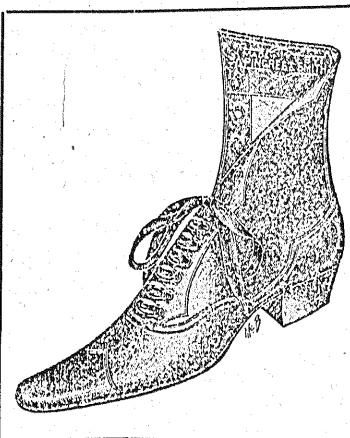


## BOW ON MEN'S HATS

Why do we have bows on the left side of our hats? In olden times when men were much in the open air and hats could not be bought for half a dollar, it was the habit to tie a cord around the crown and let the ends fall on the left side to be grasped on the arising of a squall. They fell on the left side so they might be grasped by the left hand, the right usually being more usefully engaged. Later on the ends got to be tied in a bow and later still they became useless, yet the bow has remained. We have just received a consignment of new spring styles in Felt and Straw Hats.

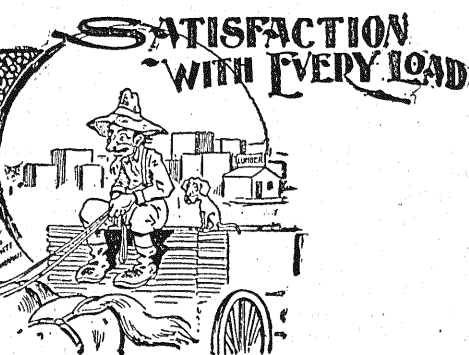


W. L. Douglass Men's Shoes

and Pingree & Smith Ladies' Shoes just in. We have them in Patent Leather, Patent Kid, Vici Kid, and Valure Calf in all styles and widths from A to EE. Butter and eggs same as cash.

## J. D. Crosby & Son,

Cass City's Shoe and Clothing Men.



### Satisfaction with every load

is what you get when you buy Lumber from us. Bargain counter buyers get the worst of it in the long run. Careful, shrewd, conscientious buyers who want the worth of their money do business with a firm whose record for fair dealing has no flaws. We never lost a customer through indifferent or unfair treatment. It pays to do business with that kind of a firm. Call and inspect our stock and get our prices.

## Cass City Lumber and Coal Yard

## CLEVELAND BICYCLES

Are going like hot cakes. Why? Because they are the best wheels put on the market to-day. There is positively no wheel made to compare with the Cleveland for durability and easy running. A call at our place will convince you that we have the largest and the most popular bicycle house in the county. Wheels of all kinds and colors at your own price. Repairing a specialty.

## JOHNSON & SEELEY.

### A new line of MAGAZINES AND BOOKS

just received.

Also Hammocks, Base Ball Goods, Camera Supplies, etc. at

## Bond's DRUG STORE.

### MUSICAL CONVENTION.

The singing school so ably conducted by Prof. Case will come to a close this Friday night with an "Old Folks Concert." The convention has not been a financial success. Unless the concert tonight will be largely attended, those who were the means of bringing Mr. Case to our town will be \$25 out of their pockets. Otherwise the convention was immensely successful. Much of the latent musical talent among a goodly number of our young people has been awakened and the effects of the convention will be realized in church and home. It is to be regretted that not more availed themselves of this opportunity. We hope the interest in music which has been awakened the past two weeks will be kept alive, and possibly it will be the means of bringing Prof. Case here again in a year hence.

### Sheep To Pasture.

I want about 40 sheep pastured for the season. Anyone with poor feed or poor fences need not apply.

H. S. Wilcox,  
Deford, Mich.

5-17-2

## GREEN GOODS

Is Offered One of Our Merchants, But He Is Not Caught.

### IS VERY DANGEROUS BUSINESS

It is Learned That Such Offers Have Been Made to Others. U. S. Detectives at Work on the Case.

It is surprising what chances some people will take in money making schemes. Rather than to live honorable lives and earning their bread by the sweat of their brow, they will allow themselves to be roped into questionable schemes, by rascals of the stamp as the one who mailed the following letter to one of our most honorable business men. All honor to the man who spurns an offer of this kind. That "green goods" is being handled not over 100 miles from our city is a known fact and sooner or later these foolish people will find themselves in the toils of the law. Uncle Sam is ever vigilant and some of these days these counterfeiters will come to naught. The following letter was sent through the mails and we publish it in order to show up the rascality of the scheme.

