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BESIDES, it is much more convenient to pay your bills by check than from a wallet filled with currency.

If your check book is lost we furnish you another without charge. When you lose your wallet—that's another story.

Why not open that bank account here today?



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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

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

Welcome whether you buy or not.

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"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.

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

Valentines

We have a big supply of "American" made Valentines. Prices to suit all, from 1c to \$1.00.

Valentine Post Cards, 1c, 2 for 5c and 5c.

Valentine Booklets, 5c and 10c.

Come in and look them over.

W. S. Winegar

CITY FEARS FLOOD

Sandbag Levees Being Built Along Grand River.

Grand Rapids will not be found unprepared in case of a sudden thaw and consequent flood. Director of Public Service Cutcherson and City Engineer Wagner have taken steps to prevent a recurrence of the losses which followed the flood of March 1904. While present weather indications do not show any symptoms of extreme warm weather, precautions are being taken before the danger comes.

Thousands of sandbags have been ordered, and many have arrived, to be used in protecting the low places along the river.

On the west side, where the flood wall was not constructed, are several openings which would admit high water. Placing sandbags at these points has started. They are being piled one foot higher than the water mark in 1904.

Between Pearl street and the Michigan interurban bridge, and north of the bridge levee work has been started. Near Third street and Front avenue a low spot has been called to the engineer's attention. Another low level is where the Grand Trunk railroad's viaduct crosses Turner avenue.

On the east side of the river little danger of the river seeping into the basements is anticipated. There may be some trouble along upper Monroe avenue, but the east side sewer is expected to carry off the water backing up from the sewers. All the pumps have been tested.

Many of the warehouses along the river front have been partially emptied of heavy articles, and only those things which can be quickly removed remain.

The weather bureau reports that the danger to the city will be great in case of a sudden thaw or a warm rain. Warmer weather is in sight.

On Feb. 1, 1904, there were 14 inches of snow. Today there are 18 1/2 inches.

To date 46 inches of snow has fallen in Grand Rapids, on nearly 6 inches more than to the same date in 1904. In February of the latter year there were 11.9 inches of snowfall.

The snow in Grand Rapids is not all the city has to contend with, for the drainage area of Grand river covering hundreds of square miles, with the snow ranging from a foot to 20 inches in depth. The watershed is 150 miles long.

The channel of the river above and below the city is still open, except in a few places. It is not deemed necessary now to blast the ice, and such a step will not be taken unless the ice forms a jam below the city.

In the flood of 1904 the jam started below the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railroad bridge, two miles south of the city. A dike was formed and the ice slowly piled and jammed back until it reached the city's bridges. Blasting was then resorted to.

The G. R. & I. and Pere Marquette railroads dumped snow from their rights of way upon the ice from their bridges. Frozen dykes formed across the river. This practice has been ordered stopped by Mr. Cutcherson. Below the G. R. & I. bridge, packed and frozen snow nearly reaches the railroad trestle. The road has begun work of removing the obstruction.

The United States engineering department will not be able to assist the city in case of a flood.

High water will inundate the low lands south of the city, Grandville and Jenison will be in danger.

It is all up to the weather, officials say. If the snow melts slowly without continued warm weather, flood dangers may be averted to a great extent. If a sudden thaw should come, and this seems probable, Grand Rapids may experience the biggest water period in its history.—News.

ONE BARGAIN A WEEK FOR A YEAR

Willette & Hart Make An Important Announcement.

Being well pleased with the success of their big shoe sale and grateful to the public for the generous patronage given them, Willette & Hart, Lowell shoe dealers, will show their appreciation by this unique announcement.

Beginning Saturday, Feb. 9, they will offer one bargain per week for a year and same will be announced in their regular space at bottom of page one on the Thursday immediately preceding.

See advertisement in this issue for first bargain announcement and watch the space closely for a year. These bargain offers will be absolutely without profit to the dealers and are made for advertising purposes only.

Watch out and get your share of the bargains.—adv

Subscribe for The Ledger, \$1.50 per year.

WANT FEWER DOGS

Farm Bureau Takes Steps to Increase Wool Supply.

Efforts to increase the wool supply for the making of soldiers' clothing will be made by the Kent county farm bureau executive committee. Toward this end farmers will be given greater encouragement in raising sheep by eliminating some of the surplus stray dogs which heretofore have been a detriment to this business.

