

## The Season's Greetings to All!

**CITY STATE BANK**  
Lowell - Mich.

### WATCHES

To You...  
Thanks and...  
Kindest Greetings  
Come again  
**A. D. Oliver**  
Jeweler and Optometrist.

**KODAKS**

JEWELRY CHINA WARE

### A Friendly Atmosphere

The officers and employees of this bank strive to see that patrons always find here a friendly atmosphere.

You are doing us a good turn when you bring business of any nature to this bank. We appreciate it, and want you to feel at home here, and find it a pleasure to come.

Don't stay because your transaction is a small one. It is the sum of small things that makes this bank great.

**LOWELL STATE BANK**

### Five Things Needed to

Good stove, good coal, good wood, good flour and a good cook.

We'll attend to the coal and wood.

Now is the time to place your order for next winter's coal and save trouble.

**EARL HUNTER**

Wishing you and yours  
A Merry Christmas  
and Prosperous New Year.

**THE AVERY STUDIO**

### Belated Shoppers

Will find in this store ample assortments of appropriate gift articles for New Year's Presents. Beautiful Gift Books, Toilet Sets, Games, Perfumes, NEW YEAR'S POST CARDS, THE FINEST LINE YOU EVER SAW, Cigars, Pipes, Manicure Sets, Collar and Cuff Boxes, Stationery, etc.

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### GRATTAN GRANGE

#### Has Played Host to Kent Pomona Grange Dec. 18.

Kent Pomona Grange met in regular session with Grattan Grange Wednesday, Dec. 18, with the following Granges represented: Cedar Springs, Grattan, Rockford, Kinney, Whitneyville, Cascade, South Lowell. A fourth degree session was called to order by Worthy Master Allmand at eleven, after routine business, Orley Emmons of Grattan gave an address of welcome which was responded to by John Preston. Report of the officers indicated that the organization was in flourishing condition.

The afternoon session was an open meeting and devoted mostly to the lecturer's program. This consisted of selections, vocal and instrumental music, a paper by Henry Zander of Cascade Grange also one by Mrs. Austin Slayton of Grattan Grange, both of which showed much thought and study. J. H. Skinner, farm demonstrator gave an address on Home Economics.

In the evening, State Master Ketchum gave an address on "Some Problems Before Michigan State Grange which" was of great merit and all felt proud that Michigan State Grange after so much invidious criticism before-hand by some of the leading political dailies of the state had settled quietly down to business and given us for a State Master a young man with such good prospect of being the one for the place.

The Happy Hooligan quartet of Grattan Grange gave some amateur "burnt cork" performances that displayed a great deal of dramatic ability.

We wish to compliment the good people of Grattan on their excellent Grange and their commodious buildings and My! My! what a dinner and supper the Grattan ladies served for Kent Pomona!

And we haven't seen a nicer appearing, more intelligent lot of young people in a long time, than we met at the Grattan Grange hall.

WESLEY JOHNSON, Cor.

### ADA HAD BAD FIRE

#### Town Was Threatened When Buildings Burned

ADA, Mich., Dec. 20.—The village of Ada was threatened for a time tonight when fire broke out in the building occupied by Mart Enright's blacksmith shop and Ray Averill as a barn for his horses. The loss is estimated at about \$1,600.

It is not known in what portion of the building the fire originated or what caused it, as the whole interior of the building was ablaze when discovered. The citizens turned out but by the time they began fighting the fire the shed of the Holland Reformed church nearby was ablaze. By hard work the flames were confined to these two buildings, although for a time the church and other nearby buildings were threatened. Three fine horses owned by Averill were burned to death, and his loss is about \$1,300. Enright estimates his loss at \$300. The church shed was destroyed, but the loss on this was not great.—(Grand Rapids Herald.)

### HEARD ABOUT TOWN

#### Newsy Notes About People You Know.

John Friedli was home from Ionia for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Merriman of Grand Rapids were in town today.

John Gazella of Ionia was the guest of Miss Marie Friedli Christmas day.

Mrs. John Headworth and children of Grand Rapids are visiting Neil Cameron and family.

Miss Marie Friedli is home from Ionia for an extended visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Gottfried Friedli.

Ernest Friedli has accepted a position with the Muskegon and Grand Rapids Power company in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Johnson of Grand Rapids are spending Christmas week with A. N. Garstone and family.

