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The Crosby Corset Company of Lowell was duly organized on last Tuesday evening with the following officers:
President—W. G. Wright.
Vice President—P. C. Peckham.
Treasurer—R. VanDyke.
Secretary—R. E. Springett.
Directors—John O. Clark, L. J. Post, John O. Aurbart.
Mr. Wright will also be general manager.

The committee on organization reported articles of incorporation with \$8,000 stock, of which \$5,000 is paid in and \$3,000 payable on demand.

Articles of incorporation and by laws were approved and adopted.

The Crosby Corset company has an established trade on high class goods and now that the success of the plan to transfer the business to Lowell is assured, more stockholders offer than can be supplied.

Among other orders, Mr. Wright has one from England. No time will be lost in moving the factory equipment and beginning operations in Lowell.

Much credit is due to many who subscribed for stock when the success of the enterprise was doubtful, as well as to those who refused to take "No" for an answer and pushed the enterprise to a successful issue.

OLD SOLDIER GONE

Former Lowell Business Man Passed Away Friday.

Lorenzo F. Chubb was born April 22, 1847, in the town of Blissfield, Lenawee county, Michigan and departed this life from his home in Lowell, June 23, 1916. Funeral services were held on Sunday, the Rev. I. T. Weldon officiating.

At the age of five he was given a home with John Barnhill, near Conklin in Ottawa county, where he resided until about four years ago, when he moved to Lowell. At the age of 18 when the call came for volunteers he enlisted in Company A, Fifth Michigan Infantry.

He was united in marriage to Miss Lydia M. Wilcox September 6, 1895 and to this union were born five children.

He leaves to mourn his loss a loving wife and four children, Nina, Emeline and Vernon of Lowell and Bliss of Appleton, Wisconsin, Blanche having preceded him to that place of rest at the age of 17 years. Besides these, two brothers Daniel Chubb of Muskegon, Edward of Cassopolis, and three sisters, Tena Wertenburger of Manton, Inez of Missouri and Mary of Jackson, survive him. He also leaves a host of neighbors and friends.—C.

FRIEOLI-KILGUS.

Lowell Couple United at Home Wedding.

A very pretty wedding took place Tuesday evening at eight o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kilgus when their daughter Gladys became the wife of Emil Friedl. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. William Kilgus. The bride was prettily gowned in a dress of white net over blue silk and carried white roses. The bridesmaids wore a gown of bluesilk and carried pink roses. After the ceremony which was performed by Rev. Bank, they adjourned to the dining room where a two course supper was served. The house was decorated in pink and white bride's roses used profusely about. Many beautiful gifts were received.—Com.

Big Celebration at Lowell July 3rd and 4th

Extensive preparation is being made for one of the biggest and best celebrations that Lowell has had for years. The Lowell Race Track association and active business interests are hard at work in an effort to make these two days something of more than usual occurrence. No less than 15,000 people are expected and arrangements are being made to give them the best of good times. The program consists of horse races each day, balloon ascensions, band tournament and numerous other attractions.

Head your machine for this great center of attraction and enjoy the height of merriment and pleasure. Meet your old time acquaintances, they will all be here with that old-time smile. Adv.

August 11-15, Lowell Chautauqua.

William Hart in "The Tools of Providence" will be the attraction at the Family theatre Saturday evening, also a good comedy, "The Innocent Sandwich Man." Admission 5c to all. Plenty of time to see this and also the attraction at the Idle Hour.

Lowell Brothers Enlist.



Carl Bank

Theo Bank

Carl and Theo Bank, sons of Rev. and Mrs. Henry Bank, enlisted last Friday in the National Guards and are now in camp with Co. K, 32 Infantry at Grayling. They write there are about 6,000 men there and they are having a good time. If other

OLD PIONEER GONE

Mrs. Nash Lived in Lowell and Vergennes 77 Years.



Mrs. Harman Nash passed away at her home in this village Monday night, after a long illness, aged 78 years. Funeral services will be held at the residence today (Thursday) at 2 p. m., Rev. I. T. Weldon officiating clergyman; burial at Oakwood.

Anna E., daughter of Alfred and Eliza VanDusen, was born in Ontario and came to Vergennes an infant with her parents in 1837 and has spent all the intervening years in that township and in Lowell. She was married to Harman Nash Feb. 6, 1858 and came with him to Lowell in November, 1865.

She is survived by her life companion and two brothers, Elam of Jamaica, W. L., and Alfred Delos of Grand Rapids, six nieces, three nephews, other relatives and a host of friends.

Mrs. Nash was a woman of a kind and sympathetic nature and was a ready and willing helper in sorrow and sickness among her neighbors and townspeople. She loved her home and kept it unadorned, except for the help of her husband for 56 years, but for the past two years she has been in declining health.

Mr. Nash, who has been in business here nearly fifty years, has the sympathy of many old friends in his loneliness.

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COMING TO LOWELL DRY MASS MEETING

Madison Square Merchants Visit Us Today.

The plans for the annual trade excursion trip of the Madison Square merchants, which will take place this Thursday afternoon, have been completed. The trip is to be shorter than the one made last year, so the boosters will have more time at each stop.

The trip will be made in autos, which will start from the square at 1 o'clock. Ada, the first stop, will be reached at 1:40, where the tourists will stop for 30 minutes.

From Ada the boosters will go to Lowell, where they are due to arrive at 3 o'clock. Here they will present the villagers with an American flag, 12 x 18 feet, as a recognition of the hospitality received there last year.

Whitneyville, Cascade and East Paris will be visited in turn. At the latter place the boosters will dine and hold with the Cleaners a get-together meeting. It was at this town that, last year, they were stopped by the people and served with buttermilk and doughnuts.

A band of eight pieces will accompany the tourists and play at each stop.

Souvenir booklets entitled "You Can Do Better at Madison Square—Why, When and Where" will be distributed on the trip.—Herald.

Notice! Village taxes due and can be paid at the bakery July first.

Herman Strong, Village Treas.

Miss Glennis Buck is visiting friends in Grand Rapids.

Rev. Broody Fires Opening Gun at Alto July 2.

A mass meeting to outline the campaign to vote Michigan dry will be held at the Grange hall in Alto, July 2 at 2:30, p. m. Rev. Russel H. Broody of Hastings will deliver the principal address. Other speakers are C. N. Webb of Grand Rapids, secretary of the Keeler Bros Co and Attorney C. Roy Hatten, township organizer of the united dry campaign organization of Kent county. The quartette from St. Paul's M. E. church will sing.

While the mass meeting is in progress a Junior temperance rally will be held in the Methodist church. Children twelve years old and under are invited. Junior workers from Grand Rapids, assisted by local helpers, will have charge of this great Junior rally.

It will be a rousing enthusiastic meeting. Children ought not to miss it.

Voters of Bowne and Lowell townships, come yourselves and bring the whole family to the biggest mass meeting ever held in Alto. Join in the campaign for a bigger and better Michigan.—P.

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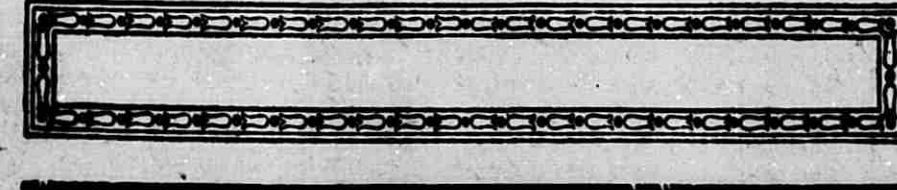
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STRIKE PENSION PROVISION OUT

SENATOR GORE AND THOMAS PRECIPITATED IN ONE OF THE BITTEREST DEBATES OF THE SESSION.

MANY MILLIONS FOR PENSIONS

Another Bill is Pending Which Would Bring 400,000 Widows of the Spanish War on the Pension Roll.

Washington—Sudden realization of the dangers which might threaten the government from a great armed and active organization of pension caused the senate to back away suddenly from the house proposal that national guardsmen with families dependent upon them for support, be specially compensated by the government.

While the blind Senator Gore, of Oklahoma, and Senator Thomas, of Colorado, attacked the provision and precipitated one of the most bitter debates of the session on the floor, the senate committee on military affairs in executive session, voted unanimously to strike out the pension provision from the resolution authorizing the president to draft the national guard.

In its place the committee inserted a section authorizing exemption from the draft, on his own request, of any militiaman "who has family dependent on him."

The other argument which weighed the committee against the pension provision was the one advanced by Rep. A. H. Gardner, but not heeded by the house, that the preferment of the militia, in matter of pecuniary reward to the regular soldiers would serve to disrupt the army.

Discussing the action of the committee, Chairman Chamberlain said: "To have pensioned one class of soldiers or to have given them any privilege not allowed every other would have disorganized the army. The new draft of the resolution makes impossible any suspicion of favoritism or any fear that a pensioners' organization, which might become protectional, will be established."

"This government is now paying \$158,000,000 a year in pensions; a bill has just been passed by the house that will add from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000 to the pension roll; another bill is pending which would bring to the roll 40,000 possible widows of the Spanish war," said Senator Gore.

"These are bad enough, but now in this resolution it is proposed to do something absolutely unprecedented in the history of war—to pension men while still bearing arms, before they see any fighting. This proposal is founded either on maudlin sentimentalism or worse motives."

DAMAGED BY CLOUDBURST

Kalamazoo Paper Mill and Other Property Destroyed.

Kalamazoo—A cloudburst Friday night washed out the main line of the Michigan Central, damaged the Bryant paper mill and flooded hundreds of acres of land, much of which is the celery gardens. Owing to the wide district covered by the food it is difficult to estimate the damage which probably will reach more than \$100,000.

THE COST OF WAR

Some Figures That Are Now Large But May Look Small Later.

It has cost a little over \$100,000 a day to keep the regulars in Mexico for three months, or a little over \$10,000,000 thus far.

When the National Guard is mobilized, it will cost an additional \$250,000 a day to support them.

The American soldier is the best fed in the world. His food costs the government 30 cents a day per man.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

"The demand for young men in business and industrial positions has been made even stronger by the Mexican situation," said H. F. Wegener, employment secretary of the Y. M. C. A.

SIDELIGHTS OF THE MEXICAN CRISIS

70,000 Mexicans concentrate 64 miles south of Nogales.

Washington establishes censorship on reports from Mexico.

A-B-C diplomatic agents seeking to settle Mexico-U. S. differences.

West Virginia Knights of Pythias offer volunteers to fight Mexicans.

Refugees pouring into Vera Cruz and to border from Interior Mexico.

A special train of 12 box cars arrived at Vera Cruz with 250 men, women and children.

Snipers inflict American line of communication, wound and kill many American truck drivers.

"The navy never was better prepared for any emergency," is the way Secretary Daniels puts it.

Seven thousand members of American Society of Civil Engineers to offer services for Mexican campaign.

Wilson to be authorized to draft National Guardsmen for federal service; \$1,000,000 for relief of guardsmen's families.

War seems certain with reports that indicate all but 7 of U. S. cavalry command of over 100 was annihilated in Carrizal fight.

Approximately 10,000 Mexican troops are concentrated at Magdalena, 64 miles south of Nogales, according to authentic reports.

Twenty vessels in the coast guard service are being made ready for use as naval auxiliaries in case they are called on for Mexican duty.

14,940 National Guard troops in camp; mustering officers sent to state camps; Wisconsin, Kansas and Missouri nearly ready to move.

Seven Americans were removed by Mexican officials from a passenger train which arrived at Laredo from Mexico City, passengers report.

It is claimed by El Paso Mexican officials that the rebels of Coahuila, Durango and parts of Zacatecas and Chihuahua had joined cause with the government.

Mexican embassy says American Japanese fired on Drunken naval launch at Mazatlan; that Americans, thinking Mexicans to blame, fired, wounding two Mexicans.

William Robertson and Tom Snyder, American cattlemen, have been killed by Mexicans southwest of Nacozari, Sonora, according to the statement of military officials from Agua Prieta.

Second Class Boatswain's Mate I. M. Laughlin, of the United States gunboat Annapolis, who was shot during a fight at Matatlan with Carranza soldiers, died the following morning.

Juan Trevino, claiming to be a brother of Gen. Jacinto Trevino, was held in jail at San Antonio by federal authorities on the charge of inciting an insurrection. He was arrested near Lyle.

National guardsmen in mobilization camps in the states included in the department of the east, under command of Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, now number 18,217. It is officially announced.

The 17 American Negroes captured in the Carrizal battle have been placed in the penitentiary. There have been no arrangements made for removing them to Juarez to be surrendered to the American authorities.

Officials at Arispe have telegraphed General P. Elias Calles confirming the death of A. R. Dickson, a British subject, who was wounded in the fight with Mexican cowboys in which Jim Parks, an American prospector, was killed.

When the national guard of Michigan and other states is mustered into the federal service, probably within the week, it will constitute the first instance of use in America of the "draft" as a means of supplying an army in the beginning of a war.

Sam H. Harris, a private in C troop of the Tenth cavalry, was brought to the border with bullet wounds in the left shoulder and arm, received in the engagement at Carrizal. He said that there were fully 700 Mexicans against the 84 men of the American detachment.

Captain Lewis Sidney Morey is safe, having reached the main body of American troops with two of his men. General Funston received a message by telegraph from Mrs. Morey at Austin, Tex., that she had had a wireless message from him from "Somewhere in Mexico" to that effect.

Pope Benedict is much distressed over seeing virtually the whole world divided from the Vatican, after the news of the combat between Americans and Mexicans had been received. The pontiff entertains hope that hostilities between the United States and Mexico will be averted through the intervention of Spain, which is supported by the Holy See.

The record for speed in mobilization is shared by New Jersey, Massachusetts and the District of Columbia. All three had the units called out in company three days after receiving the war department order.

A copy of a message was brought to El Paso from Juarez, which is said authoritatively to be sent to all commanding officials throughout the revolution-ridden republic. The message reads: "At the outbreak of hostilities with the United States arrest all Catholics, clergies and other enemies of the constitutional government."

Naval preparations for war with Mexico are in full swing. Orders for the coilers Proteus, Hector and Prometheus to prepare for immediate service. The Hector will load and sail at once to supply the warships in Mexican waters or en route there.

Investigation by Lieut. A. D. Newdian and a detachment of the Third cavalry failed to confirm reports that 20 Mexican bandits had crossed into Texas about 15 miles west of Brownsville in the San Pedro district. Reports persistently circulated were that such an invasion had been effected.

LETTER FROM STATE CAPITOL

AN ATTORNEY AND HIS LARGE FEE IN INHERITANCE TAX CASES UNDER FIRE.

MUST EXPLAIN TO JUDGE

The Milha Mobilization is Rapid and As Compared With Conditions in 1898 Shows Real Work Has Been Done.

[Gurd M. Hayes.]

Lansing—Within three hours after the supreme court of the state had declined to take jurisdiction in the Ingham county bar concerning the professional conduct of Attorney James N. Thompson, of Lansing, Judge Howard West of the Ingham circuit had received the document alleging fraud, deceit and malpractice on Thompson's part, and had issued an order requiring Thompson to appear in court July 3 and show cause why he should not be disbarred from the practice of law in Michigan.

Because of the state offices he has held and his Masonic connections Thompson is known in practically every city and village in the state. In 1912 he was grandmaster of the Michigan Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., and at the same time was the grand high priest of the Michigan Grand Chapter, R. A. M.

For a number of years he was a member of the state board of education and later served as a member of the state board of tax commissioners. Prominent in social and business affairs of the Capital City, he has been universally respected and the charges of his brother lawyers came like a bolt from the blue.

Despite his claims to the executors of several non-residents of the state that it was the universal policy of the state to collect inheritance taxes on the full market value of the stocks, Thompson had in his possession a letter written by Attorney General Roger I. Wykes, November 20, 1912, in which he was informed to the contrary.

