

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF The City State Bank

at Lowell, Michigan, at the close of business December 31st, 1917, as called for by the Commissioner of the State Banking Department:

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$142,407.82
Bonds, Mortgages and Securities	235,683.84
Overdrafts	1,014.94
Furniture and Fixtures	7,000.00
Items in Transit	3,030.00
Cash on hand due from banks	77,133.52
Total	\$466,269.62

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus Fund	10,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	1,562.50
Commercial deposits subject to check	97,941.80
Savings deposits	306,765.23
Bonds sold subject to repurchase	25,000.00
Total	\$466,269.62

R. VAN DYKE, President D. G. LOOK, Vice Pres.
HARRY DAY, Cashier



POTATO SHOW HERE

Program of Events for Today and Tomorrow.

The sessions of the Potato show and farmer's institute announced to be held in the City hall, are being held in the High school gymnasium instead, on account of the fuel famine.

Following is the program of the Potato show and farmer's institute scheduled for the City hall Thursday and Friday of this week:

Thursday, January 17.

10:30 a. m.—Marketing and Grading Potatoes, C. W. Waid, Potato Specialist, M. A. C.

12:00 m.—Dinner.

Basket dinner at the High school. Lowell Board of Trade will furnish coffee.

1:30—Soil types, varieties and properties in relation to potato production, G. M. Grantham, Soil Specialist, M. A. C.

2:30—Some essential principles for profitable potato production, illustrated lecture, C. W. Waid, M. A. C.

Friday, January 18.

10:00 a. m.—Soil fertility and potato production, G. M. Grantham, M. A. C.

11:00—Potato demonstration for Kent County, C. J. Seidel, Ass't Agr., Kent Co.

12:00 m.—Dinner.

1:30—Lime and Commercial Fertilizers, G. M. Grantham, M. A. C.

2:30—Common Rotation for Potatoes. How they maintain or reduce soil fertility, H. G. Smith, Kent County Agriculturalist.

Sessions for Women.

Program of sessions for the women to be held in the High school building:

First Day, Thursday.

10:30 a. m.—Family Rations, Miss Clara Rogers, Kent County Home Demonstrator.

1:30 p. m.—Potatoes, Their Use and Value, Miss Isabel Brewer, Potato Specialist of M. A. C.

2:30—Potato Demonstration: Potato bread; Potato muffins, Miss Brewer, assisted by Miss Rogers.

Second Day, Friday.

10:00 a. m.—Club Projects for Girls, and Food Values, Miss Clara Rogers.

1:30 p. m.—Demonstration: Stuffed potatoes; Potato stuffing for fowls; Potato pancakes, Miss Isabel Brewer.

LOWELL BUSINESS PLACES

Open at 9, Close at 6

At a meeting of the business men of Lowell Wednesday afternoon, January 16, it was agreed, in compliance with order of Fuel Administrator Prudden limiting business hours to nine consecutive hours, that until further notice all business places open at 9 o'clock, a. m., and close at 6 o'clock, p. m., except on Saturdays when the hours are from 9, a. m., to 9, p. m.

THE FORUM LITERARY

Good Time at High School Last Evening.

On Wednesday evening, Jan. 16, the third entertainment of the Forum Literary association was given in the Senior high room. The following program was given:

Music, Opening, Esther Rittenberger.

Talk, How the Experiment Worked, President Brezina.

Report of Secretary, Grace Neff.

Report of Treasurer, Richard Mangle.

Music, Instrumental, Misses Blake, Creaser and Arnold.

Declamation, Will Carleton, Marion Roth.

Declamation, Carl Wilcox.

Music, Clifford Stinchcomb, Letha Rogers, Lester Bailey, Isadore Cuddihy, Alice Henry.

Cantillation, Vision of Sir Launfall, Vesta Campbell, Laura Lowe, Esther Kiel.

Remarks, M. N. Henry.

Singing, Lowell High Association.

Adjournment, President.

During the program Miss Huckle, the founder of this new idea, was presented with a gift from the association.

A large crowd attended the meeting and all seemed well pleased with the program.

