorado, has just been appointed deaconess of one of the large Methodist churches of Pueblo, Colo and is also connected with the American Bible society.

Pressure of holiday advertisements compels the crowding up of our correspondence and the omission or postponement of otherwise acceptable local matter. We expect our patronage to resume its normal condition and to give these matters the consideration they deserve. However, LEADER readers get their money's worth the year round.

Imported macaroni 15c per lb. at Spada's.

Mrs. John Brown of Kalkaska and son D. Webster of Montana, are visiting friends in Lowell and vicinity.

Just received, a belated shipment of the latest style hand bags which I will offer at cost and less than cost to advertise and draw people to my store. R. D. Stocking.

Some Grocery Bargains

8 1/2 lbs. Best Granulated Sugar 50c With \$1 orders of other groceries

3 - 1 lb. packages Raisins.....	30c	1 gallon Karo Syrup.....	38c
3 cans Tomatoes.....	25c	3 cans Corn.....	25c
3 cans String Beans.....	22c	3 cans Pumpkin.....	25c
12 bars Acme Soap.....	39c	3 pounds Bulk Starch.....	10c
1 pound Sweet Chocolate.....	25c	1 pound Bitter Chocolate.....	35c
30 ounces K. C. Baking Powder.....	23c	3 cakes Bon Ami.....	23c
1 pound Wm. Coffee.....	23c	1 pound 6c Tea.....	47c
1 1/2 pound Ground Pepper.....	12c	7 pounds Rolled Oats.....	25c
3 packages Corn Flakes.....	25c	1 pound Coconut.....	19c
3 packages Corn Starch.....	15c	12 pound Best Cocoa.....	20c

Specials for One Week

Van Camp's Catsup 51c 3 pint bottles Alpha Salad Dressing 17c 1 - 25c bottle

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What will it be?.....

Christmas is but two weeks away, and you haven't selected your presents yet. We want to help you decide and so present the following as valuable suggestions:

FOR MEN

- A shaving table
- A bookcase
- A desk
- A writing table
- A costumer
- A Turkish chair
- A Morris chair
- A smoking chair
- A rocker
- A leather couch

FOR WOMEN

- A chamber suit
- A diningroom suit
- A library suit
- A chiffonier
- A dresser
- A toilet table

- A mirror
- A brass bed
- A costumer
- A kitchen cabinet
- A kitchen cupboard
- A sideboard
- A buffet
- A china cabinet
- A dining table
- A go cart
- A plate rack
- A music cabinet
- A library table
- A parlor table
- A sewing table
- A lady's desk
- A writing table
- An odd chair
- A rocker

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