Members of the committee in session at the Association of Commerce last week determined to urge more strict enforcement of the dog license law in the country, as this will tend to eliminate the hazards of sheep raising. To increase the herds in this country about 300 head of sheep will be purchased by the farm bureau to distribute among the farmers.

Indorsing the boys' working reserve, the committee resolved to work in co-operation with the state and Grand Rapids board of education. To help in the shortage of labor which is expected next spring, it is hoped to place at least 500 high school boys on farms during the summer. Each community in the country will have a chairman, who will be in charge of the work of supplying sufficient labor for his own section.

To meet the shortage of seed, supplies of corn and other grain will be procured through the farm bureau and sold at cost to the farmers.

M. R. Shisler of Caledonia will have charge of the department of farm management; Jesse Pickett of Caledonia, soils and crops; E. W. McNitt of Grand Rapids, livestock; J. P. Munson, Grand Rapids, horticulture; O. W. Braman, Grand Rapids, labor; Mrs. Thomas Engle, Paris, home demonstrations; Mrs. Allen Bennett, Vergennes, boys' and girls' club work.

The following temporary chairmen have been appointed to take charge of the community work:

- Ada—T. H. McNaughton, Grand Rapids.
- Alpine—E. C. Alberts, Constock Park.
- Alto—Jesse Boulard, Alto.
- Balesy Corners—Allen Bennett, Lowell, R. F. D. No. 1.
- Ballards Corners—F. R. Clark, Sparta.
- Belmont—Peter Bath, Belmont.
- Bowen Center—Arthur Clark, Alto.
- Caledonia—William Martin, Caledonia.
- Carlisle—Earl Brewer, Ross, R. F. D. No. 11.
- Cedar Springs—Dennis J. Verburg, Sand Lake.
- Chase—M. D. Crampton, Alto, R. F. D. No. 2.
- County Line—Simon Clemmons, Caledonia, F. F. D. No. 1.
- Courtland—Carl Hessler, Rockford.
- Evans—C. A. Morris, Cedar Springs, R. F. D. No. 4.
- Grand Rapids—R. G. Mawby, Grand Rapids, R. F. D. No. 9.
- Grattan—Harold Wood, R. F. D. No. 3, Belding.
- Harvard—George Rigdon, Harvard.
- Kent City—Charles Montgomery, Moffit Hill—Wilbur Moffit, Ada, R. F. D. No. 3.
- Paris—H. M. Dickinson, Grand Rapids, R. F. D. No. 3.
- Rockford—W. S. Fowle, Rockford.
- South Walker—B. H. Roberts, Grand Rapids, R. F. D. No. 5.
- Sparta—Lynman Bradford, Sparta.
- Trinity—K. H. Hankinson, Grand Rapids, R. F. D. No. 2.—Herald.

PRISONERS SHOVEL SNOW

Sheriff Berry Uses 15 Men To Make The County Roads Passable.

The Kent county roads are to be shoveled out with jail labor. Sheriff Berry sent out 15 prisoners today, and will send 15 more tomorrow, to open up roads leading to the city where the snow has blocked traffic. Road Superintendent Paas has charge of the men.

Difficulty is experienced in housing and feeding the men while on the snow shoveling work, as they move from place to place.

Farmers say that the country roads are from three to five feet deep with snow, and that when the spring thaw comes many of the country communities will be isolated from the city.—News.

German Alien Registration To Take Place at Postoffice Feb. 4 to 9, Inclusive.

All unaturalized Germans 14 years of age or older must register as such before 8 o'clock p. m., Saturday, Feb. 9. First papers will not exempt one from this registration.

Those receiving mail at Lowell will be registered at the Postoffice by the Postmaster. This is very important and should be attended to by those eligible to this registration. Earl Hunter, Postmaster.

Examination of Class 1 Draft Men, is Delayed.

Orders to delay the physical examination of registrants in class 1 have been received by the local boards from Adjutant General Bersey, who transmits an order from Provost Marshal Crowder to the effect that new physical regulations have been adopted.

Eighty men from the northern half of the county were called last week by the draft board for district No. 1, Kent county, to report for examination Feb. 7 and 8. These men will be notified they need not appear.