This letter was not a part of the original document filed with the supreme court as it was not discovered until a later day. However, it will be presented to the circuit court as evidence against Thompson in the disbarment proceedings which will be heard next week.

Justice West, before whom the disbarment proceedings will be argued, was the jurist who gained fame a few years back by citing former governor Hazen S. Pingree for contempt of court. He also presided during the famous military scandal and was the judge who imposed sentence upon former State Treasurer Frank P. Glasier.

While it has been hinted that a grand jury may grow out of the present proceedings, Attorney Cumins would not discuss this feature. He has admitted, however, that a request for a grand jury has been considered.

Thomas A. Lawler, whose name appears in the information as having drafted the bill amending the inheritance tax law, admits that the measure was prepared in the attorney general's department under his direction.

Lieutenant Judge of Probate Henry M. Gardner, Mr. Lawler declares that the bill is an excellent measure. "If any one has abused the law that is not the fault of the law itself."

Mr. Lawler was asked whether he requested Judge Gardner to name James H. Thompson as the Michigan representative of the non-resident estates.

To this question Mr. Lawler replied that he did not remember having asked Judge Gardner to appoint Mr. Thompson.

"I welcome a full investigation of every official action of mine," declared Judge Henry M. Gardner. "My books are open and my record is clear. I court the fullest investigation and when they have finished they will find Henry M. Gardner to be as clear as a hound's tooth."

Judge Gardner says he first appointed James H. Thompson as administrator of an estate at the suggestion of Thomas A. Lawler. According to Judge Gardner, Mr. Lawler explained that Mr. Thompson was a new lawyer in Lansing well versed in the administration of tax laws and that it would be an excellent thing to throw a little business his way.

Judge Gardner said he had no knowledge of any big fees, but emphatically asserted that a fee of \$1,700 for handling an inheritance tax matter in the probate court, was in his opinion, greatly in excess of what such a job was worth.

Mr. Thompson makes this statement: "The first information that I had of any complaints or criticisms about my manner of handling the inheritance taxes upon stocks or bonds owned by non-residents in corporations which had property in Michigan, came to me through indirect sources. He estate or representative of a person for whom I have performed services and from whom I have collected fees, has ever made any complaint to me without the same being adjusted satisfactorily to all parties interested."

"Under the amendment to the tax law of 1911, the Attorney General

would file a petition with the Probate Court in such cases, asking for the appointment of some resident of the state as a representative in this state of the estate, thus saving the necessity of auxiliary administration. I was appointed as such representative in a number of cases.

"Originally the state claimed that it was entitled to a tax upon the full market value of the stock or bonds to be transferred. I contested this, and advanced the argument that a tax should be collected only upon such proportion of the full market value of the stocks and bonds as the amount of property owned by that corporation in this state was to the whole amount of the property owned by that corporation. This gave rise to many conferences and arguments between myself and the Attorney General Department, and a number of cases were appealed from the decision of the Probate Judge, who decided the cases argued in accordance with my contention. As a result of many conferences, continuing over a considerable period of time, by stipulation between myself and the Attorney General, the appealed cases were discontinued and the appeals dismissed. In the subsequent cases in which I received appointment in the Probate Court, I represented the estates, and performed whatever work was necessary in the preparation of forms, attending hearings and the payment of taxes.

"I firmly believed that each estate had profited by my contention, and believed that I was entitled to compensation on that basis. In many instances the value of the property involved was so small that no fee was warranted, and I did the work and charged no fee whatever.

"There will be no attempt on my part to conceal or suppress any of the facts concerning my connection with these matters. If I have made any overcharges, I will gladly refund the same."

Rapid Mobilization. In striking contrast to the mobilization of state troops in 1898 are the methods employed by the state military authorities in assembling the citizen soldiery of Michigan at the state camp at Grayling.

When President McKinley issued the call for troops eighteen years ago and Hazen S. Pingree, commander in chief of the Michigan national guard directed the officers to assemble their men at Island Lake, which at that time was the place where the annual encampments were held.

It required several days for the company commanders to get their men together in their respective armories in 1898. They lacked equipment. The companies were nowhere near up to war strength, or peace strength for that matter. Some had uniforms and some were without the regulation trappings of the soldier in the field. A few had guns, but the shooting irons were mainly of the comic supplement variety and were practically useless.

Regulation shoes were not known to the Michigan national guard. Some of the soldiers appeared in tan oxfords. Others wore black shoes and a few of the soldiers answered the first roll call in carpet slippers. Governor Pingree, a shoe manufacturer, personally outfitted the entire thirty-first regiment with shoes at his own expense, but the boys in the other regiments were not so lucky.

For years, prior to the national guard, and for a number of years later for that matter, the Michigan militia was regarded as a joke. The annual encampments were not taken seriously and the men had little real military training.

In recent years, however, conditions have undergone a decided change. Former Governor Osborn must be given some credit for this transformation. He abolished the governor's staff, known as the gold lace brigade, and insisted that the militia should be reorganized for the purpose for which it was originally created.

The fruits of his labor are apparent, and now, Michigan's national guard ranks among the best in the union, in the estimation of the war department. When the men go into camp at Grayling they will be equipped as well as the regulars in the United States army are equipped.

Marriage and Divorce. According to statistics compiled for the federal government by Secretary of State Vaughan, 35,316 marriage licenses were granted in Michigan during 1914 and 4,358 divorces were issued the same year.

Wayne county reported 10,987 marriage licenses. Kent was second with 2,015 and Berrien county was third with 1,555. Apparently St. Joseph and Berrien are still favored by eloping couples from Chicago and during July and August when excursion steamers cross the lakes the marriages in Berrien county doubled in number. In July, 1914, Berrien county reported 216 marriages and 208 were recorded during August of the same year.

The marriage licenses issued in the other principal counties during 1914, follows: Bay 609, Genesee 695, Ingham 678, Jackson 685, Lenawee 516, Muskegon 402, Oakland 583, Saginaw 857, St. Clair 515. Oscoda county reported but 13 marriage licenses, which is the smallest number credited to any county in the state.

Statistics compiled by the state department show that 10,993 persons married in 1914 were under twenty years of age, while 35 licenses were issued to persons over 80 years of age.

His mind about quitting politics at the end of his present term. The governor would not say that no contingency might arise whereby he might not alter his decision. He admitted that something might happen that would cause him to seek a third term. He said that his decision might have an important bearing on the result of the republican gubernatorial primary and he said he does not intend to extend any aid and comfort to the republicans if he can help it.

WAR SEEMS ONLY QUESTION OF TIME

PRESIDENT CALLS MEMBERS OF FOREIGN RELATIONS OF BOTH HOUSES INTO CONFERENCE.

SENDING CARRANZA A NOTE

Declaring That Mexico Has Committed a "Deliberately Hostile Act" Against United States.

Washington—That the United States and Mexico will be at war by the end of this week is the general opinion among officials in Washington as the result of several important developments. These developments were the calling to a conference at the White House by President Wilson members of the foreign relations committees of both houses, the announcement that the Carranza government had assumed flight, the sending to Carranza of a note declaring that Mexico had committed a "deliberately hostile act" against the United States and demanding the immediate release of the troops taken at Carrizal and the additional demand that Carranza send this government an early statement as to the course of action he has determined upon.

After the White House conference it was announced that Mr. Wilson had read the note to Carranza to the senators and representatives and informed them that he would address a joint session of congress on the subject when a reply had been received.

Those at the White House conference with the president were Chairman Stone, of the senate foreign relations committee; Senator Lodge, ranking Republican member, and Chairman Flood, of the house committee on foreign affairs. Representative Cooper, ranking minority member of the house committee, was out of the city.

None of the conferees would discuss the contents of the American note. When Senator Stone was approached by the newspaper correspondents he said: "The situation is exceedingly acute."

The report was current throughout Washington that the president contemplates going before congress to obtain authority to declare war, but White House officials indicated that there was no immediate prospect of such action.

Another important development in the Mexican situation, which has an important bearing on the others, was the issuing of orders by Secretary of War Baker to the army heads throughout the country to rush at least parts of the state guards to the border as soon as possible.

Russian forces occupy Bukovina. Austrian Crown Land Falls into the Hands of the Czar.

London—That Russian forces now occupy the entire Austrian crown land of Bukovina was officially announced by the Russian general staff. The official statement says the possession of the province was completed by the capture of the town of Kimpoling, at the foot of the Carpathians. In the taking of the town more than 2,000 Austrian soldiers were captured.

Violent attacks on the Austro-German forces which have countered the Russian offensive in Volhynia are being continued. The Berlin war office announced that all these attacks, made repeatedly with strong forces, had been repulsed.

On the western front, says Berlin, the Germans have repelled vigorous French attacks north of Verdun, made in an effort to regain lost ground.

The British have developed pronounced artillery activity along the part of the Franco-Belgian front they hold from La Bassee canal to the Somme according to Berlin. The British fire continued uninterruptedly all night.

Athens—A royal decree suspending the sessions of the chamber of deputies has been published. A decree fixing the elections for Aug. 7 will be issued this week. The blockade has been raised.

Geneva—A special messenger carrying an autograph letter from the king of Greece to the emperor of Germany has passed through Lugano, Switzerland. The messenger was accompanied by two Greek officers.

Washington—Orders permitting several railroads to disregard the long-and-short-haul clause of the railroad rate law were issued by the Interstate Commerce commission to cover cases where water competition must be met.

Huntsville, Ala.—Sheriff Robert Phillips of Madison county, shot and killed himself at the county jail here. It was the second suicide growing out of the recent murder of Probate Judge W. T. Lawler. The sheriff left a note saying he had been suspected of the murder, but he was innocent.

Chicago—For the first time, radium was "hooked" as security for a loan. The Physicians' Radium society of Chicago borrowed \$250,000 from the Commercial Trust and Savings bank with 105 milligrams of radium, in three tubes, as security.

San Antonio, Texas—Survivors of the Tenth cavalry detachment in the fight at Carrizal who arrived at Gen. Pershing's headquarters told him that the fighting began with an unprovoked attack on the Americans at the conclusion of a parley with the Mexican commanders.

WORKING FOR THE FARMER

The State College Showing How to Do Business Properly and Succeed.

MICHIGAN BREVITIES

Ludington.—Mrs. Andrew Falconer, seventy years old, is dead at her farm home near Scottville, of heart disease.

Brighton.—Five girls and four boys were graduated from the Brighton high school at the commencement exercises here.

Jackson.—The village of Stockholm will hold its third biennial reunion Thursday and Friday, August 8 and 9.

Battle Creek.—Playing "William Tell" with a boy companion, Luke Traynor was shot through the hand. Luke held the target, a bat, while his chum shot at it.

Saginaw.—Howard S. Doolittle, for several years teacher of chemistry in the Saginaw high school, has resigned and will accept a similar position in the Ann Arbor high school.

West Branch.—Sheriff Kenyon went to Detroit this week and brought back Stanley Matthews of Rose City, wanted on a statutory charge proffered by a Rose City girl.

Waterford.—Cold, wet weather has caused considerable damage to the melon crop in this vicinity. It is pointed out that the crop will be about half of normal.

Corunna.—John Little, twenty-eight, a gasoline engine expert of Sandusky, O., was fined \$15 and sentenced to 20 days in the county jail for driving his automobile 50 miles an hour near Durand.

Kalamazoo.—Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Mizer and four children are recovering from a severe attack of ptomaine poisoning which was caused by eating cheese. For a time doctors feared that some of the family might not recover.

Muskegon.—The highest city tax ever levied in Muskegon, \$150,000, is included in the budget of this city put before the council. The growth in population explains the boost in taxes, officials assert.

West Branch.—More than \$75 in gifts will be donated by the West Branch business men to the couple who will be publicly married at the celebration here July 24. No applicants have as yet come forward.

Ablon.—Four hundred members of Ablon lodges marched in the fraternal Memorial day parade. There was a joint decoration of graves of deceased lodge members, with an address by former Congressman Washington Gardner.

Kalamazoo.—John Greves, an aged farmer from Elk Rapids, was robbed of \$250 here when an unidentified man snatched his pocketbook and ran down the railroad yards. Greves says the stranger asked him for a dime to buy something to eat.

Benton Harbor.—Evidence of the growth of Benton Harbor was revealed when Manager Stevens of the local division of the Michigan State Telephone company announced that \$10,000 had been advanced for expansion of the local service.

Muskegon.—Arthur Davis, a Lakeside laborer, is held at the county jail as the assailant of a number of women whose homes are in the west end of the town. Davis was identified by the last woman attacked, Mrs. Henry Krusch, who managed to frighten him away by her screams.

Grand Rapids.—The attorney for Lawrence Page, the young man who was convicted in the superior court of murdering his grandfather, Frank M. Sprague, filed a motion for a new trial in superior court on grounds of "prejudicial error" in the taking of testimony.

Jackson.—Impressive commencement exercises were held at St. John's Catholic church and St. Mary's Catholic church for the graduates of their respective high schools. Ten students graduated from St. Mary's school and five received diplomas from St. John's.

Bay City.—The Lutheran league of the Grand Rapids district will hold its eleventh annual convention in this city June 24-26. Adolph Hult of Rock Island, Ill., will speak on "Reformation and our Lutheran Church Song" in Swedish. The officers are: President, Nils T. Ecksberg, Grand Rapids; vice-president and treasurer, Rev. C. A. Peterson, Big Rapids; secretary, Mrs. Hilda Richardson Anderson, Bay City.

Lansing.—Michigan is one of the 14 states that will take part in the Mississippi valley conference on tuberculosis at Louisville, Ky., October 4-6. Because of the leading part Michigan has played during the past year in anti-tuberculosis work, the representation from this state will play a leading role in that gathering. Anti-tuberculosis workers in most of the 14 states in the conference are much interested in this state's survey. Nearly 34,000,000 people live in the 14 states represented.

Saginaw.—A Saginaw county dry banquet was given under the direction of A. I. Pelter, county dry manager, at the Masonic temple. More than 500 covers were laid. Addresses were given by Dr. Samuel Dickie and Miss Marie Pelter.

Jackson.—J. K. Galloway of Ann Arbor has been appointed city forester by the Jackson city commission. Mr. Galloway heretofore has been assistant to Ann Arbor's forester.

Battle Creek.—Ernest Ostlund may die of injuries received when he fell from the back of a fast moving interurban car.

Battle Creek.—Oliver Beuregard, eighty-six, for 64 years a blacksmith in Battle Creek,

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MEXICO is in for the biggest whaling she has had since the days of General Scott and Taylor. Patience, forbearance and long suffering are wasted on ignorant and lawless people devoid of honor or common decency. President Wilson has exhausted all the resources at his command in a vain effort to avoid war with an inferior race, of whom this country demands nothing but common decency. Carranza's protest to the South American republics that "Mexico desires peace"—in the face of ten years internal warfare—is as ridiculous as it is false. WE want peace and we are not too proud to fight for it. And if we must fight, let it be to the finish.

WE BEGIN in this issue advertising the Lowell Chautauqua and invite the careful attention of our readers to the many fine attractions offered. The reading matter will be found both instructive and entertaining; and the success of the two former Chautauquas is a guarantee that that of 1916 will be worthy the patronage and assistance of all, offering the greatest amount and quality of entertainment, inspiration and instruction possible for the least amount of money. Make your plans to attend the Lowell Chautauqua August 11 to 15 and pass the word to your neighbors. Let's all boost.

THE enlistment of two of our finest young men, Carl and Theo Bank, is the eloquent answer of two of Lowell citizens of foreign birth—Rev. and Mrs. Henry Bank—to the hyphenated-American talk. As between Germany and her European enemies, they sympathize with the Fatherland. As between America the land of their adoption and Germany or any other nation, they are for America, first, last and all the time. Hats off to Rev. and Mrs. Bank and to their noble sons!

