

## REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE CITY STATE BANK

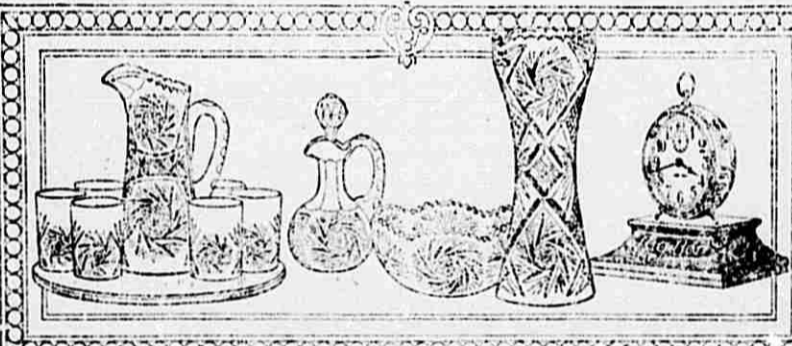
at Lowell, Michigan, at the close of business November 20th, 1917, as called for by the commissioner of the banking department:

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$149,368.85
Bonds, Mortgages and Securities	235,058.41
Overdrafts	827.43
Furniture and Fixtures	8,000.00
Items in Transit	1,000.00
Cash on hand and due from banks	54,965.44
Total	449,220.13
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$25,000.00
Surplus fund and undivided profits net	15,615.52
Commercial accounts	85,311.81
Savings deposits (book accounts)	174,764.49
Savings certificates of Deposit	133,528.31
Bonds sold subject to repurchase	15,000.00
Total	449,220.13



R. VANDYKE, President; D. G. LOOK and W. M. C. CONDON, Vice Presidents.

HARRY DAY, Cashier.  
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## GIFTS

We have got together a fine line of goods for gifts this year. But you must be prompt. Buy early, as there is no great surplus for late buyers as in other seasons. Our line of

**Jewelry, Watches, Silverware, Cut Glass and China**

are well selected and suitable articles can be found for any gift occasion. We are looking for a call from you so we can better supply your gift needs.

**KODAKS and SUPPLIES**

*Edison Diamond Amberola and records for Re-Creation of Music.*

Welcome whether you buy or not.

**A. D. Oliver**

Jeweler and Optometrist  
"Eyes Examined and Glasses Fitted."

## A Beautiful Display of Holiday Goods

is now ready and awaiting your inspection. It is full of new ideas, coming surprises, happy hits, novel and desirable features. You cannot find a better place to get just the right thing for everyone. Our new stock is full of attractions to buyers who appreciate superior and really desirable holiday gifts of the latest design and best quality. We offer many inducements in high-grade goods at fairest prices, well adapted to the wants and requirements of our patrons. If you want the Good Quality, the Right Article and the Reasonable Price inspect our line.

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|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Parisian Ivory Toilet Articles | Vacuum Bottles |
| Dolls                          | Nut Sets       |
| Shaving Sets                   | Military Sets  |
| Infant Sets                    | Kodak Albums   |
| Smoking Sets                   | Hand Mirrors   |
| Manicure Sets                  | Perfumes       |
| Fancy Stationery               | Toilet Waters  |

**W. S. WINEGAR, Lowell**

## FUEL FAMINE HERE

People Face Suffering. Farmers Appealed to for Wood.

In the face of a Michigan winter many people in Lowell are threatened with suffering if not worse because of a scarcity of total lack of fuel. Immediate relief is needed and owners of wood lots are urged to furnish it without delay. In the first place bring marketable wood to town immediately. Village president, W. S. Winegar has appointed the following emergency committee: F. B. McKay, Earl Hunter, J. C. Hatch and Robert Boydland. Apply to any of these for places of delivery where people are out of fuel. The price will be ready. You are not expected to donate it. Just bring the wood and bring it now. In the second place, all who have dead or down timber which will dispose of on the ground for a reasonable price to people who will remove it, or who will give it away for removal, please notify the committee at once, for the benefit of people who need the relief. Wood lots that have been logged off and are strewn with tops containing large quantities of good fuel, should be available now for such purposes. All classes are working together to win the war and the farmers who have responded so nobly to the country's call for production are again appealed to prevent all possible actual suffering at this time when blizzards are of almost daily occurrence. Fuel users are requested to be serving and those who have a small supply on hand should not try to rush orders in ahead of those who have none at all or whose last shovel full is in the fire. Monday the local dealers report there were 125 requests for fuel, with only a few tons on hand to keep the fires burning, the last of two cars loaded by the government. Another car is somewhere on the road but there's no knowing when it will arrive and it may be confiscated and never get here. The schools have a sufficient of coal for about two weeks. Union church services are suggested until the fuel stringency is relieved, particularly at night when the attendance is small.