This meeting marks the last one of this semester. New officers will be chosen for the remainder of the year. Although the association has not been organized for a great length of time, it has proved to be a big success. It has been good training for those who have taken part as well as entertaining.

The financial matters are in excellent condition. Besides paying the ordinary running expenses over \$35.00 worth of magazines have been subscribed for and reading tables have been started in both Junior and Senior high.

He Is At It Again!

Yes, friends, I am "at it again." I have purchased the Claude Staal "West Side" market and shall continue the business at the present location.

It sure will make me smile all over to greet past patrons and I shall endeavor to merit your continuance, and also to make new friends as well. I am going to be nice to you when you come in here, or call up, and if I have not got what you want, I shall not get "peevy."

I have been a resident of Lowell over twenty years and eleven of them in the meat business with "Kris" Klumpp (and I want to say right here that we are today the best of friends) and I believe I have had enough experience at the business to launch out on "my own hook."

I expect to stand or fall according to my merits. My competitors are my friends, and if I cannot make a living at this business without knocking them, I'll close out and get George Taylor's job, and then watch out.

Yours for a square deal,
E. S. White.

Notice to Taxpayers!
Township taxes are due and payable at the Lowell State Bank to Mrs. Maude McNaughton.

Frank G. Taylor, Treas.

Lowell Cleaning & Dyeing Works

Cleaning, Dyeing, Pressing, Repairing.

OPP. POSTOFFICE D. S. SIMON, PROP

The Place That's Painted Yellow

NOTICE!

On and after Jan. 19, 1918, this store will go on a strictly cash basis. We have not taken this step without careful consideration of all things connected with it. In the first place, we find we cannot continue in this business another year and do as we always have done, because of the fact that goods are costing us two dollars now that only used to cost us seventy-five cents, and every thing else is in proportion, making our bank balance less every month and our obligations to the wholesale houses greater. There are many more good reasons why we are forced to take this step which we would gladly tell you about if you care to know. Hoping that our customers will receive this with business intelligence and all those owing the firm pay up as soon as possible, we are yours for better business all around,

A. J. HOWK & SON

RECORDS BROKEN

Oldest Inhabitant Recalls None Worse Than Saturday's Storm.

A storm struck this section Friday and continued until late Sunday, combining snow, driving, whirling and shifting winds and zero temperature, that put all previous efforts of this robust young winter very much in the shade. Saturday morning the last trains reached Lowell, roads and walks were drifted high, traffic stopped, no grocery deliveries could be made. Some business places were closed and others might as well have been, for no people came to town from the country, and few villagers left their homes and some who did, suffered frozen ears.

Attempts to clear walks were useless and none was made until the fury of the storm abated and the temperature was less biting Sunday afternoon, when two men with a double team and a snow plow began breaking a way through the drifts on the principal streets. Some old residents say it was the worst storm since the winter of 1863, and those of us whose memory does not run back so far, are willing to believe it. It was certainly the worst most of us have ever experienced; and in connection with the fact that many people were without fuel and dependent upon the scanty supplies of their neighbors, made the outlook bad indeed.

Storm Notes.

The last mail received in Lowell during the big storm was on the early morning Grand Trunk train from Grand Rapids. The first to arrive after the storm was the evening Pere Marquette train from Grand Rapids, which brought but little mail.

Highway Commissioner C. O'Harrow had a force of men at work last Monday opening up the roads.

None of the rural carriers started out Saturday morning. To have done so would have been suicidal for man and beast. Monday morning they tried it and made from a few miles to a large part of their routes. The effort was repeated Tuesday with a special effort to cover territory not reached the day before.

All traffic in village and country Saturday and Sunday was completely suspended. Farmers had all they could do to do their chores and keep comfortable in their homes.

Lewis Yeiter walked in from his farm in Saturday's storm and nearly perished on the way. We thought he had more sense.

Lowell and vicinity farmers were hard at work Monday shoveling through the drifts and breaking roads. By Tuesday things were beginning to move again; but the weather man reports another storm on the way. We hope old man Winter has done his worst.

Very light attendance at the village schools Monday. No rural pupils and few from away and distant points in town. Two of the teachers, snow bound, also.

