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FROM OUR ITEMIZERS.

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LOWELL NEWS.

At the semi-annual election of officers of the L. L. L., held Saturday evening E. J. Leggett was elected president, Claud Loudermilk secretary and F. M. Fulkerson trustee. -- W. E. Morgan and Will Cox returned from their hunting trip the first of the week. They report a delightful time, lots of deer (or dears), wild turkey, &c., but failed to bring many trophies home. -- Mr. Cavanaugh has moved to Vark. -- Mrs. Myers of Joplin is visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. McDonaid, and family. -- Mrs. Loudermilk and Mrs. Simmons were the guests of Mrs. Harris in Galena Saturday. -- H. L. Saunders and sister, Mrs. Grant, entertained a large party of young people in a delightful manner on New Year's eve. Only one thing interfered with the pleasure of the evening--it was Harry's farewell party to his young friends here. -- Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Smith gave a dinner to a few friends New Year's night. -- Wallace Bailey has purchased Dr. Saunders' residence property. -- Dr. Saunders and son Harry left Thursday for their future home at Alfred, Oklahoma. The doctor, during his residence among us, has won the esteem of all and no one will be more sadly missed than Harry, whether it be in the Y union, L. L. L., the S. S. or social circle. The good wishes of all Lowell people go with them.

BUSINESS MEN'S ORGANIZATION.

From the Advocate we learn that the merchants of that city have organized a local branch of the Merchants' Mercantile Agency of Chicago, Ill. The object of it is to protect its members from being imposed upon by a certain class of people who make a practice of getting credit wherever they can and leaving the merchant to balance his books as best he can in the "sweet subsequently" or at such other time as he may see fit.

The Advocate says: "All present signed the constitution and by-laws, pledging themselves to abide by the same for one year. A fine is provided for a violation of the clause in such constitution, which provides that no member of the Columbus, Kansas, branch of the Merchants' Mercantile Agency shall give credit to a person who does not, in some honorable manner, adjust his indebtedness with another subscriber to it. No person shall be referred to this or any other branch as owing a member of this agency until such person has been given a full and fair opportunity to go to the merchant he owes and in some way adjust his indebtedness. This system works no hardship on any person who is disposed to do right toward those who have extended credit to him. If he be unable to pay he has only to show his good faith; but that class of persons who do not care for their promises to pay; who go from one store to another, from one town to another, contracting a debt wherever they get a chance to open an account; who go it blind, never stopping to consider how they can pay; never trying to pay--it is to such persons that this system pays attention. It is no hardship to ask men to be honest in their deals with a merchant who trusts them. Every farmer, every mechanic, every person in the community in which we reside, who pays his honest debts, is interested in the success of a system which seeks to make those who can pay and won't pay, pay their honest debts, because it is those who pay cash or pay their debts promptly who furnish the money which enables the merchant to successfully conduct his business and carry on his books that class of people styled slow pay or "dead beats." Every dollar lost by the merchant by reason of bad debts is indirectly loaded onto the shoulders of those who do pay, and any system that forces payment by slow payers and "dead beats" or compels them to pay spot cash or secure for everything they purchase, unloads the percentage from off the shoulders of the honest-paying classes. The merchants have no law for their protection; they must be law unto themselves by organizing to protect each other. They owe it not only to themselves, but to their cash paying customers, to organize and drive to settlement or cash that class of persons which infest every community, who do nothing, live well and contribute nothing. This system is being adopted by all leading merchants. It deals honestly with both debtor and creditor, and should have the support, not only of merchants, but honest consumers. They do not wish it to be understood as being organized for the purpose of oppressing any person, but to the end that all men shall be compelled to honesty when their own honor falls to be a sufficient incentive."

We believe the agent who was instrumental in establishing the Columbus branch did not visit this city; but we believe it would be a good thing for the business men of Baxter Springs if a similar organization was effected here. From expressions made to us by some of our merchants we judge this would be a splendid field for such an organization.

DURNO'S CATARRH SNUFF.

When suffering with Catarrh, Cold in the Head, Nervous Headache, etc., use Durno's Snuff, it will relieve you at once. Price 25 cents at Druggists.