Miss Bessie Kinyon of Ludington, who is visiting her parents in South Lowell, was in town today.

### KEENE HEIGHTS.

Miss Lora Bowen is home from Grand Rapids to spend the holidays.

Miss Glennie-Sayles took dinner with her cousin, Miss Irene Bigley Sunday.

Mrs. Albert White and Mrs. Eldon Hull visited last Tuesday at R. S. Bigley's.

Misses Irene Bigley and Glennie Sayles visited their cousin, Jesse Hunter Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. L. J. Hunter and Mrs. M. K. Jepson visited their sister, Mrs. L. C. Stebbins last Wednesday.

The Keene L. A. S. will hold their next meeting at W. R. Bowen's New Year's day. Picnic dinner. Everyone is invited.

C. G. White is moving to Grand Rapids, driving down with a load of goods Saturday and will move his family this week.

Fred C. Bowen of Kalamazoo arrived Monday to spend the holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bowen.

Mrs. Martha Rickert of Saranac and Mrs. Mary Rickert and son Guy visited their sister, Mrs. Nora Post and family at Orleans Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert White moved to Grand Rapids last week, Eldon Hull, Robert and Ora taking each driving down with a load of goods for them.—(Advertiser.)

### Notice

Our store will be closed at 6:30 p. m. from January 1 until April 1, except Saturdays. Anyone wishing to get in after that hour phone us and we will open up, ady 30.

A. J. Howk & Son.

### BAILEY CHURCH

There will be preaching services at the Bailey church Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, conducted by the pastor.

Read the big Parrels Post

### HOME CHURCH NEWS

#### Evangelistic Services at Congregational Church

#### CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

A foreword of our evangelistic campaign. Every member present next Sunday morning. All interested in our work be on hand. Meetings that are safe, sane and scriptural are being planned, hear the foreword next Sunday.

"The Modern Devices of Satan," subject of discourse for the evening hour. The rank and file of our people ought to hear this sermon. Light on the latter day systems.

### BAPTIST CHURCH.

The Pastor will deliver a New Year's message to the people of Lowell at the morning hour.

Bible school at noon.

The B. Y. P. U. meets at 6 o'clock.

Topic for discussion at 7 p. m. "The Voice of Wisdom."

The Cottage Prayer meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Edson on the depot road near the Ada road Friday at 2:30 p. m.

### METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a. m. preaching, subject, "The old and the New," a meditation. Appropriate music by the choir.

12 m. Sunday school.

3:30 p. m. Junior League.

6:30 p. m. Epworth League.

7 p. m. preaching, subject, "Stick-to-it-iveness." A talk to young people. Music by the chorus, choir and orchestra.

The large audience last Sunday evening greatly enjoyed the service, especially the fine music by the choir accompanied by the chorus and orchestra. We anticipate even better music next Sunday, the last Sunday evening of 1912. It is a really night for the young people.

### CATHOLIC CHURCH.

There will be services at St. Mary's church at ten o'clock a. m. New Year's day.

#### Spiritual Meetings

Mr. Selzer of Grand Rapids will give an address on "This Life and the Future" at 8 o'clock Saturday evening in the east store of the Reed block. Also Sunday at 2:30 and 7:30 o'clock. An invitation is extended to all thinking people.

### KEZIAH COFFIN

A fascinating homely comedy of Cape Cod folks

Filled with the refreshing salt water breezes

An entertaining story with a pretty love theme

**Our Next Serial**  
Watch for the first chapter that will soon be published

### ADA NEWS BUDGET

#### Interesting Items of All Sorts and Sizes

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Mull and children, were in Grand Rapids Saturday.

L. Faso and son Henry spent several days with friends in the Upper Peninsula.

Mr. DeVoss of Cascade, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. Woodruff recently.

Mrs. L. Peters and baby have been spending a few days in Grand Rapids with the former's parents.

Mrs. Wm. Shepard of Lowell spent the Christmas holiday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. P. Finnegan.

Mrs. J. Harris accompanied her son Frank to Grand Rapids, where he will spend a few days, with relatives.

Mrs. L. Faso, daughter Altie, and son Raymond spent two days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Stevenson in Grand Rapids.

