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We brag of our wares, and do all we can to sell every lady, miss, child and man. It's the way of the world, and so in the way of the world we cheerfully go.

Our goods are the best and the cheapest, we tell; None can for the buyer do nearly so well. Try this dodge and that, for they are the strings that lead the good people to buy our cheap things.

The numberless dodges we traders throw out give the good people much running about, they being uncertain as to the best, for difference in quality at last must be guessed.

This much we admit, and in looking around, its truthfulness, in every case, will be found. Where there's competition, no use denying, because will be had to some innocent lying.

Each doctor makes claim that he is the best; The lawyers the same way, the same way the rest. It's the way of the world, and so in the way of the world we cheerfully go.

But, after all, and we say it right here, We speak it out loud, not in somebody's ear: Our goods are the cheapest, and by far the best. And, more, those who buy them are sure to be pleased.

AT LYNCH'S.

NEW SPRING STOCK

NOW ARRIVING

AT H. J. GILLEN'S.

Special Attractions

IN Table Linens, Towelings, and all Linen Goods, ALSO Prints and Other Spring Dress Goods.

NEW CARPETS

Now Arriving Daily, which are of the choicest fabrics and designs. Don't fail to see them, for the styles this season are extra choice and attractive.

PRICES LOW

And Satisfaction Guaranteed.

H. J. GILLEN.

LIVERY AND FEED STABLE AND HACK LINE.

150. TELEPHONS. 150.

PETER EGAN

Would respectfully announce to the citizens of Ottawa and vicinity that he has one of the choicest Livery Stables in the city, at the City Stables, such as

The Latest Styles of Hacks, Carriages and Buggies.

To let at prices to suit the times. Parties, Weddings, Funerals, Picnics, etc., supplied with Good Hacks on short notice. Funerals in the country or adjoining towns promptly attended to. Persons taken to or from the depot, or to the country, night or day.

Remember the place—On Madison street, east of depot, one block west of new court house. OTTAWA, Feb. 2 1887. PETER EGAN.

Obituary.

Miss Hattie Townsend, formerly living with her parents, west of Ottawa, died at her new home in Wilton, Iowa, on Wednesday.

On Saturday last, Mr. and Mrs. John Bursler, were so unfortunate as to lose their little boy Emil by death—a remarkably precocious little fellow, the favorite of everyone.

On Sunday morning the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Putterer, six weeks old, died of pneumonia. He was buried Monday.

Mrs. Wm. Godeman, of West Ottawa, who was taken to Chicago last week to undergo a surgical operation, died on Sunday, being unable to rally from its effects. She was buried here Wednesday, under the auspices of the Turn Sisters and other societies of which she was a member.

SPLENDID SPRING STOCK.

Gillen's New Goods.

New goods are arriving daily here from New York, and every dray, express wagon and vehicle used for transporting merchandise from the depots comes to Gillen's store full of spring goods. He has selected a mammoth stock, and it has been hourly arriving, during business time of each day, every day for the past week. This is undoubtedly the most complete of all former stocks bought by him. While Mr. Gillen has always shown himself a careful and judicious buyer, he has also demonstrated much boldness in entering the market at seemingly unpropitious times, when other buyers stood aloof, but which proved to be just the very time for him to strike a larger purchase. At no time for many years has a more favorable opportunity offered itself than during the past thirty days, and Mr. Gillen took advantage of it to secure the greatest bargains of the eastern markets of this season. Having bought largely and favorably, he is determined to offer these goods to his large and constantly widening circle of patrons at special rates, such as will be wonderful inducements for cash for the next thirty days. It is not the aim of this house to meet low prices, but to make his figures lower on all classes of goods during the time mentioned. The new spring goods embrace heavy lines of embroideries and laces, dress goods of all kinds and descriptions, carpets, oil cloths, lambrequins, lace curtains, hosiery, gloves, domestics, spring wraps, shawls and ladies' over-garments. This is an opportunity glorious for all lovers of low prices. Come early and secure the greatest bargains in strictly standard goods.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

The largest and most complete stock of boots and shoes for gentlemen, ladies, misses and children and boys of any ages. These goods are direct from the manufacturers and were made on special orders given by Mr. Gillen for his trade, and he is thereby enabled to warrant every pair of these goods, both as to stock and workmanship.

