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SPRING
GOODS
ARRIVING
DAILY**

Now is the time and this is the place to buy all Winter Goods at or less than cost.

J. D. CROSBY & SON,

Butter and eggs taken. Cass City's Shoe and Clothing Men.

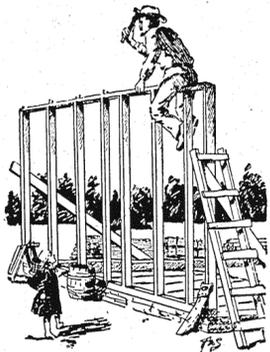
Wall Paper and Window Shades

Our spring stock is now ready. We invite all to see our line. We have the designs and can fit up rooms with the latest and most artistic designs for a very small amount of expense. We have some of the highest grade of paper as well. We have no schemes to offer in offering borders cheap and making it up off something else. We do not believe that the honest way. A reasonable profit on everything is our motto. Our window shade stock is large and we carry in stock the regular size; also in the large shades as wide as 54 inches. Orders taken for anything larger. A nice line of Room Moulding also carried.

T. H. FRITZ,

Druggist.

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Are you going to build or do any repairing? If so, let us figure on your next bill. It is a common saying that the best is the cheapest. This is particularly true of Lumber and Building Material. We know we can sell you better lumber at lower prices than any concern in the county and can save you money on anything you buy, no matter how much or how little. Call in and see us.

Cass City Lumber and Coal Co.

Bicycle Repairs and Sundries

in innumerable quantities can be found at Johnson & Seeley's Bicycle Store. Bring in your old wheel and have it remodeled and re-named. Get your wheels trued up. A wheel in repair will outlast two neglected. We are manufacturers of

The New Dell

and we are located in the old postoffice building.

**Johnson
& Seeley**

Mrs. E. K. Wickware
MILLINERY

ESTABLISHED 1879
OLD IN EXPERIENCE
NEW IN IDEAS

We beg to announce the

Opening

of our stock of NEW SPRING MILLINERY

**FROM APRIL 2nd
to 6th**

We shall show this season a larger and more varied line of new goods than we have ever before shown. All are cordially invited to call and see the new Hats, and Trimmings, etc. Remember the dates—From Tuesday until Saturday, April 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, 1901.
Yours respectfully,

Mrs. E. K. Wickware

A TERRIBLE TRAGEDY ON FRIDAY NIGHT

At the Home of Nathan
Townsend, three miles
Northwest of Town.

**MOTHER AND TWO CHILDREN
KILLED WITH LAUDNUM**

In a Fit of Despondency, Mother
Administered the Drug While
Her Husband Was Asleep.

Before Dying She Acknowledged the Deed, but
Gave No Reason for Committing the Crime.
Entire Community Shocked and Various
Rumors Afloat.

In all the history of Cass City and surrounding country there never was such an awful tragedy enacted as the one we are called upon to chronicle in this issue. The event is of such a mournful and calamitous nature that we should prefer to draw the veil of charity over the horrible scene and speak in the words of the poet:

"O God! my sins are manifold,
Against my life they cry;
And all my guilty deeds foregone,
Up to thy temple fly.
Will thou release my trembling soul,
That to despair is driven?
"Forgive" a blessed voice replied,
"And thou shalt be forgiven."

However, in order that the facts in the case may be fully known, we hereby give a correct statement of the tragedy for the benefit of our readers. Between eleven and twelve o'clock last Friday night, Dr. Wickware was aroused from his slumber by John Copeland, who lives about three miles northwest of town, who stated that Mrs. Nathan Townsend had poisoned herself and two children. The doctor made ready and hastened to the scene, arriving at Mr. Townsend's, who lives 3 1/2 miles from the city, about half past twelve o'clock. Mr. Townsend met him at the door and hastily, in a heart broken manner, told him what had happened. He then took charge of the doctor's horse and the physician immediately stepped into the house. The first object that met his sight was that of Mrs. Townsend who was leaning in a rocking chair in a limp, semi-conscious condition. In the bed room off from the sitting room he found the two children, Vida, aged 10, and Payne, a boy about 8 years old, lying across the bed in a dying condition. The doctor took in the situation at a glance, and while he had very little hope of saving their lives, he went to work and with the assistance of Mr. Copeland and two young men from the Randall family, who were called in, done everything that is known to medical science to save the lives of the unfortunate ones. However it was of no avail. The poison had been so thoroughly absorbed by the system, and between three and four o'clock on Saturday morning death relieved the sufferers from their agony.