J. S. Hooker of Lowell attend the annual meeting of Ada Lodge Saturday evening. He helped to organize the lodge many years ago.

The Christmas program was successfully and beautifully carried out by all the pupils at the Ada high school, and other school houses in the vicinity which is a credit to all teachers, and filled the parents hearts with pride. We hope a Merry Christmas was enjoyed by all and wish everyone a Happy New Year.

Raymond Averill experienced a very sad Christmas, having lost 3 of his horses, in the fire which completely destroyed his barn and the black smith shop, Friday night. It required swift and hard labor of a large crowd to prevent the burning of surrounding buildings. The cause of the fire is unknown. Much sympathy is felt for Mr. Averill and family.

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### Send Your Friends a Gibson Art Calendar for New Year's

We still have a good assortment of the Gibson Art Co.'s Calendars and will make a special price until the New Year.

All 15c Calendars.....10c  
All 25c Calendars.....17c  
All 50c Calendars.....33c

...1-3 Off on All Post Card Albums...

We have an overstock of Post Card Albums and must have the room occupied by them, and for one week will give 1-3 off the regular price. There's no better way of keeping your post cards clean and where you can look them over occasionally, and this affords you an opportunity to get a nice album for a little money.

**D. G. LOOK**  
The Rexall Drug Store

### Many Thanks...

I wish to thank my patrons and friends who have permitted me to cater to their wants during the year just passed, and wishing them A HAPPY NEW YEAR, and assuring them of my desire to please by giving them the most value for their money, I am, as ever,

Yours truly,

**R. D. STOCKING**  
P. S.—PREINVENTORY SALE OF ALL STOCK AT A BIG DISCOUNT IN PRICES.

### ARE YOU A "SPUG"?

### Do You Want to Be?

If you are, or want to be, the logical place to buy your New Year's Presents is our store. Never before have we had such a large and varied stock of useful articles for New Year's giving.

Percolators, Serving Dishes, Chafing Dishes, Casseroles, Electric Toasters, Electric Sad Irons, Keen Kutter Silver Plated Knives and Forks in a handsome box, Community Hollow Handle Knives and Forks, Teaspoons, Sugar Spoons, Butter Knives, SKATES, SLEDS, WAGONS, GUNS, Shur Edge and Keen Kutter Carvers, Shears, Razors and Pocket Knives. A handsome Christmas box with each pocket knife.

The quality of our goods is guaranteed.

**Scott Hardware Co.**

### Buy Your Beef Now by the Quarter And Save Money

AN EXTRA CHOICE LOT

Fores only 7c per lb  
Hinds only 9c per lb

FARMERS—We pay highest cash price for Hides.

**Fashbaugh & Jones**  
The old Taylor & Staal Market, one door west of Lowell State Bank.

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# CELEBRATING NEW YEAR'S

**CELEBRATED BY RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE** and festive observance in all sections of the globe, since all countries do not follow the Christian calendar, it is a fact that each nation has its own New Year's day. Even the cannibals of the South Sea islands and savage tribes of Central Africa celebrate the beginning of the new year with some sort of ceremony. One general characteristic, however, marks all the celebrations, and that is the spirit of rejoicing and gladness. Many of the customs are quaint and unusual, and are fraught with the spirit of merriment and good will.

In our country, of course, especially in the large cities, merriment and conviviality hold full sway through the watch-night service in the churches and the "New Year's Eve" parties of various sorts, to whom the passing of the old year and the coming of the new are causes for reflection and joyousness. In New York, Chicago and other cities, the New Year's Eve parties are of the most elaborate and costly. Millions are spent in the preparation of the parties, and the hour of midnight is the most exciting time of the evening.

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Every village point is seized upon for the building of towers and extra care has to be taken that they will not be blown down by the 10,000 people and more who surge through the rooms at the reception. All animals are crowded into every convenient spot.

While another day has been designated for the most part, it is not until the 15th of January that the New Year's Eve parties are of the most elaborate and costly. Millions are spent in the preparation of the parties, and the hour of midnight is the most exciting time of the evening.

# OLD FENNO HOUSE ASKS THREE SHIPS

Structure Erected in New England 208 Years Ago!  
First Settler of Canton Anticipated the Notion of Putting a Second Story Upon the Dwelling—Structure Still Standing.

