

ROYAL BAKING POWDER
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ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

The semi-annual meeting of the M. B. A. was held in the council rooms in the city hall, Tuesday, February 28, at 2:30 p. m. Collection of dues and other business was taken up. After the regular order a very interesting program was given, consisting of recitations, songs, etc. A paper on Hull House (Chicago) was read by Mrs. John VanDeke. A quartet consisting of Medonas, Foster, King, Bolles and Flett entertained the meeting with vocal selections. A paper was read by Mrs. A. H. Reid on Charitable Work in Other Cities. Mrs. F. H. Montgomery recited "Tim, the Hunchback," which was well rendered. This closed one of the most interesting semi-annuals of the society.

The Merrill Business College has changed its location from Barry's hall on the west side to the little school at the end of Second street, near the 2nd home. This is a more centrally located place and will give better satisfaction to east side pupils of whom there are quite a number at the college.

The Home Forum gave a pleasant party at the first large rooms in Millholl hall Wednesday evening. What was the game of the evening, and nine tables were kept in use by those who participated in this game. A very pleasant time is reported by all present.

Dr. Pesse, the dentist, wishes to inform the public that he has located here permanently, and will occupy the Berard building on the west side.

FIRST BATTLE SALE!

From Now until March 15th, we shall sell for Cash down at the following prices:

- Royal Flour, 100 lbs., \$1.38
- White Cloud Flour, 50 lbs., .83c
- White Patent Flour, 50 lbs., .95c
- 1,000 Mess Pork, per lb., 6c
- Good Bulk Roast Coffee, lb., 10c
- Best Bulk Roast Coffee, lb., 15c
- Genuine Java Coffee, lb., 20c
- Good Prunes, lb., 43c
- Best Prunes, lb., 63c
- Oyster Crackers, lb., 6c
- Soda Crackers, lb., 6c
- Ginger Snaps, lb., 6c
- Milk Crackers, lb., 7c
- Cookies, lb., 8c
- Best Corn, per can, 7c
- Best Tomatoes, per can, 9c
- Bartlett Peas, per can, 17c
- Peaches, per can, 13c
- Pie Peaches, per can, 10c

Every article in the store not on the list going at 15 per cent. discount of regular price.

Why do we do it? Our only reason is to get money. We need it.

Our White Patent Flour is all OK, we have handled it for three years.

Call in, first come, first served.

O. E. BYINGTON.

HOME AGAIN.

Boys of Co. F. Right Royally Received. City Handsomely Decorated With Flags and Bunting.—Whistles Blow and Bells Ring.—Large Crowd in the Depot.



Company F arrived home this morning at 9:30 on a special train of two coaches, and a warm reception was given them. Over two thousand people had assembled at the depot to receive the boys. Merrill's band was present, and rendered several patriotic selections during the few minutes prior to the arrival of the train, and during its passage through the city. About sixty of the soldier boys came up this morning. Part of these continued on to Tomahawk. Those who remained here formed in line, and headed by the band, marched to the west side. The procession was headed by the addition of the school children, fire department, city officers, police force and citizens in carriages and on foot. The line of march began at the depot, following the street car track to the west side and returning along the Main streets to the opera house, where a musical program was rendered and addresses delivered by Hon. John VanDeke and M. G. Hoffman. From here the boys adjourned to the Skinner building where the ladies of the W. R. C. served dinner.

During the afternoon the entertainment of the soldier boys is in the hands of the citizens, and the freedom of the city allowed them. This evening a grand receipt on and dances is to be held in Lincoln Hall in their honor.

On all sides can be seen evidence of the welcome accorded our returned heroes. Banners bearing the inscription, "Welcome Home, Co. F," are suspended from poles, decorated with bunting, across the streets. On the west side bridge an evergreen archway has been erected, and flags are to be seen flying from every available place. Stores, factories and mills were closed during the forenoon to give all those who desired a chance to celebrate the home-coming of the brave boys of Co. F.

Evils Born With Trusts.

Combination, as such, have ceased to realize the expectations which their promoters had inspired in the public that the savings in expenses and the advent of goods which would follow concentrated effort would bring about lower prices, more satisfactory service and better quality of goods, but on the other hand, prices have been put up, competition stifled and a small army of employes sent adrift to compete with those in other lines of business, the producing and distributing departments of which are already so well supplied with workers.—Boston Transcript.