Last Monday a coroners inquest was held at the home of the deceased. There was present Prosecuting Atty Wixon, Coroner Dr. Morris, Sheriff Blinn, Deputy Sheriff Morris, Dr. Wickware, Mrs. Swick, the mother of Mrs. Townsend, Arthur Swick, a brother, both of Dryden, a sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Brown of Inlay City, Mrs. Townsend, mother of Nathan Townsend, of Oxford and a number of neighbors and friends. The Detroit Free Press and Evening News were represented by Sam'l Chamption and Orrin Marr respectively. The Chronicle was also represented. Coroner Morris impaneled the following jury:

Frederick Klump, Jas. Reagh, Sam Champion, Bert Bertrand, Henry Hartsell and Wm. Henesey. After the jury had viewed the bodies, the examination of the witnesses was taken up. From Mr. Townsend's testimony which was given in a straightforward manner the following facts are taken.

Mr. Townsend stated that on the night of the tragedy he retired at 8 o'clock, and about 10 o'clock he was awakened by a noise. He arose from bed and went to the stairway and found that the strange noise was made by some one upstairs. He at once went upstairs and found his wife and little girl lying on one bed and the little boy on another bed in the same room. The children's breathing was heavy and he at once surmised that something was wrong.

He spoke to his wife and asked her what the matter was with the children and whether she had given them anything. She said the children had

the croup and she had given them some cough syrup. He then went over to the boy and shook him but could not awaken him. In the meantime Mrs. Townsend went down stairs and he, Mr. Townsend, picked up the limp form of his boy and carried him down stairs, where he laid the unconscious body on the floor. He then went over to the pantry where he found his wife in the act of drinking from a bottle. He asked her what she was drinking and was informed that she had taken some sage tea. He asked her to come out which she did. Mr. Townsend then went upstairs again to bring the little girl down and while doing so Mrs. Townsend went out doors. After laying the girl down on his bed and also the little boy, he went to find his wife. He went towards the barn at the same time calling her by name, but received no reply. Finally he passed around to the west side of the house and found her lying near the house. He brought her into the house and placed her in the rocking chair where Dr. Wickware found her when he came. Mr. Townsend testified that he asked his wife what she had taken and her answer was that she had taken laudanum. She also admitted that she had given the children the same drug. He hastily went to prepare an antidote and asked his wife whether the mustard would act as an emetic. She thought it would, and

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MCCORMICK DAY.

**Big Delivery of Farm Machinery
Here Last Saturday.**

The largest delivery of farm implements ever seen in our village occurred last Saturday, through the company's representative, A. W. Traver, who is one of the most energetic machine men in the Thumb country. Forty-seven machines were loaded on wagons and were lined up for over two blocks on Main Street. Photographer Maier took the picture of the festive crowd and all who have seen it pronounce the same as a good one. Dinner was served at Gordon's Tavern to about 100 people and it is only fair to say that the boys did justice to the bounteous repast. Everybody had a good time and went home happy with three cheers for the McCormick and their hustling agent, Mr. Traver.

ANOTHER TREAT COMING.

Through the energetic efforts of our townsman, I. B. Auten, the people of Cass City will be treated to another literary entertainment on Saturday evening, April 6th, at Hitchcock's opera house. This will be a monologue entertainment given by the great impersonator, Edward H. Frye. He will impersonate the character of David Harum, adapted from the novel written by Edgar Noyes Westcott.

Mr. Frye has adapted the story into monologue with accomplished skill, leaving it a consistent, logical and unified whole, and judging from press reports it has everywhere gained recognition as one of the most brilliant and attractive monologues of the season. The admittance fee is twenty-five cents and there is no doubt but what Mr. Frye will be greeted by a full house.

WILL CLOSE HIS PASTORATE.

Rev. E. Rushbrook, the able pastor of the Baptist church, will preach his farewell sermon at the local church next Sunday. Mr. Rushbrook has made a host of friends during his three year pastorate. He is an able bible student, a man of sterling integrity and worth. He expects soon to leave for Port Huron where he will take charge of the church recently vacated by Rev. Elbridge, who was formerly pastor of the local Baptist church. The Baptist people expect to secure a successor to Mr. Rushbrook in the near future. We are informed that Rev. C. Meyers of St. Clair will occupy the pulpit on Sunday, April 7.

MADE A GOOD IMPRESSION.

According to the announcement made in last week's CHRONICLE, Rev. Father Crowley held mass in the Town Hall last Sunday morning. In spite of the inclement weather, a large crowd assembled to hear the reverend gentleman, who preached a spirited discourse on the subject of faith. It was expected that the Gage-town choir should be present and assist in the services but were prevented on account of the bad weather. Father Crowley expects to hold regular service at the Town Hall every fourth Sunday in the month.

For Sale.

Six good serviceable horses. Enquire of O. K. JAMES.

THERE ARE THREE IN THE FIELD

The Electors of Elkland Have the
Choice of Three Tickets at
next Monday's Election.

**ELKLAND'S BIG TAX ON
PERSONAL PROPERTY**

The Republicans as Usual Have a Strong Ticket
and the Indications Are that It Will
Win Out.

The indications are that next Monday's election will be of more than ordinary interest. Aside from the local option contest the voters of Elkland township will have the opportunity to express their political preferences, there being three tickets in the field.