SOME saphead having started the idea of getting Probate Judge Higbee's job because the Judge has gone to fight his country's battles, invites a coat of tar and feathers and a ride on a sharp cornered rail, if he shows his head. No "Fire in the rear" tactics will be tolerated in 1916. Governor Ferris is right in his indignant declaration that "Any man who would think of such a thing should be run out of the state." Out of the country, too, Governor.

WHATEVER mistakes President Wilson may have made, he doesn't deserve that you waste your time listening to a ten-dollar-per-week man's invective on what "Wilson Should Have Done and Why," with the wise addition that "Any fool should have known—" With two gentlemen candidates like Messrs. Hughes and Wilson this should be a gentleman's campaign, and good citizens should tolerate nothing less.

TWO more Grand Rapids girls have learned that automobile night riding with strange men is likely to have serious consequences. The News calls the attention of parents to the latest case in point; but there can certainly be no harm in a little wisdom on the part of young women. "Forewarned is forearmed." Have a good time, but don't flirt with death and dishonor.

THE LEDGER will be sent free to all Lowell and vicinity boys who enlist for the Mexican service. If relatives will furnish the needed addresses, nothing more will be required.

THE Madison Square business men are our guests today. Give them the glad hand.

Now is the time when we lose patience with our bird friends because they make too free with the cherries. Pennsylvania will attempt to solve the difficulty by planting 10,000 cherry trees for the special benefit of the birds. Cherry trees along the highways would serve a double purpose, providing food and shelter for the birds and grateful shade and fruit for the wayfarers.

NATIONS desiring to prevent war between United States and Mexico, can best attain their end by inducing the latter to exercise common sense and ordinary decency.

SEVENTY per cent of Detroit's population is foreign-born or of foreign parentage. Some job for Mr. Assimilation.

GRAND RAPIDS reports a reduction in fire losses; but nothing is said about reduced insurance rates.

THIS is a good time to keep the old flag flying.

While the latter are well enough for a change they are not good for a steady diet.

MOSELEY

Henry Keech, who is living with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Loomis at Orleans, called on his sons Frank and Charlie, also on several old friends and neighbors near Moseley Tuesday.

Mrs. George Lewis and Miss Ruth Wyttenbach visited Donn Mann and sister last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Plank and Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis of Grand Rapids were guests of Gordon Frost and family Sunday.

Jud Hapeman and family of East Lowell visited Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Weeks Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Welch, Willie and Cora Kropp motored to Silver Lake Sunday.

Carl Wyttenbach visited Moseley friends Sunday.

Miss DeVries spent Sunday at Murray lake.

Mrs. Earl Brown and daughter visited her mother, Mrs. Duffy, Sunday.

Mr. Myers, secretary, Mr. McGrath and Mr. Andrews, directors, met with Gordon Frost last Wednesday to adjust his fire insurance loss. He was insured in the Kent County Mutual Insurance Co.

Misses Emily and Matilda Davis and Eva Andrews visited with their aunt, Mrs. John Purdy, at Smyrna Saturday.

George Hummel and family entertained relatives from Grand Rapids Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Bennett and Mr. and Mrs. Royce Ford of Vergennes spent Sunday at Murray lake.

Gordon Frost went to Grand Rapids Friday after a tent, in which they will live this summer while their house is being built.

Carter Co's. show was at Moseley last week.

Miss Ruth Wyttenbach is working for Mrs. George Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Meyers of Rockford and Mr. McGrath of Grand Rapids were guests of Hoamer Andrews and daughter Wednesday.

Mrs. Clyde Purdy and children moved Monday to Alma, where Mr. Purdy works in a creamery.

Mrs. J. D. Frost and Mrs. Ella Richmond visited Mrs. George Frost in Smyrna Saturday.

Miss Rose Wingler visited her aunt, Mrs. Frank Keech, Saturday and Sunday.

Will Rexford and family of Grand Rapids were at Murray lake Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Clara Anderson and Miss Anna Anderson were guests of Geo. Lewis and wife Sunday.

ALTON.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Leon Weeks, June 15, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Barry and daughter Esther and Mr. and Mrs. George Beebe were guests at Chris Kropp's June 15.

Special meeting of the Christian church of Vergennes will be held at the church in Alton July 13 in the evening. All members of the church and association are requested to be present. By order of the president; Carrie Porter clerk.

A 7 lb. boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Binsler, June 17.

James Houlihan's children are having the measles.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ward of Belding visited her father, A. Jakeway, Sunday.

Mrs. Beckey and daughter of Lowell are assisting her daughter, Mrs. Leon Weeks.

Mr. Wheeler's child of Grand Rapids has the whooping cough at their

summer cottage at Murray lake. Mrs. Etta Gray of Zepher Hills, Florida, will spend the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Russell and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cooper and granddaughter of Cedar Springs, Wm. Jakeway, wife and son John of Lowell, Sunday.

Mrs. Clinton Weeks and children have been sick with the measles the past few weeks. Mrs. Carrie Porter cared for them.

Elms Jakeway of Belding spent Saturday night and Sunday with her father.

Marion Miller of Grand Rapids visited friends here Sunday.

Mrs. Ed. Frost and Mrs. Dell Lee of Keosauqua spent Saturday and Sunday with their sister, Mrs. Orlow Weeks. Their husbands were at Murray lake fishing.

Frank Keech's tenant house, the old Casser house, burned recently. Origin of fire unknown.

MORSE LAKE

Mr. and Mrs. John LaClear made a business trip to Alaska Sunday.

Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Smith and two children visited relatives and friends in Lansing, returning home Sunday in their auto.

The ice cream social at the church last Friday night was a success. The program rendered was fine. It demonstrated how our churches could be used more for social centers. The net proceeds were over \$13.

Mrs. Roy Miller of Grand Rapids spent last week with her sister, Mrs. W. Kiel. Her husband joined her

Saturday evening and both returned home Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hebler of Traverse City are visiting relatives here. They were at the home of Mrs. B's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Chatterdon last week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Yetter and daughter of Lowell were guests of Mrs. Yetter's parents Sunday evening. Little Evelyn remaining for a week's visit with her grandparents.

No services at the church Sunday. Those who wish to attend the temperance rally at the Grange hall at Alton do so. The service will be at 8:30 p. m.

Mrs. Anna Fairchild went to Barabac last Saturday to help care for her father. She returned home Monday.

Mrs. S. S. Yetter and children of Lowell spent the week end at the old farm home while Claud and wife visited relatives at Freeport.

Miss Maud Curdick entertained at her home last Friday the following guests, Royden Warner and Mary Bangs of Lowell and Miss Laura M. Underhill of Grand Rapids.

Wool Wanted.

Chas. Jakeway's elevator at Lowell, Mich., wants to buy 40,000 pounds of wool and to get it will pay the highest market value.

Also have for sale hand-picked seed beans.

Call at elevator for prices.

Chas. Jakeway, Lowell, Mich. 4004

THE CHEERFUL CHERUB. The sun went in behind a cloud. But I said: Let him hide. I'll just think happy thoughts and feel all 'sunshiny' inside. ITC.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss. Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that he is the owner of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE. FRANK J. CHENEY Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1916. A. W. OLBRASON, (Notary Public, Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts through the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all druggists. See Hall's Family Pills for constipation.



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Patriotism Day —that's a good name for the 4th of July; this year above all, Americans should renew the old "Spirit of '76." Whether you are an "M. N. G." at the "border" or one of the "home guards" pin the Good Old Flag to your coat this Fourth and shout for "America First."

In the meanwhile "prepare" for the 4th and the hot days to come; include in your "preparedness" a summer suit or an outing suit of

Hart, Schaffner & Marx Make Maybe you'd like a "Sport Suit" or a "belter" or any of our new and more comfortable designs for the warmer days. Neglige Shirts, Sport Shirts, Cool Underwear, Summer Neckwear, Cool Sheer Hose, Bathing Suits. An unlimited choice and complete satisfaction. Pleasing and Stylish Panamas Imported Panamas at the low price. The quality here is better, too. Just \$4. COONS The Home of Hart, Schaffner & Marx Clothes.

Supreme court of New York has decided a mooted question by declaring that a wife who borrows money from her husband is not obliged to pay it back. But does it work the other way? Quick, the answer.—Grand Rapids News. Nix! How about a Lowell Home Guards movement? Lowell must do her share. This is a good time to recall Thomas Jefferson's version of the Golden rule: "Love your neighbor as yourself and your country more than yourself." LOAVES and fishes are not provided by loating and fishing.

Odds and Ends. This is the time of the year when all shoe men have a few pairs out of every lot left over. In order to close the goods out to make room for our new fall stock we are going to cut the price to one half of former prices. For instance we have sixty pairs of Queen Quality Shoes left. Every one knows the price is \$3.00. In the cities they are \$3.50. Our price while they last \$1.50. Every odd size in the store at the same reduction. Every low shoe for man or woman or child at greatly reduced prices. We have a good many low shoes for women, sizes 2 1/2, 3, 3 1/2 that sold for three-fifty that we will sell you now for one dollar. If we have your size you can save 100 per cent and right now in a time when leather is going higher every week. The Old Reliable Shoe House A. J. Howk & Son. 50 Years Selling Good Shoes.

Bowne Charge Churches. During the summer months there will be no evening services on the Bowne Charge. Instead there will be services at 5 p. m. with Sunday school at 4, alternating between Bowne Center and West Bowne. At West Lowell there will be services each Sunday at 1:30 p. m., with Sunday school at 12:30. Morning services alternate between Bowne Center and West Bowne, as usual. R. C. Parrish, Pastor.

Poultry Wanted! and we will call for same at any time. Just phone Citz. No 156, Lowell, that's all. Highest prices paid.

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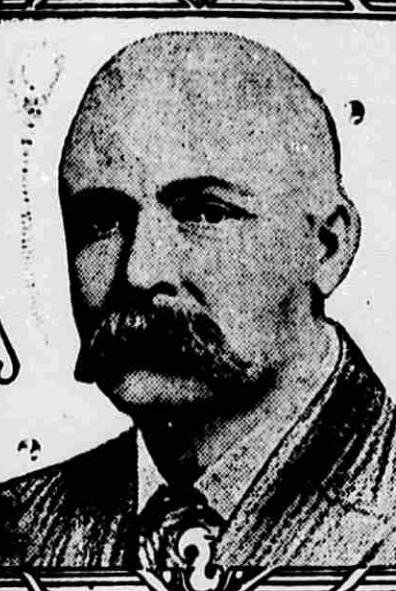
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LOWELL AUG. 11-15.

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The program of the Hoosier Male Quartet includes quartets, duets and solos from classical, operatic, sacred and popular compositions and novelty selections on the concert grand xylophone.

Lowell, August 11-15

GRATTAN

Edward Barnaby of Grand Rapids spent the week end with Franka Brooks.

Mrs. Lawrence Green was taken with the measles while visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elsie, at Oakfield. We are glad to know that she is getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Westcott and daughter Virginia of Casnovia spent last week with the latter's grandmother, Mrs. Louisa Brooks. We did not learn how many fish they caught but of course it must have been a large number as Carrie knows how to fish.

Mrs. S. W. Matice and Mrs. A. Norton visited with their brother, James P. Stanton, of Keene last Thursday and Friday.

Frank Rowland and family took dinner at Jay Norton's Sunday.

Mrs. John Hewler and Mrs. John Bookey left one day last week for Detroit where they will spend a few days visiting friends.

Mrs. Chas. Whitten went to Cedar Springs Friday to see her aunt who is ill. Mrs. Whitten will remain a few days and help care for her.

Grattan is getting to be quite a show town. This week Carter's dramatic club is here. We cannot express our opinion on it yet but will do so next week.

Kent Jakeway is in Grand Rapids this week.

Do not forget the dance at E. E. Leutter's hall Friday night, the 30th. Allan Elkins is sick with the measles. We hope he will soon recover.

Nelann Green returned home very ill from Gary, Ind. Dr. Spencer is the attending physician.

SOUTH BOSTON.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Parsons arrived here Thursday evening with their daughter Beulah, who died in New Mexico, where they spent the winter in hopes to benefit her health, but to no avail. From from away to attend the funeral Friday at the M. E. church were Messrs. Frank and Fred Heston of Charlevoix, Mr. and Mrs. Webster Dodge of Hastings and their daughter of Toledo, and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dodge of Grand Rapids. The family have the sympathy of their many friends here.

George Tucker and family accompanied by Mrs. Stanley McKenney and children motored to North Grand Rapids and took dinner with their sister, Mrs. Paul Wagner Thursday, then on to Byron Center, returning home in the evening.

Misses Belle and Alice Young spent Thursday in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Decker of Clarksville spent Friday at the home of Jesse Henson.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bedell spent over Sunday at the home of Pete Stahl in Boyne.

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WELL CHILDREN ARE ACTIVE

If your child is dull, pale, fretful and wants to lie around, the chances are it is suffering from Spicor. Kickapoo Worm Killer, a pleasant candy confection, liked by all children, is what your child needs. You only give one-half to one dosage at a time and you get immediate results. Every mother should have a box on hand. 25c at all drugists.

EAST LOWELL

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Young have sold their farm and bought a house and lot in Segwun.

John Godfrey and wife and Alice Story spent Sunday at Ada.

Mildred Oberly and Doris Coles are attending summer school at Mt. Pleasant.

There was a meeting appointed at the home of Mrs. Spoler and family to consider having a Ladies' Aid in this place.

W. W. Young and family visited in Ionia, Grand Rapids and Vergennes last week.

Lloyd Hubbel of Grand Rapids is visiting his grandparents.

M. C. Gilbert had a sick horse last week.

Mrs. Oriel is entertaining a lady friend from Grand Rapids.

Ernest Vanderwall visited his parents Sunday.

H. Vanderwall has been working in Elm Dale the past two weeks.

C. Conklin is putting a ditch through one of his fields.

SOUTH GRATTAN

Mrs. George Mason and son visited her parents in Oakfield Sunday.

Elmer Weller and family visited Ace Wood and family Sunday.

A. Spicer, an old resident of Grattan, visited Glenn Spicer and family and other relatives in Grattan.

George Rhodes and family motored to Ionia to visit their son Wert and wife Sunday.

Ira Warren and family visited at James Skillen's Sunday.

Jessie Henricksen spent Saturday night and Sunday with James Skillen, wife and parents.

Frank Raubs and family of Howard motored to Grattan Sunday.

I. P. Jacobson made a business trip to Belding Monday.

LOWELL MARKET REPORT.
Corrected June 28, 1916.

Wheat (red) 60 lb.	98
Wheat (white) 60 lb.	95
Corn, 70 lb.	30
Oats, 60 lb.	25
Rye, 60 lb.	30
Barley, 60 lb.	25
Hay, 100 lb.	12 00
Hay, 50 lb.	6 00
Timothy Seed, 60 lb.	25 00
Flour, 40 lb.	30 00
Flour, 20 lb.	15 00
Beans, 40 lb.	30 00
Peas, 40 lb.	25 00
Lard, 10 lb.	15 00
Pork, dressed, 10 lb.	15 00
Pork, live, 10 lb.	15 00
Beef, live, 10 lb.	10 00-15 00
Beef, dressed, 10 lb.	10 00
Calves, live, 10 lb.	8 00
Lamb, dressed, 10 lb.	10 00-15 00
Sheep, live, 10 lb.	4 00-5 00
Butter Fat, lb.	25

THE COAL MAN
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To You

And the best thing you can do right now is to TALK TO THE COAL MAN.

Place your order for the winter's supply of coal now, and let us fill your bin before the rush of orders begins.

Everybody knows the grade of coal we sell. There is none better and we are keeping the price down.