The new requirements are less rigid than the old regulations and only most serious defects—those which cannot be remedied—will bar men from the service.—Herald.

Ledger job print is good.

HOLCOMB PRIVATE SANITARIUM

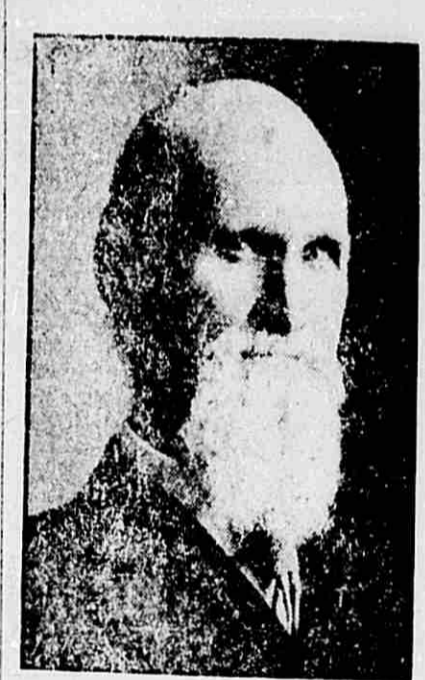
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Rheumatic, Paralytic and Nervous Patients given Special Attention
Baths—Turkish, External, Internal, Epsom, Oil
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Best of care given
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Vergennes Pioneer Died Sunday

Mrs. L. J. Robinson, a pioneer resident of Vergennes, died at her home Sunday, aged 79 years, after a long illness. Funeral services were held at the home Wednesday at 1 o'clock p. m.; burial in Oakwood cemetery.

T. B. Carter, Civil War Veteran, Dead.



Theo. B. Carter, an old resident and Civil War veteran, died at his home, east of the village, this morning at 1:30, aged about 74 years, after a long illness. His daughter, Mrs. Claude Lane of Harbor Springs, has been with the wife and mother at his bedside during the past few weeks. Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 p. m., at the Baptist church; burial in Oakwood cemetery.

Failed To Connect Last Evening At City Hall.

A goodly Lyceum course audience waited until 9 o'clock for the Musical Guardsmen, who for some unexplained reason failed to appear, probably owing to the numerous snow blockades and uncertain trains. Further announcement will be made at earliest opportunity.—Citizens Lyceum Association.

Ionia Fuel Taken Over.

Ionia, Mich., Feb. 4.—The fuel situation became so serious here today that the Ionia county fuel commissioner took over the entire fuel traffic and issued an order that fuel could not be sold until the applicant was within 24 hours of exhaustion of the supply on hand. All purchases must be made of the city clerk, who will turn them over to the dealer designated. All yards here are empty and the situation is handled in this way to prevent hoarding.

Draft Boards Do Not Anticipate Early Call.

Although announcements, issued from Washington, were published Monday to the effect that the next quota of the national army will be mobilized on February 23, local draft officials have not yet been advised of the order and do not believe that it affects this state. Last Saturday the physical examinations of registrants in the first class was ordered delayed until the new physical requirements are officially promulgated.—Herald.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our many friends for their kindness and words of comfort during our bereavement; also for the beautiful flowers. We especially want to thank the singers.

Mrs. Iza Chase,
Mr. and Mrs. Austin Chase,
Mr. and Mrs. Herman Chase,
Miss Doris Chase.

Notice.

If you want to get 57c 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.

KENNETH D. CHASE

Death of Promising Young Grand Rapids Attorney.



Kenneth D. Chase, a popular and promising young attorney of Grand Rapids, died very suddenly at his home, 216 Lafayette avenue, Grand Rapids, early Tuesday morning, Jan. 29, after a few days illness. The attack of erysipelas was so violent that the end came before his relatives and friends were aware of his danger.

Mr. Chase was born and raised on a farm in Boston township, Ionia county. He was 26 years, 4 months and 1 day of age at his death. He attended the district school and later graduated from the Saranac high school in 1910, after which he attended business college in Grand Rapids. In 1913 he entered the law office of Lombard, Hext & Washburn as a law student. In September, 1917, he took the examination for admission to the bar before the State Board, passed with great credit and later received his certificate to practice before the Supreme court of the State, January 1, 1918. He became the junior member of the law firm of Lombard, Hext & Chase.

