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Jobbing Department: Our facilities for doing all kinds of job work, in the various styles of the art, are not surpassed in this section.

Local Matters: Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad. Commencing Nov. 19th, 1873, trains pass Ottawa as follows:

GOING EAST.	GOING WEST.
Night Express..... 11:30 P.M.	Night Express..... 1:25 A.M.
Accommodation..... 5:50 A.M.	"Day Mail..... 2:15 P.M.
"Day Mail..... 12:30 P.M.	Accommodation..... 8:45 P.M.
"The Day Mail..... 7:00 P.M.	"The Day Mail..... 11:30 P.M.
Each third Sunday thereafter.	Each third Sunday thereafter.

Ottawa Post Office. CLOSING AND ARRIVAL OF MAILS:

Eastern mail.....	Chicago mail.....
10:30 P.M.	11:30 P.M.
Western mail.....	Southern mail.....
11:30 P.M.	11:30 P.M.
Northern mail.....	Farm Ridge, Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday.....
11:30 P.M.	11:30 P.M.
Paris Centre, Wednesday and Saturday.....	2:00 P.M.
12:00 P.M.	Night mail.....
12:00 P.M.	Office opens at 7:30 A.M. and closes at 7 P.M.
Nov. 1873.	J. R. CAMERON, P. M.

## FURS!



Gay's Patent Excelsior Muff. SCOTT, HOUTZ & CO.

They are the Agents for "GAY'S PATENT MUFF." It is made of the finest quality of fur, and the lining will wear twice the length of time of the ordinary muff.

They have now the finest assortment of Mink Furs they ever offered. Mink Sets, Muff and Collar, from \$25 to \$50.

They buy their Furs direct from the manufacturers, and can save every customer a handsome profit.

Episcopal Church.—The second lecture of the Rector, Rev. Dr. Steele, on the "Origin of Matter," will be delivered on Sunday evening.

The church will be handsomely decorated with evergreens on Christmas, and the choir is making extra efforts to provide good music.

The Sunday School festival will be held at Turner Hall on the next Tuesday evening after Christmas, being the evening of the 30th.

A church sociable for the benefit of the Sunday School of the Episcopal Church will take place at the residence of Wm. S. Easton, Esq., on Friday evening next, Dec. 26th. All are cordially invited.

The Public Schools.—The fall term of the public schools closed on Monday. The winter term will commence on Monday, Jan. 5th.

H. J. Gillen. This wide-awake merchant is up and doing for the holiday trade.

He offers a grand special sale during the balance of the month, during which time he will dispose of his mammoth stock of goods at a greater sacrifice than was ever before known in Ottawa. The entire splendid assortment of goods at this large store will be thrown upon the market at panic prices, and no amount!

He has an immense stock of notions, all especially designed for holiday presents, among which are all the novelties of the season. He offers special bargains in table linen.

New arrivals of domestics are coming every day. Among the leading articles which he is selling at panic prices we note black gros grain silks, Japanese silks, brocade silks, Irish poplins, Lyons poplins, cashmeres, French merinos, empress cloths, ottoman cloths, Scotch plaids, black alpaca, colored alpaca, paisley, broche and ottoman shawls, flannels and blankets without end, besides domestics, &c., and a fine assortment of velvet and velveteens.

Come and see the stock and learn the prices. Theatre Comique. Mitchell's famous combination of Variety Stars, from his Theatre Comique, (late De Bar's Opera House, St. Louis) will give entertainments at the Opera House in this city on Friday and Saturday evenings next, with a matinee on Saturday afternoon. This is no traveling troupe, but a company that has crowded the Theatre Comique in St. Louis with critical audiences for months in succession. The members of the company are artists who have a world-wide reputation to sustain, and therefore solicit the judgment of the most critical among the citizens of Ottawa.

wa. In their number the beautiful Mlle. Italie, from the Grand Opera of Paris; the O'Donohue, Irish vocalist; Miss Polly Daly, the attractive vocal-comic singer; Clarissa Morrell, the beautiful danseuse and vocalist; the Leon Brothers, great musical celebrities, &c., &c. Friday and Saturday evenings, Dec. 26th and 27th, and Saturday afternoon.

Singer Sewing Machines.—A large lot of Singer sewing machines, brand new, just received from the factory, and of all styles, from the plainest to the most elaborately finished—the best that have ever been brought to Ottawa, at the Academy of Music. Mrs. C. Phares, Agent.