New prices on everything, which always means low prices.

To Farmers.

We have a good supply of harness and lubricating oil of the best quality.

E. Y. GRIGGS.

A Big Boom

Is going on at Alschuler's clothing house, west of court house. New goods, new styles, new prices (the lowest) and the largest variety to select from is found there. One of the most difficult things to do is to please the public taste. In this respect Alschuler takes the lead. A ramble through his store reveals crowded shelves and loaded counters, containing all the leading suits for men, boys and children, such as Prince Albert's sacks, frocks, cutaways and children's waists and knee pants.

For Sale.

Fred Ehrmann desires to sell his cigar factory and retail stand in Seneca. Any one wishing to purchase should call and see him.

F. EHRMANN.

Hapeman & Graham have a superior lot of wall papers this spring, and have a skillful paper hanger who promptly responds to all calls.

Amusements.

The Opera House management have secured for all of next week the Ideal Comedy Company, supporting Miss Kitty Arden in a repertoire of comedies, at prices within the reach of all—15 and 25 cents.

On Monday evening will be presented the laughable comedy of "Bubbles," in which will be introduced all the latest operatic selections and original specialties.

The company will remain all week, giving a change of play each night and a matinee on Saturday.

Seats are now on sale at Simon's music store for only 25 cents each.

C. M. Forbes has a wonderful assortment of wall papers, ceiling papers, hall papers, stair papers, fancy papers, common papers, papers for the poor and the rich and every thing new at prices to correspond with the quality, and no trouble to show goods.

"Go It!"—"Go it while you are young," is the subject for a lecture next Sunday evening at the Methodist church, by Rev. J. D. Young. He will probably "heave in" a few observations respecting those who "go it" while they are old.

BOOK.—South Ottawa is having a big boom. Numerous lots have been changing hands at about five times the prices they were held at a year ago, and new improvements are appearing everywhere.

SEED POTATOES.—McMullen is first in the field with seed potatoes this spring. Among the superior varieties he has Early Rose, Early Ohio, Beauty of Hebron, all Michigan stock and good.

ST.—Saint Patrick's day was observed by many of our citizens as in the morning by religious services at St. Columba and the German Catholic churches. The Irish American Club gave a ball at Willis' hall in the evening which was participated in by 125 couples and a good time resulted.

ILL.—Mr. Norton, of the investigating committee, was called home suddenly on Thursday on account of the illness of his wife.

44,120 Square Feet.

It is almost impossible to describe in detail or convey an idea that will create an impression on the minds of our readers of the immensity of W. H. Hull & Co.'s dry goods establishment and the magnitude of their business. The popularity of the members of this firm, especially of the senior member, who has been a business man in our community for years, is unquestionably a feature in the hearts of the trading public. Associated with Mr. Hull are Chas. A. Caton and H. M. Kilby, both young, energetic and popular. The thought instantly entered our mind when we "penciled" our way into the establishment yesterday, where the scene was one of bustling activity, "what a big institution! how is it they are always busy; and how comes it they are able to run seven immense departments?" Such ideas were easily explained by a tour of this great house.

On the ground floor there are three stores, with two entrances on La Salle and one on Madison street, all connected by arches. The double stores with the La Salle street entrances are, of course, the heavy end of the concern, and is crammed with the finest line of dress goods, domestics, etc., that any one would want to see. The Madison street entrance store is called the cloak room. It is the only ground floor cloak department in the city, and must necessarily contain the largest and most complete stock.

Above the main stores, reached by a broad stairway, is W. H. Hull & Co.'s carpet hall, and when we mention carpets we touch on a familiar theme. With this firm carpets are like the big man—that is, they are head and shoulders above anybody else. We noticed some body Brussels that were marked \$1 per yard! Ingrains that ran from 50c up.

From the carpet hall you pass to a handsomely fitted reception parlor, which is over the cloak room, and from there to the dress-making department, under the charge of Miss Mathias.

It will well pay our readers to call at W. H. Hull & Co. and see for themselves. They will be courteously treated and showed over 44,120 square feet of floor, comprising seven departments, and the largest dry goods house in the county.—*Republican*.

We can only add to the foregoing that every department of this extensive establishment is gay with new goods, and that Mr. Hull has never before been so amply provided with room and all desirable accommodations for serving the public, and his spring stock will make his dry goods house a center of attraction.