We've talked to you—now you talk to us. It's good for both.

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Phone 127

CASCADE

Mrs. Leah Geth is ill. Her daughter, Mrs. Ellen Rubrecht of Grand Rapids, is caring for her.

Mrs. Mae Burger and daughter Marjia visited friends in the village Monday and were tea guests of Mrs. Wm. Wood.

J. W. Eulbert of Lowell was a welcome visitor here Thursday and Friday.

Mark Stapleton of Grand Rapids, formerly a Cascade boy, died at his home Saturday and was buried in the village cemetery Monday. Much sympathy is expressed by the Cascade people to the family.

Mrs. Wm. Wood and sister, Gertrude Palmer, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elias Camburn, on the Grandville road Saturday afternoon and evening, returning with Mr. Wood, who is employed on the road at that place.

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WHITES BRIDGE

Mrs. Lawrence and Mary Morris spent the day in Lowell last Tuesday. Ethel Morris of Lowell is spending a few days at the home of Tom Morris and Joe Shear.

Bert Gardner of Orleans visited at John King's a few days last week.

Guests at Alva Dodds Sunday were Messrs. Bert, Roy and Homer Goff and families, Mr. and Mrs. Peck and Mr. and Mrs. Winery of Keene, Mr. and Mrs. Oly Hignell and daughters Haud and Mary of Belding and Grandin Dickson of Saranac. Miss Maud remained for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Hansen of Parrell visited the latter's mother, Mrs. Mary Morris, Sunday.

Mrs. and Mrs. Tom Morris and Mrs. Lawrence motored to Grand Rapids Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Walter Morris accompanied them from Lowell.

The sale at Nick Bosung's last Wednesday was quite well attended.

Alva Dodds sold his cow to Alfred Loucks.

Glenn Compt in of Saranac is spending some of his vacation with Eber Compton and family.

GLASS SEEN COMES FROM WITHIN

It is foolish to think you can gain a good complexion by the use of face powder. Get at the root of the trouble and thoroughly cleanse the system with a treatment of Dr. King's New Life Pills. Gentle and mild in action, do not gripe, yet they relieve the liver by their action on the bowels. Good for young, adults, and aged. Go after a clear complexion today. 25c at your drugist ad.

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Chautauqua, Lowell, August 11-15, 1916

A Timely Warning

ELEVEN well-known automobiles have advanced in price within the last ninety days.

The Maxwell Company has not increased their prices. We do not know what their plans are, but we do know and you know that materials entering into the construction of good automobiles now cost from 20 to 300 per cent more than they did six months ago.

Nothing is to be gained by delay. Much may be lost.

Not only may you lose several dollars in the purchase price, but you are sacrificing the enjoyment, the relaxation, the health-giving properties—everything, in fact, that makes motoring the favorite pastime of the nation.

We urge you to come in and investigate the Maxwell.

Or, we will refer you to any number of Maxwell owners and let them tell you their own story in their own way.

They will tell you what they have told us. That the Maxwell is good-looking—that it is powerful—that it is comfortable—that it is economical—in short, that it is the best investment they ever made. They will tell you more and they will tell you gladly and freely.



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Whatever you do, don't put this off. We have a few cars on hand and can take orders for immediate or future delivery—at present prices. If you can't come in today, phone us for a Maxwell demonstration.

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Briefly, the Warm Air Heating System not only heats but VENTILATES. Properly constructed and installed, it completely renews the air in every room in your home—does it on an average of once every twenty minutes. Any reputable physician is eager to keep you well—as to you well—will tell you fresh air is

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Genius and Gumption—

are very largely one and the same thing," says Dr. Lucian Edgar Follansbee, who will lecture on THE OPENING NIGHT OF THE CHAUTAUQUA

If you like a lot of good common sense sandwiched in between laughter, tears and inspiration, hear Dr. Follansbee!

Single admissions to hear the Chautauqua attractions will total \$3.60, but you can buy a season ticket from your Local Committee for only \$1.50. DO IT NOW!

LOWELL, AUG. 11-15

Popular Male Quartet to Be Heard Here on the Opening Day of the Chautauqua



HOOSIER MALE QUARTET.

THE four young men composing this quartet have voices that blend with exquisite harmony, and long training has made them faultless in execution.

This comment from one delighted critic reflects the universal sentiment of all who hear the Hoosier Male Quartet, who appear on the opening day of the Chautauqua, for the Hoosiers are all finished entertainers, slingers of ability and real musical artists.

Their program includes vocal solos, duets and quartets from classical, operatic, sacred and popular compositions, together with humorous sketches, "talking songs" and monologues. The Hoosiers bring with them a concert grand xylophone, and a feature of the entertainment will be a number of melodious selections on this novel instrument.

Lowell, August 11-15

Improved Methods Pay. Silkworm culture has become such an exact science in France that the weight of the cocoons harvested in proportion to the eggs incubated has been doubled.

A Line of Defense. The adjective "beautiful" as applied to man, may prompt the indignant male to grow chin whiskers in order to suppress it.

Many Seals Slaughtered. Seals to the number of 250,000 to 300,000 are killed each year off the coasts of Newfoundland.

Daily Thought. God grant liberty only to those who love it, and are always ready to guard and defend it.—Daniel Webster—Speech, June 3, 1834.

Federal Inquiry or Railroad Strike?

Faced by demands from the conductors, engineers, firemen and brakemen that would impose on the country an additional burden in transportation costs of \$100,000,000 a year, the railroads propose that this wage problem be settled by reference to an impartial Federal tribunal.

With these employees, whose efficient service is acknowledged, the railroads have no differences that could not be considered fairly and decided justly by such a public body.

Railroads Urge Public Inquiry and Arbitration

The formal proposal of the railroads to the employes for the settlement of the controversy is as follows:

"Our conferences have demonstrated that we cannot harmonize our differences of opinion and that eventually the matters in controversy must be passed upon by other and disinterested agencies. Therefore, we propose that your proposals and the proposition of the railroads be disposed of by one or the other of the following methods:

1. Preferably by submission to the Interstate Commerce Commission, the only tribunal which, by reason of its accumulated information bearing on railway conditions and in control of the revenues of the railways, is in a position to consider and protect the rights and equities of all the interests affected, and to provide additional revenue necessary to meet the added cost of operation in case your proposals are found by the Commission to be just and reasonable; or, in the event the Interstate Commerce Commission cannot, under existing laws, act in the premises, that we jointly request Congress to take such action as may be necessary to enable the Commission to consider and promptly dispose of the questions involved; or

2. By arbitration in accordance with the provisions of the Federal law" (The Newlands Act).

Leaders Refuse Offer and Take Strike Vote

Leaders of the train service brotherhoods, at the joint conference held in New York, June 1-15, refused the offer of the railroads to submit the issue to arbitration or Federal review, and the employes are now voting on the question whether authority shall be given these leaders to declare a nation-wide strike.

The Interstate Commerce Commission is proposed by the railroads as the public body to which this issue ought to be referred for these reasons:

No other body with such an intimate knowledge of railroad conditions has such an unquestioned position in the public confidence. The rates the railroads may charge the public for transportation are now largely fixed by this Government body. Out of every dollar received by the railroads from the public nearly one-half is paid directly to the employes as wages; and the money to pay increased wages can come from no other source than the rates paid by the public.

A Question For the Public to Decide

The railroads feel that they have no right to grant a wage preferment of \$100,000,000 a year to these employes, now highly paid and constituting only one-fifth of all the employes, without a clear mandate from a public tribunal that shall determine the merits of the case after a review of all the facts.

The single issue before the country is whether this controversy is to be settled by an impartial Government inquiry or by industrial warfare.

National Conference Committee of the Railways

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FALLSBURG

Mrs. Pearl Husted and family of Muir, Mrs. Mabel Lawson and family of Louisa, and Lewis Hooper and party of gentlemen friends of Grand Rapids motored here Sunday and enjoyed a family gathering for picnic dinner on the river. The two former are sisters of Lewis Hooper and lived here as school children several years ago. They called on the old time neighbors.

John Ripstra and family and his brother and bride of Grand Rapids enjoyed an auto trip here Sunday. D. L. Garfield and Lewis Pottruff and son Dexter of Mowley were at Frank Jones' Sunday.

Mrs. Gm. A. Steketee of Wyoming Park came last Thursday to visit at J. Towler's. Her husband joined her Saturday and they returned Sunday with A. G. Steketee, wife and grandsons who spent a week with their sister, Mrs. Towler and family.

Miss Laura Davenport of Keene visited a day recently with her friend, Miss Orma Lang.

Miss Converse and family were Monday visitors of Frank Jones and wife. Miss Myrtle Morse of Louisa came Saturday to spend some time with her aunt and cousin, Mrs. Floyd Lang and daughter Orma.

Mrs. John Zimm and daughter of Oneonta are visiting Mrs. Charlie Zahm and family.

J. Miller and wife entertained their two sons of Grand Rapids Sunday. Jake Ruggweger of Keene was a dinner guest of Frank Zahm Sunday.

Morris Kalward and wife visited H. Converse and wife of Keene Sunday.

Alvah Brown of Easton was here fishing Sunday.

DOES SLOAN'S LAMINENT HELP RHEUMATISM? Ask the man who used it, he knows. "To think I suffered all these years when one 25 cent bottle of Sloan's Lament cured me," writes one grateful user. If you have rheumatism or suffer from neuralgia, headache, soreness and stiffness, don't put off getting a bottle of Sloan's. It will give you such welcome relief, it warms and soothes the aching, stiff, painful places and you feel so much better. Buy it at any drug store, only 25 cents.

LOWELL DIST. NO. 2. Caleb Heath of Grand Rapids spent Saturday and Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. E. R. Jones and family.

Miss Nora Hayward is reported on the sick list this week.

Mrs. VerMer and daughter Bertha spent Sunday at Leeds Lake.

Oliver Simpson and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Simpson's mother, Mrs. John Rittenger of South Plain.

Finch Goodfoot of Casade spent Sunday with Eugene Kagle and family.

Mrs. Frank Miller and daughter, Mrs. Grey Brown and granddaughters, Miss Saretta Brown, and daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reyer and grandson, G. E. Reyer, all of Sparta spent Sunday with their sister and aunt, Mrs. W. M. Drew and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Matthews and daughter Dora, Mr. Vanham and daughters Beatrice and Ethelinda, Mrs. Clinton Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Fred West and son Frank and sister, Mrs. Carrie Whitney of Detroit were callers at W. M. Drew's Sunday.

John Anselker and family spent Saturday until Monday in Holland visiting relatives and friends, their niece, Miss Jennie Anselker, returning with them to spend the Fourth.

BOWNE CENTER

June 26.—Lyde Stark and friend of Chicago visited George Salebury and daughter Josephine last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sparks, Mrs. Rowe, Mr. and Mrs. Will Johnson of Elgin, Ill., and James Nash of Texas visited Henry Johnson and family and other relatives in Bowne last week.

About one hundred attended the Huntington reception in honor of Levera's homecoming with his bride. They were the recipients of many useful and lovely gifts and have the good wishes of their many friends.

Mrs. Fred Winger entertained the younger set of ladies Thursday afternoon in honor of Miss Cecil Holcomb, who is at home for a few weeks vacation.

John Thomas and wife spent Sunday with Harry Clemens and family.

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Miss Lula Draper and Orville Finch of Grand Rapids were united in marriage Wednesday afternoon, June 21, at the residence of the officiating clergyman, Mr. Geo. Francome of Grand Rapids and left that evening for a short wedding trip. Congratulations.

Bowne-Lowell M. E. Churches.

Next Sunday, July 2, there will be no afternoon services in the Methodist churches at West Lowell and Bowne Center. Instead everybody is invited to the big conference mass meeting at the Alto Grange hall at 2:30 p. m. On Sunday, July 9, the services will be held in their regular order, at Bowne Center, West Lowell and West Bowne.

R. C. Parrshall, Pastor.

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CONGREGATIONAL

Subject Sunday at 10:30, "The Soul's Highest State." Sunday school, 11:45.

During the months of July and August the evening services will not be held. An urgent request for good attendance at the morning services.

South Boston: Sunday school, 2:00; preaching and communion, 3:00.

The Cheerful Doers will meet with Mrs. Perry Monday evening, July 3.

A. H. Lash, Minister.

METHODIST CHURCH. Morning service 10:30, "The Issue of an Hour." Sunday school, 11:45.

Evening service 7 to 8. This will be held on the lawn if the weather permits, and will consist largely of patriotic music.

Vergennes Sunday school at 2 o'clock followed by preaching at 3.

I. T. Weldon, Minister.

BAPTIST CHURCH. Preaching, 10:30 a. m. Sunday school, 11:45 a. m. B. Y. P. U., 6:30 p. m. Preaching, 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday, 7:30 p. m. ALTO—Preaching, 2:30 p. m. J. E. Bodine, Minister.

Free Methodist Camp Meeting. The Free Methodists of the Ionia district, North Michigan Conference, will hold a camp meeting at Lowell from June 27 to July 4, in the beautiful grove of Mrs. Allen Rolf, two miles west of Grand Trunk depot.

Good water, tent poles and straw will be furnished free on the grounds. All cordially invited to attend. —Committee.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

State of Michigan, The Probate Court for the County of Kent. In the matter of the estate of Frank R. Becker, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that four months from the 5th day of June A. D. 1916, have been allowed for creditors to present their claims against said deceased to said court for examination and adjustment; and that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said court, at the probate office, in the city of Grand Rapids, in said county, on or before the 5th day of October, A. D. 1916, and that said claims will be heard by said court on Thursday, the 5th day of October, A. D. 1916, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Dated June 5th, A. D. 1916. (Clark E. Higbee, Judge of Probate.

THE CHEERFUL CHERUB. I tried to smoke one day because My brother said I couldn't, I smoked for just a little while And then I wouldn't.

The Lowell Ledger. Classified Advertising. Your small want advertisement in this column will receive careful consideration by Lowell Ledger readers.

WANTED—More used Ford cars in exchange for new. Square deal. E. V. Storey, Ford agent, Lowell.

MEN WANTED—On P. M. section, \$1.75 per day. W. E. Spencer. c3

Women wanted, full time salary \$15 selling guaranteed hosiery to wear; 25c an hour spare time. Permanent experience unnecessary. International, Box 122, Norristown, Pa.

FOUND. A white dog, weight about 200, came to my premises about 10 days ago. Owner may have same by paying for this adv. Chas. Yetter. c3

A BARGAIN—Black Percheron mare, 2 years, and bay mare colt, 1 year old, or trade for used auto. See Frank Mizer at Gould's garage. 3p

FOR SALE—100 chicks, 2 months old, 25c each; 100 chicks, 3 weeks old, 12 1/2c each. Mrs. E. E. Richmond. 3p

FOR SALE—One fine new milch cow, 8 years old. Inquire of A. Veltz, P. O. box 426.

Oak fence posts, 10c. J. Maurer, Route 6, Lowell, Masons district. 4p

FOR SALE—Good seed beans, good seed potatoes (pure seed-million) and oats at my barn in Lowell. Geo. M. Parker. 4t

FOR SALE—Hup 20 automobile, first-class condition, price right. Smith's Garage. 4t

FOR SALE—Five brood sows and pigs. Jake Haal, Phone 288, Lowell. 4t

FOR SALE—A good house, fine location. Cash or easy terms. Inquire of E. A. Anderson. 4t

FOR SALE—Heavy work horse, or will trade for other stock.—Tom Morris, Smyrna. c24t

NAME CARDS printed in correct styles, right prices. Ledger office.

A Vicious Pest. RAT CORN. Kill your rats and mice and keep your corn safe.

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Purchase the "NEW HOME" and you will have a life's worth of sewing. The elimination of repair expense by superior workmanship and best quality of material makes this the most economical investment. Insist on having the "NEW HOME".

