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This bank will be closed May 30—Decoration day.

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When you think of Gifts you think of Oliver's store.

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Watches, Rings, Chains, Brooches, Brownie Cameras and Kodaks.

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The sentiment which induces the erection of a memorial, and the very word itself, demand permanence.

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The Lowell Granite & Marble Works
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For inside use. It is excellent for all high grade interior finishing and general varnishing around the house. Here are some of its chief merits:

It can be rubbed and takes a high polish. It is very transparent and can be used on the most delicately grained woods. It works easily and flows out evenly and well. It does not scratch or mar readily. It contains no sediment or waste.

Excello is a thoroughly reliable varnish for outside use. It always gives satisfaction.

Sold by **W. S. Winegar**

LOWELL MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

ROYAL A. HAWLEY OF IONIA ORATOR.

Patriotic Exercises at High School May 25. Union Memorial Services at Baptist Church May 27, Rev. Weldon Speaker.

Following is the program and order of exercises for the annual Decoration day observance in Lowell, May 30.

Assemble at West Side park at 9 o'clock a. m., where parade will be formed by pupils of Lowell schools, Boy Scouts, Campfire Girls, Daughters of Veterans, Women's Relief Corps, Old Soldiers, citizens. E. A. Anderson, Marshall.

9:30: Ceremonies in memory of our departed naval heroes conducted by the Daughters of Veterans off west bank of Flat river.

10:00: March to Oakwood cemetery. Assemble around soldier's monument.

Recitation.

Decoration of graves by Campfire Girls escorted by the Boy Scouts.

After the decoration of graves assemble at monument when the memorial for the Unknown Dead will be given by the Women's Relief Corps.

Singing of America.

Assemble at City hall at 1:30, p. m.

Call to order, W. S. Winegar, president.

Song, "Battle Hymn of the Republic," High School Chorus.

Invocation, Rev. J. E. Bodine.

Song, "Red, White and Blue," High School Chorus.

Reading, "Lincoln's Gettysburg Address," Howard Aldrich.

Reading, William Schneider.

Song, "The Star Spangled Banner," solo Mr. George M. Winegar, with chorus by High School and audience.

Address, Mr. Royal A. Hawley.

Song, "America," audience.

Flowers for the Nation's Dead.

Next week Wednesday, May 30th, is Decoration day. Again we will honor the memory of our heroes by strewing flowers over the graves of our soldier dead.

Let us make this day memorable by our floral offerings. Bring flowers from garden, field and woods. Boys, girls, men, women and children, gather them and bring them. They cannot be strewn too lavishly over a soldier's grave. Bring them to the G. A. R. Post rooms, City hall, Monday afternoon or Tuesday so that they can be arranged for Wednesday morning.

Cover them over with beautiful flowers.

Deck them with garlands, those heroes of ours."

Patriotic Exercises.

On Friday afternoon, May 25, at 2:00, a short patriotic program will be presented by the High school. There will be a special feature in this program. The soldiers of the Grand Army, members of the W. R. C., Daughters of Veterans, Campfire girls and all who wish to be present are invited.

Memorial Services.

On Sunday evening, May 27, union memorial services will be held at the Baptist church at 7:30 p. m. Rev. I. T. Weldon preaches the Memorial sermon. There will be a union choir to lead the song service. Everybody expected to sing.

To Auto Owners.

Frequent appeals have been made for the use of your autos. You have responded generously. Will you do so again? You are asked to convey the Grand Army boys, Women's Relief Corps and as many others as you can, from the West Side park to Oakwood cemetery on Decoration day. Be on hand with autos at the park at 9 o'clock a. m., Wednesday, May 30. Many of the veterans are unable to make the march. You know the W. R. C. will appreciate the ride.

Committee.

Notice to Dairymen.

Durand Creamery station at Lowell is paying 3 cents above Elgin prices for butterfat; honest weight and test. Agent, Mrs. F. W. Braisted, Phone 154, citz.

Memorial Day Proclamation
By the Governor

Well-nigh three score years have passed since our fathers took up arms for the cause of the Union. That was a righteous war, a holy war. It was waged for unity and liberty and human happiness. Four years the conflict raged. Then came the end, and the Union was saved and the slaves were set free. Some of those who fought in that war are with us yet, though a fast diminishing company. Year by year their ranks grow thinner. One by one their comrades leave them.

For many years our people have gone forth on Memorial Day to place flowers on the graves of those veterans of the great Civil War who have gone beyond, and to pay a tribute of respect to those who still remain. It is a beautiful custom. May the time never come when it shall die out. May this generation, and the generations yet to come, never forget what they owe to the brave men who fought their battles for them.

This year Memorial Day has an especial significance. With most of us, up to this time, the observance of the day has been more or less profane. We have scarcely realized its meaning. Today that meaning is brought home to us through the grim reality of war. The world at war! Three years ago we scoffed at the suggestion. It could not be. The thing was unthinkable; but the impossible happened. The great powers across the sea came to death-grips. Men's hearts melted within them. In Europe a deep-seated earth-quake seemed to heave up the basis of civil life, and the tribunals of men, and the thrones of monarchs, and the temples of God were shaken to the lowest atom of their structure. Still we hoped that our own land would fare free. Neutral we would remain, and go calmly about our peaceful pursuits. It was not to be. The menace to human freedom became too frightful; and today we are at war. Our sons are being drafted. Our daughters are enlisting under the Red Cross banner. From ocean to ocean the Nation is girding up its loins for the fray.