Local agent E. A. Anderson of the Grand Trunk railway says: "The main result of recent storm from a railroad standpoint is a more complete tie-up of traffic, on top of an already congested condition. With the main tracks cleared, we may expect fairly good passenger train service. The movement of fuel is of first importance and until the sidings are shoveled out and the coal cars moving the various roads will not be able to handle ordinary freight shipments. Unless another severe storm happens along it is expected that freight conditions will improve within a few days."

Instrumental duet, "Dragon Fighter," Hoffman, Mesdames C. D. Hodges and H. D. Weekes.

Club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Harry Day January 22, which meeting the president appointed as "Flower Day."

Congregational Church Sunday at 10:30, "The Vision of Life."

Sunday school, 11:45. Endeavor, 5:45.

Sunday evening services discontinued indefinitely to conserve fuel.

The Sunday school will elect officers for the ensuing year next Sunday.

A. H. Laah, Pastor.

Methodist Church.

10:30 a. m. Mrs. Jerrett will speak on "The Challenge of the City." Except the Lord keep the city the watchman waketh but in vain. Psa. 127:1.

Sunday school, 12 m. Junior league, 3 p. m. Will be held in the basement of the church.

Epworth league, 6:30 p. m. Will convene in church basement.

There will be no public service on Sunday evening.

Thursday, 7:30 p. m., regular weekly prayer meeting. Said a successful business man. "Business has been gaining, my life has been richer since I have attended weekly prayer meeting." Try it, reader. It will help you.

Preaching service at Vergennes is discontinued for a season.

W. M. P. Jarrett, Pastor.

Business Hours

at

Look's Drug Store

9 o'clock a. m. to 6 p. m.

SATURDAYS

9 o'clock a. m. to 9 p. m.

Conforming to orders of Fuel Administrator Prudden the above will be the business hours of this store until order is cancelled.

R. F. D. Orders

During the closed hours, telephone your orders to go out on the routes to Citizens telephone 134 and goods will go out next morning.

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



"The New Edison"

Re-creates all forms of music true to life. No needles required.

Records play longer, and last longer than any other.

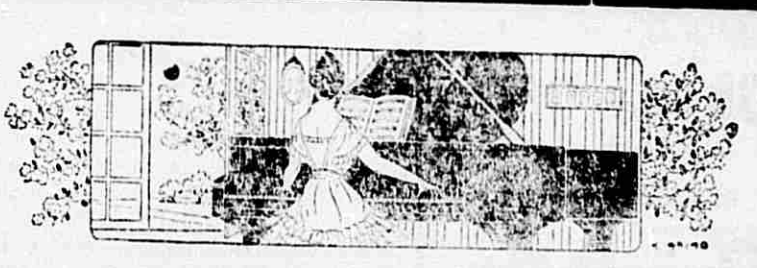
It is not a talking machine and does not sound like one, and it is the only means of actual tone re-creation.

Come to our store and hear them and no further explanation will be necessary, and you will understand why and how an Edison is different from all others.

R. D. Stocking

Sole agent for Lowell.

New stock of Blue Amberol cylinder records just received.



HALF-FORGOTTEN GOOD TIMES

pleasant associations, happy thoughts and tender memories come trooping back to you when you look on the pictured face of an old dear friend even as old melodies recall long lost comrades and other days.

OUR ARTISTIC PORTRAITS.

have that true worth of individuality and distinction that never goes out of style. Sit for us and send your friends new photographs of you.

AVERY

The photographer in your town.

Phone 287

The Spendthrift versus The Thrifty Saver

SAYS the spendthrift, the future will make me; thinks the thrifty man "I will make the future".

The free spender sees present gratification; the saver sees a business, a home, a future—in growing dollars—safe from impulse—in the bank.

Spendthrifts might make savers—but savers never make spendthrifts.

Start systematic saving with us

LOWELL STATE BANK

E. D. McQUEEN D. G. MANGE
S. S. LEE PRESIDENT C. W. WARD
LOWELL MICHIGAN

BEGINNING DECEMBER 29TH THIS BANK WILL NOT BE OPEN FOR BUSINESS ON SATURDAY EVENINGS, UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

WILLETTE & HART'S

Home of Good Shoes

will be closed every evening at 6:30

every day but Saturday

until April 1.