Canton, Mass.—The Fenno house on Park street, Canton, is one of the venerable old dwellings in New England. It was built by John Fenno, who was the original settler of the town. The house is a two-story structure, and is one of the best specimens of the old-fashioned New England architecture.

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MAY GET TWO AS COMPROMISE

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A man told of a wonderful apple pie which had had bacon, dried crisp and which was so good...

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Whole Sam's New Enterprise Clearly Explained—How Charges Are Fixed and What Class of Merchandise May Be Carried Through the Mails Under the New Law.

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Direct Connection Between Increase in Insect Pest and Killing Off of Birds

Dr. William T. Hornaday, director of the New York Zoological park, estimates that if the bird population of this country was as large today as it was 60 years ago, it would mean a saving of \$50,000,000 to American farmers...

There are several reasons for this loss of birds. One is the use of insecticides...

The most common orchard visitant is the woodpecker. It is a very noisy bird and is the most sociable of all the birds...

FOR THE EXTRA BREADSPREAD

Pretty and Useful Article May Be Made at Home by Woman Handy With the Needle

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RULES GOVERNING MAILING OF PACKAGES UNDER NEW SYSTEM

After Jan. 1 One May Mail Anything Weighing Not More Than 11 Pounds by Parcel Post—Perishable Articles May Be Sent Under Specific Restrictions.

Postmaster General Hitchcock has just approved the regulations which govern the mailing of packages...

Perishable articles which may be mailed in accordance with the regulations that now apply to the parcel post...

HANDLING THE FLOWER POTS

Box With Casters Attached Will Be Found of Great Convenience When Clearing Room

A box with casters attached will be found of great convenience when clearing a room...

FACTS ABOUT THE NEW PARCEL POST

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Startling Presentation of Coming Events.

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Churches of All Denominations and the Civil Powers of Earth Are About to Unite in Common Cause—Powerful Influence Preparing for the Battle of Armageddon—A Reign of Anarchy Will Be the Result of the Warfare Until The Messiah Takes Control.



PASTOR RUSSELL

Brooklyn, N. Y., Nov. 3.—The Brooklyn Academy of Music, as a reward to the limit today to hear Pastor Russell's discourse on the "Battle of Armageddon." His text was: "He gathered them together unto a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon. Armageddon is the 'Hill of Megiddo,' or Mount of Destruction. It was famous as a battlefield in Old Testament times. The Lord has seen fit to associate the name Armageddon, with the great controversy between Truth and Error, right and wrong, God and Mammon, with which this age will close, perishing, and the New Age of Messiah's glory be ushered in. He has purposely used highly symbolical figures of speech in the last book of the Bible, evidently with a view to hiding certain important truths until the due time for their revelation. But even in the due time, the Bible assures us, 'None of the wicked shall understand' (Daniel xii, 9, 10)—none who are out of heart with God—but only the wise virgin of His people—the 'wise virgin' class of the Master's parable. I have avoided presentation of my understanding of our text and its context. I take it up now by request and because I believe it is due time to be understood. I disclaim any special views agree with those of other Bible students, and in other respects they disagree. Each hearer must use his own judgment, do his own Bible study, and reach his own conclusions. Kindly remember that I am not responsible for the figures of speech used by the Lord. My interpretations do indeed constitute a terrible arraignment of institutions which we have all revered and which embrace good people, of good words and good works. God's saintly people in these various institutions, being comparatively few, are ignored when systems as a whole are dealt with in prophecy. The Dragon, Beast, False Prophet. Our context tells us that three impure spirits (teachings) will go forth from the mouths of the Dragon, the Beast and the False Prophet, and these three will be in accord, and symbolically the doctrines are represented by "frogs." These three doctrines are to have a mighty influence throughout the civilized earth. They are to gather the kings and their armies to the great Battle of Armageddon. The ecclesiastical kings and princes, and their retainers of clergy and faithful adherents will be gathered in solid phalanx—Protestant and Catholic. The kings and captains of industry, and as many as can be influenced by them, will be gathered to the same side. The political kings and princes, with all their henchmen and retainers, will follow in line on the same side. The financial kings and merchant princes, and all whom they can influence by the most gigantic power ever yet exercised in the world, will join the same side, according to this prophecy. These "doctrines of demons," represented by the "frogs," will lead many noble people in this great army to assume an attitude quite contrary to their preference. For a time the wheels of fate and progress will be turned backward and medieval restraints will be considered necessary for self-preservation—for the maintenance of the present order of things. In giving this interpretation, it is necessary for us to indicate that is symbolized by the Dragon, the Beast, and the False Prophet. Bible students of nearly all denominations agree with us that the "Dragon" of Revelation represents the purely Civil Power. Protestant interpreters generally agree that the "Beast like a leopard" (Revelation xiii, 2) represents the Papacy. But fewer still, we fear, will be ready to support our view that Protestantism is the "Image of the Beast" (Revelation xiii, 15) in our context given another name, the "False Prophet." We urge to one to accept our interpretation nor shall we think hard of any who refuse it. We will neither slander nor otherwise injure them now, nor threaten them with eternal torture. They have the same right to their views that I have, and the same right to make them known to others. And I, for one, will be very glad to consider anything which opponents may set forth as their interpretation of our text. "Unclean Spirits Like Frogs." The symbolism of Scripture is, rightly understood, are always fruitful. When the Holy Spirit used a "frog" to symbolically represent certain