This too is a righteous war. We did not want war. We did our best to keep out of war; but there was no escape from the situation. The rights of all neutrals were being contemptuously disregarded. The freedom of the seas was being denied us. American citizens were being slaughtered in defiance of international law and all the rules of civilized warfare. Democracy was being slowly throttled, and our very existence as a free nation was being threatened. This ruthless war rang out a strident challenge to our manhood. Our cause then is a just cause. It is the cause of human freedom. We stand for the rights of humanity and fling out a banner to the nations. God grant that out of this universal conflict, out of the sacrifice of blood and tears and treasure, the world may come forth with a cleaner, purer soul.

Therefore, that we may pay a tribute of affection and esteem to the surviving veterans of the Civil War and the Spanish-American War, and honor the memory of those who gave up their lives in our cause, I, ALBERT E. SLEEPER, Governor of the State of Michigan, do hereby issue this, my Proclamation, and sincerely urge the observance of Wednesday, May thirtieth, nineteen hundred and seventeen, as Memorial Day.

And I earnestly request the people of our State to assemble themselves together in their various communities, and, by appropriate public exercises and in other fitting ways, to observe this day as a solemn Memorial festival. I suggest as one means of observing the day, that bells be tolled from 12.00 o'clock noon until 12.05, p. m., and that all citizens stand with uncovered heads during this period. Flags should be displayed at half staff until noon and then hoisted to the top of the staff.

I further suggest that this day be set apart as a day, in which, so far as possible, the ordinary courses of business shall be suspended and in which we shall give ourselves to meditation and prayer, imploring the God of our Fathers to inspire us with a steadfast faith and a watchful courage, and so to guide us, by His own wise Providence, that we may be able to keep for righteousness and freedom this land which was dedicated to righteousness and consecrated to freedom.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State, this eighteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and of the Commonwealth the eighty first.

ALBERT E. SLEEPER, Governor.
 COLEMAN C. VAUGHAN, Secretary of State.

Notice.

Durand Creamery station will be closed from twelve to six, Decoration day, May 30.—Mrs. F. W. Braisted.

Notice!

From and after June 15, 1917, all my accounts will be in the hands of R. M. Shivel, Attorney, for collection.

Fred Hosley.

Notice!

To cream sellers. I pay Elgin prices for cream.

George E. Lake.

Notice.

I wish to thank the friends who sent me flowers during my recent illness.

Clarence Nesbet.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks for the sympathy and help given us during our recent bereavement; also for the floral offerings.

G. Staal and Family.

Notice!

I have all kinds of seed potatoes for sale.

George E. Lake.

McQueen's Garage

Expert Repairs
 Chevrolet Cars
 Republic Tires
 Auto Livery

Some used cars at a bargain

Phone 6 **E. D. McQUEEN**

Sugar Bowl

Saturday Special
 Maple Fudge.....20c per lb.

Our Fruit Window
 excites much favorable comment. Look and see why.

Ice Cream Sodas,
 Sundaes, Etc.,
 as you like 'em. Splendid candies our own make, pure and wholesome.

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On Savings and Your Money always subject to your order—That is wise investing.

ELLIS 4% BANK
 MONROE AND OTTAWA AVENUES—OPEN FROM 7 to 9 P. M. WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY Evenings

"YES" or "NO"
 —At Once.

RED CROSS WORK

Association Appeals to All Loyal People for Aid.

Lowell has occasion to feel proud of the generous response given by the ladies who stand ready to do active work for the soldiers. More turned out last Thursday than could be kept busy, so the Council rooms in the City hall will be open every Wednesday and Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

We have on hand to make 4 dozen pajamas, 2 dozen hot water or ice bag covers, 1 1/2 dozen shoulder wraps and cotton for knitted wipes or sponges.

Ladies desiring to knit will furnish their own needles as knitting needles are not furnished by the Red Cross association. For knitting wipies two No. 4 amber needles are used.

This work is for everybody in Lowell and surrounding vicinity. If you are not a member of the Red Cross association and have time to lend a helping hand, do so. Every man, woman and child, who can, ought to join the Red Cross, as it is one way we all have of helping our country.

A great deal of work to be done is machine sewing, so if you have a machine you can donate for the work, do so.

The Red Cross will meet Thursday and Friday of next week, as decoration day falls on Wednesday.

MET SUDDEN DEATH

L. H. Merriman Stricken With Heart Failure Yesterday.

Lewis H. Merriman, brother of Miss Ida Merriman of this village, died very suddenly at 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon of heart disease at Butterworth hospital, Grand Rapids.

He was stricken on a street car at Lyon street and Monroe avenue, and died shortly after being taken to the hospital. Mr. Merriman was a teacher in the Grand Rapids schools, and was still living there; but contemplated an early retirement to his farm in Lowell Center.