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## PRAISES Y. M. C. A.

Chas. Husted Tells Conditions At Camp Custer.

The following letter written by Charles Husted, son of Rev. J. T. Husted, former pastor of the Lowell Congregational church, to Mrs. L. S. Perry contains much of interest to our readers.

I have failed to pass the rigid physical examination of the army and consequently I have been discharged for the balance of the war. My heart will not permit me to engage in the strenuous drilling and exercises one has to enter into if one expects to become a genuine soldier. I am leaving camp to-day and destiny ordains that I am to return home and stand with the millions who will watch and pray and wait for the return of our soldier boys in khaki. This is a wonderful place, like magic, a city nearly eight miles in length arisen out of the farm lands west of Battle Creek, with steam heated barracks, a complete water and sewer system, electric lighted streets and barracks it offers to the boys all the comforts of a modern home. I have been happily surprised in conditions down here. Every man is well fed and can have all he wants to eat. They are warm enough at night. Each man is given three heavy army blankets and a comforter and that is sufficient. The mattresses are filled with fresh clean straw at intervals. Sanitary conditions are of the best and the medical corps is comprised of excellent physicians. But what a part the Y. M. C. A. is playing in the daily life of the soldiers! The little green painted "Y" huts scattered here and there throughout the camp among the large unpainted barracks reminds one of an oasis in the desert. They are called the "soldiers' club house." In them a soldier can find paper from his home town, the best of magazines and books and clean healthful amusements. What has impressed me most is the great percentage of soldiers who read religiously their testament. All classes and all nationalities carry the little khaki covered book with them and to see a soldier reading his Bible is as common as to see a civilian read his newspaper. The majority of them fully realize the seriousness of the task they have to face and are girding themselves with the armor of the Fathers, placing themselves wholly in the command, their captain and guide. As I sit in the "Y" hut writing this, I can see the words "Christ was a clean soldier," and as I leave the building I will read another placard with, "Make me clean in heart, oh Lord." These are silent sentinels, but they are having their effect and the national army will embark for France, clean in mind and body, true soldiers and real men. If any mothers in Lowell have any doubts about the welfare of their sons who will be called next, let me say right here that their boys will be in a far superior atmosphere than if they lurked around pool rooms and dark corners. I am glad I came down as I have had a wonderful experience and I am better for it.

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## ANOTHER CAMPAIGN

Big Red Cross Membership Drive on in Kent Co.

Every man and woman in the county needs to join. The districts outside of the city of Grand Rapids have organized as follows: The director of each school district has been asked to create an organization in his district for the purpose of securing the membership of every man and woman in his district. This work is not to be turned over to the school children. It is a job for men and women. The territory of Lowell and vicinity selected by the rural committee for Kent county, together with the names of the directors are as follows: Ada Twp., Fr'l Dist. No. 4, J. J. Crakes Cascade Twp., Dist. No. 7, S. P. Reynolds. Lowell Twp., Dist. No. 1, W. S. Winegar. Lowell Twp., Dist. No. 5, Charles R. O'Harrow. Lowell Twp., No. 6, J. C. Wykes. Lowell Twp., No. 8, O. K. Graham. Lowell Twp., No. 9, Chas. McIntyre. Lowell Twp., Dist. No. 12, Howard Bartlett. Vergennes Twp., Dist. No. 1, James Houlihan. Vergennes Twp., Fr'l Dist. No. 1, Emerson Davenport. Vergennes Twp., Fr'l Dist. No. 3, Thomas J. Reed. Vergennes Twp., Fr'l Dist. No. 4, Chris Kropf. Vergennes Twp., Dist. No. 5, Arthur Anderson. Vergennes Twp., Dist. No. 7, Allen S. Bennett. Vergennes Twp., Dist. No. 8, John Krum. Vergennes Dist., No. 10, E. M. Alger. Vergennes Twp., Dist. No. 11, M. L. McPherson. Vergennes Twp., Fr'l Dist. No. 12, Thomas Murphy. Each director is to be known as the Manager in his district. The responsibility for the work is up to him. The organization is to be perfected before December 17th in each school district. The manager in each school district named above will get his instructions from the General Manager of the districts above enumerated and report and turn over to him all memberships taken with cash collected. Between now and December 17th advertising matter and enrollment blanks will be available and will be furnished to each district manager. All Red Cross organizations now existing in above named districts are urged to confer with the Director in their respective districts. Speakers will be furnished upon application through the Rural committee for Kent county for as many meetings as can be arranged. In this great crisis in our country's history and at this time when the country desperately needs this help for soldiers of our Allies and our soldier boys we are calling upon you, and each of you, to do your bit along with the rest of us. R. D. Graham, Joseph H. Brewer, G. L. Daane and Blaine Gavett, Rural Committee, Kent County. S. P. Hicks is the local chairman.