September 15, 1913, he was married to Miss Ruby Walker of Lowell, who died Dec. 30, 1916, leaving a little daughter, now three years of age. Nov. 22, 1917, he was married to Miss Iza Thompson of Rockford.

He was buried in his family lot in Lowell Jan. 31. In his death the community has lost a brilliant and valued citizen and his family a dutiful son and a loving and devoted husband and father, and the bar loses a promising young attorney.

He is survived by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Chase of Saranac, a brother, Herman Chase, and a sister, Miss Doris Chase of Saranac, his widow, child and many other relatives.

What The Currency System Is To The Government, The Check System Is To You

The U.S. Government finds it good policy to keep gold in its vaults and issue paper money against it. The banks' patrons in turn find it safer and more convenient to keep their money in Bank Vaults, and issue checks against it. Have you accepted the efficient check way as your way? We have a convenient pocket-check-book for you—open an account this week.

LOWELL STATE BANK

E. D. McQUEEN, President
S. S. LEE, Cashier
D. G. MANGE, Cashier
L. E. MURPHY, Cashier
LOWELL, MICHIGAN

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

Watch this Space

for Special Saturday Bargains till February 1919. Save big money on your Shoe bills. Special for Saturday, Feb. 9. Men's Brown Lace English Shoe, regular price \$7.00, special price \$3.98.

WILLETTE & HART

One door west Lowell Post Office.

Walter Wallman, the well known newspaper correspondent, indicates that the civilized world will soon say to Germany: Give up your military line up with modern democracy and be decent, or be ostracized by the world and live by yourself alone.

Georgia is making up on the urgency of improving highways, and federal, state and county co-operation will do great things for the agricultural, commercial and general interests of that state.

This wasn't in a county week, nor in the funny columns of a city daily. Immortality Unclaimed in Army, Ministers Find—Headline in The Grand Rapids Herald.

The Prussians are finding that the German promise not to withdraw troops from the Eastern front is on the Western scrap of paper.

Poor Old Spain has been sitting on the fence waiting to see which side is the safer; but she can't fool Uncle Sam any better than she did in 1898.

The death of John L. Sullivan, one time champion pugilist, at sixty, reminds us again that extreme physical training and development does not contribute to long life.

Is the South loyal? Well, three hundred of Georgia's wholesale grocers in convention at Atlanta, pledged their hearty support of the food administration and of the government in every needful measure for winning the war.

Emma Goldman and Alexander Beckman, anarchists and conspirators against the selective draft law, have resumed their prison sentences after being out on bail while their cases were appealed.

The study of German will probably be dropped in Grand Rapids schools. A course in demography might be substituted for it.

A ribless umbrella has been made out of material stiffly crimped. A suit of that stuff would be fine for folks without back bone.

and had the syrup made southeast of Lowell which proved very successful. We would like to give away a few acres of syrup and its cost of making.

We think Monday must be a holiday or hoodoo for the mails at least Sunday and Monday are delayed again.

ADA SQUIBS William Davids, known to all in this vicinity as "Bill, and whose many jobs of concrete and stone masonry will always remain a tribute to the skill and industry.

In the death of Mrs. Clara J. Sullivan, widow of John Sullivan, Ada has lost another old and well known citizen.

Flora Flynth drives a new Ford car. Mrs. Watt Thomas spent Thursday afternoon at the home of the Ladies' Aid society.

Harley Pickett spent Wednesday and Thursday in Grand Rapids. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman and children, Ed and Mary, were guests at Gordon Freese's Sunday.

Miss Lena Olmstead and Josephine Greenwald called on Sarah Greenwald, widow of John Thomas, at her home in Grand Rapids.

Every few days the appalling announcement is made that several hundred more enlisted and drafted men have been rejected by the examining boards in our army.

John Thomas purchased a span of horses of Joe Smith Thursday. He will work the Moses Wietz farm.

Mr. and Mrs. George Denton and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Reed at Pottery's were a Saturday morning guest of Jennie Gold.

From Weak and Lame To Well and Strong Try them, Foley Kidney Pills will cure your backache, rheumatism, neuralgia, sciatica, lumbago, etc.

