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CHINA WARE

REBEKAH'S NEW PLAY

Home Talent to Stage "The Forger" Comedy Drama.

The members of Island City Rebekah Lodge of Lowell again have their shoulders to the wheel and will present the great laugh-provoking comedy drama, "The Forger," with a local talent cast, under the personal direction of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Jefferson of New York, at the City hall Thursday evening, February 13.

There is contained in "The Forger" a heart story that appeals to all, sharp climaxes and a strong comedy vein. According to the press from different quarters, Mr. Jefferson has presented this great play with much success and expresses himself well pleased with the ladies and gentlemen cast in the play here.

There will be bright specialties between the acts, good music, gorgeous costumes and beautiful stage settings.

Seats on sale Saturday morning at 9:30 and thereafter at Look's drug store.

A VARIED PROGRAM

Enjoyed by Lowell Literary Club at Last Meeting

The ladies of the Lowell Literary club spent a very pleasant afternoon at the home of Mrs. Geo. M. Winegar, January 29. After a short business session roll call was responded to with "news of the past week."

Under the direction of the Health committee the first of a series of papers was written by Mrs. Lenna Anderson. Her subject was the "Value of Antitoxin" and was both interesting and instructive.

Mrs. John Hooker in her pleasing way gave us a good talk on "Historical Committee Work."

Mrs. R. D. Stocking pleasingly sang "Love is a Weaver of Dreams." Mrs. Jessie Hutchinson had a beautifully written paper on "The Indians of Yesterday and Today." Mrs. M. N. Henry favored us with a delightful solo "A Day Dream," accompanied by Mrs. Lenna Anderson on piano and Mrs. Tressa Merrill on violin. Mrs. Emma B. Collar read a spicy and interesting paper on "What Shall a Busy Woman Read?" which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Adjourned to meet February 12, with Mrs. E. S. White.—[Cor. Sec.]

FOR BRIDE-ELECT

Showers and Parties in Honor of Miss Willard

The home of Rev. D. Q. Barry was, Saturday evening, the setting for a miscellaneous shower in honor of Miss Louise Willard, Red predominated in the decorations, ferns and tulips being used.

The early part of the evening was pleasantly passed in a short program of vocal and instrumental music and various amusing heart games. At ten o'clock a dainty two-course buffet luncheon was served, after which Miss Willard and the groom-elect, Mr. Aldrich of Grand Rapids, opened their handsome and useful gifts.

Mrs. Harold L. Weekes entertained about a dozen young ladies at her home Tuesday evening at a chignon shower for Miss Willard. The guests were first engaged in a floral contest and then spent a busy and happy hour hemming towels for the bride-elect. Delicious refreshments were served in the dining room, the table being prettily decorated with pink and white carnations and smilax with a beautifully adorned bride's cake as the center piece. Later, surrounded by her friends, the guest of honor investigated the contents of a well-filled basket and disclosed many beautiful dishes of hand-painted china.

Tonight the bride-elect will be given a "spread" and kitchen shower at the East ward school house by the Lowell teachers, and Mesdames A. G. Peckham and Frank E. White will entertain in her honor at the home of the former tomorrow evening.

ALEXANDER DENTON

Life-Long Resident of Keene and Lowell Dead.

Funeral services for Alexander Denton, whose death was recorded last week, were held at the Lowell Congregational church Saturday morning, conducted by Rev. W. D. Ogg. Interment at Pineknay cemetery.

Alex. Denton was born June 18, 1849, in Keene township and died at the home of his son Arthur in Lowell township January 30, 1913, after a short illness, aged 63 years, 7 months, 12 days.

At the age of 26 Mr. Denton was married to Mary E. Thayer. Four children were born to this union, three of whom are living: Mrs. F. Tomlinson of Keene, Mrs. Thos. Crawford of Vergennes and Arthur Denton of Lowell. He also leaves two brothers and a host of relatives and friends.

BAILEY CHURCH
Preaching at the Bailey church by the Pastor next Sunday at 3 p. m.
Vocal solo by Miss Ruth Hudson.
Clarence Collar was in Grand Rapids on business yesterday.

CLOVER LEAF CLUB

Studies Needs and Problems of Public Schools.

The Clover Leaf club held an interesting meeting with Mrs. R. D. Stocking Tuesday afternoon, with Mrs. E. D. McQueen as chairman.

The program opened with a piano duet by Mesdames C. D. Hodges and E. F. Coons. A paper entitled "Sanitation" was read by Mrs. S. S. Lee. "The American citizen in the making during school age is the most important problem with which we have to deal," and the most important factor in the public school. The future wealth of the nation depends upon the health of the child, Carlisle says. "There is no kind of an achievement equal to perfect health. It is said that fully two-thirds of the public schools of Michigan are without proper systems of ventilation, and the law compels a child to remain inside a school room four to six hours a day five days in the week and thirty to forty weeks in the year. Much time and money is spent by farmers in the care of their live stock; then how much more important to care for our boys and girls. Even a stove-heated room may be well ventilated. Individual drinking cups and towels should be provided to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. The seat and desk should be neither too low nor too high for the child. It is easier to criticize people at a distance than to buckle down to our own duties."