doctrines or teachings, we may be sure the true application will fit well. A frog has a sage look, a wise look, it swells itself up in an apparent endeavor to impress the beholder. Its great mouth well represents its chief power, used to croak. Applying these symbols, we learn that an evil influence, teaching, will come from the Protestant churches federated, from the Church of Rome, and from the Civil authorities, all in full agreement. The spirit of all will be boastful; an air of superior wisdom and knowledge will be proudly assumed—all will croak in harmony. All will tell of dire results that would follow, involving the interests of both the present and the future life, if their counsel be not followed. However conflicting the creeds, the differences will be ignored in the general proposition that nothing ancient must be disturbed, or looked into, or repudiated. The Divine authority of the Church, and the Divine right of kings, aside from the Church, will not be allowed to conflict. Any persons or teachings in conflict with these boastful and unscriptural claims will be branded as everything else, at the months of these "frogs" speaking from pulpits and platforms and through the religious and secular press. The nobler sentiments of some will be strangled by the philosophy of the same evil spirit which spoke through Caliphate, the high priest, respecting Jesus. As Caliph declared it expedient to commit a crime in violation of justice, human and Divine, to be rid of Jesus and His teachings, so this "frog" spirit will approve of every violation of principle necessary to their self-protection. The croaking of these "frog" spirits or doctrines will gather the kings and princes, financial, political, religious and industrial into one great phalanx. The spirit of fear, inspired by the croakings of these "frogs" will scourge the passions of otherwise good and reasonable men to fury, desperation. In their blind following of these evil spirits, evil doctrines, they will be ready to sacrifice life and everything on the altar of what they mistakenly suppose is justice, truth and righteousness, under a Divine arrangement. For a brief time, as we understand the Scriptures, these combined forces of Armageddon will triumph. Free speech, free mails, and other liberties which have come to be the very breath of the masses in our day, will be ruthlessly shut off under the plea of necessity, the glory of God, the commands of the Church, etc. All will seem to be serene, until the great social explosion in our context described as the "great earthquake." An "earthquake" in symbolic language, signifies social revolution, and the declaration of the context is that none like unto it ever before occurred. 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He will take possession of His Kingdom in a manner little looked for by many of those who erroneously have been claiming that they were His Kingdom, and authorized by Him to reign in His name and in His stead. His servants are unto whom ye render service." Some may be rendering service to Satan and to error, who claim to be rendering service to God and to righteousness; and some of these may be serving ignorantly, as did Saul of Tarsus, who "very truly thought that he did God a service" in persecuting the Church. The same principle holds true precisely. An earthly king does not hold himself responsible for the moral character of each soldier who fights in his battles, so the Lord does not vouch for the moral character of all who will enlist and fight on His side of any question. "His servants they are to whom they render service," whatever the motive or object prompting them. The same principle will apply in the coming Battle of Armageddon. 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the placing of monopolies and utilities, and the supplies of nature in the hands of the people for the public good. The crisis will be reached when the upholders of law shall become victors of the law, and the majority, as expressed by the ballot. Fear for the future will lead the well-meaning masses to desperation; and anarchy will result when Socialism fails. The Cloud's Silver Lining. Horrible would be this outlook for the future did we not have the infallible Word of God assuring us of a glorious outcome! Divine Wisdom has withheld until our day the great knowledge and skill which in the same time breeding millionaire and discontent. Had God lifted the veil a thousand years sooner, the world would have lured up for its Armageddon a thousand years sooner. But that would have been too soon for the Divine purpose, because Messiah's Kingdom is to be the great Thousand-Year-Sabbath of the world, and God in kindness veiled our eyes until the time when the gathering to Armageddon would immediately precede Messiah's taking to Himself His great power, and beginning His reign—Revelation x, 17, 18. "Send Them Strong Delusions." St. Paul wrote prophetically of our time, that it would be one of serious trial and testing to many professing to be Christians. The reason for this he states—they received not the Truth in the love of it. (11 Thessalonians ii, 10) In our time, they have received erroneous theories, the Apostle explains, and therefore God will give them over to a "strong delusion," and let them believe the lie which they prefer, and let them suffer for missing the Truth which they did not love. Thus they will be in the condemned host, "begging against God," because of their lack of love for the Truth. It is sad to say that we all as Christians have been laboring under a thorough delusion respecting God's Plan. We have claimed that Christ set up His Church in Kingdom power, and that the Church has been reigning on the earth as His representative. On the strength of this delusion, Jews and heretics have been persecuted to death as opponents to Christ's Kingdom. For a brief time, as we understand the Scriptures, these combined forces of Armageddon will triumph. Free speech, free mails, and other liberties which have come to be the very breath of the masses in our day, will be ruthlessly shut off under the plea of necessity, the glory of God, the commands of the Church, etc. All will seem to be serene, until the great social explosion in our context described as the "great earthquake." An "earthquake" in symbolic language, signifies social revolution, and the declaration of the context is that none like unto it ever before occurred. 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Thos. Hart lost a valuable horse last week. G. Friedl's health is very poor. The school children had a Christmas party last Friday at the school closed for two weeks' vacation. Mrs. Hartley has moved to Geo. Cheatham's house. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Terry have moved to Lowell. FALLSBURG A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to our Editor and Ledger staff. The Peasall school of Boston township closed last Friday for a two months' vacation. A very satisfactory term has been taught by Miss Lella Race of Saranac and the exercises consisted of a Christmas tree and a little play acted out with girls dressed to represent the different countries, very complete and pleasing to all present. Miss Race spends the holidays with her home and wife. Mrs. George N. Doty and children of New York came last Saturday to spend Christmas with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Rance Watson. Mrs. A. H. Stowell and daughter of Easton visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Rance Watson Saturday and Sunday. Wm. H. Watson of Allegan accompanied Mrs. Stowell and will remain over Christmas with his brother Rance. A. L. James returned from the Rapids last week to remain with his family. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Tower and Ota Powell will spend Christmas in Grand Rapids at the home of A. G. Stekler. School closed last Friday with gifts and Christmas candles to the children from their teacher Miss Florence Salder, who will spend the week's vacation at her home in Kalamazoo. A quite a little home dance was held Tuesday at the home of Frank Jones and much enjoyed by the guests. A. L. James spent Monday in Grand Rapids. How's This? We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and fully believe he perfectly honorable and a all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by him. NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation. advertisement. ELMDALE Samuel Nash has been very ill the past week. His friends are wishing him speedy recovery. Miss Dorothy Lape and brother Seymour, were at Lowell Saturday, spending the day with their parents. Albert Keller of Greenville is spending Christmas with his brother Lorina at this place. The Christmas tree and program given by the Rosenberger school was fine. The children presented the tree with a lovely salad dish and cake plate. Edson Grant has been up North on business about his farm. Mr. and Mrs. F. Rittenger of South Lowell called at the home of Garth Fisher Sunday. Miss Hazel Haven attended the Christmas tree in South Boston Friday night. G. C. Longcor is the owner of a new auto truck. Mrs. Jake Laver and daughter Leona were at Lowell shopping Saturday. Mrs. Guy Singleton of Detroit is visiting her parents J. Trowbridge and family. Sam Kelm and wife spent Sunday with George Lacey and family. Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Lenhard are entertaining the latter's sister and husband of Wisconsin. Robert Woods and wife entertained their children and families to dinner Sunday. Grandma Rittenger is spending Christmas with her daughter and family Mr. and Mrs. Jake Lenhard at Clarksville. Drives Off a Terror The chief executioner of death in the winter and spring months is pneumonia. Its advance agents are cold and grip, in any attack by one of these, the patient should be lost in taking the best medicine obtainable to drive it off. Countless thousands have lost their lives to King's New Discovery. My husband believed he had caught him from having pneumonia three or four times," writes Mrs. George W. Place, Rowanville, Vt. "and for cough, colds and croup, we have never found the cure. Guaranteed for all bronchial affections. Price 50 cents and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at All Druggists of Lowell.—adv.