Kipling Letter.

Rudyard Kipling the real poet laureate has been lying at the point of death in New York city for some days past, but his condition is now somewhat improved and hopes are entertained of his ultimate recovery which all devoutly hope may prove well founded.

P. McCormack left last evening for Riceville, Ia., where he goes to look after his farming interests.

PROMISING MERRILL AND LINCOLN COUNTY.

With Their Bright and Charming Prospects for 1899.

WITH ARMS WIDE OUTSTRAID.

Welcomes all Worthy Enterprises and Citizens Seeking a Location Where Every Essential Advantage Exists in its Most Attractive and Encouraging Form.

A CITY AND COUNTY OF PROMISE

Is Merrill and Lincoln County, With Its Manufacturing Interests, Cheap, But Valuable Farm Lands and Forests, Churches, Schools and Other Moral Environments, Add to These Our Abundant Supply of Pure Water, Great Water Powers, Etc., and You Will then Understand Why Merrill is Queen of the Wisconsin Valley.

In submitting this souvenir of Merrill and Lincoln county it has been the purpose of the editor to give a conservative but of necessity a short account of some of Merrill



EAST MAIN STREET—Looking East.

and Lincoln county's representative citizens and the numerous natural advantages offered to worthy industrial settlers. Merrill is comparatively a new city but in an article which follows it, will be seen that she is strictly up-to-date. The natural advantages of the county are exploited in another article here we will give a short description of Merrill's manufacturing interests. Lumbering is at present the chief item of interest. Prominent among our lumber firms being the Gilkey & Anson Lumber Co., the Merrill Lumber Co., The T. B. Scott Lumber Co., C. P. Miller & Co., The A. H. Stange Co. and The H. W. Wright Lumber Co. with their gigantic saw and planing mills employing an army of workmen and paying out weekly during the season gigantic sums to the employes and during the winter season these same men did work at good wages in the many lumber camps. But there are other manufacturing institutions that must be mentioned, The A. H. Stange Sash, Door and Blind Co., The Wm. Todd & Co. Tannery, The Anson-Hixon Sash and Door Co., The Box Factory, The Excelsior mill, The Prairie River Lumber Co. and Hoop mill, The Merrill Iron Works, The Leitzger Brewing Co., C. F. Spiegelberg Milling Co., The Merrill Glove and Mitten Factory, The Merrill Street Railway & Lighting Co. and The Merrill Telephone Co. These institutions afford employment to

another army of workmen and if a man is out of employment it is his own fault. Merrill has been visited by some disastrous fires in the past two years destroying the Lincoln Hotel, a block of west side business buildings, The Merrill Iron Works, The T. B. Scott Lumber Co's mill and the Electric Railway and Lighting Co's power house. But all these places have been rebuilt or are in the course of building with the exception of the T. B. Scott saw mill which will not be rebuilt. The Street Railway & Lighting Co. are building a fine new power house on the site of the old and incidentally are harnessing their water power which it is estimated will develop about 1500 horse power when completed, putting them in position to furnish power to numerous small manufacturing institutions at a very low rate. Besides the Merrill Railway & Lighting Co.'s power, we have three other great water powers within the city limits, which are estimated at 4500 horse power. The Lincoln Mill will be replaced as soon as the weather will permit with a \$25,000 hotel building, which will be built by a corporation of our prominent business men. Merrill and Lincoln county of today offer more promising prospects to those seeking homes or those seeking a profitable investment of capital than any other locality in the great Wisconsin valley.

Extra copies of this issue 10c.

THIS WEEK'S ATTRACTIONS At Livingston's.

Our satisfying of very low price desire is what makes OUR STORE one of the busiest at all times. Quality and price are two of the most important points to be considered in buying—we make them our specialties.