This paper was followed by a vocal solo by Mrs. D. Q. Barry, Mrs. H. L. Weekes at the piano. "Moral Education in the Public Schools" by Miss Abbey. "It is the business of the moral instructor in the public school to give his pupils a clear idea of what is right and what is wrong, in a systematic way. The education aim should be to develop character. Among the requisites to such an end were mentioned the studies of history, literature, music and manual training and gymnastics, the teaching of each of which should be graded, according to the several periods of the life of each pupil, viz: infancy, childhood, youth, etc. Obedience, self control and bravery should be emphasized. To this end it is necessary to use fairy tales, fables and stories."

Mrs. Ford then rendered a vocal solo.

Superintendent Frazee gave a very interesting and appropriate talk on "The Needs of the Lowell Schools." He enumerated several different things of which our schools are sadly in need, gave the ladies many questions which the ladies were invited to put to him.

The program closed with a reading by Mrs. Merrill, accompanied by Mrs. Weekes at the piano. Roll call was responded to with quotations from child poems. —[Press Reporter.]

Who's Your Valentine?

The custom of sending Valentines is centuries old, and was never so generally observed as now. The Quality of Valentines has steadily improved until now it is possible to gather a really remarkable stock such as we are showing.

The Gibson Art Co.'s Line of Valentines

Is shown in Lowell only at our store and embraces a beautiful and artistic line—no trash among it. It consists of CARD MOUNTS, BOOKLETS, FANCY DROPS, COMIC AND FANCY POST CARDS, CUT-OUTS, SCENIC AND LACE GOODS, AND A LOT OF ODDITIES NEW THIS SEASON.

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FOR ONE WEEK ONLY we will sell one large bottle of best Sewing Machine Oil, one Tube of Needles for any make of machine, and one Tube of Sewing Needles, any size wanted, ALL FOR 17c, saving just 8c on staple articles that are sold very close at the regular price.

If you cannot come to the store, send your order by mail or telephone, and same will be taken care of.

Every family needs these staple articles, and we have tried this as a test of the value of advertising.

SALE STARTS SATURDAY, THE FIRST OF FEBRUARY, AND RUNS ONE WEEK.

R. D. STOCKING

Music Dealer, Lowell, Mich.
New lot of Blue Amberol Records just received.

SPRAYING TIME

IS HERE AGAIN, and we are here with an unusual full line of materials.

MORRILL & MORLEY and GOULD SPRAY PUMPS of a size and price to fit all requirements.

NOZZLES, Ya, CUTOFFS, HOSE, EXTENSION RODS, and everything needed to fix up your outfit for the first spray.

Because of a closer shipping point we are able to furnish the

Best Quality of Lime and Sulphur at a less price than heretofore. Come in and let us know your needs.

Scott Hardware Co.

GROUND FRESH BONES

Will make your Hens lay Winter Eggs. We start them out at

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All the best Meats at money saving prices for cash.

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

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perhaps you have saved up a few hundred dollars which you wish to invest where the principal will be absolutely secure, always available, and at the same time pay you a fair rate of interest.

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Your principal will be well secured and subject to your demand when you need it. The interest is more than you would receive on a Government bond and the money will be just as safe

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The Photographer in Your Town. Phone 215.

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We have on display an extra large and fine assortment of Valentines, Valentine Post Cards, etc. Something to suit all. Come in and look them over while the assortment is good.

The largest and best assortment we have ever had. Send the children

Valentines, 1c to 50c.
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W. S. WINEGAR.

AN OPEN LETTER

To the Patrons of the Lowell Public Schools.

I take this opportunity to announce the organization of a "School Improvement Association" to be perfected on Wednesday evening, February 12, at the Central school building at 7:30.

The object of this organization will be to gather data and information and to disseminate knowledge of educational matters by addresses, newspaper articles and general discussion. To solicit membership of those interested in the educational betterment of our community; and to secure facts for the enlightenment of us all from teachers and schoolmen, or any source whatever concerning the welfare, growth and development of schools.

Each community has its particular educational problems and these must be solved by organized effort. It is hoped that this new organization will crystallize sentiment and determine by intelligent co-operation and discussion what is the most expeditious thing for our community educationally. Everyone interested in school work is invited to be present.

A short program will be given. Trusting a large number of thinking people will be ready to assist in solving these problems for the betterment of the community, I am

Very truly, A. F. FRAZER.