Friend:—I have reason for believing you to be a shrewd, reliable and trustworthy man for me to co-operate with in your vicinity, and for that reason take the liberty of making you a proposition that many men would gladly grasp if they could personally examine my work and convince themselves of the absolute safety of my offer.

The writer of this is an expert engraver, having for 13 years been employed in the Bureau of Engraving, Washington, D. C. I have spent some years back in the effort to make PERFECT DUPLICATES of my work while in the employ of the Government and HAVE SUCCEEDED. My greatest difficulty has been to secure the silk-fibre paper, the same as that which the Government uses. In this ALSO I have succeeded. The goods come in sizes of Ones, Fives and Tens; are PERFECT DUPLICATES of the genuine, and cannot be detected by the Best Bank Experts, and then only when they arrive at the Treasury in Washington, which is not likely to occur in years, and after passing through so many hands that it is impossible to trace them.

Of course you can have no idea of my work until you have seen a sample of it; this I propose to give you a chance to do, on one condition; that is, that you are willing to co-operate with me in the disposal of my goods, providing I PROVE TO YOU BEYOND ALL DOUBT, that my work is all that I claim for it. Understand I do not want you to invest one dollar until you have examined my entire stock, compared them with the genuine, and in fact, submit them to any test you see fit; then after you are thoroughly satisfied on every point, you can decide whether you accept my proposition or not. The fact is, an investment of Five Hundred Dollars will give you an immediate return that a life time of toil in your present business will not do, this without injuring your friends, neighbors or your fellow-man. To convince you of the safety of the business, I will, upon receipt of telegram from you as per enclosed copy, send you a sample of my work, and will also appoint a place to meet you so that you can personally examine my stock.

Now as this is a business which requires secrecy, to insure safety I have a few rules for you to follow, the reasons for which will be made clear to you later.

FIRST:—Do not write me a letter under any circumstances, except I instruct you to do so.

SECOND:—I send you enclosed a COPY of a telegram which you must send JUST AS IT READS, and signed with the INITIALS of your name, and on receipt of it I will send you a sample of my goods, also price list and fuller particulars.

THIRD:—Use the WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH lines ONLY. You may send your telegram from any town or place, but be sure to sign the INITIALS of your name, and the initials ONLY.

If, for any reason, you decide not to engage in this business, I trust to your honor as a man, not to abuse the confidence I have placed in you, to burn this letter, and to let the matter drop.

Trusting however soon to see you on the road to prosperity and numbered among my largest customers, I am, Confidentially Yours,

Should you not receive an answer to

your telegram within a reasonable time; wire me a second time.

### INSTRUCTIONS.

Copy of Telegram (no letters) for you to send.

Clayton B. Foster,  
Plainfield,  
New Jersey.

Send word to No. 569 Clark Street. Word and number telegram precisely as above, and sign with your initials only. Upon its receipt I will send you a sample of my work, and appoint a safe place to meet. Do not send any letters to this address as they may be returned to you opened, for I cannot receive them. Your message being in cipher no one but you and I will know its meaning, so have no fear.

### GLADDENS HER OLD DAYS.

There is one happy old mother in our village. She does not live so very far from Main Street. She has lived here many years and knows something of the early history of our town. Her husband who died a number of years ago was well known and well liked by all with whom he came in touch. Together they brought up a large and intelligent family. All but two of the children are married. The oldest son, who is actively engaged in business on Main Street, is his mother's guardian angel. He is the source of his aged mother's happiness. He believes in the fifth commandment and is constantly looking after his mother's wishes. On most any Sunday afternoon one may find this eldest son sitting beside his aged mother, and in a quiet, earnest manner reading aloud a chapter or two from the Bible. The old mother, who is not able to attend any church services, enjoys these quiet hours of spiritual meditation, for it brings to her soul the comfort and strength which she so much needs in her declining years. Others would do well to follow this son's example.