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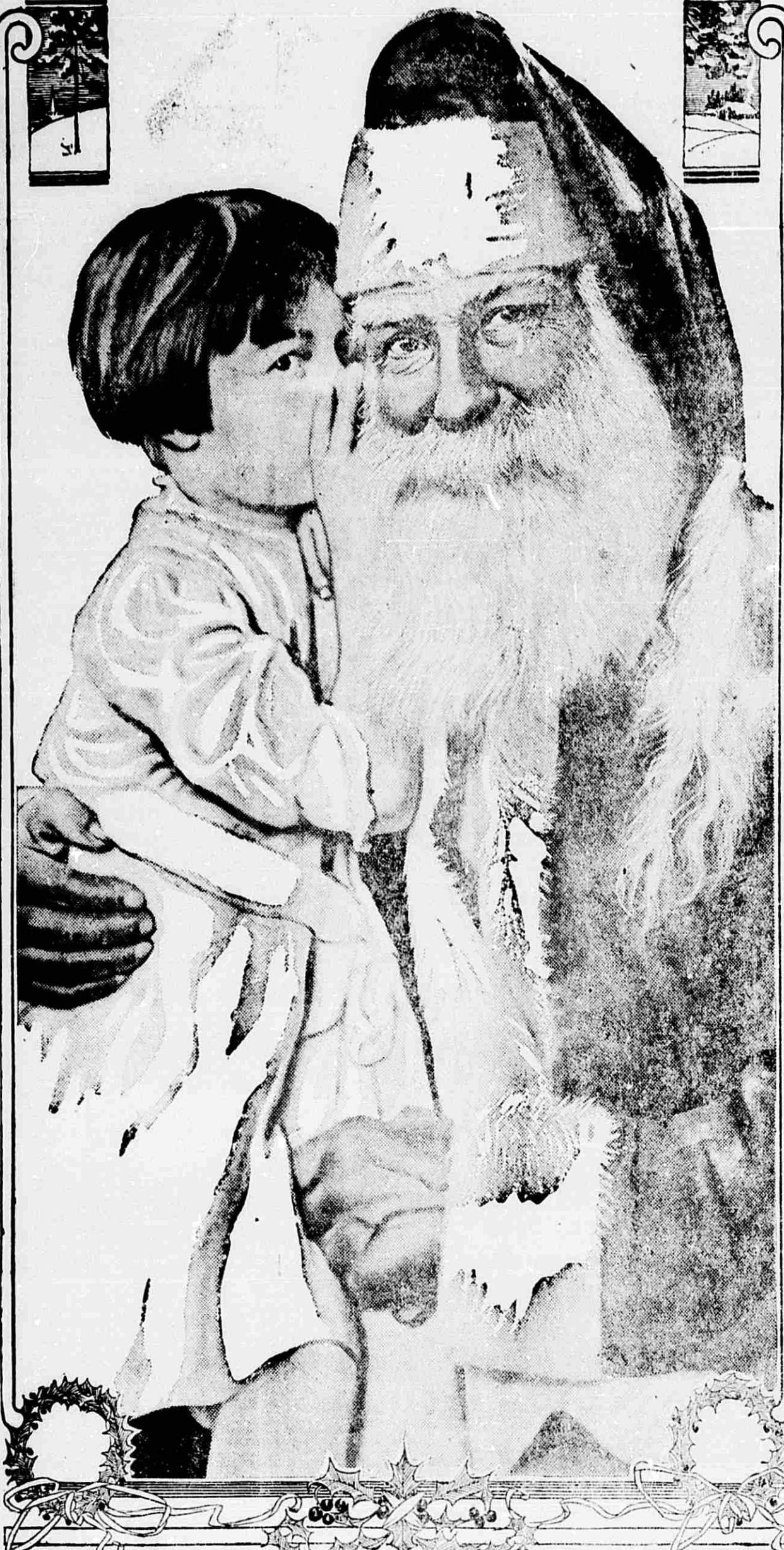
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Telling Santa