Death of Mrs. John C. Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Littlefield and Mr. and Mrs. Jas. A. Scott and family are in Grand Rapids on account of the death of Mrs. John C. Scott, which occurred Monday at the home of her nephew Harry Davis at Grandville.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at two o'clock at the late residence in the city, with interment at Oak Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Scott spent the early part of the winter at the home of her brother, S. O. Littlefield in Lowell, and during the past few weeks had been with her nephew and niece at Grandville. She was eighty years old and had been in feeble health for a long time.

SCHOOL NOTES

Weekly Notes of Studies, Sports and Sundries

The American Literature class has begun the interpretation of "The Merchant of Venice."

Two new pupils have enrolled in the high school this week, increasing the number of freshmen in attendance.

Dr. Gingerick of the University of Michigan will give a lecture on "Faith and Work in Education" in the City hall Thursday night.

Both basket ball teams were defeated last week, the girls at Holland and the boys at Lake Odessa. Ionia has canceled the game for Friday.

This week is the beginning of the second semester and the new classes organized are botany, trigonometry, advanced arithmetic and solid geometry.

EPWORTH LEAGUE

Invites Friends to Enjoy Program and Social Hour.

Next Tuesday night at the Methodist church, the Epworth League will give a concert and social for the members and friends of the society. Anyone interested in the League is earnestly invited. The program will be followed by a social hour, a box will be packed to send to Mrs. Cook's school for girls in India. Articles that would please a little Hindu girl will be gladly received, such as goods for aprons and dresses, beads, bright hair ribbons, pictures and light under-clothing. Refreshments will be served and a lively, social good time is promised.

PROGRAMME:
Orchestra, Hula Hula March.
Reports of Departments and President.
Piano and organ duet, Mesdames Coons and Anderson.
Vocal duet, Mesdames Henry and Strong.
Reading, Laddie, Miss Loomis.
Orchestra, Meditation, violins.
Mrs. Merrill, Arthur Schneider; Bruce Stocking; cornet, Dr. Merrill, cello, Mr. Maynard, piano, Miss Crawford.
Gentleman Jim, short, humorous play, characters: A literary woman, Mrs. Merrill and Gentleman Jim.
Rose song, eight girls in costume.
Chorus choir song, Winter Lullaby.

Tax Notice
All Lowell township taxes must be paid during February.
R. E. Springett, Treas.

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We want a Negative of all the Old Folks. During January and February we will make one of our Cabinet Size, Best Grade Photos Free

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ADA NEWS BUDGET

Interesting Items of All Sorts and Sizes

Ada Feb. 3.—Charles M. Dennison, long an Ada resident, is celebrating his eightieth birthday here today with forty relatives, including Asa and H. A. Dennison of Grand Rapids. Mr. Dennison, whose father went down in Lake Michigan on the Ironsides, Sept. 9, 1872, off Grand Haven, figured prominently in the early history of Kent county.

When a small boy Mr. Dennison came to Michigan with his parents, entire distance being covered in a wagon drawn by oxen. The family settled in Jackson county, following a blazed trail through the forests.

The pioneer's health is excellent.—[Grand Rapids Press.]
John Bolt is quite ill.
Chas. Crampton Jr. is on the sick list.

Mrs. Myra Bradfield, formerly of Ada, died Feb. 2.
Born—to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Haskins, Jan. 29, a son.
Mrs. T. Lampert was home from Lansing over Sunday.

L. Fase recently butchered a tiny hog weighing only 575 pounds.
B. Jacques of Grand Rapids is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. Woodruff.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Fase entertained Mr. and Mrs. M. Fase, and Mrs. H. Clarke and children Sunday.

Miss Mary Closterhouse and Mr. Baker were quietly married in Grand Rapids Jan. 31st. Congratulations.

D. Sargent and daughter Lydie recently visited friends on the River road, and from there left for Nunica to visit their son and brother Burns.

Mrs. Robt. Compton of Sand Lake visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Geo. LaBarge Saturday. Mr. LaBarge is not so well.

Sublime Thoughts.
For all our penny wisdom, for all our . . . slavery to habit, it is not to be doubted that all men have sublime thoughts.—Emerson.

Woman.
To think of a part one little woman can play in the life of a man, so that to renounce her may be a very good imitation of heroism, and to win her may be a discreditable—George Eliot.

College Wisdom.
The big responsibilities of marriage are the little ones.—Dartmouth Sem. o' Lantern.

Coming Events.
Bank President—"What's the matter?" Bank Vice-President—"I was just thinking. I sat next to our cashier in church yesterday, and I don't quite like the way he sings. Will they

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ODDS AND ENDS

PRE-INVENTORY SALE OF ODDS AND ENDS

In starting our inventory we find a lot of odds and ends, broken lots, miscellaneous patterns, etc., that we will not want to sort up on again, and we have concluded to close them out at cost.