He was one of a family of six boys and four girls, and his was the first death. He was a member of Lowell Lodge No. 90, F. & A. M., and the burial may be conducted by the fraternity.

Funeral services will be held at the West Lowell church Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

THE JUNIOR PLAY

Young People Presented "A Count of No Account."

The Junior play, "A Count of No Account," was successfully staged at the City hall last evening before a goodly audience.

The parts were well taken and the patrons were well pleased with the efforts of the young entertainers.

Following is the cast of characters:

Archibald Waring, "Weary" a tramp, Harold Morse.
 James J. Long, New York Broker, Herbert Bretzia.
 Marvin Short, Long's Partner, Joseph Bowler.
 Johanna Kramer, Holland Innkeeper, Leadore Cadby.
 Count Henri Nogooldo of Paris, Paul Archer.
 General Iama Terror, Invalid, Leon Pottruff.
 St. Perkins, Police Force, Wilbur Young.
 Hans and Otto, Holland Maids, Hazel Taylor, Katherine Wingeler.
 Mrs. Marla Goodley, Terror's Sister, Gerlice Kaufman.
 Beulah Long, Summer Girl, Marlon Anderson.
 Jessie Short, Summer Girl, Irma Kallinger.
 Louise, French Maid, Thelma Peckham.

The High School orchestra rendered some fine selections and Charles Lawyer and Clifford Stinchcomb gave some amusing song specialties.

Gross receipts were \$91. Net proceeds \$71, a good night.

Registrars for U. S. Army Draft.

June 5 is Army Registration day and all men between the ages of 20 and 31 are required to register under penalty for failure to do so.

Sheriff Berry and County Clerk Hill have appointed registrars for the townships and among them are the following:

Ada—James H. Ward and William N. Perkins.
 Bowtie—Henry A. Johnson and Owen Nash.
 Caledonia—Charles P. Mulder and Gilbert Woodward.
 Cannon—William Norman and W. P. Joyce.
 Cascade—William J. Watterson and John Noble.
 Grattan—C. Kent Jakeway and William J. Malone.
 Lowell—Christopher Bergin, Frank N. White and Harry L. Shuter.
 Vergennes—D. D. Krum and Percy J. Read.

Kent County Grange News.

Mrs. Dora B. Stockman, State Grange lecturer, will hold a lecturer's conference in the county building in Grand Rapids Friday, May 25. All members of the order are invited to attend.

Kent County Pomona Grange will meet with Alpine Grange on Thursday, June 7. A full attendance is desired.

Look says:—

Treating seed potatoes is another step in efficient farming for 1917. Scab and black scurf can be controlled by treating your seed potatoes—and you increase in yield will much more than repay you. We have fresh formaldehyde for this purpose and will give you full directions for treating your seed potatoes.

Our Wall Paper stock is still complete and if you contemplate papering this year, you had better do so now—it's bound to be higher priced, and we are still selling at the old prices.

There is going to be another sharp advance on paint in a few days and if your building need painting, you cannot afford to let them go. Let us figure with you.

Rural route mail carriers now leave at 8 o'clock instead of 9:30 and we will be glad to mail you anything you may need if we get the order previous to that time.

D. G. LOOK, One of the 8,000 Retail Drug Stores

OH, SAY CAN YOU SEE

What we have a very fine illustration of

Wedding Rings and Diamonds

to sell at "before the war" prices—a saving of 20 to 25 per cent at least.

If you cannot see from the outside, "Come In."

R. D. Stocking

Men Who Hold

Important positions or who are interested in politics or public life, often have demands for their

PORTRAITS

Let us make Photographs of you that you will not be ashamed to hand out. We understand every detail of our business from posing to finishing. Make an appointment with us.

AVERY

The Photographer in Your Town. Phone 287

READY NIGHT OR DAY.

FRIENDSHIP COUNTS, BUT YOU CAN NOT DRAW ON IT LIKE YOU CAN A BANK ACCOUNT.

WHY NOT CULTIVATE THE KIND OF FRIENDS THAT ARE NOT EMBARRASSED WHEN YOU CALL ON THEM FOR HELP?

YOU CAN CALL ON A BANK ACCOUNT DAY OR NIGHT. IT'S ALWAYS READY.

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Johnny-on-the Spot to serve you with the best in his line.

Harley Maynard PLUMBING. And all work in connection with City Water System. Phone 182.

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It's difference of opinion—and taste—and condition—that makes the classified page a most effective solution of most human perplexities.

Try a want ad. For more information, see page 10.

State and General News Section of Ledger

Compiled and Condensed for Readers of Lowell and Environs

SELECTIVE DRAFT BILL IS NOW LAW

PASSES SENATE—PROVIDES FOR RAISING AN ARMY OF 1,500,000 MEN. Secretary Baker Says New Army Will Not Be Called to the Colors Before December.

WASHINGTON—President Wilson Friday night signed the new selective draft bill, which for weeks has been debated before congress and senate.

As finally approved, the bill provides for raising by selective conscription of an army of 1,500,000 men, in increments of 250,000 men from 21 to 30 years of age.

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Port Huron—August Helm, who for 20 years conducted a hotel at Crosswell ended his life by firing five bullets into his body.