Xmas Specials

- Pint Oysters.....30c
- Pkg. Small Seedless Raisins..15c
- 2 lb. Ungraded Prunes.....25c
- Extra Large Prunes.....15c
- Ginger Snaps, lb.....15c
- Salt Herring, lb.....12c
- Spanish Onions, lb.....7c
- Pop Corn, per lb.....10c
- Pkg. Fancy Seedless Raisins..15c
- Macaroni in bulk, per lb.....11c
- Package Corn Flakes.....10c
- Fig Newton Cookies, lb.....20c
- Scotch Soap Peas, per lb.....15c
- Pkg. Teco Pancake Flour.....12c
- Self Raising Buckwheat, pkg.....15c
- Pure Buckwheat Flour, lb.....10c
- 10 lb. sack Whole Wheat Flour. 65c
- Pure Rye Flour, lb.....7c
- 24 1/2 lb. Lily White Flour.....\$1.65
- 24 1/2 lb. Spring Wheat Flour.\$1.70
- Large can Arrow's Hominy.....12c
- Large can Peaches in syrup.....20c
- Lb. Fancy Rice.....10c

**E. T. White**  
Phone 299 for quick delivery

ALL AROUND TOWN

Bits of News About People and Things You Know.

Mrs. A. M. Andrews is visiting her son in Albion this week.  
Mrs. Lewis Allen of Crystal is visiting her son, E. J. Allen.  
Save money by buying silverware at Stocking's.  
A. H. Allen of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday at E. J. Allen's.  
Will there be a Victrola in your home this Christmas? Let us have your order now. U. B. Williams. 28  
Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Allen were called to Carson City Wednesday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Allen's father.  
Sanitary Sammy Kits, the sanitary, indisputable brush, comb and mirrors in cases for the boys at the front. Henry has them.  
J. W. Morse, successor to John O. Clark, solicits your Christmas grocery orders. Everything in staple and fancy groceries. Prompt service and right prices.  
The Kent Military Local Board, No. 2, is moving its headquarters today to the supervisors' room in the Court house, Grand Rapids. Nothing in Kent county gets away from Grand Rapids very long.  
Repairs and improvements on the Pere Marquette depot at Lowell are under way, including the raising of the building, moving the office into the present ladies waiting room; and one large general waiting room will be provided at the west end. Probably a special officer will be required to keep the drunks in order until the town goes dry. Certainly the old conditions cannot continue under the new circumstances.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING.

**FOR SALE**—One International ton truck, one Smith Form A truck, one Ford roadster. Will sell at right price to close out. E. V. Storey.  
**FOR SALE**—Good productive farm 2 miles from Lowell, 100 acres under cultivation, 18 acres timber, house, barn, other buildings and windmill. Located on main traveled road between Lowell and Grand Rapids. This is a desirable farm near best town for its size in the state, should pay for itself in a few years. Reasonable terms, inquire of E. A. Anderson.  
**FOR SALE**—Gold Coin coal heating stove. Enquire Dr. Goffredsen's office. 24ff  
**FOR SALE**—At a bargain, one Ford touring car and a Ford roadster. —E. V. Storey.