A Surprise Party.

Wm. Hinkley, of Prairie Center, was born Sept. 28th, 1799; and after he came to an age to shift for himself, began life's work as a brick maker and for 21 years worked for one employer in that business at Watertown, N. Y., March 12, 1833, he was married to his present wife, a Miss Cox, who was born March 9, 1808. After his service as a brickmaker he came to Illinois, locating at Aurora, where for four years he was employed in the old Black Hawk flouring mill, and in 1850 he and his wife settled on the prairie. After a long and busy life as a farmer, he sold his farm, buying a home in the village, where he has lived ever since. Five children were the issue of this marriage which took place 54 years ago; but of this goodly family not one remains. Two died in infancy, two died of consumption; and one died for his country, having been killed at Kennesaw mountain on that famous march of Sherman to Atlanta. And so this kindly old couple have no relatives living. A Mrs. Tarble, of Aurora, was a sister of Mrs. Hinkley, but she is dead, another sister lives, but far away in the east.

The 50th anniversary of this marriage passed uncelebrated, and the 51st, and the 52d and also the 53d; but when the 54th came, the good neighbors—who had known Mr. and Mrs. Hinkley all their lives, who had grown up around them, many of whom knew them as kindly old folks when yet they were in childhood,—when the 54th anniversary came, they would stand it no longer; and so, having made their preparations, in Prairie Center fashion, the old people were invited out to dine at a friend's; but just as they prepared to start, the neighbors began to drop in on them last Saturday afternoon. Soon the house was filled; then the secret was let out.

There were 60 guests present. Of these only E. Weaver and wife, Dwight Lawrence and his mother, L. Weaver, Jos. Palmer and wife and Mrs. Eph. Weaver, sister of B. J. Butters, of this city, were living on the prairie when Mr. and Mrs. Hinkley settled there. All the others had come or had been born there later. It was a goodly company. The good things for the "stomach's sake" were there in abundance; and love and respect for their aged hosts was not the least delicious of sauces for the meats; and a delightful day was enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Hinkley are very well preserved for their age. They have long their own housekeeping unassisted; though at this time a lady of the neighborhood has just made her home with them; and to all appearances have still a goodly lease of life before them. Such is the hope of their neighbors, not one of whom but holds them in the brightest esteem and respect and affection.

Any one wanting pictures framed will find moldings in abundance and clear glass at Hapeman & Graham's.

CASE.—It's getting pretty "way down" when thefts are committed in the Congregational church. Some one stole Mr. Wm. Thomas' cane out of the basement of that religious edifice the other evening, but it is not charged upon any of the congregation. Some sneak thief "got there."

CHURCH.—The Lord's Supper will be celebrated with appropriate services at the Presbyterian church to-morrow morning.

Stock of clothing for spring trade is unsurpassed by anything in this line in the State. Our goods are well made, perfect fitting, and the qualities are always as represented. One price to all, and that the lowest. Give us a call and be convinced that we can save you money.

FISKE & BEEM.

We have all the new shades in stiff hats, including Dunlap, Youmans, Miller, Knox, and many others equally desirable in all qualities.

FISKE & BEEM.

Remember, we are sole agents for Ottawa for the celebrated R. & T. St. Louis hats. Spring styles received yesterday. Every hat warranted to give perfect satisfaction in wear and color.

FISKE & BEEM.

Soft hats, all shapes, colors, qualities and styles. Our prices are always the lowest.

FISKE & BEEM.

The finest line of neck wear ever shown in La Salle county opened up for inspection this morning at

FISKE & BEEM'S.

Trunks and valises, largest stock, best makes, lowest prices.

FISKE & BEEM.

A Boom

At J. E. Porter's. If you don't believe it call and see his big stock of farm implements. Seeders, corn planters, and the famous 90 tooth harrow that beats them all.

Business Men's Association.

The Business Men's Association met at the court house on Friday evening last and adopted a constitution and by-laws as reported by the committee, with slight amendments. The admission fee of members was fixed at \$2, and yearly dues at \$3, the latter payable quarterly. Some debate was caused on a rule tending to make the organization private. Adjourned, to meet this evening to elect officers.

Dr. Olmsted.