Jackson—George Killeen, 45 years old, employed on farm 13 miles east of this city, was killed when a wagon upset.

Callicline—Harold Lobb, who asked to be arrested for allowing noxious gas to be emitted from his factory.

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U. S. LOOKING FOR ARMY CAMP SITE

GOVERNMENT PLANS TO TRAIN DIVISION IN MICHIGAN OR WISCONSIN. WANT AT LEAST 2000 ACRES. Tract Must Be Near Some City, Have Transportation Facilities, Drill Grounds, Rifle Range, Etc.

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PINEAPPLES

Never mind the high cost of sugar for this year everybody will eat their own fruit, because canned goods will be scarce and high. This will be a year of preparedness by the housewife. Prices for pine are low. GET OUR PRICES BEFORE YOU BUY.

Good Bacon, lb.....30c, 36c, 40c
 Corned Beef, lb.....20c
 Extra good Salt Pork.....24c
 Large can Hominy.....12c
 5 rolls Toilet paper.....25c
 5 cans milk.....30c
 5 doz. best clothes pins.....10c
 Corn Flakes, box.....10c
 Gingersnaps, lb.....14c
 Rolled Oats, lb.....6c
 Pound can good Salmon.....18c

6 LBS. SUGAR 50¢

with \$2.50 worth of other groceries except Flour, Butter, Soap and Eggs.

40c Monarch Coffee.....35c
 3-lb. can Monarch Coffee.....\$1
 Try our Quakeress tea, 1/2 lb.....25c
 Tea Siftings, lb.....20c
 5 bars Lenox Soap.....25c
 Manichurian Beans, lb.....12c
 Large can Tomatoes.....16c
 3-lb. best Jap Rice.....25c
 1 pkg. Fancy Seeded Raisins.....12c

Grand Trunk Grocery

We deliver goods. Phone 299

HEARD ABOUT TOWN

News Notes About People You Know.

Ionia will have no Chautauqua this year on account of the war. Lowell banks will be closed Wednesday, May 30, Decoration day.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Wilcox of Lansing were visitors at R. M. Wilcox's last week.

Wheat harvest began in Texas Tuesday. A crop of 15,000,000 is expected in that state.

Mrs. J. H. Helder and baby of Chicago are visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Fogaus.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hamilton of Grand Rapids spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rogers and family.

The Grand Rapids Boat and Canoe club will come to Lowell on the morning train May 30 for its annual trip down Grand river, a 40-mile cruise.

Fred Harring, Mrs. Carrie Rice and daughter Lottie and Miss Luella Richmond of Grand Rapids spent Saturday with Walter Rogers and family.

John Wetrongel has taken a contract from the village to drive three test wells on the Hull twenty-acre lot. If the flogage proves good, eighteen wells will be driven.

John Hartley of Detroit spent over Sunday in Lowell. His wife, who has been spending several weeks with her parents, returned with him.

George Sixby and Oliver Norris of Ionia were picked up at the Grand Trunk depot Tuesday night for being drunk and disorderly. Wednesday morning they were fined \$8 and \$5 respectively. Wednesday evening they were arrested again, the former paying a fine of \$10 and costs and the latter took a thirty day sentence.

How's This?
 We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Medicine. Hall's Catarrh Medicine has been taken by catarrh sufferers for the past thirty-five years, and has become known as the most reliable remedy for Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Medicine acts thru the Blood on the Mucous surfaces, expelling the Poison from the Blood and healing the diseased portions. After you have taken Hall's Catarrh Medicine for a short time you will see great improvement in your general health. Start taking Hall's Catarrh Medicine at once and get rid of catarrh. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, etc.

Railroad Time Cards
PERE MARQUETTE
 Effective May 18, 1917

East Bound—7:25 a. m. Daily except Sunday
 9:15 a. m. To Holland. Daily except Sunday.
 6:20 p. m. Daily

West Bound—11:40 a. m. Daily except Sunday
 4:30 p. m. To Ionia. Daily except Sunday
 9:20 p. m. Daily

GRAND TRUNK
 Effective February 11, 1917

East Bound—6:38 a. m. Daily except Sunday
 7:25 p. m. Daily except Sunday
 6:20 p. m. Daily except Sunday

West Bound—9:55 a. m. Daily except Sunday
 12:30 noon Daily except Sunday
 9:40 p. m. Daily except Sunday



OVER HALF CENTURY

A. S. Race Lived in Lowell Town ship 51 Years.

Alvin Stewart Race was born July 25th, 1839, at Sharon, Schoharie county, New York. He died at his home in South Lowell May 17, 1917, at the age of 77 years, 10 months and 22 days. The early part of his life was spent in New York. In 1862 he was married to Eve Ann Van Derwerker. To this union four children were born, two of whom survive their father.

January 26th, 1866, he came to Michigan and settled on the farm which has since been his home for over 51 years. He well knew the hardships of pioneer life.

On December 31st, 1882, he was united in marriage to Anna E. Lov, who has been a faithful and loving companion to him in his declining years.