Nervous Derangement and Constipation.
After years of suffering from nervous derangement and constipation, and after being treated by several leading physicians from whom I obtained no relief, I was induced to try S. S. S.

Soon after commencing its use I found my appetite much improved and that the use of cathartics which I had taken almost daily for twelve months, was no longer necessary.

Since childhood I have been subject to sick and nervous headaches, but since December 1, 1898, at which time I commenced taking S. S. S. I have had only one attack and that was when I neglected to take the Specific.

I do not now have to take purgative medicines.
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Tormenting Skin Disease.

For twenty years I was troubled with a tormenting itching skin disease, which at times caused me great annoyance and loss of sleep. I was treated by the best local physicians, but received no relief from them. I finally concluded to take Swift's Specific (S. S. S.) a half dozen bottles of which effected what I consider a permanent cure, as I have felt no symptoms of the disease for over a year.

W. T. COWLES,
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Treatise on blood and skin diseases mailed free.

SWIFT SPECIFIC CO.,
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The Agricultural Situation.

Plenty of men talk and write about agriculture, and the word slips glibly off their tongues and pens. We hear a good deal about the distressed state of our agriculture and all sorts of doctors are offering their nostrums for the relief of the patient. Agriculture means farms and farmers. Three things are essential to make the business safe and profitable to a greater or less degree. First, an increasing, not a decreasing, fertility of the soil. Second, a man--the farmer--to till it, who understands the tillage well enough to grow an average good crop and still keep up the standard of fertility. Third, an understanding of business principles sufficient to know what to produce and how to produce it cheaply, enough to leave a margin of profit, and then, how to sell it. These three lines of knowledge are not widely diffused, yet in almost every farming community can be found men who possess a sufficient knowledge of these important bed-rock principles to be called fairly successful farmers. Times are not hard with such men. An average of ten years finds them with a good snug profit on their side of the ledger, and the original deposit in the bank--fertility--still unimpaired. We hear about farmers abandoning their farms in Vermont and New Hampshire. Yet right in those states are found bright, studious farmers, who know what they need to know, to farm from a New England standpoint and make a profit. No one ever saw a community of farmers lack prosperity where the fertility of the soil was maintained. No matter what price their products bring, such farmers are always on top, because they stubbornly refuse to bankrupt the soil. A few years ago hundreds of farmers in what is known as the sandy districts of Wisconsin, abandoned their farms and left the buildings and fences to rot down. What was the matter? Simply the fact that those men did not know enough to farm such lands. How do we know this? By the fact that other men who are better posted are buying up these lands; and by the use of better knowledge and judgment are using methods which will make it a profitable investment. No matter where we may farm, whether in Vermont or in Wisconsin, we cannot escape the logic of the three foregoing principles, chief among which is the maintenance of fertility. It follows then as "night follows day" that if we lack this necessary intelligence, we cannot escape punishment.--Hoard's Dairyman.

HUTCHINSON, KAN., May 13, 1889.
Dr. G. M. Keller:

DEAR SIR: I do not know whether you wish for testimonials in regard to the virtues of Mountain Sage as a means of preventing and curing fever or not. If you do I will sign anything you may care to write, for I know that it saved my life, and you cannot draw it too strong. I believe it to be one of the best medicines on the market today. Yours very truly,

D. A. MOORE.
For sale at Craig's Drug Store.

The most disastrous "trust" that ever environed a farmer is "to trust to luck" to grow a crop from poor seed and half cultivated and impoverished land, while he talks politics and bewails the grasping cupidity of the rich, and concludes that all the folks not inside of some "trust ring" of thieves are to be incontinently "chawed up" and that the monopolists are soon to own "the earth."--Hoard's Dairyman.

When the blood is impure, thick and sluggish, or thin and impoverished there can be no health. With these conditions all the functions of the body are impaired and the result is a variety of dangerous complications. The best remedy is Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

Remember the News office for fine job work.

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H. R. CROWELL, Vice President;

IRA C. PERKINS, Cashier;
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