So far we have found the following, upon which we have hastily set a price:

- Our entire line of Enamelled Roasters—Reed, Lisk, Corona, Savory, etc., at 25 per cent discount
The Laundry Queen Ironing Board, \$2.50, cut to \$1.75
Our entire stock of Lanterns, several styles and sizes, 25 per cent discount

- Our entire line of Silverware and Carving Sets 25 per cent discount
Ash Sifters to fit a barrel or galv. basket. Regular price 45c, now 30c
A broken lot of Razors, some high grade ones, your choice, \$1.00

THIS SALE IS FOR CASH ONLY. DON'T ASK US TO CHARGE IT AT THESE PRICES.

Ford's Hardware

ODDS AND ENDS

OUR COUNTRY COUSINS

EAST LOWELL

Take advantage of the parcel post system and telephone or write your clothing orders to H. J. Taylor. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Blake of Detroit, Mrs. Scanlon, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Coles of McBrides, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Payne of Grand Rapids were here to the funeral of Rev. H. Coles.

SEELEY CORNERS.

Take advantage of the parcel post system and telephone or write your clothing orders to H. J. Taylor. Mrs. Isadore Onan of West Lowell visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. O. Reynolds Tuesday.

EAST CASCADE & NORTH MCCORDS

Take advantage of the parcel post system and telephone or write your clothing orders to H. J. Taylor. Mrs. Carl Wakefield and daughter, Mrs. Albert Osborn and Mrs. John Sermine visited at the home of Mary Fuller last week.

CANNONSBURG.

Take advantage of the parcel post system and telephone or write your orders to H. J. Taylor. The Ladies Aid will meet with Mrs. Vera Armstrong Thursday February 13.

That's what we'd have you do To the facts about

OUR BAKERY GOODS

We're always telling you. We tell you here as right but the truth, And, reading what we say, We hope you will not hold aloof, But come here every day.

STRONG The Baker

GONE TO HIS REWARD

Aged Preacher's Earthly Labors End in Peace

Rev. Henry Coles, whose death was mentioned in last week's issue was a native of Oxfordshire, England, was born April 9, 1839 and came to this country with his father's family when a boy. They first settled near Fulton, N. Y.

He was married April 2, 1862, to Miss Elizabeth F. Payne of Fulton, N. Y.

In the fall of 1866 Mr. and Mrs. Coles came to Michigan and shortly after settled on the farm in the west part of Boston township where they continued to reside, deceased having been a resident of this township about forty-six years.

Mrs. Coles died in September, 1908, since which time the father has made his home with his children.

Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Coles, two of whom died in infancy. The survivors are Seymour A. Coles and Mrs. M. C. Gilbert of West Boston and Mrs. George Blake of Detroit.

In 1871 Mr. Coles and wife united with the U. B. church and a few years later he entered the ministry where his labors have since been zealous and consistent, and indeed the professional life of Henry Coles was characteristic of the man in every detail, untiring and sanguine in his faith, eloquent in his advocacy. His whole life and citizenship were based upon the principles which he believed were right and proper, not only in sectarian Christianity but as well in society. As a citizen Henry Coles was honorable and upright in every particular, as a neighbor he was courteous and obliging and in his demise he leaves behind him an enviable reputation.

Other relatives besides the children mentioned are several grandchildren, three brothers, Thomas and George Coles of Fulton, N. Y., William Coles of McBride, Mich., and two sisters, Mrs. George Runney of Fulton, N. Y., and Mrs. John Scanlon of Battle Creek, Mich., and numerous other relatives in Michigan and New York.

Mr. Coles has been in poor health for the last two years but died rather suddenly last Tuesday night at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. George Blake in Detroit.

The funeral was held Thursday, January 30, 1913, from the home of his other daughter Mrs. M. C. Gilbert in this township. Rev. E. B. Griffin of Angola, Ind., assisted by Rev. C. D. Jarvis of Lake Odessa and Rev. W. D. Ogg of Lowell, conducted the services. Interment in Saranac cemetery.—[Com.]

WEST LOWELL.

Take advantage of the parcel post system and telephone or write your clothing orders to H. J. Taylor. William Klynou and daughter Hazel were in Grand Rapids Monday to attend the teachers' institute.

Mrs. Clarence McIntyre and daughter Betha spent last week in Grand Rapids. Clarence went down Saturday and they returned home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Foxford who have been very ill, are slowly recovering. Treva Onan and Sadie Dawson spent several days last week at Freeport.

Emma Ketchum has been spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. James Carey at Lowell.

Mrs. William Mullen spent last Tuesday and Wednesday with Mrs. Charles McIntyre.

Miles and Frank Graham are being laid by for Leon McCarthy.

Mr. and Mrs. Seward Onan and Mrs. Herbert Dawson attended meeting at Freeport Sunday.

C. Darby of Grand Rapids is working for Herbert Dawson.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Roll spent last Thursday with their daughter Mrs. Carl Story and Mr. Roll attended the funeral of Rev. Coles.

CANNONSBURG.

Take advantage of the parcel post system and telephone or write your orders to H. J. Taylor.