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."

Who wants a TEMPORARY Memorial ?

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

That is the first quality to be considered in choosing monumental material.

Three Lowell Granite & Marble Works can furnish what you wish.

Gold Cures

There are cold cures and cold cures. There is plenty of difference in their quality. We sell the best.

The much advertised kinds are all in our stock though we do not always recommend them.

Our Best Cold Cure

is Lobson's Laxative Cold Tablets now, and we warrant them to knock out the cold in less time and more effectually than other remedies.

The Price is 25c

It does not act in the harsh and severe manner of many kinds, but is pleasant and more certain.

W. S. WHEGAR, Lowell

Auction Sales.

R. J. Hayden, 1 mile north and 1/2 mile west of Alto will have an auction of farm personal and household goods Jan. 30. Full particulars in this paper next week.

Godfrey Roth will have an auction sale on the Sam Fahrni farm, 5 miles north of Lowell, or 1/2 mile south of Alton mill, Jan. 29. Full particulars will be advertised in this paper next week.

The Citizens Telephone Company's discount period ends January 20. It's up to the subscriber to save the discount.

The Real Man By FRANCIS LYNDE

CHAPTER XXV. A Race to the Swift. Sheriff Harding had left and opened his door...

Queen of Roses By Hortense Worthington

It was after the car had shot into the street and the wheels were spinning...

LESSON FOR JANUARY 20 JESUS AT WORK

Try Kondon's baby's cold (at no charge to you)

Neglected Colds bring Pneumonia

PEACE PROGRAM IS BY PRESIDENT

IN HALF NEGLIGEE Woman Delights in Tea Gown

PILLING ROLL IS NEW IDEA

BOSCHER'S GERMAN SYRUP "BEST MEDICINE FOR WOMEN"

CHAPTER XXIV—Continued. "See—like a fire!" retorted the mine owner...

"The sheriff, a big, bearded man who might have stood for the model of one of France's frontiersmen, took time to consider...

"Well, Mr. Smith, were all your men 'How many?' was the curt question...

"It's a go," cried Hall instantly. "You've got to get the nerve, the nerve, the nerve..."

"Pleasea Day's Now." The heaviest of the things thrown to him yesterday, addressing congress...

"Boothing Booths." On retreating to the rear of the draft and itching with Cuticura Ointment...

"Not Fed of Army Life." Army life is not army life, as Ginger, a Boston ball, after a three-weeks' sojourn as mascot in the Canadian army...

"Eczema Caused Years of Intense Anger." "I have suffered intense agony from eczema for years, and received only temporary relief from various treatments...

"Tea Gown With Panel Back." A woman may clothe herself in such cloth and abase and pursue her meekness of mercy...

"To Clean Fur." The steels have been used in cleaning fur, but it will not do unless the animal is first cleaned with the brush as usual...

"What Lydia E. Finkham's Vegetable Compound Did For Ohio Womans." "I suffered from irregularity, pain, and so weak at times I could hardly get on my feet..."

"The short run was quickly made and Smith went to the main office. A moment later a two-handed knock policeman strode up to put a finger on the man's forehead...

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Telephone Grand Trunk Grocery

- 24 1-2lb. Golden Rule Flour \$1.60
Jell-O, pkg. 10c
Pkg. Fancy Seeded Raisins 24c
Fancy Prunes, per lb 15c
2 lbs. ungraded Prunes 25c
Pkg. fancy seedless Raisins 15c
Stewing Figs, lb 15c
2-lb can Armour's Hominy 12c
Spaghitti in bulk per lb 11c
2 cans fine Peas 27c
2 cans fine Corn 27c
2 pkgs. Teco Pancake Flour 24c
5 lbs. Rye Flour 35c
5 lbs. Whole Wheat Flour 35c
Fancy Rice, per lb 10c
Good Red Onions, pk 25c
2 lbs. Jell 27c
3 rolls Toilet Paper 15c
2 lbs. Peanut Butter 45c
5 bars Jewell Laundry Soap 25c
6 bars Mascot Laundry Soap, 25c