### S. S. CONVENTION.

The annual meeting of the Union Sunday School Organization of Tuscola County will be held in the M. E. church in Cass City, June 4th. There will be a morning, afternoon and evening session. The committee on securing entertainment for strangers consists of J. S. McArthur, Theophilus Ahr, Mrs. J. D. Brooker and Mrs. Eliza Henderson.

The reception committee consists of F. Klump and Mesdames O. K. James, I. A. Fritz and P. S. McGregory.

The committee to look after teams from a distance consists of P. S. McGregory, Andrew Campbell and Fred Bigelow.

### WILCOX'S ANSWER TO MCCRACKEN.

Deford, May 20, 1901.

### Editor of CHRONICLE:—

Dear Sir—I notice in last week's Chronicle a letter signed by John McCracken, a lawyer of Kingston. When I first looked it over his arguments seemed so inconsistent, at first thought I said that I would pay no attention to it, but after a few moments' reflection I considered the damage such misleading letters might do to reading farmers, who may be interested in sheep now or hereafter. So I think best to sift his letter and take the chaff out of it, which will leave but very little or no wheat in it.

Now, John, the lawyer, in his letter in the Chronicle calls on my friends to assist and help me out of the dilemma which he says that I am in. John says that I have sheared my big flock but at 11c per pound how can the expenses be paid? Now I wish to say to John that I have not appointed him to sell my wool for 11c or to pay my expenses; for I think I can do much better myself, although I am no lawyer. I have a postal before me from a wool buyer in Caro and also one from Cass City stating that they are paying 15c and 16c for wool and George Walker sold his wool, taken from my sheep in Cass City for 16c. Now, John, what do you mean by reducing the price on my wool 4c or 5c per pound and making a pauper of me and then calling on my friends to help me out of my trouble? Now, John, a little farther along in your letter you say we found a man that would shear our sheep on halves. Now John a farmer that will pay one-half of his wool for the shearing may as well sell or give away his farm and study law. Now Mrs. Wilcox says why didn't John do as you did, pay 7c for shearing and tying up each fleece?

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## JOHN FAIR MEAD

The Eldest Son of A. D. Mead Died Suddenly.

### ENTIRE COMMUNITY SHOCKED

His Funeral Was Largely Attended. Gleaners and Schoolmates Attended in a Body.

The sudden death of Fair Mead after a brief illness of a few days duration brought a great shock and genuine grief to the entire community wherever the Mead family is known. Fair would have been eighteen years old, had he lived, the 28th day of October next. He was the oldest boy in the family and was of great help to his parents. He was a magnificent specimen of healthy young manhood; cheerful in disposition, honest in thought and charitable in judgement. In speaking of his exemplary life his father said to the pastor, Rev. Morgan: "Fair never said a word that grieved our hearts." This is a better and nobler monument to his memory than a towering shaft of granite erected on his grave.

He was first taken sick on Saturday evening, May 11th. The following Tuesday he became unconscious, and not until three days later did he rally and hopes were entertained for his ultimate recovery. Alas, it was only for a few short hours, when the bright hopes of his parents, sisters and brother were shattered, and the poor, frail body succumbed to the grim reaper—Death. It is stated that he died of pneumonia.

The funeral services in charge of Undertaker McKenzie were held on Tuesday afternoon at the M. E. church and were of a more than ordinary impressive character. The pulpit and chancel were suitably decorated. The singing by the choir was full of pathos and sympathy. The presence of the Gleaner society (Gom Arbor No. 223, of which the deceased was a member, and the attendance of about fifty of his former school mates was a beautiful and touching scene, and bears out what we heard someone say on the street: "He was loved by all."

Rev. Morgan, assisted by Rev. Brumm, pastor of the Evangelical church had charge of the services. Dr. Morgan chose for his text, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth." Words of exhortation, encouragement and inspiration came forth from the preacher's soul, which must have made an indelible impression upon young and old. He referred to the deceased young man's christian experience and life, and urged the young men and women to enter into the same pleasant and saving fellowship with God through Jesus Christ. Altogether the funeral service was most touching and tender.

Why, we ask, was he cut off at the beginning of physical and mental vigor, when his life meant so much to the sorrow-stricken parents? It is not ours to answer. Some day God will reveal to us the dark mysteries of this life. The Chronicle extends heartfelt sympathy to the sorrowing parents and family.