The Ladies Aid will meet with Mrs. Vera Armstrong Thursday February 13. The gentlemen are invited to join the wood cutting bee for the purpose of furnishing the M. E. church with fuel. The ladies will furnish a picnic dinner and everyone is invited.

The Ladies Mite society will meet with Mrs. Annie Armstrong Thursday of this week. A meeting of the trustees of the Congregational church is expected.

Mrs. Gladys Bence (nee Alcumback) wife of Plaford Bence, died at the home of her parents near Silver Lake Monday at ten o'clock p. m. February 3.

Mrs. Charley Bush, who with her husband was spending the winter in Florida, died suddenly there February 2. The remains will be brought to their home near Silver Lake.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Truman Hutchins was destroyed by fire Thursday, January 30, they were both in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Jessie Armstrong is visiting her daughter Mrs. George Hartwell in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Dorus Church of Alton with their grandson Glenn Converse spent Thursday with the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. Simon Herrington.

By Way of Identifying Himself. "Do you know who I is, sah? Does 'yo' organize me?" inquired a disheveled looking young colored citizen, addressing old Brother English.

"Well, sah, Ise de fool genleman dat done 'loped wid 'yo' dancin'ah, Loolabelle, 'bout two weeks ago; and I kin prove it, spit-uh mah pessonal 'pearance. And Ise come back yuh today, sah, to infawm 'yo' dat if 'yo'll tuck her back and gimme a new suit o' clothes, ah will be forgiven."—Kansas City Star.

OUR HOME CHURCHES

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

To the end that our services may be timely and yet profitable in the highest sense, the following topics will be preached on next Sunday: Morning, "The Ideal Home." Every parent be sure and hear it. Husbands and wives come together and bring the children.

For the evening we will illustrate the greatest theme in the world by Lincoln's life. Have your memory refreshed by lessons from a great servant, a citizen prophet. "The Debt of Memory We All Owe." Rom. 13-7. We also have meetings every Wednesday and Friday evenings. A welcome for all. Come.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

Pastor Barry will conduct both of the services on Sunday. Theme for mutual consideration at the morning hour: "The Relation of Cause and Effect."

Bible school at the noon hour. The B. Y. P. U. meets at 6 p. m. The first hour will be devoted to teacher's training.

The evening service will be "A Lincoln Memorial" in honor of his birthday. Special music appropriate to the day will be a prominent feature. Mrs. Lawrence Rutherford will sing a solo. Miss Esther Perry will recite Lincoln's immortal Gettysburg address. Miss Abbie Ribble will read Lincoln's second inaugural.

The pastor in his sermon will try and give a few flashlights illustrating the inner life of the man whose memory the world delights to honor.

Members of the G. A. R. and Relief Corps are invited to occupy special seats of honor. Everyone welcome.

METHODIST CHURCH.

10:30 a. m. Preaching, subject "Joseph the Inconvertible" or how young men reach the top. Fifty or more young men wanted at the Methodist church to learn the secret.

12 m. Sunday school. Fine school last Sunday, although cold. We look for more next Sunday.

3:30 p. m. Junior League. 6 p. m. Epworth League. Lincoln Sunday, "The Burden of the Strong," leader, Miss Allen. Solo Miss Ina O'Harrow; whistling solo, Miss Erna Scott; reading, Miss Lennox; special selection by orchestra; chorus.

7 p. m. Lincoln program. Address, Miss McIntosh, "Estimates of Lincoln's Character." Recitation, Closing remarks by the Pastor. Appropriate patriotic music interspersed.

The G. A. R. Post and all soldiers, citizens, admirers of Lincoln and lovers of country cordially invited.

Cottage meeting on Monday, February 10, at 2:30 p. m. at the following homes:

- With Miss Annie Maynard, Miss Maynard, leader.
With A. M. Andrews, Mrs. Andrews, leader.
With J. B. Yeiter, Mrs. Clark, leader.
With C. E. Hackett, L. E. Lennox, leader.

School Board Commends Retiring Teacher.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Education the following resolutions were adopted: Whereas, Miss Louie Willard has served in the capacity of teacher of the kindergarten in the Lowell Public schools during the past three years both with faithfulness and efficiency, be it resolved that we, the Board of Education, do hereby accept her resignation with reluctance.

Whereas, a copy of the latest Merriam edition of Webster's International Dictionary has been presented to the Public School Library by Editor F. M. Johnson, be it resolved that the Board of Education do hereby accept the same and do further extend to the donor a resolution of appreciation.

His Fellow Employes Bid Blow Farewell.

Arthur H. Blow was the guest of honor last night at a luncheon given at the Herkimer hotel, his hosts being fellow employes of the International Harvester company. The affair was in the nature of a farewell. Mr. Blow leaving February 1 to enter into the hardware and implement business at Lowell. Covers were laid for twenty. F. T. Fallon acted as toastmaster and responses were made by Mr. Blow, A. H. Maul and O. C. Boren. An oil painting entitled "Wildwood" was presented to Mr. Blow. Following the luncheon the party went to the Columbia theater.—Grand Rapids Herald, Jan. 31.