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AUCTION! The undersigned, having sold his farm, will sell at public auction on the premises 1/2 mile south and 2 miles east of Lowell, or 4 miles west of Saranac, south side of Grand river, on Monday, Feb. 18 beginning at 9 o'clock, a. m.

the following described property, to-wit: HORSES Gray Mare, 8 years old, weight 1350. Gray Gelding, 9 years old, wt. 1400. Gray Gelding, 10 years old, wt. 1400.

Free Lunch at Noon TERMS—Sums of \$5 and under, cash. Sums over \$5, 9 months time with good bankable notes, with interest at 6 per cent.

Nursery Stock THE N. P. HUSTED CO. has on hand the time-tried varieties of Fruit Trees, consisting of Apples, Plums, Peaches, Strawberries, Blackberries, Raspberries.

W. U. Burras General Manager Citizens Phone 153-3 Lowell, Mich.

Let Us Print Your Sale Bills The Lowell Hospital Good Care. Good Board. Pricereasonable. Citizens Phone 162.

Auto Tire Repairing vulcanizing a Specialty Come in It Will Pay You to become a regular advertiser in—This Paper—

"HALLOO!" "HALLOO!" "Yes, this is the Morse Square Deal Grocery." "Send me this list of groceries by the first delivery," etc., etc.

HEARD ABOUT TOWN Miss Rega Brannon of Alto spent Sunday with Miss Edith Lawrence. Mrs. Cameron entertained her Sunday school class Monday afternoon.

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J. P. Norton of Granton was in town Saturday. Paul Jones has been quite ill the past week. W. E. Rogers is still buying poultry, Pigeons.

Mrs. C. W. Wood is showing marked improvement at the Lowell hospital Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. and Mr. F. H. Mincer were in Grand Rapids Saturday.

The members of the Epworth League enjoyed a potluck supper at the home of Miss Lena Veiter Monday night.

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AUTHENTIC ADVICE BUY NOW FOR NEXT WINTER Our Prices are the Same as They Were Last September During the last three weeks we have been placing orders for goods for next winter.

Just Stop and Think for One Moment \$17 for an all wool or silk and wool suit or overcoat. We can't change the price. The manufacturer puts the price in the garments.

Well Prepared Our stock was never more complete at this time of the season and if you desire to look for a coat or a suit we believe you can find about what you want.

Underwear Boys' Clothing Sweater Coats Underwear for next season has advanced on an average of 50 per cent. We are selling it at the old prices.

Twenty Overcoats For Boys at a Special Reduction These coats are sizes from 13 to 18 years. All good stylish garments with belts. Must close them out regardless of price.

John J. Lalley The Store That Saves You Money

World War Wastes Europe's Meat Supply. In England some 3,000,000 acres of grain lands have by compulsory measures been taken out of production.

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HEARD ABOUT TOWN OUR BEST FRIENDS

Newspaper Notes About People You Know

Ernest Carter of Ionia has been called here by the illness and death of his father. Mrs. Art Hill and daughter Mary Janet visited her sister, Mrs. Harry Patterson, at Alma Monday.

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 appreciably reports the following:

GLEASING THE ROADS

Auto Company Employees Making Path for Caravan of Cars. Lansing, Feb. 6.—Grand Rapids or bust is the slogan of 100 snow shovelers hired by an auto company here to break a road through to Grand Rapids.

Eight Pages Once More.

The Ledger's lost freight all came in a bunch Monday morning, two shipments from Detroit and three from Grand Rapids.

Lieut. Chas. F. Eddy Now with Troops in France.

Lieutenant Charles Franklin Eddy of Grand Rapids has cabled his safe arrival in France. He is attached to the paymaster's corps of the quartermaster's department of the United States army.

Free Methodist.

The third quarterly meeting of the Saranac-Lowell circuit will be held in the Free Methodist church at Lowell, beginning Friday evening, Feb. 8, and continuing over Sunday.

Detective Finds 244 Bottles of Beer in "Wet" Spot in Ionia.

Ionia, Mich., Feb. 4.—Detective Decker of the Michigan Central railroad made a raid at the home of Joe Kowalski, a wealthy Albion Pole, on a search warrant. He found 244 bottles of beer hidden under a pile of wood in the cellar under the steps.

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WEST SIDE MARKET. E. S. White, Proprietor. All kinds of Fresh and Salt Meats, Poultry, Fish, etc. Shipper of Poultry and Veal Calves.