VERGENNES STATION Louisa Church was sick about last week and not able to attend school. James Houlihan has been laid up on account of stepping on a nail. John Andrews went to Grand Rapids last week Tuesday and had a cancer removed from his neck. His daughter Mrs. Roy Ford accompanied him. Closing Christmas exercises at the Alton school were held Friday Dec. 20th, two weeks vacation. John Seleno is very sick and under the doctor's care. Christmas exercises and distribution of presents at the Waters school last Friday evening. Miss Hammond of Alma came Friday evening to visit Miss Hilda Carlson at Dorus Church's. Mrs. Moon of Grand Rapids came to spend the holidays with her daughter Mrs. Wm. Miller. She arrived Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ford are visiting old time friends and neighbors here. He has been traveling the past year in foreign countries. Geo. Frost and wife left last week to spend the winter in Florida. Mrs. Dorus Church is on the sick list. Every one is busy in the interest of Christmas now a days. A new telephone has been put in here and we can all talk. Miss Carlson and Miss Hammond left Saturday for Sports to spend the holidays with the home and wife. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to one and all. BIG SURPRISE TO MANY IN LOWELL Local people are surprised at the QUICK results received from simple buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adler-Ka, the German remedy which became famous by curing appendicitis. M. N. Henry states that this simple remedy anti-constipation, the digestive system and draws off the impurities so thoroughly that A SINGLE DOSE relieves our stomach, gas on the stomach and constipation INSTANTLY.—adv.