Board of Trade Directors Organized Tuesday.

The Board of Trade directors met Tuesday at the Lowell State bank and re-organized as follows: President, D. G. Look. Vice President, D. G. Mange. Treasurer, R. VanDyke. Secretary, J. H. Payne. Directors, H. J. Taylor, James Scott, C. Bergin, ex-officio.

The various committees will be announced later and the chairman of same will meet with the Board of Directors February 25 to line up the year's work.

Hadn't Missed It.

Little Virgil, aged five, traveled in California with his parents just prior to the earthquake and felt there was nothing in the state that he hadn't seen. Upon his return home a neighbor said: "Well, Virgil, you just missed the earthquake." To which he replied: "Oh, no! We saw it, but it hadn't gone off yet."

Where Foliage Comes From.

A teacher was explaining to a little girl how the trees developed their foliage in the springtime. "Ah, yes," said the little miss, "I understand; they keep their summer clothes by their trunks."—Christian Register.

HEARD ABOUT TOWN

D. Klingensmith of Orangeville is the guest of his sister Mrs. Henry Hiler today.

Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Stegman and baby of Grand Rapids spent Sunday with Henry Delk and family.

Mrs. Will Lalley is recovering from slight injuries received in falling from a chair the first of the week.

While painting at VanDyke's store Monday, James Covert fell from a scaffold and injured one heel so badly that he may be laid up for some time.

Robert Ford of Grand Rapids was a guest at the home of his aunt Mrs. W. Pardee Saturday evening and went to his farm in South Lowell Sunday.

VanDyke's store has a new floor and has been thoroughly renovated from top to bottom. The store is very attractive with its fresh coat of paint and paper.

Mrs. J. W. Lyon and two little daughters of Norwalk, Ohio, came last night for an extended visit with Mrs. Harriet and C. W. Wisner and their Lowell friends.

Cannon transfer: Emory A. Smith to Adolphus L. Peck and wife, south 50 acres west 1/2 sec. 33, and part sec. 34, sec. 32, Cannon township, \$3,300.

Mrs. Fred Loyer will have an auction sale of farm personal property on her premises 6 miles south of Lowell on Thursday, Feb. 20. See full list in this paper next week.

Miss Helen Look has been elected by the school board to succeed Miss Louie Willard as kindergarten teacher, and Miss Isabel Cholerton will fill the vacancy left in the first and second grades at the west ward.

Mrs. A. W. Thomas of Grand Rapids will give a free illustrated talk to ladies on the care of the body Tuesday afternoon, February 11, at the Idle Hour theater, and desires the presence of all the ladies of the city.

The Ledger has received the first assurance of a Lowell Home Coming guest, Rev. Russell H. Bready of Grand Rapids says he is fixing his dates to be here; that he is accepting before he is invited. Lots of room. Who's next?

"Molly McDonald," a tale of the old frontier, by Randall Parrish, author of Keith of the Border, "My Lady of Doubt," "My Lady of the South," etc., begins running in this issue of The Ledger. Be sure to read the opening chapters.

At the council meeting Monday night the matter of abuses of privileges at the City hall was thoroughly discussed, after an investigation of conditions; and full authority was conferred upon the janitor to enforce a decent respect for the public rights. It is safe to say that further exhibitions of contempt for authority, public property and privileges accorded, will bring prompt penalties. This is at it should be.

No Escape From Them. Even when the expected happens there are people who will insist on saying "I told you so."

Sometimes It's Himself. When a man wears a flower in his buttonhole it indicates some woman is proud of him.—Atchison Globe.

Scotch. "I ken, Donald, we've had two fine days the month." "Aye, mon, and one was snappet up by the Sawbath."

Ambiguous. Maud—What kind of a man did Caroline marry? Beatrice—the kind who can come home from Europe with money in his pocket.

Great Writer's Foible. Byron, whose vanity was as great as his genius, used to have his half done up in curl papers at night.

Willie Wise. Sunday School Teacher—And what should we do after breaking a commandment, Willie? Willie—Muzzle de papers and hire a good lawyer.—Life.

ANI. "A woman has to be steeper than a man and more self-sacrificing than a man, because when she plunges she does more harm than a man."—"Marriage," by H. G. Wells.

His Part in the Affair. "Your son-in-law has a title." "Yes," replied the patient father; "but I am the one who is furnishing the expensive binding material and the gilt decoration."—Buffalo Commercial.

Scientific Fact Established. A number of rabbits upon whom coffee was tried to determine the effect of the caffeine it contained died, proving beyond a doubt that coffee never was intended as food for rabbits.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Round Robin. Derived from two French words meaning round and ribbon, a form of signing a petition of grievance by arranging the names in a circular form and was first used by certain officers of the French government.