The Prohibition party workers met last Friday and nominated the following ticket: Supervisor, Abraham Saigeon; clerk, Fred Bigelow; treas., A. S. McGregory; justice of peace, S. Ostrander; school inspector, Nathan Hill; member board of review, E. W. Keating; constables, Martin Parent, Chas. Karr, Chas. Travis, Philo Rice.

The personal of this ticket is above criticism and hence commands the respect of all unbiased people. The prohibition party here, as elsewhere, is very weak, and it is not likely that the local ticket will receive any strong support.

The so-called Union Silver ticket was placed in nomination last Saturday, there being only twenty-one ballots cast. The ticket is as follows: Supervisor, I. K. Reid; clerk, J. C. Lauderbach; treas., A. H. Ale; justice of peace, Sol Striffler; highway com., Mat Gulick; school inspector, O. C. Wood; member board of review, W. I. Frost; constables, D. M. Houghton, J. D. Tuckey, Elmer Yakes, Wm. Muma.

The CHRONICLE has no criticism to offer in reference to the personal of this ticket. The nominees are good citizens and if elected would serve the township according to their best ability. However, we cannot understand why these gentlemen should call themselves Union Silverites. It is a well-known fact that Democracy and Populism have been divorced.

Democrats are now going it alone, they having forsaken the standard which gave tone to the late Bryan campaign. There is no such a thing as a union silver Democratic-Populist party. The fact is they are already antagonistic.

Also we deem it our duty to call every citizen's attention to an item which must be a "thorn in the flesh" for our present supervisor, Ira K. Reid, who in spite of his protestations again bobs up as a candidate for supervisor. The item is this as taken from the authorized proceedings of the board of supervisors. We find that the township of Elkland is assessed for personal property to the amount of \$260,700 while Vassar township is only assessed \$250,320. It will be seen by this that Elkland has paid \$10,000 more state and county tax than Vassar, although the township of Vassar has nearly double the number of inhabitants. The Board of

Equalization reduced the assessed valuation of real estate in Elkland township \$150,000, but had no power to adjust the high assessment of personal property, which has been laid onto us by the unbounded liberality of our genial supervisor. It seems to us that the time has come when there should be a change in the management of township affairs. The CHRONICLE believes Mr. Reid to be a perfect gentleman but has reason to believe that he has been too zealous as supervisor of Elkland township.

The Republicans have placed in nomination for the office of supervisor an excellent man, John Marshall, who will give the township an intelligent and business-like administration without fear or favor of anyone. Mr. Marshall is so well-known that we deem it unnecessary to extoll his virtues. If the people of Cass City and community know what is for their interest they will elect Mr. Marshall by a large majority. The Republican ticket is as follows: Supervisor, John Marshall; clerk, E. F. Marr; treas., A. A. McKenzie; justice of peace, A. D. Gillies; highway com., Geo. Hall; school inspector, Robert A. Walsley; board of review, J. H. Striffler; constables, Henry Ball, Jas. Ramsey, C. D. Striffler and Ed. Purton.

A DELIGHTFUL BANQUET

In Honor to Two Respected Members
Who Are About to Sever Their
Connection With the Club.

One of the most enjoyable occasions which has taken place in our fair city for years occurred on Saturday evening, March 23, at the New Sheridan, when the Ladies Bay View Club gave a banquet in honor of two members, Mrs. Schooley and Mrs. Knapp, who are about to leave and take up their residences in other cities.

No town in the thumb can boast of as fine hotel accommodations as Cass City and on this occasion it was demonstrated to the townspeople that the entertainment of guests at the New Sheridan is right royal and not to be excelled. The tables were arranged in the form of a cross and in the center was a huge bouquet of pink roses and ferns while ropes of smilax extended from the corners of the table to the chandelier in the center of the ceiling.

At 9:30 about forty guests led by Miss Westland and Mrs. Hugh Seed followed by the guests of honor took their places in the dining room while Mrs. Brooker presided at the piano. After the supper, which was served in two courses, Mrs. Hugh Seed, who acted as toastmistress, called for the following program:

Bits of History
Our Town
Our Women
Parliamentary Law
The Invited Halves
Music
The Grip
"Speed the Parting Guest"

Members of the club responded to the roll call with quotations after which one verse of "Auld Lang Syne" was sung and all departed congratulating one another on the success of the evening.

WARD OF THANKS.

I desire to express my deepest gratitude to all my neighbors and friends, who have stood so loyally by me in my inexpressible affliction which has come over me by the sudden death of my wife and children.

NATHAN TOWNSEND.

MILLINERY OPENING....

APRIL 2

I will be ready to meet the wants of all who wish to adorn themselves in a strictly up to date Easter Bonnet. Miss Anderson of Detroit will preside over the trimming room. She comes highly recommended and has had extensive experience. I have taken great care in my selections and think I can please all classes of trade.

Thanking the many friends for their liberal patronage and soliciting a continuance of the same, I remain
Very truly,

Mrs. F. C. Lee