Why children need the Victrola. It's a playmate to them. Keeps them out of mischief. Plays for them to dance or romp—or sings and tells them stories. But it gives something greater than amusement.

Food will win the war. He who wastes a crust of bread prolongs the war. don't waste it!

Methodist Church.

Sunday, Jan. 10, 10:30 a. m. Public service. Inasmuch as Lincoln's birthday is almost here, it is very appropriate that we celebrate the same in our religious services.

SOUTH VERGENNES

Evelyn Kraft spent the week end with her parents in Grand Rapids. Mrs. C. Wittenbach returned last Thursday from Belding, where she visited at the home of Fred Wittenbach and family.

SEELY CORNERS

We are all glad to hear of the recovery of our pastor and hope he will soon be with us again. In spite of the zero weather there was a fair attendance at the Snow church services last Sunday.

MORSE LAKE

Those around Morse Lake to go to Grand Rapids last week on business were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Yeiler, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Carlisle, Roy Bloomer, Clayton Dyer, Mrs. Bessie Smith, Mrs. E. Patterson and Mrs. Nellie Hayden.

McCords - WHITNEYVILLE

Mrs. John Ellis has returned from visiting her daughter, Mrs. Walter Ryder, of Grand Rapids and sister, Mrs. Stephen Gale, of Lake City. Levi Cooper left Monday for Ohio with a car load of potatoes for Jay Ellis.

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LOWELL MARKET REPORT

Table listing market prices for various goods including Wheat, Corn, Oats, Flour, and other commodities.

Black Silk Stove Polish. A SHINE IN EVERY DROP. Get a Can TODAY. LOWELL MARKET REPORT.

Why They Trained Their Boy to Be a Soldier

By F. A. MITCHELL. Julius Dalbey, seventeen years old, was his parents' only child. When he was a little fellow he said very smart things, and they confidently expected that he would some day turn out to be a leader of men.

When Julius passed into boyhood he developed a taste for athletics. He would play baseball till he became exhausted. Then he must be treated with all the consideration due an invalid.

At fourteen he was a fairly strong boy. An excellent skater, a fearless rider, faded, everything a boy should be, except for an extreme repulsion for work—that is to say, he could neither bring himself to do drudgery nor could he be driven to it.

He was good looking and quite a favorite with the girls, but since they were about his age and corresponding light headed, their liking for him was no great compliment to him.

This is a brief resume of Julius' first sixteen years in a world which he had come to consider had been created for his comfort and pleasure. The outside world liked him. He had a droll way with him that usually rendered one popular. He was considered intellectually above the average. But—

According to his own estimate, he knew more than his father, his mother and every other human being in the world contained. It was next to impossible to get him to assist in any household duty not only on account of his repulsion for work, but because he would assume the entire direction of what was to be done. Once in awhile some of his suggestions of a way were excellent. This was unfortunate, for it convinced him that he was especially fitted for a leader.

Julius' parents on his seventeenth birthday had a conference upon their son's worthlessness. "I don't know what's the matter with the boy?" said his mother. "I'm afraid he is physically weak."

"They don't take weak boys for football," objected his father. "I know what's the matter with him very well. He has never been broken. Do they expect a colt to be of any use until he has been broken to harness?"

"Both a colt and a human being are animals. Both need training, but of a different kind. We educate our boys intellectually, but not practically. Neither you nor I am competent to break in our son. I have a plan. The national guard has become liable to a call from the United States. I have heard it rumored that they are about to be ordered to the Mexican frontier. From the moment of their departure they will begin to become soldiers. They will learn to obey and to soldier."

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N. C. Thomas The Auctioneer

will be pleased to call your sale references—Caledonia, Middleville, Wayland, Dorr State Bank, Farmers and Merchants Bank, Grand Rapids, Lowell City State Bank and several of satisfied customers. Make dates at his office call Wm. Condon, Lowell, or Citizens telephone No. 61 Caledonia. Watch this space each week for the date.

Monday, Feb. 18—Gottfried Friedli, Lowell. Tuesday, Feb. 19—Mrs. Jennie Flynn, Harris Creek. Wednesday, Feb. 20—Wm. Vollwiller, Caledonia. Thursday, Feb. 21—Wm. Cisler, Middleville.