**FOR SALE**—Stunning Old Ivory bedroom suite, very attractive, full size bed, dainty dresser, gentleman's chiffonier with oval mirror, bedroom chair and rocker. Comfortable Fumed Oak library table of distinctive pattern. Overstuffed rockers, etc., good dining room suite, round extension table, pretty buffet, good comfortable chairs, kitchen cabinet. None of this furniture has been used more than three months and a part of it has never been used. Only \$50 secures this handsome furniture, balance of only \$145 payable in one year. Opportunity, Care Ledger.  
**FOR SALE**—2 1917 Ford touring cars, 1 1916 Ford touring car, 1 1915 touring car, 1 Saxton roadster, Kreiser Auto Co., Lowell, Mich. Overland garage.  
**FOR SALE**—Couch, upholstered, in good condition. To make room, will sacrifice for \$25. Mrs. A. A. Dickerson, 2 blocks north City hall. 26ff  
**ROOMS TO RENT**—Mrs. I. W. Halstead, phone 223. 25ff

**LOST**—Saturday p. m., Dec. 1, spotted, Beagle female hound. Calls to name of "Net." Wore new collar; no name on name plate. Last seen on Main street. Reward for information. R. T. Ford. 26ff  
**FOR SALE**—Iron bed and springs, a dandy, and good as new. Inquire of Mrs. Moses Erb. 2ip  
**PHS FOR SALE**—Fall pigs. Fred L. Williams, 2 1/2 miles east of Moscow. 2ip  
**LOST**—In Lowell, brown leather gunnelt gloves. John Gault, Alto, Mich. 2ip  
**WANTED**—Every farmer to know that he can purchase his farm garden and lawn seed, in early variety of Dent corn, enormous yielder. Order early. Chas. H. Moore, Lowell, Mich. Phone 250. 2ip  
**WANTED**—Men to cut wood and ties. Phone George Cheatham. 25ff

**FOR SALE**—Lowell block next to King Milling Co. Will consider all offers. Big chance of a life time for a bargain.—Mary Kridler, 2265 Clyde Parke ave., Grand Rapids. c80.

**Put Outside the Law.**  
The strange punishment which still survives in Great Britain under modern law is that of "outlawry." About ten years ago a lawyer charged with forging a check was "outlawed" in the Glasgow high court. By this sentence the person of the accused is declared forfeit. He cannot bear testimony in a court, nor sue, nor defend an action. He cannot act on a jury, nor vote at an election, nor act as tutor or guardian to another person. If anyone robs him he has no redress.

**The Tendency of Things.**  
The wise politicians are those who have learned from experience the real tendency of things, who can climb the rocks where others have been wrecked, or from foresight can be cool when peril is upon them.—Froude.

**Symmetry Deliberately Lacking.**  
The Church of St. Basil, in the Kremlin, on Kremlin hill, in Moscow, Russia, is perhaps the only building in the world constructed with a careful view to avoiding all symmetry in color or form.



Coughs Worse at Night

The simplest and quickest way to get rid of a wearing, racking night cough, tickling throat, hoarse, wheezy breathing is to take

Foley's Honey and Tar.

In it, you get the curative influence of the pine tar and other healing ingredients, together with the mollifying and laxative action of honey.

Editor C. T. Miller, Cannelton, Ind. (Enclosure) writes: "I was troubled with bronchial affection and coughed constantly day and night. I took Foley's Honey and Tar and got relief. It is great for bronchial colds and coughs. La grippe and bronchitis, croup, hoarseness, tickling throat, are all quickly relieved."  
M. N. HENRY.

Georgette crepe and crepe-de-chin waists at Collar's, in all the new colorings. They are beautiful; priced from \$5.00 to \$7.75. Silk waists \$4.00 to \$5.00

Ledger want ads pay.

LOWELL MARKET REPORT

Wheat (red) 90-lb.	Wheat (white) 90-lb.	Corn, white	Corn, yellow	Oats, white	Oats, yellow	Hay, white, ton	Hay, yellow, ton	Butter, lb.	Eggs, doz.	Pork, live, lb.	Pork, dressed, lb.	Calf, live, lb.	Beef, live, lb.	Beef, dressed, lb.	Veal, dressed, lb.	Sheep, live, lb.	Sheep, dressed, lb.	Butter per cwt.
2.08	2.05	1.65	1.60	1.45	1.40	14.00	13.00	42	22	15	15	10	10	10	10	10	10	10