E. T. White Low Price Grocer

PIONEER DANCERS

Remember These Old Time Musicians, Howe, Stocking and Howe. Says the Portland Review: We clip the following from a recent issue of the Grand Rapids Sunday Herald. The article appeared in an historical write-up of Kent county pioneers. It tells us that our old friend, Wid Howe, was "there with the goods" as far back as 1840. "The Van Lew Tavern" "In the 40's before there was a railroad up from Kalamazoo, Peter Van Lew kept a tavern on the old plank road in Gaines. This tavern was very popular with the better class of Grand Rapids folks for dances. It Squires' band furnished the music or Wid Howe fiddled, nothing remained to be desired and an oyster supper was an indispensable part of the festivities. "In those, the good old days," oysters were sold in tin cans, with so many as a dozen oysters to the can—sometimes for from 40 to 50 cents per can. "Five cans to a boiler of water," was the rule for dances. So it appears that a plate of oysters did not essentially include an oyster, but the boys footed the bills and were not fishing for oysters, but for pretty girls! Who ever heard of any other kind in the good old days? Then the ride back to town. Fourteen miles with a sleighload of pretty girls, tucked in with coon-skin robes. Oxen? Certainly! Oxen were all the go. "There was no need for speed. Life didn't depend on the gait, but the mate." Linking the dim and distant past of the 40's with the present are "Wid Howe and the same old fiddle, both well known, well liked and welcome visitors at any home around here. "Wid" Howe was a contemporary musician with "Fid" Stocking and Zeb Howe of Lowell, with whom he often played for pioneer dances all through "this neck of the woods." In their company he played the dulcimer merrily. "Fid" Stocking was R. D. Stocking's father, and Zeb Howe was father of Charles Howe, our old hand friend, and of Mrs. R. VanDyke and Miss Cora Howe.

All three of the old musicians are well remembered by the old residents of Lowell and vicinity. They did their share in making enjoyable the rough and rugged pioneer days. The old Walker tavern in Vergennes was likewise the scene of many gay events of the kind above described, as can be vouched for by many old residents who participated therein and still retain pleasant memories thereof.

NOTICE! All people owing the firm of A. J. Howk & Son are requested to pay their accounts on or before February 15. After that date the accounts will be given to an attorney for collection. A. J. Howk & Son.

Dissolution of Partnership. Notice is hereby given that the firm of Klump & White is this day dissolved by mutual agreement, C. W. Klump taking over the business, assuming all liabilities of the firm, and all accounts or other obligations due the firm are to be paid to him. Dated this ninth day of January, 1918. Signed: C. W. Klump, E. S. White.

Notice! To the family purchasing the largest amount of shoes on Saturday, Jan. 19, we will make you a present of a pair of \$1.00 shoes, and the largest during our 10-day sale, two pairs. Willette & Hart.

Notice. If you want to get 32c a pound for butterfat this week, take it to Mrs. E. 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.

DOWAGIAC CITY SCHOOLS Superintendent's Office. Dowagiac, Mich., Jan. 11, '18. Editor F. M. Johnson, Lowell, Mich. My dear Mr. Johnson:

Enclosed you will find my personal check in the amount of five (\$5) dollars for which you will please continue my name upon the list of patients to receive Dr. Johnson's Undiluted Tonic. It is bitter at times, but memory and distance are great soothers, and, like olives, one learns to linger over its non-alcoholic, unsweetened flavor which snacks well as it is held in retrospect. It is not foam, but dregs, substance. It needs shaking and should be taken with enough salt and caution to prevent violence. But as a year round remedy which will administer to a normal, growing body politic in healthful sturdy doses, I know no better. Accept my testimonial. Sincerely, A. F. Frazer.

Card of Thanks. Mrs. D. Whitfield and children wish to thank the friends and neighbors for their sympathy, kindness and service, and the Rev. A. H. Lash for his comforting sermon, in our time of sorrow. Mrs. D. Whitfield, Herman Whitfield, Mrs. Jacob Verseput, Mrs. Russell Huggins, Mrs. Henry Meyer, Mr. John Whitfield, Mr. Jacob Whitfield.