Mr. Race was a kind and generous neighbor and friend to all who knew him. About 30 years ago he experienced religion and joined the United Brethren church which shortly afterward was discontinued. He was a regular attendant and a liberal supporter of the Methodist church in South Lowell.

He leaves to mourn his loss, besides his loving wife, two sons, Jefferson D. of Cobleskill, N. Y., and Alvin S., Jr., of Fort Plain, N. Y., three sisters, Mrs. Keziah Livingston, Mrs. Elizabeth Hotaling and Mrs. A. B. Engell, all of Sharon Springs, N. Y., six grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

The funeral services were held Sunday, May 20th, at 11 o'clock, a. m., at the South Boston Congregational church. Rev. N. P. Brown officiating. The church was filled and many beautiful floral tributes covered the casket. The remains were taken to Lake Odessa for interment. (Com.)

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to all the neighbors and friends who so kindly assisted us during the illness, death and burial of our dear husband and sympathizer, the beautiful flowers, the choir, those who furnished automobiles, and to all who in any way thought to lighten our burden of sorrow, we are especially grateful.

Mrs. Anna E. Race
 Alvin S. Race, Jr.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our appreciation and heartfelt gratitude for all kindnesses received during the death and burial of our beloved husband and brother. To those who tendered the use of their cars, to the friends and neighbors for the beautiful floral gifts and acts of love and friendship. Especially would we mention Mr. Vaughan and the Seniors and Juniors of the Lowell High school and the Lowell Cutter Co. employees for beautiful floral pieces, Rev. I. T. Weldon for his comforting words and Mesdames Strong and Collar for their consoling music.

Frankie A. Dickerson
 Myrtle C. Johnson.

Alto to Observe Flag Day in Patriotic Way.

ALTO, Mich., May 23.—At a meeting of the citizens of this community held this morning, it was decided to observe flag day, June 12, with flag raising, speeches and music.

The following were appointed a committee to have charge of the affair and arrangements: Walter Clarke, C. O. Hill, Julius Vester, Roy Deming, Joseph Anderson, D. D. Holcomb, Walter Blakeslee, C. Schwab, Howard Bartlett, John Cuddihy, Fred Pattison, J. E. Stauffer, L. J. Godfrey, Oaxal O'Harrow, Bert Douglas, Fred Eardley, Geo. Alexander, Thomas Van Norder, Frank McNaughton, Charles K. Foot, Walter Foster, Andy, Bittenger, Charles Rittenger, William Lind, V. A. Thompson, Ernest Bates, Myron Thompson, Watt Henas and Thomas and Fred Henas.

A present for brides in Lowell and surrounding towns—The Ledger six months. Apply to F. M. Johnson, Ledger office. 11

At the Family Theatre, Saturday, May 26

The Famous Metro Stars Francis X. Bushman & Beverly Bayne

will appear in one of their latest screen successes, "In the Diplomatic Service" This picture is full of punch. Don't fail to see it. Matinee at 2:30. Admission 5c and 10c.

Besides the above excellent production, the Family theatre has been fortunate to secure for Saturday evening

The Famous Italian Accordion Player... Joe Siberio

who is visiting in Lowell for a few days. This young man has been on the Chicago Vaudeville Circuit and is highly recommended. Don't miss this double attraction. Evening Show 7:30 and 9:00. Admission 10c and 15c.

Notice to Correspondents, Advertisers and Contributors.

On account of Decoration day, this paper may be late next week. To avoid this so far as possible, early copy is requested. Please get all matter in to the office Monday, and oblige

The Ledger Force.

South Boston Memorial Service

The annual observance will be made at South Boston Grange hall May 30, at 9 o'clock, standard and the following program will be given:

Song, America.
 Invocation, Rev. N. P. Brown.
 Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.
 Mrs. Maude Freeman.
 Duet, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Nash.
 Ware School number.
 South Belle School number.
 Quartette.
 North Belle School number.
 Address, Rev. Hirschnmiller.
 Song, Columbia the Gem of the Ocean, Mrs. Will Draper.

Vergennes Co-operative Club.

The Vergennes Co-operative club met with Mrs. Austin Coons Thursday, May 10. Roll call was responded to with bird quotations. The question of aiding in Red Cross work was discussed and a committee appointed to take charge of this work. After the business session the meeting was given over to the director and all listened to an interesting program on birds.

Johanna Wittenbach gave a sketch of Audubon's life. Mrs. James gave the myth of how the Robin got its Red Breast. Mrs. Bennett gave a talk on Bird Migration. Mrs. Coons read a very interesting paper on Common Birds and their help to the Farmer.

The meeting adjourned to meet with Johanna Wittenbach June 7.

Refreshments were then served by the hostess.

CONGREGATIONAL

Subject Sunday 10:30, "The Holy Spirit."
 Sunday school 11:45.
 Junior Endeavor, 2:30.
 Senior Endeavor, 6:15.
 Union services at the Baptist church, 7:30.

South Boston Memorial service at 2:30.

A. H. Lash, Minister.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

Preaching, 10:30 a. m.
 Sunday school, 11:45 a. m.
 B. Y. P. U., 6:30 p. m.
 Memorial service at 7:30 p. m. Show your patriotism and love for the old soldiers by being present.