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Plumbing, Hot Water and Hot Air Heating. General Repair Work. Call Phone 202. I make a specialty of hot air heating. Phil Krum. Hoffman Shop. Train Block.

HOMES. Many people have paid for their homes through The LOWELL BUILDING & LOAN ASSOCIATION. on small monthly payments, just about what rent would be. This Association offers you the same opportunity. Regular Board meetings the 3rd Monday in each month. Talk it over with M. C. GREENE, Pres., or J. B. YEITZ, Sec.

MILK AND CREAM delivered in town. Auto Service. Evening Delivery. T. H. CHAFFEE. Phone 68 18 11.

Farmers Attention! Am in the market for your Wool, Live Stock, Potatoes, Beans and Seeds. For highest prices call Citizens Phone No. 80, or call at my elevator, Lowell, Mich. Shipping days for stock Tuesdays and Wednesdays. CHAS. E. JAKWAY. LOWELL, MICH.

Baxterize It. Phone 31. A. B. Cadwallader.

On Campau Square In the Hub of Grand Rapids. Friedman-Spring Dry Goods Co. A Consolidation of two Old Reliable Stores. M. Friedman & Co. and Spring Dry Goods Co.

MAMMOTH STOCK-CONSOLIDATION SALE

Not within the memory of the oldest inhabitant were there ever such vast crowds as surged through our broad aisles during the past few days—and the thousands of women left thoroughly satisfied with their purchases.

These days have certainly been busy ones and days on which the women of Grand Rapids and for many miles around have saved thousands of dollars.

One big outstanding feature of this sale is the very large assortments that one can choose from in every line. Here are the combined stocks of two big stores, presenting the best of the season's styles, placed on sale at much less than regular prices. Is it any wonder that this store has been crowded for these first three days of the sale?

Silks at Tremendous Reductions

Our double stock forces us to make these great reductions in prices. Every piece is reduced. \$1.50 PLAIN COLORED TAFFETA \$1.

20 pieces of 36-inch Plain Taffetas in black, navy, blues, gray. The quality we have been selling all spring at \$1.50; for this sale, the yard, \$1.

\$1 FANCY SILKS 59c. One big lot of Fancy Silk such as Striped Messalines, Fancy Taffetas, Cheney Foulards, Trimming Silks, etc., all at one price, the yard, 59c.

\$1.50 AND \$1.75 FANCY SILKS \$1.19. One big lot of full yard wide Fancy Dress Taffetas; various colored grounds with neat and novelty sport stripes. All this season's silks. Sale price, yard, \$1.19.

\$2 and \$2.50 yard-wide, new plain and fancy Suitings and Dress Taffetas, sale price, yard, \$1.69. One lot of plain and fancy Silks. Odd pieces that sold from \$1 to \$1.50; 26, 36 and 40 inches wide; while they last, the yard, 69c.

Wool Dress Goods At Less than today's Wholesale Price

50c and 59c Wool Challies and 75c Striped Flannels, all in one lot; sale price, yard, 33c. 85c plain colored 50-inch Storm Serge, black and navy; sale price, yard, 50c. Wool dress materials, coatings and suitings that sold off the piece at from \$1 to \$2.50, all in one big lot at the yard, 69c.

25c Pillow Tubing, 16c. 100 pieces of extra quality Standard Pillow Tubing, 36, 40, 42 and 45 inches wide at less than manufacturers' prices today; per yard, 16c. 30c quality of 8-4 Bleached Sheetting. Sale price, yard, 25c. 32c quality of 9-4 Bleached Sheetting. Sale price, yard, 26c. 35c quality of 10-4 Bleached Sheetting. Sale price, yard, 28c. 32c quality of 8-4 Pequot Sheetting. Sale price, yard, 28c. 35c quality of 9-4 Pequot Sheetting. Sale price, yard, 31c. 18c Bleached yard wide Sheetting. Sale price, yard, 7 1/2c. 12c Bleached yard wide Sheetting. Sale price, yard, 9c. 6c Lace Cloth in white grounds with printed designs; reduced to the yard, 3c. One big lot of 12 1/2c Dress Gingham, Floral Lawns and Batistes; splendid patterns for dresses; sale price, the yard, 9c. 25c and 35c Wash Goods, 16c. 75c and 85c Non-rustable Dress Linens in a full line of new colors; sale price, yard, 59c. All 50c Novelty Wash Goods, such as Sport Striped woven Rice Striped Voiles, woven Silk Striped Voile; reduced for this sale to the yard, 35c. 59c Woven Lace Sport Stripe Voiles in white and colored grounds; sale price, the yard, 39c. 12 1/2c plain white 40-inch Lawns; sale price, the yard, 9c. 40-inch Sport Striped Voiles, 40-inch Floral Voiles, 32-inch fine Dress Gingham, 25c qualities, all at one price, the yard, 16c. 75c and \$1.00 Novelty Imported and Domestic Wash Goods, both white and colored grounds; sale price, yard, 49c. 35c qualities of 40-inch Rice Cloth in tinted grounds with pretty floral designs and 40-inch Dress Voiles in pretty French designs, sport stripes; also white and tinted grounds with new floral designs. For this sale, the yard, 25c. 75c and \$1.00 White and Colored Wash Goods, in this season's novelties; some beautiful things; sale price, yard, 49c. 2,500 yards of White Wash material, 40-inch Novelty Voiles, Waists and Skirtings, in this season's best styles. Up to 75c qualities. Sale price, the yard, 25c.



Japan and China introduced the world to tea, and its delightful flavor and soothing qualities have made it the universally popular beverage.

Buy Your Tea at Our Store

and from our wide range of stock choose the leaf most suited to your taste. Keep in mind, too, that our supply of staple and fancy groceries is the best to be had

Saturday's Specials

- 1 lb. Buffalo Chop Japan Tea Regular 60c value. Per pound..... 49c
- 1 lb. Royal Satsuma Japan Tea. Regular 50c value. Per pound..... 41c
5 lbs. for \$2.
- 1 lb. Mikado Brand Japan Tea. Regular 40c value. Per pound..... 32c
5 lbs. for \$1.50.

"If you get it at VanDyke's, it's good."

VanDyke's

HEARD ABOUT TOWN

Newsy Notes About People You Know.

Hakes' auto livery, phone 35. Mr. and Mrs. E. S. White spent Sunday in Sparta.

Children's dresses, 2 to 12 years, at Weekes' adv.

Arthur Kane of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday with M. W. Gee.

Mrs. W. H. Parker of Freeport spent Friday at the home of Ed. Hoag.

Miss Mary Bangs has returned to Ypsilanti to attend summer school.

Charles McCarty came home from Ann Arbor Saturday night to spend the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Parker and Mr. and Mrs. Nibbs of Ionia spent Sunday at Chris Bieri's.

Mrs. H. L. Painter has returned from Lake Odessa and will spend the summer at her home.

Born—to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd C. Stead, Friday, June 23, a 10 lb. girl, Katherine Beulah.

Advertised letters in the Lowell postoffice: LaVerne Bourne, W. H. Wallace, Mrs. J. T. Burns.

Mrs. George Bartlette and Mrs. James Welch of Grand Rapids visited Mrs. Wardell Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bruntbauer and children and N. G. Harpel spent Sunday in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. S. R. Hunt and daughters Ruth and Marion of Hesperia visited relatives here part of last week.

Mrs. Chas. McMahon, daughter Margaret and Miss Frances Drew visited relatives in Grand over Sunday.

Mrs. Cora Chase, Miss Lora Lampman and Will Hartman spent Sunday with the latter's parents at Kalamazoo.

Dora Bangs is visiting relatives at Ypsilanti, Arbor Arbor and Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Emery visited relatives in Saginaw over Sunday.

Neville Davarn and Ora Dutton of Pawano were in town Saturday night.

Born—in Lowell, Sunday, June 25, to Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Rosewarne, a son.

George Winegar of Morrice visited his mother and friends here over Sunday.

Mrs. Lucy Jackson of Clarksville is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. E. Spencer.

Misses Sue and Iva Getty of Grand Rapids spent Sunday with the latter's parents.

Wm. R. Glick has moved from Star City to Ionia and spent Sunday at the home of C. H. Alexander.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. M. Parker and Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Hoag and daughter Hazel motored to Ionia Sunday.

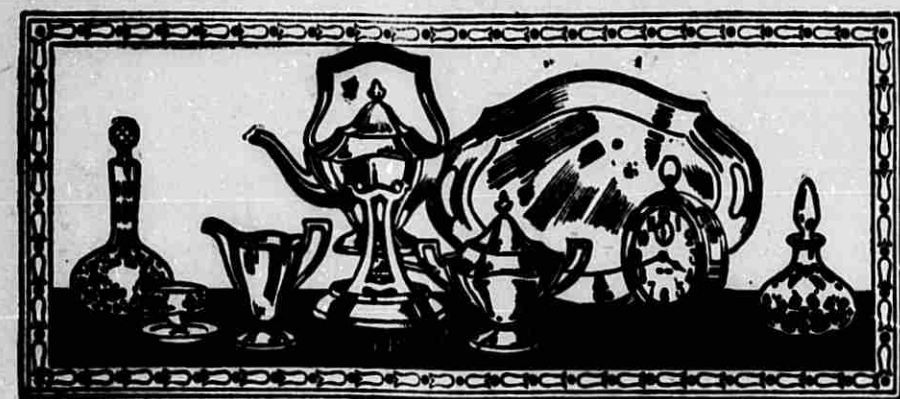
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kraft and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Raymond and son Phillip spent Sunday in Belding.

Clifford Chelerton, who has been under treatment at Ann Arbor, is spending two weeks with his parents here.

Dr. R. R. Eaton of Grand Rapids was in town on a professional errand last Friday. He is looking well and says he feels accordingly.

John Willette of Lyons has been spending a few days with his friend, Robert White, who will accompany him home, there to spend the summer.

"The Oil Gas Way," no odor, no labor, no ashes. The best cooking, baking and heating fire for year around service. E. L. Kinyon, Lowell, Mich., Phone 225.



The Gift Store

WHEN you think of gifts for any occasion, you quite naturally think of a jewelry store as the place to get them.

We want you to think of our store.—We want you to come in and give us the opportunity of showing you what a fine line of silverware, cut glass and novelties we carry for gifts.

If you are not in the habit of visiting our store regularly, we are sure you will be very agreeably surprised at the large assortment we carry.

As to price—there is only one price in this store and that is the lowest at which high quality merchandise can be sold and still make a living.

U. B. Williams, Jeweler

Phone 6. adv. tl.
Raymond Bergin was in Grand Rapids Saturday.

Cut glass prices all cut up at Stocking's sale. adv.

George Lalley of Detroit is visiting his mother here.

Frank Baldus of Jackson is visiting Lowell relatives.

New rugs and linoleums at the lowest figure at Weekes'. adv.

Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Henry were Grand Rapids visitors Sunday.

Miss Paulma Roth is home from Grand Rapids on her vacation.

Mrs. J. B. Campbell of Ionia visited her mother here last Thursday.

Miss Bessie Fletcher has been spending a few days with her sister in Ionia.

Mrs. M. Devoist of Owosso was the guest of her sister, Mrs. A. E. Rice, last week.

Vesta Campbell left Saturday for Mt. Pleasant to attend the Normal school.

Miss Marie Perry of Grand Rapids spent Thursday and Friday with friends here.

O. N. T., R. M. C. and Kloister-silk cordonette special crocheted cotton for sale by A. W. Weekes & Son.

Cannon real estate transfer: F. A. Ramsdell and wife to St. Mark's church, s 200 feet, nw 1/4, section 14, \$350.

Mrs. Geo. Murray and daughter, Mrs. Alexander, were in Ada Saturday visiting the former's sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Richmond and George Richmond of Brighton, Mich., are visiting at R. B. Boylan's.

Mrs. C. H. Alexander, Jr., of Detroit is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Murray and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Mason and Mr. and Mrs. McMahon of Grand Rapids were Sunday callers at Mrs. T. W. Mason's.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Speaker are the proud parents of a 10 lb. son, Arthur George, who arrived June 24. Mother and son doing well.

Orph Joseph and daughter Lucille, Mrs. Lacey, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Joseph and son Harry, all of Grand Rapids, were guests of relatives here Sunday.

Save 50c by buying your Nemo \$3.00 corset before Saturday as on that date we are compelled to advance the price to \$3.50.

A. W. Weekes & Son.

Mrs. Blanche McLeese, Mrs. Austin Dwight and Harold Dwight of Decatur were guests of S. P. Hicks during the past week, returning home Saturday.

A Civil Service examination for postoffice clerk will be held at Lowell postoffice July 22, age limit 18 to 45 years. For full information apply to Garfield Ford.

The Lowell W. C. T. U. met with Mrs. Albert Gunn Friday, June 23. As it was flower mission day bouquets were brought and distributed among the sick. Reports of the state convention were also given.—Com.

All Lowell residents and former residents of Lowell are invited to a reunion to be held Saturday afternoon at North Park, in the form of a basket picnic.—Grand Rapids Herald.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schwacha and little son Morse of Springwells came Saturday for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Morse. Miss Bernice Morse, who has been visiting there, returned with them.

Paul McCarty, with a new partner, is one of the feature attractions at Ramona theater this week. A large two column portrait of the well-known Lowell boy adorns the editorial page of Monday's Herald.

Misses Ola and Ruth Johnson were in Grand Rapids Tuesday and Wednesday and attended a party given in honor of the former by Mrs. E. G. Hornung, Mrs. Geo. Spicer and Miss Lottie English, sisters of R. C. English.

Mr. and Mrs. James Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gilboe, Mr. and Mrs. Ara Weeks, Mr. and Mrs. Orelly Rulason and Mr. and Mrs. Mort Rulason spent Sunday in Grand Rapids and enjoyed a picnic dinner at John Bull park.

Mrs. D. Q. Barry, wife of a former Lowell pastor now stationed in Toledo, was called to Davison by the death of a brother with whom her aged father was living. She will remain with the latter for the present. Mr. Barry was expected to join her at Davison this week. Their son Charles A., recently married, is pastor of a large church in Massillon, Ohio. Mrs. Barry is in good health and sends cordial greetings to her Lowell friends.

SAVED ARM

Plucky Woman Terribly Burned—Wouldn't Allow Amputation.

Most people in Michigan will be interested in the case of Mrs. A. P. Brown of Dryden, N. Y., whose husband says: "My wife burned her arm so the muscles projected like a shelf. The arm was so stiff she could not straighten it. Physicians failing to heal the arm wished to operate. We refused and treated it with Hanford's Balsam of Myrrh. She can use the arm extensively—Balsam of Myrrh saved the arm."

Help wanted—Lowell Cutter Co. Laundered collars and collar cuff sets at Weekes'. adv.

E. A. Anderson was in Grand Rapids Monday.

Lloyd Worden has gone to Lansing to accept a position.

The Cheerful Doers will meet with Mrs. M. M. Perry Monday evening, July 3.

The right things in white and colored voiles, lace cloths, etc., at Weekes'. adv.

Misses Marie and Paulina Roth left Tuesday to spend a few days with friends in Croton, Mich.

Mrs. Hal Cave and children of Caledonia spent the week end at the home of Gordon Hale in Keene.

Born, in Lowell, Friday morning, to Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Hunter, a 6 1/2 lb. daughter, Frances Elaine.

Cascade real estate transfer: Daniel F. Rose and wife to Earl O. Thomas and wife, so 1/2, sw 1/4, section 26.

Clare E. Culver has returned to his work in Detroit after visiting his mother, Mrs. Hattie Culver, and friends.

Bowne real estate transfer: Daniel D. Blough and wife to Karl Oesch, part e 1/2 nw 1/4, section 23, \$1,050.