Eventually you will take The Ledger. Why not now?

WEST SIDE MARKET E. S. White, Proprietor

All kinds of Fresh and Salt Meats, Poultry, Fish, etc. Shipper of Poultry and Veal Calves Opposite City State Bank, Lowell

OUR BEST FRIENDS SUPPORTS K. OF C.

Receipt of Subscriptions Is Herewith Acknowledged. Continuing its custom of acknowledging receipt of subscriptions, both new and renewals, in addition to those last printed The Ledger appreciatingly reports the following: A. Klier, J. S. Graham, A. L. Peck, Mrs. T. W. Mason, A. M. Andrews, John Brown, Mrs. R. C. Deming, Thos. Smith, Sam Alexander, R. A. Ford, John Wettrngel, Mrs. Carrie Nelson, Ed. Tucker, Amos Yeiter, Sidney Hull, E. S. White, E. V. Alden, Mrs. O. W. Kirkwood, Orley Rulason, C. W. Bryant, J. W. Fryer, Mrs. J. B. Yeiter, LeRoy Bloomer, Will Ross. Who will be next.

GRATTAN GRANGE WILL DISCUSS FARM TOPICS

Louie Emmons is Master and Other Officers Were Also Installed at Last Meeting. Grattan Grange met last Thursday evening and installed the following officers: Master, Louie Emmons; overseer, Earl Nash; lecturer, Della Carpenter; steward, Leon Whitten; assistant steward, Harold Wood; chaplain, Ann Jenks; treasurer, Ray Smith; secretary, Orle Emmons; gatekeeper, Keith Slayton; Ceres, Mary McNaughton; Pomona, Ethel Clayton; Flora, Hazel Osmer; lady assistant steward, Eloise Brooks. In the absence of the chaplain, gatekeeper and Ceres, they were installed by proxy. Master Louie Emmons gave a fine report of the state Grange mostly from memory. The Grange has donated their hall for Red Cross work. The first meeting was held Wednesday.

Should Not Be Necessary to Mail Statements. The Iowa Sentinel hits the nail on the head when it says: "In these days when even the postage is increased on newspapers, it would seem that subscribers would renew their accounts on or before the expiration date and not ask the publishers to send them statements repeatedly. This is what the paper is required to do, however, and this is a special request that all who are arrears give the matter their attention and renew. On each paper there is a label which gives the date the account is paid to, and it is not at all necessary to compel the publisher to send out a statement at an added postage expense, before a remittance or settlement can be had." The newspaper game is up against high prices as much as many other lines of business, and it is the subscription list that calls for prompt pay from every person who is a subscriber.

Ionia Gas Plant Suspends, No Coal; P. M. Shops Reopen. Ionia, Mich., Jan. 10. The Ionia gas plant shut down at noon, and 800 families are tonight either in the dark or using candles and cooking with alcohol lamps. The gas supply has been getting low for three weeks, and efforts of the company to get coal failed. A car obtained today from the Hayes-Ionia company is being tried out and it is hoped service can be resumed tomorrow. All the local dealers are running on short orders, and the Pere Marquette shops had to shut down Monday, but are again running. Local factories seem to be supplied.

Will Put State Fairs on Educational Plane. Grand Rapids, Mich., Jan. 10. State fair secretaries, at their annual meetings here, hewed close to the line in selecting their attractions. All "doubtful" concessions were taboo, despite the protests of a small army of concession men. "A fair ground should be to a community what a public school is to the children," said M. B. Durris, of Jackson, president of the Secretaries' association.

General supervision of all fairs is to result, with recompense for financial loss through accidents, under a plan which closely follows that of Canada. C. S. Karland of Grand Rapids was elected business secretary.

Shampooing and Scalp Treatments. Nellie Holcomb Phone 56 The Ledger, \$1.50 per year.

R. T. Ford has been confined to the house by illness the past two weeks. Will Worden is confined to his home by illness. Mr. and Mrs. L. Taylor went to Sparta today to remain indefinitely with the former's brother, while the latter's wife will be at a hospital to undergo and recover from an operation.