Use Wood's four—the best in the city. Don't pay too much for pianos and organs; prices have been reduced one-third. Call at Ford's, 111 Main street, and see the Grand Square Pianos, Estey Organs, Parlor Grand Organs, Pelton Organs, &c.

I am again in charge of the City Mills, and ask all my old customers and friends to give me a call. Farmers' gristing will receive the same attention by me as heretofore. J. SAMPSON.

FURS, FURS!—Don't you fail to call at No. 17 La Salle street for furs for the holidays. They have a heavy stock—a full assortment of all grades, and at marvelously low prices. Call and see for yourself.

Christmas cakes of all kinds at J. L. Piegue's. CHOICE MEATS.—Sam Dreffuss has long been preparing to supply his patrons, at the post office meat market, with splendid meat of all varieties during the holidays. He has the finest lot of fine fat cattle, hogs, sheep, &c., in La Salle county, among which may be four heifers, weighing an average of 1600 pounds each. He will also have venison and fresh fish. If you want a choice roast, steak or anything else, call at Sam's, and you will find just what you want.

Go to D. Leahy's for your winter boots and shoes. He has a full stock of everything in the line, and all cheap for cash. SELECTION MEATS.—Jacob Reiss invites the public to call and see his stock of fine meats for the holidays. He has choice beef, pork, mutton, venison, and every sort of dried meats. When you want anything in his line, don't fail to call at the Fox River meat market.

AVIATION, or the Game of Birds. A valuable addition to the home circle. For sale by Osman & Hapeman. The soldiers, artificers and teamsters of the war in Mexico will meet in mass convention at Morris, Grundy county, Illinois, on Dec. 25th, at the Court House, at 2 o'clock P.M., to take such measures as may be thought proper to place us on the same basis for pensions as the soldiers of 1812.

By request of Mexican Soldiers. O'Neil says he can "clean out" Mr. XXX oyster dealer on fat, nice oysters. You better believe. Come and see me. Exchange.

NOTICE.—There will be a meeting of the Executive Committee of the La Salle County Agricultural Board at the Court House on Saturday, Dec. 27th, 1873, at one o'clock P.M. sharp. Business of great importance will be brought before the Board. By order of the President. W. J. NEELY, Pres. H. L. MEARS, Sec'y.

TURNER BALL.—The Turners of Ottawa give notice of a grand ball to take place at their Hall on the evening of the 25th inst. (Christmas), to which a general invitation is extended. The admission for gentlemen and ladies will be \$1.00, supper extra.

Go to Piegue's for beautiful fancy cakes for Christmas. 900 grandfathers wanted to get large photographs taken at Bowman's gallery to present to their offspring.

Call at Ford's for pianos and organs. Buyers wishing large quantities of flour would do well to call on me before buying. Wood, Eagle Mills. The best oysters in town at O'Neil's, and no XXX either. Exchange. Three of the most popular games ever offered to the public: Avilude, 7cc; Snap, 50c; Tolcan 30c. For sale by Osman & Hapeman.

Do You Want "Pluck"? If you do, leave your orders at Bowman's gallery. Only a few more left. Low prices and good goods is Wood's motto.

Mr. R. B. Cutler, of Ottawa, has just obtained an agency from those veteran publishers of first-class subscription books—Valley Publishing Co. The agency is for their great illustrated book, Ocean's Story, or the Triumphs of Thirty Centuries, by the celebrated author, T. B. Goodrich, (son of the world renowned historian, Peter Parley.) This treats of ship-building, navigation upon the high seas, and is replete with incidents, accidents, shipwrecks, thrilling adventures, &c., also man's wonderful achievements beneath the sea—diving for pearls, corals, wrecks of ships, and other items of interest too numerous to mention. This is a very valuable and entertaining work, and sold at quite a reasonable price.

THIEVES AROUND.—Bailey's billiard hall and Albrecht's liquid hall were burglarized recently. At the former place two sets of balls and several hundred cigars were taken, and at the latter a suit of clothes, belonging to Joe's gentlemanly assistant dispenser of fluid exhilaration.

DIER.—Mary Ellis, or "Madame Rex," as she was pleased to style herself, an inmate of the county poor house for the past 30 years, died there on Thursday, the 13th, aged probably 100 years. She had been all the time of her residence here a harmless lunatic, and her nativity and relatives were unknown.