- Ready-Made Sheets and Pillow Cases
- For less money than you can buy the material for.
 - 45x36 Plain Hemmed Pillow Cases for.....10c
 - 81x90 Plain Hemmed Sheets.....48c

- Gents' Neckwear, Etc.
- A new line of Bows and Club Ties, latest colorings, only.....25c
 - Gents' Black and Tan Hose, best value ever offered, 2 pair for.....50c
 - A new line of Men's Puff Ties only.....50c
 - All Men's Caps, worth 75c and \$1.00, only.....50c

- Just Received.
- 20 pieces New Calico, worth 7c a yard, for.....43c
 - 15 pieces Bleached Sheeting, worth 8c a yard, for.....54c
 - 10 pieces Unbleached Sheeting, worth 6c a yard, for.....4c
 - 10 pieces Outing Flannel, worth 8c a yard, for.....6c
 - 10 pieces Percale, worth 12 1/2c a yard, for.....10c

- Bedspreads and Comforters.
- At prices never so low.
- Full Crochet Bedspread, \$1.00 value, at.....\$.75
 - Full Crochet Bedspread, \$1.25 value, at......98
 - Extra size Bedspread, \$1.75 value, at.....1.23
 - Comforters, \$1.75 value, at.....1.25

Jackets. We have just 10 Jackets, worth from \$5.00 to \$12.00, which we will close for \$3.00 and \$5.00.

Bargains in Shoes. Ladies' Shoes, worth \$1.75, for \$1.25

- Groceries Cheaper Than Ever.
- Bulk Coffee, worth 15c, for.....10c
 - Japan Tea, worth 40c, for.....30c
 - Prunes, worth 8c, for.....6c
 - Raisins, worth 8c, for.....6c
 - 1 can best Tomatoes, for.....9c
 - 1 can Pineapple for.....10c
 - 1 can Corn, worth 10c, for.....7c
 - 1 can Peas, worth 12 1/2c, for.....8c
 - 1 can Salmon, worth 12c, for.....9c
 - 1 bottle Midget Olives.....10c
 - 1 bottle good Catsup.....10c

LIVINGSTON MER. CO.

We take pleasure to announce the receipt of our Spring Selections of

Broadhead Worsteds,

Comprising some of the Choicest Designs and Weaves of this well-known mill.

We show 53 pieces, ranging in price from 5c. up to \$1.25 per yard.

Broadhead

Broadwaives, Serges, Coverts and Unfinished Worsteds

Are Well Adapted for Tailor-Made Suits.

The most neat designs suitable for Children's Dresses we show in large variety. Your inspection solicited.

The Leader Co.,

Sole Agents for Broadhead Worsteds for the City of Merrill.

Warranted for Five Years.

We have received a consignment of Eldridge high-arm sewing machines. These machines are strictly high grade and first class in every respect. We want you to come and examine them. To introduce them we are going to sell them until April 15th at the astonishingly low price of \$19. Don't fail to call and see them.

914 Korn & Stroum.

Don't

Fail to read the opening chapters of an "A Wounded Name," Gen. Chas. A. King's great story which begins in this issue.

H. Bardeen, the Wausau citizen man was in the city Wednesday on business.

When looking for first-class dental work, do not fail to give Dr. Pesse a call. Located in the Berard building on the west side.

A new line of all kinds of shoes just received and we purpose selling them cheaper than any other house in the city.

Korn & Stroum 912

Notice of Dissolution of Partnership.

Merrill, Wis., Mar. 3, 1899.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership formerly existing between R. Lautsch and H. Hesterman, photographers is by mutual consent dissolved, R. Lautsch retiring. The business will be continued at the same place by the firm of Jones & Hesterman. They having formed a new partnership for the conduct of the business.

H. HESTERMAN.
R. LAUTSCH.
J. A. JONES.

Lecturer Coming.

Francis Murphy and son will give a series of lectures on gospel temperance, at the opera house for one week, beginning Sunday, March 12. Mr. Murphy is a non-sectarian lecturer and will interest you. No charge for admission. All are cordially invited.

C. E. Rally.

The Christian Endeavor society will hold a rally at the First Presbyterian church Saturday evening. Miss Markstrom, of Wausau, will be present. A neighborhood will come over from the west side, and an interesting time is promised. All are invited to attend.

Bruised His Foot.

Leslie Willet met with a painful accident at his camp last Saturday. While going down hill he had the misfortune to get his foot caught under the sleigh runner, bruising it quite badly. He was brought home Sunday night, and is now doing nicely.