Butternut Tree Steak. There are plenty of butternut trees on Will Rice's farm and on these meatless days they are frequently used in place of beef and pork. To prove that they are nutritious Mrs. Rice last week sent a sample to the Review office—Portland Review. How do you cook butternut trees, Brother Mauren? With the roots and tops on? Or just round steaks fried or broiled? Seems to us we'd rather have them roasted.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Hartley and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hulbert attended the funeral of their uncle, James Needham, at South Lowell Tuesday.

FALLSASBURG Word comes to Mrs. Tower from the Steketees at Miami, Fla., where they are wintering, that all are in good health and fully enjoying themselves, fishing, bathing in the ocean, etc. Sun shines every day and the flowers and tropical fruit in abundance. All things are high; milk 25c per quart and other things in proportion. The city has no commercial industries and they live on the Northern and become professionals in the business.

The snow is very deep on the level here from the big storms, one a week ago Sunday and the additional hard one of the season with severe wind, which piled the snow in great drifts last Saturday and Sunday. Men were out with teams Monday to clear and break roads. J. Tower says he had a chance to experience weather of his former North Dakota home without going there.

At Christmas time J. Tower and wife received a fine box of grapefruit and oranges, also some of the little marmalades and limes with small twigs of the orange tree as decoration with the Christmas greetings from their brother and sister in Florida.

It was impossible for mail to get through here Saturday and Monday. Miss Quillan was unable to return from Vergennes to her school until Tuesday. Fred O. Wingier of Vergennes was very ill Sunday and men of the vicinity had a time in shoveling snow to get to Lowell to get a doctor, who was unable to return until Monday.

Jacob Reusegger of Keene purchased a new Ford for his family for Christmas. Miss Laura Davenport returned to her school at Spring Arbor Wednesday after a three weeks' vacation spent at home. She was unable to leave Monday on account of the storm.

John Seely was in Saranac one day last week. Wm. Booth is doing some carpenter work for Arthur Anderson of Vergennes.

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Today's Housewife

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Why I Did Not Go to College By DONALD CHAMBERLIN

I was sixteen years old and still far from being prepared for college. There was no good school near where I lived, and I concluded to hunt up a tutor. Upon inquiry I learned that there was a clergyman in charge of a little church in a neighboring village who was a classical scholar, and to him I applied.

I well remember the morning I went to the parsonage for the purpose. It stood in a goodly steeple yard, and between two trees to which a hammock was swung was a girl dressed as a child, but it seemed to me that she was not a child. I asked her if the Rev. Mr. Salvey was at home, and she said I would find him in his study.

I found a bookworm. He knew enough to prepare me for college, but either he had not the faculty of imparting his knowledge or I was a dunce, for I learned very slowly. One day I went to the parsonage for a recitation very poorly prepared, and finding the girl in the hammock she told me that my tutor, her father, had been called away on some parochial duty. I told her that I was not disappointed, for I did not know my lesson. She asked what I was studying, and when I told her it was Latin she said that perhaps she might help me.

She made room for me beside her in the hammock, and, opening my textbook, Vergil, I began to construe, the girl helping me in the parts that I was unable to get over.

After that I went to my recitations in advance of the appointed hour in order to be tutored by Louise before going to her father. It was not long before she took her place in the hammock regularly in order that she might be ready to give me my coaching when I came. While I was ahead of time at the hammock, I soon came to be behind time at the study, and despite Louise's tutoring I was seldom any better prepared than before I had availed myself of her services.

My appearance at Mr. Salvey's study growing later and later, he protested, saying that my tardiness interfered with his accomplishing other purposes. I excused myself by saying that my delay was occasioned by an endeavor to prepare myself for my recitation. I would hereafter either come on time or not at all. If I were not on hand five minutes after the appointed time he was not to expect me.

During the week after this arrangement I was on time twelve. The other days I was studying in the hammock with Louise. Unfortunately, Louise was teaching me love instead of Latin. The next week, fearing that Mr. Salvey would give up trying to prepare me for college and I should thereby be deprived of his daughter's love coaching, I braced up and was on hand for five out of six lessons. But at these times I sat in the hammock with Louise after instead of before the lesson.