Mrs. Katherine Stone of Grand Rapids has been spending several days with her daughter, Mrs. Clarence Speaker.

Bring us your old tires. We will allow you 15 percent off of list for them towards new ones.—Percy Gregory, Phone 110.

The paraphernalia for the new Lowell postoffice has been delivered and looks as if it would fill the entire building.

Misses Agnes Murdock and Evelyn Howard went to Ypsilanti Monday to attend the summer Normal for six weeks.

For economy, cleanliness and quick fire "The Oil Gas Way" heads the list. E. L. Kinyon, Lowell, Mich., Phone 225.

Messrs. and Mesdames B. J. Zukonski and M. Naproski of Grand Rapids spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. James Muir.

Miss Beatrice Noble returned to her home in Belding Tuesday after spending several days with her sister, Mrs. Lyle Denick.

Work on our store will not begin until after July 4th which extends the time for saving money at Stocking's sale. adv.

A dancing party will be held at Keech's hall, Moseley, Monday evening, July 3. Music by Davis' five-piece orchestra. F. L. Keech, manager.

Mrs. Devoist, Mrs. A. E. Rice, Mrs. Gil Johnson and son Clinton motored to Ionia Saturday, stopping on the way at the Saranac cemetery.

Frank Fletcher of Ypsilanti died very suddenly at his home June 9, aged about 80 years. He was a cousin of the Fetters in Lowell and South Boston.

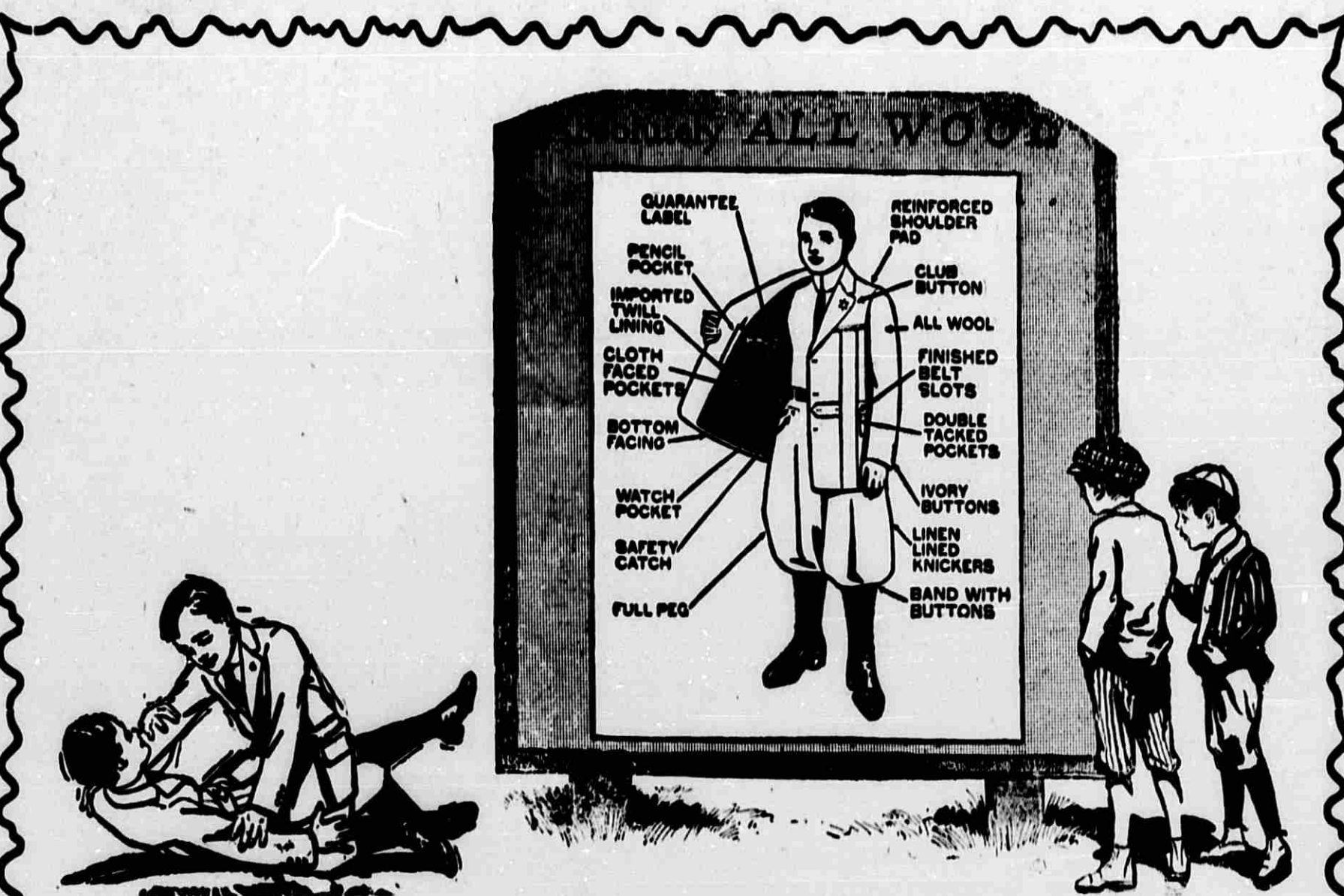
Mr. and Mrs. Truman Pratt of Saranac, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Carr of Keene and Miss Mayme Lemon of Grand Rapids spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. I. H. Joseph.

F. M. Johnson spent Sunday with relatives in Almont and Imley City, making the eight mile run between the two towns on the new electric road in ten minutes.

Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Otto and children have returned to their home in West Bend, Wis., after spending two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Roth and other relatives.

Does advertising pay? Ask D. Stocking. He says "Yes, even Claud Staal believes in advertising his meat business as you will notice he generally has a dog in his car when driving, which is advertising his Bologna sausages."

Remember an oil gas burner takes the place of an oil stove with its dirt and odor for summer use and does away with wood or coal for winter service. Installed in any wood or coal range without altering your stove in any way. E. L. Kinyon, Lowell, Mich., Phone 225.



Young Man! Can you get Dad to dig up for a new suit and some other fixings for the 4th?

You know where to find them, we have always got the kind of clothing you boys want. Just as stylish as Dad's and they wear just as well too, at less than half the price. Did you see those Linen Suits that we had on display? They are the right stuff for Style and coolness.

Better get in now on a Two Pant suit suit while the going is good.



Do you know the famous K. & E. Line? They make a wonderful line of Wash Suits, Sport Shirts, and Blouses; Goods that are beautiful and stylish. Just right for you fellows who want to go cool, without a coat. Sport Shirts and Blouses in all colors and prices for boys and young men.

Hats for you young men. Felt or Straw in Dress hats or work hats. You will need something cool for the hot time coming.

Hose at 15c and 25c good for now. They will wear right too. Mothers say our Pony stocking will outwear any hose they have ever tried for their boys. We have them from size 6 to size 11.



Underwear for boys who play hard and wear underwear hard. B. V. D., Porosknit and the regular knit wear. We can fit you for 25c to \$1.00 per suit.

We can show you anything in the furnishing line for boys from hats to hose, always the best that can be bought for the money. You had better get in now on what you want before we feel the effect of the rising market.

Lalley & Shuter.

CELEBRATE in Lowell JULY 3RD and 4TH.

4 Horse Races Each Day \$75 Purses

One a Farmers' Running Race for horses that have never started for money; Owners to ride own horses. Purse \$50, divided three ways.

Band Tournament---Prize \$100. Divided \$50, \$35, \$15

Balloon Ascension Each Day

in charge of the F. S. Martin Balloon Co., of Grand Rapids. Ascensions are to be from race track and one will be made by a lady.

Hammocks at Weekes'. adv
Phone 35, Hakes' auto livery.
Frank Moore of Belding was in town Saturday.

Mrs. A. J. Brower is spending the week in Ionia.

J. W. Hulbert spent Thursday and Friday at Cascade.

Always at your call, McQueen's bus, Phone 6. tl. adv.

Mrs. Ed. Keller of Saranac spent Saturday with friends here.

Mrs. Oscar Rivette of Kent City is the guest of her parents and sister here. Oscar spent Sunday with them.

Mrs. E. Pottruff of Grand Rapids visited her mother and other relatives here last Wednesday and Thursday.



Compare These Prices

of Fisk Grey Non-Skids with the plain tread styles of several other standard makes:

3 x 30	10.40	4 1/2 x 35	31.20
3 1/2 x 30	13.40	4 1/2 x 36	31.55
4 x 33	22.00	5 x 37	37.30

Then you will begin to understand why Fisk users consider

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THIS year Fisk Tires are making greater mileage records than ever before. Fisk Service at more than 125 Direct Fisk Branches—dealer and tire user alike are assured of the promptest attention and service. The Fisk Branch organization is the most complete and widespread in the whole country.



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WOMAN AVOIDS OPERATION

Medicine Which Made Surgeon's Work Unnecessary.

Astoria, N. Y. — "For two years I was feeling ill and took all kinds of tonics. I was getting worse every day. I had chills, my head would spin, my stomach was always tired, I could not walk straight because of the pain in my back and I had been in my stomach. I went to a doctor and he said I must go under an operation, but I did not go. I read in the paper about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and told my husband about it. I said 'I know nothing will help me but I will try this.' I took a bottle and in two weeks time I was able to sit down and eat a hearty breakfast with my husband, which I had not done for two years. I am now in the best of health and do not have the operation." — Mrs. JOHN A. KOSKOV, 603 Fishing Avenue, Astoria, N. Y.

Every one dreads the surgeon's knife and the operating table. Sometimes nothing else will do; but many times doctors say they are necessary when they are not. Letter after letter comes to the Pinkham Laboratory, telling how operations were advised and were not performed; or, if performed, did no good, but Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound was used and good health followed.

If you want advice write to Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co. (confidential), Lynn, Mass.

Thousands Take This mild, family remedy to avoid illness, and to improve and protect their health. They keep their blood pure, their livers active, their bowels regular and digestion sound and strong with

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Largest Sale of Any Medicine in the World. Sold everywhere. In boxes, 10c, 25c.

LOOKED ON IT AS "SLAM"

Poet Found Reflection on His Writings in Picture Put on Exhibition by Painter.

Tearing along the street, my friend M—, who is but a little-known poet and novel writer, encountered me with flashing eyes and threatening mien. I stopped him and asked, "Whatever is the matter?"

"The matter is," he rejoined furiously, "that I am going to his house to punch his head."

"Whose head?" "Why, that scoundrel's the painter J—. Owing to a personal grudge against me, he has made me ridiculous in the face of the world."

"How is that?"

"Why, I just came from the permanent exhibition of paintings. He has exhibited a picture there called 'The Allegory of Sleep.' A man is in an armchair with his head leaning on his breast and his arms drooping. He is sleeping profoundly, and holds, clasped in his right hand, a half-opened book—the last volume of my poems, with my portrait appearing on the cover."

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Bathe with Cuticura Soap, dry and apply the Ointment. They stop itching instantly, clear away pimples, blackheads, redness and roughness, remove dandruff and scalp irritation, heal red, rough and sore hands as well as most baby skin troubles.

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Avoiding Discussion.

"You must give your wife credit for knowing as much about the political situation as you do?"

"That's what I want to do," replied Mr. Growcher. "I want to give her credit for about everything without putting her to the trouble of explaining a single word."

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Suppose we quit assuming that the other fellow is crooked. All that such in-fighting breeds is hatreds.

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Every Woman Wants Partine ANTISEPTIC POWDER FOR PERSONAL HYGIENE. Dissolved in water for douches stops pelvic catarrh, irritation, inflammation. Recommended by Lydia E. Pinkham Med. Co. for ten years. A healing wonder for nasal catarrh, sore throat and sore eyes. Economical. Write for FREE SAMPLE. Kellogg & Lyman Co., Inc., Buffalo, N. Y.

FOR ACUTE AGES OF THE FEET

Apply one or two Allen's Foot-Powder to the feet each night and rub the feet. It takes the sting out of Corns and Bunions and prevents chapping, itching feet. For lasting comfort, shake Allen's Foot-Powder into your shoes. All dealers sell it. 50c. Sample package FREE. Address: Allen S. Olmsted, La. Roy, N. Y.

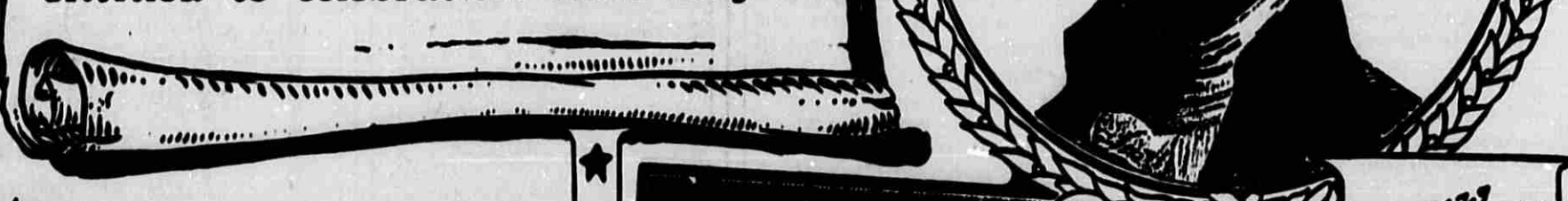
For Piles Use Allen's Formula Balm. Satisfaction Guaranteed or Money Refunded. For sale by all Druggists, or sent upon receipt of 25c postage. Send for free sample. HOME REMEDY CO., South Haver, Mich.

PARKER'S HAIR BALM. A toilet preparation of merit. It is the best for itching scalp, dandruff, itching hair, and for making the hair grow and fall out. Sold by all Druggists.

W. N. U., DETROIT, NO. 27-1916.

OUR CHARTER OF FREEDOM

The interesting story of the writing and signing of the Declaration of Independence—July 2 or August 2 better entitled to celebration than July 4.



POPULAR history has fastened upon our impressionable minds a poetic picture of the signing of the Declaration of Independence as a graceful and formal function, taking place July 4, 1776, in a large, handsomely furnished chamber in Independence Hall, Philadelphia. To give the necessary touch of vivacity to the picture there is the scene of the small boy darting from the door as the last signer sets his autograph to the precious parchment and dashing down the street, calling to his grandfather, to "Ring! Oh, ring for liberty!"

Our ideal proclamation of the charter of American freedom must be shattered in the cause of truth. The Declaration of Independence was signed behind locked doors, and was not generally signed until the Fourth of July at all. The city was not breathlessly awaiting the event outside, nor did the Liberty bell peal forth on that day the triumphant note of freedom.

The accredited historian of the United States department of state is Galliard Hunt, Litt. D., LL. D., now chief of the division of manuscripts in the Library of Congress.

"There is really no reason for our celebrating the Fourth of July more than July 2 or August 2," said Doctor Hunt recently to an inquirer. "It was not until the latter date that the document was generally signed."

"The Virginia bill of rights, of which George Mason was also the author, was drawn up and adopted in the last colonial assembly in Virginia prior to the Revolution. The bill of rights is in effect a part of every constitution in the land today. It is beyond doubt that this famous document, of which his elderly friend was author, was largely drawn upon by Thomas Jefferson when he wrote the Declaration of Independence."

"The fundamental principles of government set forth in Mason's bill of rights were the same as those in the English petitions to the king, the acts of the long parliament and magna charta."

"You know, perhaps, that it was another Virginian, Richard Henry Lee, who presented to congress, on June 7, 1776, a set of resolutions containing the words, 'That these united colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent states, and that all political connection between them and the state of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved.'"