Prayer and Bible meeting every Thursday, 7:30 p. m.

A cordial welcome always awaits you at our Baptist church. J. E. Bodine, Minister.

METHODIST CHURCH

Morning service, 10:30. Subject, "Crown Jewels."
 Sunday school 11:45.
 Junior Epworth League 3 p. m.
 Epworth League, 6:30.
 Memorial day service at 7:30 at the Baptist church.

Prayer meeting on Tuesday evening at home of Mrs. Tidd, Thursday evening at church at 7:30.

W. H. M. S. Friday, May 25 at 2:30 at Mrs. L. Taylor's. Bring mitre boxes for opening. Mitre box envelopes distributed last week will be taken up Sunday.

Vergennes Sunday school at 2 p. m., preaching service at 3 p. m. I. T. Weldon, Minister.

WHITES BRIDGE

Mrs. R. F. Jenkins spent Tuesday with Mary Lott. The callers of Mrs. Charles Gordon Friday were Mrs. Ray Weeks and children, Len Jenkins, Mrs. John Tebbel, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Tebbel and Miss Nellie Tebbel. Sunday visitors of Mrs. Eber Compton and Mrs. Eber Compton were Mrs. Henry Compton and family, J. Shady Hausman, Mr. and Mrs. Truman Compton and Mrs. Charlie Hausman.

Mrs. R. F. Jenkins has a new Cassin tractor to farm with. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Bowen visited her mother, Mrs. Richmond, Sunday to get their little daughter Evelyn who has been spending a few days with her grandmother. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Bowen attended the Farmers' club at Mr. Alchita's Wednesday evening.

LOWELL MARKET REPORT

Corrected May 24 at 11 a. m. Wheat prices are dropping and changing from day to day. No guaranty can be made. Better telephone before coming to market.

Wheat (red) 60 lb.	2.90
Wheat (white) 60 lb.	2.80
Corn, white	1.20
Oats, white	1.10
Hay, mixed, ton	11.00
Corn and Oats, ton	12.00
Timothy, ton	18.00
Midlings, ton	10.00
Corn meal, ton	10.00
Flour, ton	14.00
Timothy seed, lb.	3.20
Flour, cut	3.20
Butter lb.	20.00
Eggs, doz.	15.00
Lard, lb.	12.00
Pork, live	18.00
Cows, dressed	10.00
Beef, live, cut	6.50-8.00
Mrs. C. L. Brown	10.00-11.00
Veal, dressed	10.00-11.00
Lamb, dressed	10.00-11.00
Sheep, live	4.00-5.00
Butter Fat, lb.	25.00
Eggs per doz.	15.00

KEENE NEWS

Rev. Bretz will give a patriotic and musical program at the church Sunday. He will be with "The Bright Side of '61 and '65." All are cordially invited, especially the men—Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Eber Compton and Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. C. W. Lamph. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Lamph and Mr. and Mrs. McFarish were also dinner guests.

HICKORY CORNERS

During the electrical storm last Saturday morning, Walter Foster's barn was struck and burned to the ground. The live stock was saved and a few farm tools, but a new potato planter and nearly new hay loader with his seed sower, three bushels of clover seed and a large quantity of hay and oats were burned. The loss is partially covered by insurance. The Merriman school closes Friday, May 25, with a picnic for the pupils. John Hill motored to Holland Saturday afternoon to visit his brother. Mrs. Ella Rollins and children accompanied him and visited a cousin near Holland, all returning Sunday evening. Frank Houghton and family were Sunday dinner guests at James Easterby's. In the afternoon James and Miss Anna Easterby accompanied Mrs. Houghton on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lewis of Cascade. Jay Wykes and family were Grand Rapids visitors Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Will Watts of Bowne Center called on Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Hayden Sunday afternoon. A new marker was placed on the Charles Blakeslee lot at the Merriman cemetery last week. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Baker and son Edmund, motored to Grand Rapids last Sunday and spent the day with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Baker. Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Merriman also were guests. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Carter, of Adams, and Mr. Baker's son visited their cousin, Mrs. Clara Allen and family. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clarke were Sunday guests of George Clarke and wife. Miss Ellen Merriman expects to return to school Wednesday morning after a stay of the measles. Mrs. Will Wingerler entertained her mother, Mrs. W. R. Mullen, and sister, Mrs. Corienn, and daughter (Gertrude) Sunday. Mrs. Cornelia and daughter left for Wednesday for their home in the West. Walter Wingerler, with Simon and Carl Wingerler, motored to Grand Rapids Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Hotchkiss and well as Hotchkiss were Sunday guests at Walter Blakeslee's. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schwab of near Elm Dale visited their brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. John Schwab, at the home of Walter Blakeslee Sunday.

SOUTH BOSTON.

The funeral of Mr. Race, which was held at the Congregational church in South Boston Sunday was well attended. Next Sunday Memorial services will be held at the Congregational church in the city of Grand Rapids. W. H. Draper attended the funeral of his uncle, John Draper, of Freeport on Sunday, and on Wednesday the funeral of his cousin, Mrs. Mat B. Brown of Alto will have charge of the service. W. H. Draper attended the funeral of his uncle, John Draper, of Freeport on Sunday, and on Wednesday the funeral of his cousin, Mrs. Mat B. Brown of Alto will have charge of the service. W. H. Draper attended the funeral of his uncle, John Draper, of Freeport on Sunday, and on Wednesday the funeral of his cousin, Mrs. Mat B. Brown of Alto will have charge of the service.