In this way a whole summer passed. One day when I went to take my lesson Mr. Salvey, after much hounding and hawing, told me that I was no nearer to passing my entrance examinations than when I had come to him. The autumn was coming on, and it was already too cold to sit in the hammock with Louise. I told Mr. Salvey that I preferred not to go to college till I was eighteen anyway, and this would give me another year. During the winter I would go to the best school I could find, and in the spring I would again put myself under his tuition. He did not think much of this plan, but he did not know that I was studying love instead of Latin, and the hammock would not be again available till the next spring. As for studying with Louise during the winter, there would be no excuse for that, and since she was regarded by her parents as a child she would not be allowed to receive visits from one of the opposite sex.

But Louise was passing through a period when girls develop very rapidly. During the winter we managed to meet occasionally, and w. the spring opened I resumed my study of Latin with her father and my study of love with her. I found the latter as easy as the former was difficult.

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However, I got on better with the Latin the second summer, for I found a literal translation of the Aeneid of Vergil which I was studying, and I astonished my reverend preceptor with the elegance of my translations. He said that I was very weak in giving the construction, but quite strong in turning the Latin text into English. When the second summer of my preparation for college came around Louise and I had both passed the gate of manhood and womanhood, and we began to think of nest building. I found that I had no use for college. But I wanted a home in which to place myself and my mate. We talked the matter over, and both agreed that I would be better fitted for business than a profession, and if I were going into business I was at the proper age to begin. Dr. Salvey agreed with me when I told him that I would make a better business man than scholar and commended my decision.

All men regret not having received a college education. But one can't have everything, and while some of those who would have been my classmates are struggling lawyers, doctors or engineers, others are impetuous bachelors without homes. I am prosperous and, having married early, am surrounded with sons and daughters not very far from me in age.

Keep Your House Sweet. An excellent deodorizer is a little pan of cloves which has been sprinkled with a few drops of spirits of lavender. Put a few bits of charcoal into the bottom of the pan. If charcoal is not convenient some bits of orange peel will do, as they soon turn into charcoal. Sprinkle the cloves liberally on these, and when wanted, to perfume the house place on the stove until they begin to smoke. The fumes soon will penetrate the house, and the odor is much like that of the carnation. It will effectively cover the odors of fish, cabbage, turnips and the like.

Help Yourself. There is in this world infinitely more joy than pain to be shared, if you will only take your share when it is set before you.—Rushkin.

Interested in Entomology. One day my mother was at the table and his mother was serving oysters to his father he said: "What kind of bugs do you call them, mamma?"

Timber Wanted! We are in the market for timber, especially maple and elm, either in the log or on the stump; if you have any for sale please address H. E. LODGE, 347 Quimby St. Grand Rapids, Mich.

LOWELL MARKET REPORT Corrected Jan. 11, 1918. Wheat (red) 90 lb. 2.08 Wheat (white) 90 lb. 2.08 Corn, white 1.10 Corn, yellow 1.05 Soy. meal 1.10 Hay, baled, ton 14.00 Hay, loose, ton 12.00 Bran, ton 10.00 Flour, No. 1 3.00 Butter, lb. 22.00 Eggs, doz. 18.00 Pork, fresh 15.00 Pork, dressed 18.00 Beef, live 10.00 Beef, dressed 12.00 Calf, live 9.00 Calf, dressed 11.00 Lamb, dressed 14.00 Sheep, live 8.00 Butatoes per cwt. 1.00 Beans per cwt. 1.00

Dr. A. E. Sauer VETERINARIAN Phone 162 Lowell, Mich.

Buyers of Printing A word about your printing orders for 1918. We want them and will do our full part—and then some—to get them. Our 1917 business showed a fine increase over that of 1916; but Greatly Improved Facilities will enable us to do more and better work during the coming year. Our new electrically equipped Linotype enables one person to do work on the papers that formerly required the time of three. This releases other hands for work in the Job Printing Department and your orders will be welcomed at all times and turned out When You Want It, As You Want It at prices you can afford to pay. Just now we call your attention to a bargain stock of good bond envelopes and paper that we can print to your order at attractive prices. Ledger-Solo Printers LOWELL, MICH.

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