"It was as a result of the favorable voting upon Lee's resolutions that the well-known committee, composed of Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Roger Sherman and Robert R. Livingston, was named to draft the document. The committee assigned the task of preparing the instrument to the Virginian, Jefferson's was the master political mind and it was by no mere chance that he was called upon to write the document which has been termed 'the best-known paper that has ever come from the pen of an individual.'"

Drafting of the Declaration. "Thomas Jefferson was the personification of method," remarked Doctor Hunt, "and immediately upon receiving his commission to write the declaration he retired to the two rooms he rented as a working place at Seventh and Market place, Philadelphia, and prepared to give his country one of the greatest monuments of human freedom."

"The department of state owns the first draft of the Declaration which Jefferson presented to the committee for its approval. His conference made a few alterations, which are clearly shown in the text, and Jefferson has written beside each change the name of its author, making the document of inestimable value."

"The fair copy which he made for presentation to congress, and which bears the congressional amendments and alterations, is lost."

"The latter is the formal Declaration of Independence laid before congress on June 28, 1776. It was then read and ordered to lie on the table until July 1. On July 2 a resolution was passed declaring the independence of the United States, although the exact form of the proclamation as prepared by Jefferson was debated upon until July 4, when, with some alterations and amendments, it was signed by John Hancock, president of the congress, and the signature attested by Charles Thomson, secretary of congress."

"July 2 was actually the date of separation of the colonies from the mother country. On July 3 we find John Adams, whom Jefferson called the 'colossus of the colonies,' writing to his wife, Abigail, in the following words:

"Yesterday the greatest question which was ever debated in America was decided, and a greater perhaps never was nor will be decided among men."

Great Day Was July 2. "In a second letter, written the same day, he said: 'But the day is past. July 2 will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty.'"

"There is little doubt but that the participants in the event considered July 2 as the true date of independence for the colonies, but popular fancy seized upon the 4th, the date of acceptance of Jefferson's formal and detailed setting-forth as the proper date of the celebration."

"John Trumbull's famous painting of the scene hanging in the rotunda of the capitol, is a poetical piece of work and gives many of the portraits of the signers with faithfulness, but it is somewhat fanciful. No silken hangings draped the windows of that stifling room on July 4, 1776, and the beautiful order in which the men are ranged up for signing the immortal document is also fictional."

Signers Lived to Old Age. Five of Them Had Passed Ninety-Year Mark When Death Claimed Them.

The signers who lived to the greatest age were James Smith of Pennsylvania, the Irish-born signer, who died July 11, 1806, at the age of ninety-six years, and Charles Carroll, who died November 14, 1832, also at the age of ninety-six years. William Ellery died in 1820 at the age of

ninety-three, John Adams died in 1826 at the age of ninety-one, and James Lewis, the Welsh-born signer, died in 1803 at the age of ninety-one. Those signers who lived to be eighty years old were Samuel Adams, eighty-one; William Floyd, eighty-seven; Benjamin Franklin, eighty-five; Thomas Jefferson, eighty-three; Thomas McKean, eighty-four; Robert Treat Pauley, eighty-four; Matthew Thornton, eighty-nine; William Williams, eighty-one, and George Wythe, eighty.

John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, died in 1826, were, excepting Charles Carroll of Maryland, the last survivors of the signers, and it is one of the curiosities of history that both died on the same day—July 4 of that year. Charles Carroll survived until 1832, and was the last of the signers.

The signers who did not live to see the independence of the United States won by arms and acknowledged by England were Button Gwinnett, who died in 1777; Joseph Hewes, who died in 1779; Philip Livingston, died 1778; Thomas Lynch, 1779; John Horne,

1777; George Ross, 1779; Richard Stockton, 1781, and George Taylor 1781.

Most Widely Read Document. One hundred and forty years have passed since the Fourth of July, 1776, when the Declaration was signed, but that epochal document is still read and reread with fresh glow. Many a schoolboy has committed it to memory and all intelligent men are familiar with its style and with its statement of grievances against the British king.

Window Box Potatoes. Among the suggestions that have been advanced for the increase of the food supply in Germany is one in which the beautiful will be made to give way to the practical. Berlin and other German cities are noted for the enthusiasm with which the women en-

gaged in the cultivation of flowers and in this cultivation the window boxes are made to play an important part in the beauty of bloom and the graceful trailing vines. It is now proposed that these window boxes shall be given over to the growing of potatoes.

Their Likeness. "Baseball pitchers are like goods in transportation in one way." "What's that?" "They are put into the box for express delivery purposes."

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR JULY 2 PAUL AT THESSALONICA AND BERA.

LESSON TEXT—Acts 17:1-15 (of I Thess. 2:1-12).

GOLDEN TEXT—Him did God exalt with his right hand to be a prince and a Savior.—Acts 3:13.

To place a modern war map by the side of the ancient one will help to make the places Paul visited more real. In both of the events of this lesson reference is made to the reading and use of the Scriptures, and teachers should use that to emphasize the reading of the Bible by both old and young. There is real patriotism as well as safety and a liberal education in Bible study. Paul reached Thessalonica about twenty years after the establishment of the Christian church, remained perhaps five or six months and then went on to Bera. Modern Saloniki has been since the Roman days of Thessalonica an important center, thriving and prosperous of later years till the recent Balkan-Turkish war.

1. At Thessalonica (vv. 1-12) (1) Reasoning (vv. 1-5) (a) The phrase. On this second journey Silas and Timothy (v. 1) were Paul's companions. Recently driven from Philippi (I Thess. 2:1-2) they at once returned to the synagogue upon reaching the city, knowing that there they could gain a foothold with both Jew and Gentile. It was Paul's usual means (v. 2 Am. R. V.). Paul (less during the two weeks the disciples used every opportunity for discussion. Paul made use of the Sabbath day of assembly although Christians met on the first day of the week for their own distinctive service (Acts 20:7). He also reasoned from the Scriptures which the Jews so highly revered. The best agent for doing a people's work is the word of God (Eph. 6:17; Jer. 23:29; Jas. 1:18; I Pet. 1:23). (2) The method. Paul employed three. (a) He reasoned that Christ must suffer. Why? (See Isa. 53:6; Math. 26:28; Heb. 9:22; John 19:36) Paul had only the Old Testament. We have also the New to bring to our aid. (b) That "Christ must rise from the dead"—like Peter at Pentecost. Paul proved this from the Old Testament. If we will allow the Holy Spirit to "open the Scriptures" to us we will find things new and old and exclaim that whereas "once I was blind now I see." (c) He "alleged and affirmed" (set forth), e. g., gave testimony that "this Jesus whom I proclaim unto you is the Christ." Paul knew that the historical Jesus was the glorified Christ, for he had met him "in the way" to Damascus. Paul's manner of life in the city as he lived and preached Jesus was much that he contributed greatly to his success. His "manner of life was blameless" (Acts 26:4); he supported himself (I Thess. 2:9; II Thess. 3:8). (2) Reception (v. 6-10). At first these men were received as from God by large numbers (v. 4. See I Thess. 1:6-10). But the gospel then as now causes divisions. Not all professed followers of God know or accept the gospel. Paul's success aroused the envy of the Jews just as every successful servant is envied by those of lesser light. The charge brought against Paul and Silas (v. 6) was in large measure true and it was a good thing that he and his companions were not so affected by their effectiveness. It was also in accord with Christ's prophecy. (Math. 10:31; Luke 12:53). It is the business of the gospel to accomplish just such results. We need more of such as shall turn the "rod" side down and the right side up. These men were accused of "saying that there is another King or Jesus." To preach humanitarianism, the ethics of Jesus, and not to acknowledge and obey the king whose right it is to reign, is to be unfaithful to the Messiah that Paul and Silas preached, and who is revealed in the word of God. (Pa. 2:8; Acts 25:8; Rom. 13:1-7). Such a testimony is not today acceptable in many places and gives rise, even as in Thessalonica of old, to persecution, if not crass and crude physical attacks. It takes the more refined forms of sarcasm, detraction and social ostracism. Paul was also accused of treason and the authorities, to avoid a public trial and the making of trouble at Bera for the city and its rulers took security—literally an indemnity against possible damage which should be forfeited if guilt be found—and sent the missionaries away. Thus God did not suffer his children to be tested above what they were able to bear (I Cor. 10:13 R. V.). That Paul's work in the city was deep and genuine we can see by reading I Thess. 1:6.

2. At Bera (vv. 13-15). The disciples' departure by night was an act of prudence (Matty 10:23) and Paul continued his "great interest" in the converts he had left. See the two letters addressed to that church. Reaching Bera Paul began as usual to preach Jesus first of all to the Jews. The citizens of Bera were "more noble" and have continued to this day as a great inspiration to Bible students (witness the Bera series of lesson helps). (1) They "received the word with readiness of mind." There was a hunger for spiritual food and they partook of it with a relish. Some receive truth under compulsion while others hunger for it. (See I Thess. 1:7; 3:10). (2) "Searched" (examined) the Scriptures daily. (2) Each day they sought the mind of God. The Scriptures were the word of God to them and not to be hastily examined. Systematic, regular study with a definite purpose in mind, e. g., to see if Paul had told the truth about Christ (John 8:39). That they studied not about casual questions of authorship, literary form and historically, but to teach a evidenced to our satisfaction by the results, for we read (3) "Therefore many of them believed."

We need to study the Bible as did the Bereans to know love and obey Jesus as our Savior and King.

We need to study it as our guide and counsel through life.

Those who "believed" as the result of such preaching an study were well equipped (I Thess. 3:10).

After several weeks of such blessed ministry the Thessalonian Jews interfered, "stirring up" and troubling the multitude" (v. 14 Am. R. V.). and Paul again moved on, this time to Athens in Greece while Silas and Timothy remained for a further ministry in Bera.

Real Humorist. "My nephew, Perry Port, ought to be writing button busters for the Star-beams column, right now!" said old Isaac Ickery. "He's a whole lot fuller of younger than the fellows that are writing 'em. Why, just yesterday I handed him a paper with a picture in it of that 'ere big-nosed Char Ferdinand of Bulgaria, and says I, 'What do you think of him? And as quick as a flash he answered right back, 'Goodness only nose! Just like that!'" —Kansas City Star.

Silent, but Eloquent. Otto H. Kahn, who has given his estate in England as a home for blind soldiers, was talking about the horrors of war. "The other day," he said, "two men on a Hoboken pier saw a huge cargo of wooden legs being loaded on a steamer for shipment to Europe. "Those wooden legs," said the first man, "are a mighty eloquent argument against war, are they not?" "Yes," the other man agreed; "they're what you might call stumpy speeches."

How time drags when we are idle; but how it flies when we are working hard at something worth while.

Natural Effect. "Miss Gwendolyn has such a ringing voice." "That must be because she is something of a belle."

The Effects of Opiates.

THAT INFANTS are peculiarly susceptible to opium and its various preparations, all of which are narcotic, is well known. Even in the smallest doses, if continued, these opiates cause changes in the functions and growth of the cells which are likely to become permanent, causing imbecility, mental perversion, a craving for alcohol or narcotics in later life. Very serious diseases, such as intractable nervous dyspepsia and lack of staying powers are a result of doing with opiates or narcotics to keep children quiet in their infancy. The rule among physicians is that children should never receive opiates in the smallest doses for more than a day at a time, and only then if unavoidable.

The administration of Anodynes, Drops, Cordials, Soothing Symples and other narcotics to children by any but a physician cannot be too strongly decried, and the druggist should not be a party to it. Children who are ill need the attention of a physician, and it is nothing less than a crime to dose them willfully with narcotics.

Castoria contains no narcotics if it bears the signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. Genuine Castoria always bears the signature of

Chas. H. Fletcher

Heads and "Tales." When the dynamite trial was held in this city, the name of Charles Miller became a household word. In one small Indiana town the children of a certain family who know the attorney were fond of telling out Bible scenes. The two older sisters had decided on the story of John the Baptist, and asked little John to take the part of the Bible hero. John was from Missouri and had to be shown. After carefully explaining the importance of his part to him, and the mighty character whom he was to impersonate, John looked up in disgust, and drawled: "Now, I ain't goin' to be no John the Baptist. I'd rather be somebody great like Charlie Miller." — Indianapolis News.

Stood Up for His Mother. "Three-year-old Sherman was visiting a neighbor and sat watching her make a cake. As he put in the ingredients he kept asking: 'What's that?' Finally he asked her what kind of cake she was making and the lady replied: "No, an angel cake. Don't your mamma ever make angel cakes?" He studied for a little time and then, in a tone of assurance, that his mamma could not be outdone by anyone, replied: "No, she just makes the Lord's cake."

The New Style. "This convict complains that he has railroaded to state prison." "I suppose he thought they ought to take him there in an automobile." "Duty determines destiny." — McKinley.

It's a Picnic Getting Ready for a Picnic

Spanish Olives Pickles Sweet Relish Ham Loaf Veal Loaf Chicken Loaf Fruit Preserves Jellies Apple Butter Luncheon Meats Pork and Beans

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RATHER ROUGH ON TOMPKINS

Girls Might at Least Have Chosen Some Other Tune for Their First Rendition.

Mr. Tompkins is a hard-working man at his trade as a shoemaker. By laboring early and late he managed to earn enough to educate and dress his two daughters very well.

Now, he was so proud of these girls that at last he bought them a piano. A few days after the arrival of the instrument a friend saw him.

"Hello, Tompkins!" he said; "and how did the piano go off?" "Beautifully," Smith replied the shoemaker, "the girls were as grateful as possible, and it's fine to hear them singing and playing. But what do you suppose was the very first tune they learned?"

"Dunno, I'm sure," was the friend's reply. "Everybody Works but Father," said Tompkins mournfully. — Pittsburgh Chronicle.

Dutch Establish New Mark.

The drainage of the inland lake of 35,000 acres formed north of Amsterdam by the disastrous floods of January last has been completed, save for one or two of the deeper "polders" or basins in the area in question, the construction and installation of the giant pumping plant on the restored Zuyder Zee dikes was carried out in four weeks, and the actual pumping took another four, so that the problem of removing something like 200,000,000 cubic meters of water was dealt with in a matter of two months only. So far as Dutch engineers are aware, this is an unequalled feat in any other country in the world. The advance made by modern hydrographic engineering may be gathered from the fact that after the floods of February, 1825, the draining took until July, 1826, lasting thus a period of seventeen months.

Modest Girl. He—And what do you want for your birthday? She—Really, I don't want anything. But I know you'll buy me something terribly nice and expensive and new, you're such a dear, reckless boy.—Trinceton Tiger.

Immune. "Bill Simmons says he lived in California for years and the earthquakes didn't worry him in the least." "Nothing strange about that. Bill used to ride a motorcycle."

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Unlike common corn flakes, the New Post Toasties don't mush down when milk or cream is added.

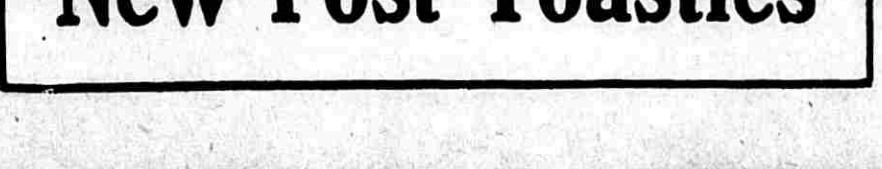
And they have a charming new flavour—delicious, different, the true essence of the corn—not found in corn flakes heretofore.

The intense heat of the new process of manufacture raises tiny bubbles on each delicious brown flake and these little puffs are the identifying feature.

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Steel Cut Coffee, lb., 25c
Picnic Hams, lb., 18c
Good Bacon, lb., 18c
Red Salmon, lb., 15c
4 boxes crisp Corn Flakes, 25c
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4 lbs. good Rice, 24c
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24 1/2 lbs. Lily White Flour, 95c
24 1/2 lbs. Spring Wheat Flour, 90c

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HEARD ABOUT TOWN

News Notes About People You Know.