### THE OLD FOLKS CONCERT.

This will be a unique treat. It will be given at Hitchcock's opera house. No one should miss it. Nothing like it has ever been given in Cass City. The entire class of sixty-five voices, which have been thoroughly drilled by Prof. Case will participate in this concert. They will be assisted by several of Caro's best singers. Many of the choruses will be taken from the cantata produced by Dr. Root, together with several other choruses one hundred years old.

Among them are "Strike the Cymbal" with drum and cymbal accompaniment. The Anvil Chorus with anvil accompaniment will be given as it was given in '72 at the time of the national jubilee given at Boston.

The participants will be dressed similar to the people of one hundred years ago. Many of the wedding dresses used by our grandmothers will be worn, and many other novelties of a pleasing nature will be introduced. The admission fee will be 25 cents for adults and 15 cents for children.

Hundreds of testimonials can be furnished of cures made in Tuscola County by the Detroit Clinic, and you can be cured. Consult this specialist Friday and Saturday at Gordon's Hotel, Cass City.

The best quality of flour and the best sample of milling will be found in Heller's buckwheat flour.

## POUNDED HER TO DEATH.

### Children at Harbor Beach Beat a Little Playmate so Badly She Died.

Harbor Beach, May 17.—Blanche Reynolds, aged 7, died here Wednesday night as the result of an injury to her spine. She was waylaid by schoolmates on her way from school, it is charged, and pounded with a club. Her 9-years-old brother was also assaulted.

Hattie Harriman, aged 14, is under arrest charged with the latter assault but no arrests have been made for the girl's death.

Public excitement is very great here over the alleged assault and the names of the other children have been kept secret for fear some overt act might be committed. The little Reynolds girl belonged to one of the best families in the village and was popular with her schoolmates, but in some way it is said she incurred some hard feelings on the part of the older girl. As near as can be ascertained Blanche was caught as she was on her way home from school, knocked to the ground and then pounded with a club until she was almost unconscious. She dragged herself home where she suffered until death relieved her a few hours after. Before she passed away she told her parents the names of the children that had assaulted her. The request will not be held until after the funeral.

It is said that there has been considerable feeling here between the richer and poorer classes and that considerable feeling had developed not only among the pupils but their parents also. The prosecuting attorney of Huron county will take the matter up and make a full investigation.

### VAUDEVILLE FISHING CREW

#### They are Tossed To and Fro With Tempest and Suffer Shipwreck Yet All Come Safe to Land.

Not many days ago the Vaudeville Fishing Crew of the town called Cass City determined to have a sail. They betook themselves to the port of Sebewaing where much beer and water flows. By chance they found an old tar by the name of Dwight Freeman, who has recently fallen heir to a small cat boat. After much bantering, Captain Freeman agreed to take the Vaudevillers for a sail and a fish, and gave security for a safe voyage.

Not long after they had launched there arose against them a tempestuous wind called Hic-hic-Clydan, and when the boat was caught and could not bear up against the wind, Captain Freeman, who is almost always philosophically inclined, yelled out to the quivering crew, "Let her drive." And she drove upward and downward mightily. The Vaudevillers became exceedingly fearful. Some thought of their wives and babies, and others not having anyone to think of moaned and sighed for deliverance.

The boat was exceedingly tossed with the tempest and the crew being drenched by the billows were in need of some refreshments so the captain besought them to be of good cheer and take some strengthening tonic of which there was an abundance in the larder. After they all had strengthened the inner man, they lightened the boat and cast out the ball into the sea. Very soon they ran under a certain island which is called Rose, but fearing lest they should fall into the quicksands, strake sail, and so were driven to a certain point where they committed themselves into the sea, loosed the rudder bands, hoisted up the mainsail to the wind, and made toward the shore.