Dr. A. T. Olmsted, having completed his season's work as instructor at Cincinnati, has opened an office as dentist, in Union Block, La Salle street, near the *Republican* office.

The Doctor began his practice in this city in the spring of 1880, after a studentship of three years; and has been in constant practice, with eminent success, ever since, both in this city and in Peru, and returns to Ottawa ripe in knowledge and experience. He now holds the position of instructor in Operative Dentistry in one of the leading Dental Colleges in America.

Under the circumstances, his return to Ottawa is a matter of local congratulation, and his success here is assured.

In the Methodist church next Sabbath evening Rev. D. J. Holmes gives a lecture to young men, "Go it While you're Young." The young men of Ottawa who are "going it," and those who are not, are respectfully invited to hear the lecture. In the morning at 9 o'clock the second love feast will be held. At 10 1/2 Rev. N. H. Axtell, D.D., will preach: after which the sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered.

Trunks and valises must be sold in double quick order. I will sell them out cheap. I need more room for my constantly arriving spring clothing.

A. ALSCHULER.

WANTED.—A good button hole maker,

AT HULL'S.

Blooded Horses.

Mr. James Follet, of Deer Park, has recently purchased in DeKalb county a couple of fine thoroughbred imported Norman horses. They are three years old, dark iron gray; weight, one 1,675 lbs., the other 1,875 lbs. They are good in style and action, and may be seen at his barn.

The spring stock of wall papers at C. M. Forbes' includes every variety, and is elegant, as well as cheap.

See those new spring hats at French, the hatter's.

For new styles of wall papers, of all grades, call at C. M. Forbes'.

Wilson Bros' white and fancy shirts at Alschuler's.

DIED.—Mrs. Jeremiah Studebaker, of Farm Ridge, died on Tuesday last, and was buried on Thursday.

For anything in painting or papering, where you desire excellent material and superior workmanship, consult Hapeman & Graham.

OPTICAL.—Trask, the jeweller, has the most complete optician's outfit in Ottawa. He has a splendid optic meter, and an easy chair attachment, so that the customer can sit and rest comfortably while getting the proper measure of the eye and selecting spectacles. He has a very large assortment of glasses, for all eyes and any peculiarity of the eye.

Send sixteen cents in stamps to Paul Morton, G. P. & T. A., C. B. & Q. R. R., Chicago, Ill., and get a copy of the Pronouncing Dictionary, published by the Burlington route. It contains 320 pages, 32,000 words, and 670 engravings, and is the cheapest book issued.

SALE.—The executor of the Reiddick estate will sell at public auction, on Wednesday, March 30th, fourteen desirable building lots in this city. See notice elsewhere in this paper.

Quality and Quantity.

30 lbs. California Rice for - \$1.00.
Choice Pickles, - - - - 5c doz.
Cracked Pearl Wheat, - - 5c lb.
Alacinte Figs, 10c lb, or 3 lbs for 25.

More Bargains. Come and See.

W. C. RIALE & CO.

1794. 1810. 1887.

HARTFORD

FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

77th ANNUAL STATEMENT.

CASH CAPITAL, - - - -	\$1,250,000.00
Reserve for Re Ins. & all other liabilities, - - - -	2,015,959.71
Net Surplus, - - - - -	1,789,986.74
Total Assets, - - - - -	\$5,055,946.45

Losses Paid at Ottawa Agency, \$17,976.54.

Losses Paid at the Great Fire in Chicago, \$1,927,462.04.

Total Losses Paid Since Organization:

\$28,507,655.94.

GEO. W. RAVENS, Agt. - S. E. Cor. P. O. Block.

New Millinery Goods. J. E. Scott & Co.'s millinery department will show new spring millinery today.

The largest selection of carpets at J. E. Scott & Co's.

Carpets and Curtains.

The nicest Ingrained carpet, The nicest Brussels carpet, and The nicest shades,

At 50 cents you ever saw.

J. E. SCOTT & CO.

J. E. Scott & Co. were too busy to measure their store today, but they think when it is all completed it will measure about 250,000 feet. They not only have the largest store, but the largest stock, and do the largest business.

The shoe department of J. E. Scott & Co. is being filled up with a magnificent stock of new spring shoes.