Point of View. "Say, pa, what is the difference between a visit and a visitation?" Fond Father—"A visit, my boy, is when you go to see your Grandmother Jones, and a visitation is when your Grandmother Jones comes to see us.

Some Encouragement. "That girl has rejected me three times," confided the disconsolate youth. "Well," replied Miss Cayenne, "you should feel encouraged. A girl who will listen to three proposals from the same man must think something of him."

You Will be Surprised

to see how far your money will go and how much clothing your money will buy here. There is a lot of cold weather ahead of us yet, and we have a lot of cold weather clothing we want to sell, and in order to do so we are making some extraordinary low prices. It will pay you to call and look them over.

H. J. TAYLOR THE STORE THAT LEADS IN GUARANTEED MERCHANDISE

THE WOLVERINES GATHER IN DETROIT

THEY ARE SHOWN HOW TO MAKE DOUGH ON A LARGE SCALE AND SOME OTHER THINGS. THE SPEAKING, THE EATING, THE ELECTION AND GOOD TIME.

The Wolverine Press Association Held Its Annual Meeting and Enjoyed a Day Off From the Regular Daily Routine.

An exceptionally good banquet, a business men's meeting of vital interest to the editors and a very interesting trip through one of the most important food manufacturing institutions in Detroit were the features of the annual meeting of the Wolverine Press association, which comprises the five wires among the weekly newspaper editors of Michigan.

The meeting was held in Detroit Thursday and Friday of last week. A number of editors attended the banquet given in honor of Benjamin Franklin's birthday on Thursday evening.

Friday morning the editors and their wives went to the plant of the Gordon-Pagel Baking company. Several hours were spent in inspecting this enormous institution and a very fine lunch was served by the company at the conclusion of the inspection.

"We have realized that our competition comes not from the other bakers," said Mr. William M. Pagel, manager of the institution, "but from the housewife who goes to the corner grocery for a sack of flour and bakes her own bread. This means that we must demonstrate to the efficient and economical women of our territory that we can bake a better loaf of bread and sell it to her for a less price than she can afford to make it herself. This is our problem, and our whole institution is organized with the solution of that problem in mind."

The trip through the plant was an eye-opener for the editors and their wives. It began in the office building where the heads of the organization and the small army of clerks are housed. Then under the leadership of Mr. Pagel and Mr. William Warren, the superintendent, the party was taken to the upper floors, where the editors and their wives were led through a maze of piles of flour. Here are stored constantly from 20 to 50 carloads of flour. Great piles of sacks, reaching from floor to ceiling and covering nearly the entire city block of floor space, impressed the party with the enormous demands made upon a modern baking plant. From the flour store rooms the party was taken to the blending rooms, where the flours are tested by experts to determine the properties of the various shipments. Mr. Pagel explained that his firm was compelled to keep tab on the weather conditions in the various parts of Minnesota and North Dakota, from which all their wheat is shipped. The Gordon-Pagel company knows the weather conditions under which the wheat from which every carload is made was grown. Whenever cloudy skies prevent nature from ripening the grain by the heat rays of the sun, the flour made from that wheat must be blended with other flours in order to produce the exact qualities requisite for making bread. In this room the flour is passed through cleaning machines, which remove particles of lint and any other impurities which are invisible to the unaided eye. The various flours are blended and then carried automatically to weighing machines. These scales, surmounted by enormous hoppers, are filled with flour, and when the proper weight has been reached are automatically dumped into the bread-mixing machines. Here the other ingredients are added and the dough made by the agitation of revolving arms inside the great steel mixing machines. These machines were invented by James Gordon, the head of the company. The chief problem in the operation of mechanical mixing devices in making bread dough is the generation of heat by the agitators. Mr. Gordon solved this problem by making the shaft on which these agitator arms revolve of a hollow steel shafting, through which ice-cold brine is constantly circulated under pressure. This brings about the required uniformity of temperature and in a certain number of minutes the dough is formed, tested with thermometers and turned out into the great mixing troughs. Six of these mixing machines are constantly in operation, a "dough" is mixed every twenty minutes, and the whole task of mixing dough and baking the bread is carried through on as definite a schedule as obtains in the best railroads. The dough is allowed to rise in the great troughs, is kneaded and turned by the white clad bakers and is sent to the dividing room exactly on schedule. Not more than two or three minutes is allowed for variation in the scheduled progress of any dough from the mixing machines to the cooling racks.

D. of R. BENEFIT D. of R. Grand Production of the Greatest of all Laugh Provoking Comedy Dramas "THE FORGER" By Local Talent An Excellent Cast, Gorgeous Costumes Bright Specialties, Beautiful Stage Setting City Hall, Thurs., Feb. 13 Seats on sale at Look's Drug Store Saturday morning

Easter Comes... early remember. So come in and pick out your New Spring Suit... The shop that sells KAHN TAILORED CLOTHES Will C. Stone

One feature which impressed the party was the absolute cleanliness of the bakery, the machinery and the men. In the mixing and bread-raising rooms no outside air is permitted. These great rooms are enclosed by airtight double windows. All the air used in the rooms is drawn in by great blowers, carried through tanks of distilled water to wash out any possible impurities, dried in a heater, raised or lowered to the required temperature and given the requisite humidity by the addition of as much distilled water as is needed.