RIVERSIDE ECHOES

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DISTRICT NO. FIVE

Who said we were going to have a drought this year? We think it a complaining mind that is not satisfied with the weather for we have all kinds of crops in the city of Grand Rapids. Most of the people in the vicinity attended the funeral of Alvin Race at the South Boston Congregational church Sunday. Mrs. George Farthing of Grand Rapids attended the funeral of Alvin Race at the South Boston Congregational church Sunday. Mrs. George Farthing of Grand Rapids attended the funeral of Alvin Race at the South Boston Congregational church Sunday.

SOUTH VERGENNES

Christ Wittenbach and family were Sunday guests at the home of Mrs. Carl Roth in driving a Buick. The Misses Rosa and Lizzie Roth and Alvin Wilcox and Fred Roth were in Grand Rapids Sunday afternoon and Sunday evening. Mrs. Wm. Wittenbach spent Saturday evening and Sunday at Allen Bennett's. Evelyn Kraft was a Sunday guest of her uncle, Charles Kraft, and family in Lowell. Mrs. G. E. Frayer and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Skelding—Allen M. Freeland, commissioner of schools, called at District No. 7, Vergennes, on Monday, May 14, driving the past week. Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Frayer spent last Thursday evening with their daughter, Mrs. John Whitfield.

Read The Ledger.

All the Difference. A resident of a metropolis on the Pacific coast had occasion to fill a sudden place in the lawn of his country home. Desiring expert advice before undertaking the venture, he looked up a friend of his who had a good deal of contract work in excavating and grading lines for the municipality. "Say, Reddy," he inquired, "about how much would it cost to fill a hollow of such and such dimensions with tons?"

"Is it for you or is it for the city?" asked Reddy, Saturday Evening Post.

"Do your daughters help their mother with the housework?"

"We wouldn't think of expecting it. Myrtle is temperamental, and Zaza is intense."—Pittsburgh Post.

Cold Yet in U. P.

St. Joseph, Mich., May 29, 1917. Editor "The Lowell Ledger":

As I have a little spare time I will write a few words for the home paper.

I am in the Upper Peninsula, enjoying what I call a good time. Am working as a surveyor's camp in the U. S. Lake surveyor's camp at St. Ignace. This is a very nice day, but a person needs to wear a winter coat sitting out in the sun. There are seven men on our camp at present, and the surveyor, a cork and five assistants. My work is that of a carpenter around the camp and Hoeman when we are on the lakes or road. This is a wonderful work in the way of surveying. We have a 20 hp. gasoline launch, a steam boat and a passenger automobile I expect to operate a station at Waughank Point, two miles west of Mackinaw, part of the summer. We expect to take a trip across the country north and west of here tomorrow.

Respectfully yours,
 Lee Stanton,
 Cheboygan, Mich., U. S.

Auto Tire Repairing

of all kinds.
Vulcanizing a Specialty

Shears and Knife Grinding. Bicycle and Gasoline Engine repairing, etc.

ANDREWS & SON
 First corner east South's Lunch Room

CORRECT CLOTHES FOR Decoration Day



It is Easy to Tell Them Apart—Frank wears any old clothes, but John looks "neat as a pin."

Most all holidays call for clothes. To be distinctly well dressed is to meet ambition more than half way.

Michaels-Stern Clothes

have distinctive style, all-wool fabrics, careful tailoring, variety of models, guaranteed satisfaction, at a moderate price, \$15 to \$25.

Let me be your holiday dresser.

Straw Hats! May 30 is the opening day

of the straw hat season.

Panamas \$3.50 to \$6
 Leghorns \$2.50 to \$3.50
 Bangkoks \$5

The store with the big stock, that does a large business.

John J. Lalley

PROBATE NOTICE.

State of Michigan, The Probate Court for the County of Kent.

At a session of said court, held at the probate office in the city of Grand Rapids, in said county, on the 23rd day of May, A. D. 1917.

Present: Hon. Clark E. Higbee, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of James Anderson, deceased.

Arthur Anderson having filed in said court his petition praying that the administration of said estate be granted to David G. Mangle or to some other suitable person, and that it is ordered, that the 22nd day of June, A. D. 1917, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is further ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Lowell Ledger, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

Clark E. Higbee, Judge of Probate.
 A true copy,
 John Dalton, Register of Probate.

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At a session of said court, held at the probate office in the city of Grand Rapids, in said county, on the 22nd day of May, A. D. 1917.

Present: Hon. Clark E. Higbee, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Thelma E. Peckham, Victor A. Peckham and Howard H. Peckham, Minors.

Hattie M. Peckham having filed in said court her sixth annual account as guardian of said estate, and her petition praying for the allowance thereof.

It is ordered, that the 15th day of June, A. D. 1917, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said account and for the allowance thereof.

It is further ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Lowell Ledger, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

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CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING.