MARSHAL SILVER.—Our townsman, Herman Silver, has been rewarded for his herculean labors in behalf of the radical party with an office. He has been appointed U. S. Marshal of Dakota Territory. We wish him luck. What more could he ask of us?

A book is the best holiday present one can think of for one's wife, sister or sweetheart. You will find the best at Osman & Hapeman's bookstore.

Pete Egan is having a wind-mill erected over his livery stable. Whether it is to supply his horses with wind or water we are not posted. At any rate, it towers there like a church-sleepie.

DIER.—Thomas Vise, brother of Mrs. Joseph Rhodes, died at her residence on yesterday morning at 2 o'clock of consumption. His age was 34 years. Funeral to-morrow at 2 P.M. from the residence of Mrs. Rhodes.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—There is a big rush at Child Bro. & Phipps', in consequence that the big stock of this house has lately been marked down to cost figures. You can now get bargains here such as you have never heard of before. First come first served.

The Starch Company have entered the market and are now buying corn. This will ensure a steady market, a sure sale and the highest cash price for corn.

MASONIC.—There will be a special communication of Occidental Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M., at their hall, on Monday evening, December 23d, 1873, at 7 o'clock, for the purpose of electing a W. M. for said lodge. All members are requested to be present. By order of W. M. E. L. HENRIK, Sec'y.

ANNUAL MEETING.—Notice is hereby given that the Friendly Aid Society of Rutland and Madras will have their annual meeting on Tuesday, January 6th, at 2 P.M., at Loring school house, to elect officers for the coming year and transact such other business as may come before the meeting. J. B. SHAWVER, Pres. E. P. BOSWORTH, Sec'y.

If you want a warm wool lined boot, good and cheap for cash, buy them at J. Megallin's. Get your arctic overshoes at the cheap cash store of J. Megallin.

FOURTEEN PRESIDENTS.—Nothing will make a more appropriate present than one of the Great National Photographic Pictures of all the Presidents of the U. S. for one hundred years. Only a few more left. For sale at Bowman's gallery.

Millinery Headquarters. Great bargains in trimmings and bonnets for the holidays at Mrs. HARRIS', 137 Main St.

TOWN COLLECTOR'S TAX RECEIPTS.—Town collectors can find all sizes of tax receipts, printed on good paper, at Osman & Hapeman's. Go to Phillips Bros' for Christmas groceries. Celery, oysters, fresh fish, game, &c., at Phillips Bros'.

Blank books and office stationery for the new year. Now is the time to make your orders. Osman & Hapeman, booksellers and stationers, west of the Court House, Ottawa, Ills.

Farmers who have live fat poultry to sell will find it to their interest to call on SMITH & LEWIS, who have just opened a poultry shop under Alshuler's clothing store, corner of Main and La Salle streets. They buy both to ship East and to retail at home.

"Dick," of Scraper, ought to be old enough to know that to get a communication in the paper it is indispensably necessary that the publisher should be entrusted with the name of the writer. DEBATING SOCIETY.—Debating clubs, under one guise or another, have made more political and statesmen than any other instrumentality known in this country. We are requested to state that a very flourishing institution of this sort, called the "Farmers' Debating Society," is now in operation four miles north of Marseilles, and all the ineffectual orators and statesmen in that region are invited to become members.

IMPORTANT DECISIONS.—Among the various new laws enacted and decisions rendered, there are none to prevent a husband or wife from getting porcelain pictures or photographs from retouched negatives at Bowman's Gallery, (especially when they are desired for relatives of either of the parties.) Please call and examine our goods and prices. We aim to make them satisfactory. Osman & Hapeman, booksellers and stationers, west of the Court House, Ottawa, Ills.

Choose maple syrup, silver drips and N. D. molasses at Phillips Bros'. Wood's is the place to get girls' goods.

Heenan & Co. This ever popular and first-class house still continues to lead in the dress goods and dry goods line.

They are now offering special inducements in all classes of dress goods, of which they have a magnificent variety, comprising all that is new, pretty and good, as well as stylish. They have innumerable choice articles at very low prices for the holidays. They have some most beautiful articles in the line of dress goods, which are not approached. They have a full line of prints and a large assortment of mixed and brown shirtings, which will sell at greatly reduced prices. They have a fine supply of shawls, blankets, skirts, &c., at extremely low prices. Their stock of boots and shoes is complete. They can't be beaten on groceries. They deliver goods promptly to all parts of the city.