Railroad Time Cards

**PERE MARQUETTE**  
Effective Sept. 28, 1917  
East Bound: 6:30 a. m. Daily except Sunday; 10:40 a. m. Daily except Sunday; 6:20 p. m. Daily.  
West Bound: 11:40 a. m. Daily except Sunday; 3:30 p. m. To Preempt. Daily except Sunday; 9:25 p. m. Daily.  
**GRAND TRUNK**  
Effective February 11, 1917.  
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West Bound: 11:40 a. m. Daily except Sunday; 3:30 p. m. Daily except Sunday; 9:40 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

**Dr. A. E. Sauer**  
VETERINARIAN  
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Alfalfa Means Safety to Wise Investors

"Alfalfa" is a word which means safety to investors. It is GROWN—not found. It is not mined—but reaped—several heavy crops to the year. It is an ally to science and a right hand assistant to good health. It costs little as a raw material but it is very valuable as a finished product and as it costs but little to make it into usable form, there is a large difference between the cost of the finished product and the selling price to the public. The difference is PROFIT.

Alfalfa products are now being used and because the products are good and beneficial the demand is constantly increasing. We can prove this to your entire satisfaction.

Invest Safely and Sanely

We shall be pleased to accept Liberty Bonds at face value. Make your bonds earn more for you.

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ALFALFA TEA—ALFALFA SYRUP—ALFALFA GUM—ALFALFA KISSES and a sparkling healthful soda fountain drink named "FALFA" you can buy everywhere.

This company is over two years old, has more than 1000 dealers in Michigan. Alone, raw material costs \$16 per ton, dealer pays us \$420 per ton and we must double our capacity to take care of increasing business. National advertising campaign already started.

Approved by Michigan Securities Commission

The Michigan Securities Commission has given us permission to sell \$45,000 worth of our six per cent preferred stock at \$12.50 per share. The stock is fully paid and non-assessable. Accumulating and participating you can't lose. If you act quickly you will receive one share of our common stock free with each \$25 invested. The stock will pay 6% sure and half the earnings above 6%. The other half goes to the common stock holders.

City.....Date.....  
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Detroit, Michigan.  
Send me at once more information regarding stock in your company. Reserve for me.....shares at \$12.50. If satisfied after investigation I will pay for same.  
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- Felt Slippers
- Moccasins
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- Sanitax Sammy Kits, indestructible and sanitary. In special military cases \$3.50 to \$10.
- Thermos Icy Hot Bottles.
- Parisian Ivory in all its beautiful and useful creations, to chose from for Sister, Mother or Sweetheart. In Toilet Sets, Monogram Sets, Trays and single pieces in profusion.
- Serving Trays, Pictures, Perfumes, Marcus Words, Exclusive Box Paper, Bibles for 1-2 the present prices. And Books, well! Books are our long suit. Complete line new 60c books, Mrs. Sheldon's, Mrs. Southworth's, Boy Scouts, fancy gift and Children's Books. Any kind of a book you want is at Headquarters and that is

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George Shaw's Grocery That's it—You Bet

This is no time to waste money on trifles. Come here, where every dollar will buy 100 cents' worth of solid value and comfort, where you'll find everything needful for the

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**Notice.**  
If you want to get 66c a pound for butterfat this week, take it to  
Mrs. F. W. Braisted, Lowell.  
You will get an absolutely accurate test and weight, as all cream is weighed and tested right in the open where you can see it, and you get your pay right away.  
Try out this deal. You will be money ahead.  
Very respectfully,  
Durand Creamery Co.

**Extend Helping Hand.**  
Many of the world's failures would have been splendid successes, if, in their struggling stage, some one had reached out a helping hand to them—had spared them on when the bitter ness of disappointment crushed them. There is, indeed, a moral here. The woman isn't living who cannot do some bit of good. Then let her lose no time in doing it—in offering the word of hope or encouragement which is the greatest stimulus the world ever knew.  
**Sanitary Individual Spoon.**  
Among the latest sanitary appliances for public eating places is a spoon pressed from paper that can be thrown away after using.

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will be pleased to call your sale  
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Friday, Dec. 14—Frank Gibbs, Middleville.  
Monday, Dec. 17—Peter Smith, Byron Center.  
Tuesday, Dec. 18—A. E. Bass, Middleville.  
Wednesday, Dec. 19—L. Hofman, Thursday, Dec. 20—Roy Christie, Sand Lake, Byron Center.  
Friday, Dec. 21—Andrew Dagen, Lowell.

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