Chautauqua, Lowell, August 11-15.
F. G. Hoffman of Grand Rapids spent Sunday with his family here.
John Zellinger spent a couple of days last week in Ada on business.
H. V. Getty made a trip to Detroit last week after more Maxwell cars.
Mrs. Emma Thurber of Middleville is visiting her niece, Mrs. A. D. Lincoln.
Printing—the plain neat kind—that is right—Ledger Job Dept., Phone 200.
Hon. T. H. McNaughton of Ada was in town yesterday on a garage business.
Mrs. E. C. Walker and little granddaughter are spending the week in Saranac.
Mrs. Mina Gardner and two children spent Sunday with relatives in Grand Rapids.
Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Morse attended the Coville-Barnes wedding at Casnovia Sunday.
Donald Cameron was a Sunday guest of his uncle, John Hendworth and family in Grand Rapids.
Miss Ethel Yardley spent the first of the week with her father, Walter Yardley, and Lowell friends.
Ben Hardy is working in Grand Rapids for the summer and was home to spend Sunday with his mother.
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mulvey of Detroit are spending a few days here looking after their farm interests.
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Scott of Alto spent Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. E. Gardner.
Mrs. George Speaker of Grand Rapids spent Sunday with her son Clarence and wife and new grandson.
Miss Mildred Cameron returned to Grand Rapids Tuesday evening after spending a week with her parents.
Sunday visitors at H. V. Getty's were Mr. and Mrs. John Klahn of Lake Odessa and Elmer Richardson of Remus.
Mrs. Charles Hoffman returned to Ionia Saturday after spending a couple of weeks with her mother, Mrs. N. C. Ransford.
Charles Lawyer spent Sunday with his parents and left Monday for Grand Rapids to spend a few weeks with his sister, Mrs. Cook.
Let us install an oil gas burner in your wood or coal range. You will be surprised at the results you can obtain. E. L. Kinyon, Phone 225.
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Chase of Grand Rapids attended the Alumni banquet at Saranac last week and spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Boardman in Ionia.
Married, at the Methodist parsonage, June 24, Mr. Jess Ray Carrill of Greenville and Miss Marie Leasure of Belding. The ring ceremony was used. Rev. I. T. Weldon officiated.
Mrs. Chris Bergin is spending the week with her daughter, Mrs. H. J. Patterson, at Alma. Mr. Bergin is attending a meeting of the Board of Supervisors in Grand Rapids and will spend the week end at Alma.
An oil gas that is generated from the cheapest grade of kerosene oil. We guarantee it to perform with greater efficiency than wood or coal, doing away with all labor and ash nuisance. E. L. Kinyon, Phone 225, Lowell, Mich.
A grand district rally of the Granges of Kent, Ionia, Montcalm, Ottawa, Barry and Muskegon counties will be held on the West Michigan fair grounds July 27. National Master Wilson and State Master Ketchum will speak. Invitation to all, especially farmers. National issues will be discussed. Further particulars later.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Next Tuesday will be the Fourth of July. It will be a national holiday. The Ledger urges all correspondents to get their letters in on Monday if possible. Letters received on Wednesday may not be in time for insertion in next week's issue. If you can mail your letters Monday morning they will be sure to reach the Ledger office in time.

The Ledger's "Buy-at-Home" Department

ATTRACT WOMEN TO YOUR STORE.

They Do Most of the Family Shopping.

KEEP TO THEIR STANDARD.

They Are More Observing Than Men and Will Not Make Their Purchases in Disorder and Confusion—Immaculate Array of Goods Pleases Them. The Shiftless Merchant Falls.

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An acorn is not an oak when it is sprouted. It must go through long summers and fierce winters and endure all the frost and snow and thunder and storms and side striking winds before it is a full grown oak.

Not Half a Man. So man is not a man when he is created. He is only just begun. His manhood must come with years. He who travels through life prosperous and goes to his grave without a wife is not half a man. Difficulties are God's errands and trainers, and only through them can one attain to the fullness of manhood.

And what a chimera is man, what a confused chaos, what a subject of contradiction—a proposed judge of all things and yet a feeble worm of the earth; the great depository and guardian of truth and yet a mere bubble of uncertainty; the glory and scandal of the universe!

Women Greatest Shoppers. Man is a sort of dependent creature, and that is why woman took him in charge and relegated him to the rear of the procession, at least so far as the purchasing agent of the home necessities go. Some extravagant gentlemen have guessed that 80 per cent of all retail buying is done by women.

We guess that that guess is too high. Men have more to do with the family shopping than they are often willing to have their wives, daughters and sisters admit to.

Men are the court of last resort, and the case is often reversed, as the exchanged and returned goods department of almost any store can testify.

Perhaps the expense of these departments would be largely reduced if the stores were more attractive to men, if it were less unusual and less embarrassing for them to shop. Certain it is that, even though the women make 80 per cent of the family purchases, the men must be catered to in any store that is to succeed.

Women Very Observing. But, primarily, the stores are for women. They make up the majority

of every merchant's customers. For them the right merchandise must be secured; to them the merchant must make his appeal.

Just as surely as women are naturally more observing than men, just so surely will the merchant make the mistake of his life if he attempts to run his store in a sloppy, slipshod way. The successful store must be kept up to the woman's standard.

Many men who are good merchants in other respects fall here and then wonder why they do not get the trade—wonder why it goes to the big city stores or to the retail mail order houses.

Attractive Store Win. Observing women who are careful and conscientious housekeepers are not going to buy in disorder and confusion. One way a merchant can place himself out of reach of competition is to make his store so conspicuous for its attractiveness, its cleanliness, its immaculate order, its convenience for women, that even the most particular of the sex will show her delight in it.

This is the most effective and least expensive advertising a merchant can do. In the business world of today there is no place for a "working" business. It is a man's game and must be played in a man's way.

Shiftless Merchant Falls. The failure of the merchant who keeps a dirty, sloppy store, in an indolent, shiftless way, means another revolution of the wheel of progress. His trip to the scrap heap is for the general good, for the betterment and advancement of the industry he would keep in disrepute. That man is already on the grassed side of the toboggan. It is but a question of time when you will hear him fall.

Woman's keen eye soon sorts out the storekeeper from the real sales, up to date merchant, and it does not take her any great length of time to forget that the dead, sleepy storekeeper ever existed, and he is so dumb and brainless that he can't account for the loss of her trade.

She Will Tell Him. Let him ask any woman in his town why he failed to get her trade, and she can and will soon tell him that the sooner such a business man or storekeeper as he retires and leaves the field to his more progressive competitor the better it will be for himself and the entire community.

The Poor Dear! Mr. Binks—Why so unhappy? Mr. Binks—I hate that Mrs. Next Door with a deadly hate, and I'm perfectly miserable over it. Mr. Binks—But she doesn't know it. Mr. Binks—That's why I'm unhappy. —Chicago Press.

When in Lowell stop at the Waverly. You will find everything all right and we will do our best to make your stay in Lowell pleasant. Fred J. Hooley, Prop.

Just simply insist on having the best in baked goods. Our bread has now gained a reputation second to none in Michigan. Try it. Herman Strong, Baker.

Lowell Chautauqua August 11-15. Middies 50c up at Weekes' and Prof. Bert Quick has gone to Ann Arbor to get his P. D. degree.

Bert Densmore of Saranac called on friends here one day last week.

Cliff Hatch was in Grand Rapids on business a couple of days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Miesner were in Grand Rapids one day last week.

M. B. Hatch of Clio is the new operator at the Pere Marquette station.

Mrs. Oscar Hosse of Owosso is here visiting her mother, Mrs. H. H. Silsby.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hatch were at Put Norton's in Grattan Center Sunday.

Vere Campbell of Detroit went to the Ionia National Guard to gracing.

Big dancing at Clarksville Saturday night, July 1. Everybody invited. adv.

John L. Freyermuth of Bowne secured a license Tuesday to wed Ethel M. Lane of Ada.

Croquet sets going cheap at Stocking's sale. adv.

Dr. Lee is driving a new 75 Model B Overland roadster, purchased of F. A. Gould.

Storey sold four new cars and one used car last week the last one to M. B. McPherson.

Mrs. J. W. Hulbert's Circle will hold a food sale at Brunthaver's store Saturday afternoon, July 1. 3p

Wayne Ford was a guest of his brother, George Ford and family at Logan Saturday night and Sunday.

"Out in the Streets," a three-act drama, will be presented by the Young Crusaders of South Lowell Methodist church Friday evening, June 30, at the Alto garage hall.

Miss Pearl Gay Coville, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Coville of Casnovia, former residents of Lowell, was united in marriage last Sunday, at their home, to Arthur H. Barnes of Muskegon, by Rev. F. Dull of Kent City. The couple were attended by Lloyd White of Muskegon and Miss Bertha Young of Rivenna. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes will make their home in Muskegon.

The Ledger has ordered 1,000 fine water-color portraits of Woodrow Wilson and Charles E. Hughes candidates for president for presentation to all subscribers who are paid to date or beyond. They are 8 x 11 in size, up-to-the minute portraits, suitable for framing. Samples may be seen at the Ledger office and yours will be ready in a few days. There are only 500 of each candidate. See that your subscription is paid to date or beyond.

Dr. E. A. Hodges of Newkirk, Okla., who was dentist here for several years, has been made 1st Lieutenant of the National Guards and will go to the front with his company.

OUR BEST FRIENDS

Receipt of Subscriptions is Herewith Acknowledged.

In accordance with its custom, The Ledger herewith acknowledges receipt of subscriptions since its last report, as follows:

Mrs. L. H. Hunt, Mrs. B. C. Noble, Chris Kropf, Anna Peterle, Sarah Shores, Mrs. Harold Siesem, Adelbert Odell, George Kellogg, J. T. Parsons, Wm. R. Booth, C. W. Lampkin, Wm. R. Glick, George B. Morse, H. S. Bailey, Moses Erb, Mrs. H. B. Humphrey.

Many thanks for the above payments. Who will be next?

Disease Battle Costs Big Sum For Month.

Kent county has spent \$30,704.69 during the month of June according to the detailed report of expenses compiled Monday at the Board of County Auditors office.

Contagious diseases cost the county the most money outside of salaries. Exactly \$8,181.90 was spent battling disease, quarantine expenses and the like.

Salaries for the month amounted to \$10,084.50. Other items of expense contained in the monthly account are Detention hospital, \$650.59; insane people, treatment and care, \$887.45; County jail, \$671.41; Juvenile home, \$928.93; miscellaneous expenses, \$7,463.15; sheriff, justice of the peace and constables expenses, \$597.24; stationery and expense, \$1,290.42.

Local U. S. Marine in Santo Domingo.

Richard J. Kelley, son of John Kelly of this place, is with the expeditionary force of the U. S. Marines recently rushed to Santo Domingo for the protection of the American Legation there during the current revolt against President Jimines.

When insurrection breaks out anywhere to the south of Key West or north of Venezuela, the U. S. Marines are always first on the spot. Preparedness is the motto of the Marine "soldier and sailor, too," always prepared for service in any climate, always prepared to move at a moment's notice without previous warning; and always prepared to efficiently hold the "situation well in hand."

Young Kelley enlisted in the United States Marine Corps at its Duluth, Minn., recruiting station on August 7, 1913.

Dr. E. A. Hodges of Newkirk, Okla., who was dentist here for several years, has been made 1st Lieutenant of the National Guards and will go to the front with his company.

Obituary of Miss Beulah Hattie Parsons.

Beulah Hattie Parsons was born August 11, 1892, in South Boston, Ionia county, Michigan, and died very suddenly June 18, 1916, at Albuquerque, New Mexico, where she had gone for the benefit of her health, at the age of 22 years, 10 months and 16 days. She lived with her parents in South Boston until she was seventeen. The remainder of her life was spent in South Bend, Ind., Holland and Grand Rapids.

September 20, 1915, she went to Albuquerque hoping that a change of climate would be beneficial. The change served to prolong her life but not to restore her health.

When very young she became a Christian and was baptized. Throughout her illness and unto the very end she remained steadfast in this the faith of her childhood.

She leaves to mourn their loss her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Parsons, a sister, Mrs. Ruby L. Dogger of Grand Rapids, a brother, J. P. Parsons of South Boston, two nephews and one niece, besides other relatives and many friends.

The funeral was held from the Methodist Episcopal church in South Boston and was conducted by Rev. Roy C. Lord, pastor of The Epworth M. E. church, Grand Rapids.

She was a devoted daughter, a loving sister, a true and sympathetic friend, a beautiful Christian, one who at once was the blessing and inspiration of all who knew her.

"To die with Christ—is not dying; It is but sinking deep with Him Into the Father's bosom lying In that warm, sheltering silence dim, Until the radiance of His eye Shines into ours, and slumber flies." —Com.

Ford Inquest Today.

Coroner Hilliker has announced that the inquest into the circumstances surrounding the accident on South Division avenue May 19, when Miss Iva Ford was fatally injured, will be held Thursday morning, Ephraim G. Walts of St. Johns, driver of the car and who was badly injured, George Loomis of St. Johns and Lee Bryant of Lowell, passengers in the car, will attend. Harvey J. Coons, Verne Ashley, Frank N. White, Elmer S. White and Clarence Collar of Lowell and Charles Stone of Grand Rapids are jurors in the case.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Collar have returned from their wedding trip.

Paul McCarty, who is playing at Ramona this week, spent yesterday with relatives here.

See Wm. Farnum in "The Plunderer" at the Idle Hour Saturday. This is a Fox film production in 5 parts.

Make up a \$10.00 order for groceries but don't send it to a mail order house; bring it to us. We can beat their prices on same terms. Geo. B. Shaw, Grocer.

Pure drugs are essential to good health—take no chances. See us first. Large lines of sundries carried, and our prices will keep your money in Lowell. M. N. Henry, Druggist.

Note the fine pictures in the mail order house catalogue, of harness. You had better see what you are buying first—it will pay, besides I can beat their prices. C. J. Bradish.

D. G. Look invites comparison of wall paper samples from any mail order house as to quality and price, with his stock of wall paper—He will beat them or give you the paper for nothing.

Automobile Supplies—Like Zit Pollah, Gargoyle Mobiliole, U. S. Tires, Columbia Batteries, etc., all the best nationally advertised goods. Prompt, reliable repairs. Smith's Garage.

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Do your banking here. We have every facility known to the banking business and can handle your account to your satisfaction. Pay interest on savings. Lowell State Bank.

We are showing a fine line of dress goods, cloaks and hosiery at present. Call in and see them. Our prices will please you. We are boosters for home trade E. R. Collar.

Millinery Special for Friday and Saturday, flowers and Trimmed hats. You will find some real bargains—a chance to save some money. Mrs. E. S. White.

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Now is the time to order your winter's supply of coal. It will pay you, as the price is lower and we can give you better service. Earl Hunter, Coal, Tile and Coke Dealer.

Smoke Lowell made cigars—"Hurley" cigars, made by Lowell Cigar Co. Only cigar factory in your home town. Made clean and right from best stock. Why not patronize home trade?

When Gold is Powerless. Gold cannot remove the cares of the mind—Exchange.

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How Much Land There is. If all the land now above sea level, 25,000,000 cubic miles, were spread uniformly over the globe, it would form a shell about 660 feet thick.

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Favorite of America's "Four Hundred" on Chautauqua Program



The skill and personality of Angelo Vitale, the "boy creator" who appears here on the fourth day of the Chautauqua, are so wonderful that when he appeared in Newport he was the lion of social life there and was entertained by America's Four Hundred. But a mere boy in his teens, the artistic ability possessed by Angelo Vitale is considered marvelous, and prominent musicians predict for him a musical career like that of the great masters.

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