Fortunately, a lonely hermit by the name of Frank Hendrick, who inhabited the island, came to their assistance and so it came to pass that they all came safely to the land. The sight of the crew aroused the compassion of the hermit and he built a fire and they all with one accord made ready to warm themselves. They all thought that they had drifted far into the Huron sea, but upon hearing from the hermit that Port Sebewaing was only a few miles distant they made merry and were glad. After they had quieted their nerves with such things as were necessary, the crew again set sail, taking with them a compass, and with the aid of some fishermen reached land in safety not many miles from Port Sebewaing. They all agreed that it would be better to walk by the coast than to sail for the winds were exceedingly contrary. And so they betook themselves to Sebewaing, and fearing some other calamity might overtake them they straightway started for their home.

Concert at the opera house June 7th for benefit of the band.

## DECORATION DAY

At Cass City, Michigan, May 30, 1901.

### PROGRAM AND ORDER OF MARCH

Rev. C. H. Morgan of this Place Will Deliver the Address and Others Will Participate.

The Post will assemble at Post Hall at 10:00 a. m. and proceed at 11:00 a. m. to depot to meet Comrades. Will take up line of march to Post Hall. Post will reassemble at 1:00 p. m. and with Ladies' Circle and Sons of Veterans, Ladies of the Maccabees, Knights of the Maccabees and children of all schools proceed to the M. E. Church where services will commence at 2:00 p. m. as follows:

1. Music, Our Flag, The Star Spangled Banner.
2. Prayer, Rev. L. Brumm.
3. Music, "Cover Them Over With Beautiful Flowers."
4. Address, Rev. C. H. Morgan.
5. Reading, Marian Hubel.
6. Music, "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground."
7. Reading, A. A. P. McDowell.

After which the procession will form in Main Street in the following order and proceed to cemetery:

1. Marshals on horseback, Dick S. Landon, O. C. Wood, A. K. Hower, Francis Sackner, Wm. Bentley and A. D. Gillies.
2. Martial Bands.
3. Pupils of all schools with teachers.
4. Ladies of G. A. R.
5. Ladies of the Maccabees.
6. Knights of the Maccabees.
7. Court Elkland I. O. F.
8. Independent Order of Oddfellows.
9. Masonic Order.
10. Five Hundred Ancient Order of Gleaners and Ladies.
11. Milo Warner Post No. 232, G. A. R., and Sons of Veterans.
12. Orators of the Day, Common Council, Board of Education and Business Men in carriages.
13. Citizens on foot.
14. Citizens in carriages.

It is earnestly hoped that all children of all Public Schools will form in line with the procession as they will be counted and their number sent to the Department of Michigan.

All citizens are respectfully asked to participate on this occasion. Let this day be cherished by all patriotic citizens as a National Day, set aside in honor of the noble dead, who gave their lives that we might have the grandest country on earth.

At cemetery gate the children of all schools and Ladies of the G. A. R. will open order and allow the Ladies of the Maccabees, Knights of the Maccabees, Court Elkland, I. O. F., Masonic Order, A. O. O. G., Milo Warner Post and Sons of Veterans to pass through. The Ladies of the G. A. R. will close column and follow Milo Warner Post and children will close column and follow the Ladies of the G. A. R.

On arriving at cemetery each society will repair to its accustomed place. After the decoration of the graves a hollow square will be formed by Milo Warner Post around the Unknown grave monument. The Ladies of the G. A. R. and Sons of Veterans will attend to the unveiling of the monument. The Ladies of the G. A. R., Milo Warner Post and Sons of Veterans will then form around the Mary Dewitt monument and the Ladies' Ritual Service will be read, after which the procession will reform and return to Hall.

### SMALL POX "NIT."

The report which has gone out that small pox is prevalent near Colwood is not fully substantiated. Both Drs. Morris of our city and Lowithan of Unionville pronounce it chicken-pox or what is sometimes called "cuban itch."

Small-pox is an acute infectious disease characterized by an initial fever of about three days duration, succeeded by an eruption passing through the stages of pimples, then a bladder filled with pus, ending in incrustation and leaving pits or scars. The cases at Colwood have not developed any symptoms of this kind. The disease simply consists in a rash and that is about the end of it. It leaves no pits or scars. Vaccination does not modify it. In fact, it does not look, act or smell like small pox. The people have not been sick enough to make a doctor's bill.

No effort has been made to restrict or confirm the thing. The so-called patients are at work and have not missed a meal since the "scare" has hovered over the community.