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Mrs. J. C. Andrews spent from Wednesday until Saturday with her son John and family in Bowne.

Mrs. Clyde Forman and daughters Elizabeth and Isabel of St. Joseph, Mo., spent part of last week with her sister Mrs. Eugene Eagle.

Ernest Althaus made a business trip to Grand Rapids Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Tucker and children of South Boston, Mrs. Chris Wittenbach and daughter Johanna of Vergennes were Sunday guests of Ernest Althaus and family.

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**OAK GROVE**  
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Mrs. Cheatham was at Saranac yesterday.

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**Daily Thought**  
"You must form your wishes and they will continually extend into reality."

**Strength in Cheerfulness**  
Wonderous is the strength of cheerfulness, altogether past calculation its powers of endurance. Efforts to be permanently useful, must be uniformly joyous—a spirit all sunshine, grateful for every gladness, beautiful because bright.—Caryle.

**Gold Hoarded in Turkey**  
Throughout the Turkish empire, especially in the rural districts, gold is hoarded in the form of jewelry.

**Remembered by Their Deeds**  
Who thinks of Milton as blind or of Beethoven as deaf or of Darwin as an invalid? What they accomplished was so great that their personal infirmities are for the moment forgotten in the sense of their achievements.—The Christian Register.

**Wisdom, Skill and Virtue**  
Wisdom is knowing what to do next; skill is knowing how to do it, and virtue is doing it.—David Starr Jordan.

**Assured of Fresh Fish**  
Copenhagen has a good fish market, built by the municipality. With the exception of the larger varieties, like cod and halibut, all the fish are kept alive in tanks filled with running water. There is no other town where all the fish, whether cheap or dear, are so beautifully fresh.

**Truth in Jestling Term**  
Man's inhumanity to children makes countless successful factories.—Lita

**Lost and Found**  
The ferryman, whilst plying over a water which was only slightly agitated, was asked by a timid lady in his boat whether any persons were ever lost in that river. "Oh, no," said he, "we always get 'em agin, the next day."

**Daily Thought**  
And if you do but live long enough you get past the bad bits of the road.—Mrs. Humphry Ward.

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