MISSING.—Thos. Murray, an old citizen of the north side, mysteriously disappeared on Thursday evening, and up to last evening had not been heard from. The canal and feeder were dragged, but no returns. Those best acquainted with him think he will turn up all right today.

Mike's Invitation.

Mike Formbals has greatly improved the interior of his place on Court street, and made it as gay as a new pin. He has papered and painted it in fine style, and has supplied it with choice liquors, cider, &c., which he does up in neat packages for medicinal use.

Landreth's Seeds.

Will McMullen has handled Landreth's seeds for several years, and has yet to hear a complaint against them. In fact, his experience has proven to him that Landreth's seeds are the best. He sells them in bulk, and has a large supply on hand—fresh, and has a large supply on hand—fresh. We noticed his onion sets and pens. Of the latter he has several varieties. In fact, McMullen's is the place to get tip-top seeds of all kinds. Try them.

HEAR.—Last Thursday evening a young man named Nevin, living on north Columbus st., in this city, jumped from a train this side of Dayton, to avoid paying his fare, and was badly but not dangerously hurt.

There will be a song service on Sunday evening at the Congregational church.

\$5,000 to loan, on real estate security. Enquire at the office of Duncan, O'Connor & Gilbert.

Mr. John E. Bush, of Dimmick, Ill., and Miss Fannie E. Foute, of this city, were married at the residence of Mr. Frank G. King, on Wednesday, 5 o'clock, March 15th, by Rev. Warren F. Day.

On Thursday Rev. Warren F. Day preached the sermon at the funeral of John A. Coy, at Newark. The flags were at half mast, the places of business closed, and the community in general gathered in and around the church edifice in which the services were held. Mr. Coy was one of the last of the few men who were doing business in Newark a generation ago.

OPEN.—The raging canal will be open for navigation April 1st.

The mayor has appointed T. D. Catlin to succeed himself, and Judge Evans to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Dr. J. C. Hatheway, as trustees of the Reddick library.

The city council had a special meeting on Tuesday evening. The proposition to buy the Perkins property for \$15,000, and take the old city hall lot for \$5,000, for city use, was reconsidered and voted down, by a vote of seven to three.

Alschuler's run on the new Pomeroy suits is astonishing. These suits are now the "crave." They fit perfectly and button well up to the collar.

Neckwear in all qualities and colors, and elegant spring hats, at ALSCHULER'S.

C. M. Forbes invites all admirers of the beautiful in artistic designs of wall papers to call and see his spring stock. It is superb. Prices moderate.

C. M. Forbes takes a back seat for no dealer in wall papers in La Salle county. His spring stock embraces all the new styles of common papers, and up to the finest in the market anywhere, and at prices to correspond with the quality.

In order to be on the ground floor, for the convenience of her customers, Mrs. Sarah Gregg will remove her embroidery establishment, about the 1st of April, to the old Henry Walther residence, opposite the Clifton Hotel.

WANTED.—A good skirt-maker,

AT HULL'S.

Don't get a hat for spring wear till you see the new styles at French's.

For harness or lubricating oil, call at E. Y. Griggs' drug store.

Messrs. Degen Bros., of this city, say in the *Western Agriculturist*: "We have sold quite a good many imported stallions and mares lately; one imp. stallion to J. H. Conklin, Brooklin, Iowa; one to Crane & Hogan, Shenandoah, Ia.; also two full blood fillies; one imp. stallion to Glorfeld, of Lost Nation, Iowa; one imp. and two grade stallions to John A. Johnson, Grand Forks, Dak.; one French Coach stallion to Isaac Hodgson, Livingston county, Ill. Our stock wintered first class and are all looking well. No trouble to sell good horses. We also shipped out five carloads of grade draft horses, among them 32 Norman colts to A. J. Heineman, Mansfield, O., mostly dark iron grays, for good prices."

Hapeman & Graham's spring styles of paper are beautiful and not expensive. Call and see for yourself.

Nix.—The *Free Press* is informed that Morris is not in La Salle county, and that the Rock Island train robbers will be tried in Grundy county, in which ballwick Ottawa is not located. The local editor of the *Free Press* should get his facts down somewhat finer.

Bcs.—Remember the Business Men's Association meeting at the court house this (Saturday) evening, at 7:30. The election of officers will take place.

MONEY TO LOAN on farm property. Apply to C. Griggs, attorney at law.