ALL ABOARD FOR STIEFEL & Co.—Dear readers, with a greeting appropriate to the season wishing you a merry Christmas and a very happy New Year, and ask you to call and examine the nice things at the square dealing clothing house suitable for Christmas gifts for man, woman or child. Gifts combining utility with beauty, among which are Ladies' and gents' leather satchels; Silk serge and alpaca umbrellas; Home made wool scarfs; Fine kid and cloth gloves; Fancy suits for children of all ages; Merino scarfs, silk scarfs and neck wear; Boys over-coats with capes attached; Sleeve buttons and shirt studs; Our elegant fitting white shirts \$15 per half dozen.

All the above goods marked down to panic prices at the square dealing clothing house on the white corner. M. STIEFEL & Co.

The Chicago Times states that W. M. Taylor, late clerk of the Supreme Court at Ottawa, and now connected with the Chicago Evening Mail has purchased the Chicago Evening Post, and that the Post and Mail are to be merged into one paper. We have seen nothing on the subject in either the Mail or Post, though the statement may be true nevertheless.

CHRISTMAS DOINGS.—There will be some extra doings at Geo. Routell's on Christmas. Besides a grand free lunch, George sets out one every day, for that matter, there will be a grand turkey raffle and a famous batch of Tom and Jerry—enough for every one who may come all day and evening. George keeps the best cigars and liquors in town, besides White's famous stock ale and porter always fresh and good.

For Christmas and New Year, at H. Walther's Santa Claus Store: 5,000 pounds Sweet Candy, 200 Nice cheap Dolls, 1,000 Cans Best Oysters, 50 Boys' Sleds, 100 Toy Wagons and Cans, 500 Toy Books.

REPAIRS SEWING MACHINES.—Mr. Lovett, at the Shirt Manufactory, on Main street, is a thoroughly skilled repairer and adjuster of the Wheeler & Wilson sewing machine. He has had a long practical experience in these machines, and is a tip-top operator with them. He can make 'em go, if there is any go to 'em. His shirt factory is doing a lively business. He guarantees a perfect fit to every customer.

If you will chew tobacco, use the "Fountain," at Smith & Rising's—the best in the market. A New Firm.—Mr. Geo. Dralle, who for a long time has been running a grocery store at the head of La Salle st., has taken a partner, Mr. John Hartman. This store is filled with choice groceries and plenty of provisions of all kinds, and the prices are such as no one can find fault with, and no one living in the vicinity of that store need go down town for good groceries. They keep a delivery wagon, and all goods brought at this store by people living in town will be promptly delivered.

Hank Parr has lost a fox hound—a black and tan—crop or notch out of right ear—of the dog, of course. Return to Scraper—heavy reward, &c.

Where to go. During this holiday season you will find a magnificent stock of watches and chains for ladies and gentlemen—the prettiest and best yet invented; also an abundance of choice jewelry of the latest styles and lowest prices; and everything in our line all complete and perfect, and every article warranted to be as represented, at our new store, corner of Main and Columbus Sts. J. DICKIN & SONS.

The prettiest fancy card cases in town, for Christmas presents, at Osman & Hapeman's. 1,000 cans of the best French Oysters for Christmas and New Year's, at H. Walther's.

Haines' New Township Organization, revised and adapted to the new constitution of 1870, and containing the laws down to 1873, for sale at Osman & Hapeman's. For a box of pure French cream candies for Christmas, call at H. Walther's.

Try the Ionic Mills Flour. The Fountain Tobacco—the best chewing—can be had at Smith, Rising & Co's.

Christmas and New Year's are coming. E. Y. Griggs is prepared for them. Go to his store and examine his nice stock of goods for gifts and presents.

Go to H. Walther's for your Christmas tree candies, toys and fruit. Leave your measures at Bowman's Gallery for porcelain pictures and photographs from retouched negatives.

Get everything in the millinery line at the Eagle Mills, if you want the best. A choice lot of apples at Phillips Bros'. Church festivals and Sunday Schools furnished with Christmas toys and candies at the box of price, at H. Walther's Santa Claus Store.

Try the Ionic Mills Flour.