FOR SALE—Two milk cows and two good brood sows. H. S. Young. 50p

FOR SALE—6-year old work horse, sound and all right. Thos. Morris, phone 6. 40c

FOR SALE OR RENT—Farm of 30 acres, known as Nick Bosing place in Keene, with or without stock and tools, and privilege to rent 80 acres adjoining.—E. Pfeiffer, R. 1, Smyrna, Mich. 50p

FOR SALE—One heavy farm horse, 7 years old. E. V. Storey. 40c

PIGS FOR SALE—Phone 1154.—H. Vanderwall. 50p

HORSE FOR SALE—5 years old, guaranteed sound and good. Cash or secured by note. Equine American store. c-48

FOR RENT—A good house on west side, next to park. Geo. M. Parker. 50p

FOR RENT—House one block north of Central school.—Will W. Hult. 50p

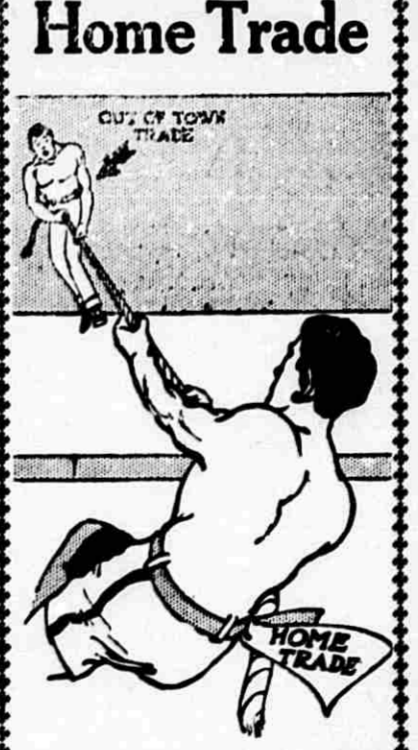
STRAYED—Jersey cow, milky, with white spots.—John Kehos, Ada, R. F. D. 2. 50p

LOAN WANTED—Highest cash paid for good blue logs. Michigan Bent Film & Basket Manufacturing Co., Lowell, Mich. 11

WANTED—500,000 lbs of No. 1 common blue logs, 4 to 6 inches thick. Will accept this green from the log in cordloads or smaller lots. Michigan Bent Film & Basket Co., Lowell, Mich. c-50

WANTED—Lawns to mow, also job work.—Jesse Kase, over John Clark's grocery. 50p

Pull Hard For Home Trade



Join the HOME BOOSTERS' team. This is YOUR TOWN. BE NEIGHBORLY. Let the HOME merchant fill your needs. He can and will fill them AS CHEAPLY as the out of town merchants. Keep that dollar of yours IN THIS TOWN. IT WILL COME BACK TO YOU

Prompt service in job printing at The Ledger office. Fortunate cash purchases of stock assures lowest possible prices for good work.

PROBATE NOTICE.

State of Michigan, The Probate Court for the County of Kent.

At a session of said court, held at the probate office in the city of Grand Rapids, in said county, on the 19th day of May, A. D. 1917.

Present: Hon. Clark E. Higbee, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Frank Flanagan, deceased.

Margaret Flanagan having filed in said court her petition praying that a certain instrument in writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, now on file in said court be admitted to probate and that the administration of said estate be granted to The Michigan Trust Company or to some other suitable person.

It is ordered, that the 15th day of June, A. D. 1917, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

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EAST LOWELL.

W. H. Winger has a new bicycle car. Mr. and Mrs. M. Cole, Mrs. Maggie Sargent and Mr. and Mrs. Winger are among those who went from here to hear Bob Jones. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kane are rejoicing over the arrival of a little daughter, born last week. Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sargent entertained Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Hayes both and children of Lowell and Mrs. Ann Green and son Milburn of Grand Rapids. The chorus will meet with Mr. and Mrs. Winger Tuesday evening. The Wingers and Hubbels attended the reception given Mr. and Mrs. Gunn at their home in Lowell Thursday evening. Mrs. Orfal attended the Baptist church in Lowell Sunday.

Bargains in Lowell Homes.

FOR SALE—At a special low price for ten days, a good 5-room house, 2 lots, well located, one block from Main street. Can sell this contract of \$100 down and balance by month. Price \$475.

A good 6-room house in good condition, large lot, well located. This is a good getter at \$7.00 per month, and will net better than 12 per cent on the investment. Price only \$600.

Good 7-room house, 2 blocks from Main street, only \$750; and many others too numerous to mention here at corresponding low prices. Call and see me if you wish to buy soon for these must be sold this spring.

George M. Parker, Office over Loom's Drug Store.

BOWNE M. E. CIRCUIT

Report of the Dedication and Community Jubilee day at West Bowne May 25 will be made in next week's issue.

Sunday, May 27, the services are in their regular order:

Preaching service at Bowne Center at 10:30 a. m., followed by Sunday school.

Sunday school at West Lowell at 12:30. Preaching at 1:30.

Sunday school at West Bowne at 10 a. m. Preaching service at 6 p. m.

R. C. Parrish, Pastor.

Gregory's Market,

Lowell, Michigan