From the dough room the troughs of raised dough are wheeled into the dividing room, the dough is automatically dumped into the hoppers of great dividing machines. These machines automatically form the loaves and weigh them. Endless belts of spotless linen carry these loaves, dredged with flour, to a great automatic conveyor filled with greased pans. These are moved about in air of a determined temperature from six to thirteen minutes and then taken to what is called the proof room, where the loaves are given that treatment which corresponds to the attempts of the housewife to raise the loaves on the hearth of the stove. From this proof room the racks filled with pans of bread are wheeled to the ovens, of which there are three patterns. The ovens are kept at an exact temperature, ranging from 500 to 600 degrees, and are loaded on a certain schedule by belt workmen armed with long-handled tools for placing the loaves in the dim recesses of the ovens. After baking for a certain number of minutes at a certain temperature, they are taken out and put in racks for cooling. The cooling is done on the way to the wrapping rooms, where dexterous young men wrap the loaves in waxed paper and tie them with almost unbelievable rapidity. From this place the loaves are sent in racks to the shipping room, where the bread is started out for delivery in 50 large wagons for city trade and a dozen trucks for conveyance to the express offices for shipment into the surrounding country.

The whole operation was inspected with the greatest interest by the editors and their wives. It was pointed out that nothing was left to chance, that there was no such thing as luck in the modern baking institution, that every loaf comes from the ovens with the same texture, flavor and color as every other loaf. This is only possible in such an institution as the Gordon-Pagel Baking company's plant, with its white tiled walls, shining machinery, distilled water, washed air and unvarying temperature.

During the afternoon the annual meeting of the association was held. The officers for 1913 are: President, E. F. Browne, Harbor Beach Times; vice president, Clifford Ward, Charlotte Tribune; secretary, A. B. Bragdon, Jr., Monroe Record-Commercial; treasurer, A. D. Gallery, Caro Advertiser; publicity director, Arthur E. Gordon, Detroit.

A resolution was adopted urging the enlargement of the official journals of the Michigan legislature to include stenographic reports of every session of both houses.

Henry J. Allen, secretary of the Ben Franklin club of Annapolis, discussed

"Cost Systems for the Country Office," and A. D. Gallery, of the Caro Advertiser, gave an intensely interesting discussion of "Why My Banker Spends His Winters in Florida and I Spend Mine in Caro." Mr. Gallery's remarks were a brilliant exposition of the necessity for business methods in country newspaper and printing offices.

The evening was given up to the elaborate banquet held in the Griswold House. The menu cards were gotten up in the form of a first page of a newspaper, illustrated with pictures of the speakers, etc. Toastmaster Arthur E. Gordon introduced Dr. Charles E. Chadsey, superintendent of the public schools of Detroit. Dr. Chadsey made a very impressive address upon the necessity of support for the rural school teachers by the weekly newspaper editors, urging the necessity of adequate compensation for those who are moulding the lives of the future citizens of this country, and pointing out the special necessity for sufficient salaries to enable the teachers in country schools to equip themselves so well that they can give the farmer's boy and girl the same educational equipment that the city children receive.

Lieutenant Governor John Q. Ross discussed "The Relation of the Newspapers to the State," pointing out the responsibility which rested upon the newspaper editors of giving to their readers thorough and unbiased reports of the conduct of public affairs and to assist the public and the public servants to a complete understanding of the problems of government.

Arthur J. Lacy told a few stories and then presented the resolutions of the association expressing the sorrow of the association at the death of Hon. William W. Wedemeyer, an honorary member of the association, and Editor Marvin, of Utica. The resolutions also expressed the thanks of the association to the Western Newspaper Union, the American Press association, the Union Paper & Twine company, Chop-Stevens Paper company, George M. Savage Advertising agency, American Type Founders company, Keystone Type Founders company, Fred Postal and the Gordon-Pagel Baking company.

After the meeting was voted the most successful and entertaining and most replete with valuable suggestions for the improvement of the weekly newspapers of the state that has been held by the Wolverine Press association.

Politics.

By placing the proper number of coins in the slot the political machine may be operated.

Getting the Best of It.

The wisest man would make a good bargain if he could trade off what he knows for what he doesn't know.

For Consistency's Sake.

Dorothy—"And what did he say when you proposed?" Midge—"Oh he looked cozy and told me I'd have to see his mother first!"

Too Good to Lose. Jack—"Now that your engagement is broken, are you going to make Blanche send back your letters?" Harry—"You bet I am. I worked hard thinking out those letters; they're worth using again."