## W. H. HULL.

My customers will please remember that I am on hand this week with a big lot of New Goods; and they will find that my assortment is larger, my goods are handsomer and my prices are lower than any Dry Goods Store in the city. I not only intend to sell at these prices for two weeks, but for Two Years, unless goods advance or decline. Call and see if what I say is not so.

W. H. HULL. 25 La Salle Street. HOLIDAY GOODS

The Finest and Cheapest, as well as the largest assortment, of Holiday Presents in the city, such as Cut and Bohemian Glass Toilet Sets, Bisque and Lava Smoking Sets, Alabaster and Parian Vases, Parian Busts, Work Boxes in Rosewood and Mahogany, Cigar Cases, Dressing Cases, Writing Desks, Ladies' and Gents' Fine Pocket Books, Fine Perfumery & Toilet Articles, AT H. G. COTTON'S DRUG STORE, south of the Court House, Ottawa, Illinois.

December 20th-4th

APPROPRIATE For Holiday Gifts at OSMAN & HAPEMAN'S, west of the Court House Square: Fine Bound Books, Histories, Biographies, Travels, Juvenile Books, Bibles and Prayer Books, Photograph Albums, Writing Desks, Work Boxes, Glove boxes, Jewel Cases, Handkerchief boxes, Card Cases, Gold Pens, Dominoes, Chess, Cribbage boards and Backgammon boards, &c.—Quality the best! Prices the lowest! Please call and examine our goods and prices.

OSMAN & HAPEMAN. 18 La Salle Street.

His brow was sad; his eyes beneath looked anxiously along Main street, for he wanted a hat. Time had dealt hard with the ancient tile he wore; two funerals, a general election, two races and a velocipede ride had carved in his once nobby head gear, and he was sad. But his eagle for call it ostrich eye caught sight of Stiefel & Co's sign. He had struck his Eldorado, and now appeared clothed in smiles and a new suit of clothes, but most of all, wearing a conscious air of innate dignity, and one of those it is worth, tip-top, neat and nobby hats. He was happy, and so will all be who buy their clothing and hats and umbrellas at the square dealing Clothing House on the white corner.

"Daughter," said a fond mother whom your speculation had made aristocratic, "has Mr. Brown proposed to you?" "Yes, ma," replied the daughter, "he proposes to go further with to the square dealing clothing house and purchase one of those fine black dress suits, then we shall go and get married!"

Friends, one and all, let me tell you something that's really worth knowing. It's not about the Virginias, I pledge you. For Uncle Sam can do his own blowing. Try of a firm renowned the world over. As the clothes, the greatest of all. On the White Corner you will find these. Stiefel & Co. the clothes, so give them a call.

Try the best flour in this city, delivered on short notice to any part of the city from the Ionic Mills.

The best incentive to the systematic study of natural history possible, and the most entertaining game ever offered to the public, is Avilude, or the Game of Birds. Price, 75c. For sale by Osman & Hapeman.

Repeating and non-repeating. It is genuine and a necessity in Ottawa. Try it once!

## THE TEA HONG!

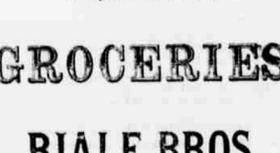


TEAS! SPICES, CANNED GOODS, Imported Sauces.

Mustards, Pickles, Jams, Jellies, &c. Domestic and Imported Crackers.

Staple and Fancy GROCERIES.

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Send three cent postage stamp for catalogue of Stereoscopic Views and Hints to Patrons, just published. W. E. BOWMAN.

SCHOOL BOOKS! Of all kinds used in city and country, at Osman & Hapeman's, West of Court House.

37 Premiums since 1827. Oldest House in the Black Lead Trade. Plumbing specially prepared for all uses. Three Medals at Vienna.

DIXON'S American Graphite Pencils. Five grades of these fine Pencils now ready. Smooth, Black, Strong and Pleasant. For samples by mail, without charge, send your address to THE DIXON CO., Jersey City, N. J. 235, 237, 239, 241 and 243 Railroad Avenue, 240, 242, 250, 252, 256 & 258 Wayne St.

FOR SALE AT OSMAN & HAPEMAN'S, West of Court House, OTTAWA, ILLINOIS. November 20th, 1873-1874.

DIARIES FOR 1874 AT Osman & Hapeman's.