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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.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING.

WANT ADS—For sale, to rent, lost and found, etc., run in The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo for 1 1/2 cents per week, cash with order, or 1c per word for either paper. Ads running more than one week will be repeated in each paper at the rate of 1 cent per word per copy. Address all orders to the publisher at Lowell.

FOR SALE—School report cards.—The Ledger, Lowell, Mich.

FOR SALE—A real farm of 280 acres, 1 1/2 miles from good town; good barns, new house with all modern conveniences, \$70 per acre, \$5,000 down, balance on mortgage at 6 per cent.—M. N. Henry.

FOR SALE—Or will trade for green oak wood, a sewing machine and morris chair, in good condition.—J. W. Olin. c35

WOOD FOR SALE—Dry or green. Phone 288. Jake Staal. 31H

FOR SALE—200 acres of good land in Montcalm county. Small payment down; long time for balance at 6 per cent, or will exchange for small improved farm near Lowell. Phone 56. Nellie Holcomb. c36

POTATOES FOR SALE—Sorted and right, \$1.00 per bushel, where 10 bushels or more can be taken in a place. Delivered. J. B. Sturges, Phone 119-11-15. 35p

LOST—In Lowell Saturday, \$4 in bills. Reward. Max Baynor. c37

WANTED! FARMS FOR SALE—We have calls for farms, all sizes and kinds. If you want to buy, sell or trade, write or call J. Jay Wood & Co., Grand Rapids, or Frank H. Miner, Mr. Farm Dept., Lowell, Mich. c39

Good job printing—The Ledger.

I propose to put Julius into the national guard.

"How will you get him to join?" "By him a uniform."

The commander was tempted into the national guard by the splendor of his uniform, and a week after his enlistment he was on his way to Mexico. What he endured there, how he got a knowledge of his real worth in khaki as a private soldier, what respect was paid—or rather, not paid—to his opinions by his officers, the contempt with which his comrades treated any shirking—all these are too voluminous to be detailed here.

One day in the following spring Julius, a soldier, was young fellow, straight as an arrow, whose uniform set well upon his stalwart figure, entered the gate of his home, hurried up the front steps and into the house. His father was engaged in taking down a stove. Julius hugged his mother, who was looking on; put his arms around his father, drew him away from his work, threw off his coat and, taking the stove on his shoulder, carried it to an outhouse and deposited it there for the summer.

"Well, my boy," said his father, "I think you're broken in."

"Yes, dad, I am. It was an awful experience at first, but after I got the new run of things I liked it. I don't know as much as I did, but I've taken a step backward to make several steps forward."

Julius had very little time in which to fall back into his former habits, even if he had wished to do so. It was not long after his return from Mexico that his country was caught in the maelstrom of the world's war, and the young giant man was again ordered to active duty.

This time, with his regiment, he was ordered to guard some public works, but by this time his training had become too valuable for him to be allowed to remain a private soldier, and he was made an officer. He seems to have found his proper sphere and bids fair to make a fine soldier.

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The Ladies Aid society will meet at the home of Rev. Wright and wife in Alto Thursday.

The South Lowell Grange met at the home of Charles Yeiter and wife Saturday and installed their officers. Mr. and Mrs. Rawlings did the work and gave a report of the State Grange meeting.

C. G. Wieland was in Woodland from Saturday until Monday to see his aunt, who fell and broke her hip, and is in a serious condition.

Mrs. Woodhead is visiting her daughter, Mrs. John Sterzik. John Acheson and family visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Richardson, of Elmdale Tuesday.

Ray Bittenger spent the week end with Oliver Simpson and family.

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.

WOOD WANTED!

On subscription at The Ledger office. Our hard coal stove is out of commission and we are depending on wood to warm the office. Good chance for those in arrears to catch up and pay a year in advance, while the price is good.

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Titan 10-20 has a 20-horsepower IHC 10-20 at the drawbar. It weighs on a standard construction 4,000 lbs. net, carrying about \$200 on an average year's work, over 100 hours at 100% speed.

Two forward gears, 10 and 20 miles per hour—and one reverse. Powerful, 20-horsepower engine, 6 1/2" bore and 9" stroke. Entire crank case enclosed—no oil or dirt can get to engine. Shields over drive shaft help to keep dirt out.

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