

Groceries.

MUSKEGON MATTERS.

Facts and Fancies Picked Up at that Place.

That Muskegon is going ahead with rapid strides, no one who has half an eye will deny. Extensive building operations serve to tide over the effect of the present prevailing dullness, and a determination to take advantage of every opportunity precludes a vision of the discouraging outlook that is brought into altogether too much prominence in many other cities in the State.

The jobbing trade of the city is well represented by A. Wierenga, groceries, S. S. Morris & Co., provisions, C. L. Brundage, drugs, John Williams, liquors, and Carey & Lander and Orcutt & Co., produce.

"Andrew Wierenga began the retail grocery business ten years ago with only \$178," said a friend that gentleman. "To-day he owns a brick block worth at least \$15,000 and conducts a jobbing business that ought to pan out \$5,000 a year.

"The firm of S. S. Morris & Bro. is another example of Muskegon enterprise," said another authority. "The house began the retail business twelve years ago with small capital, and is to-day one of the leading packing houses in the State, doing only a jobbing business."

The Muskegon Brewing Co. must have met with exceptional success, if the series of buildings erected by the establishment are any criterion. Beginning with 1881, the company has put up a larger structure each year, and this season it has capped the climax by erecting a fine five-story brick building which is without an equal in Western Michigan.

THE SCHIMMEL ASSIGNMENT.

Louis Schimmel, assignee for L. W. Schimmel & Co., crockery dealers, has filed the result of an inventory of the stock, accounts, etc., from which it appears that the appraised value of the stock is \$6,027.97 and the accounts \$1,126.79, making the total assets \$7,154.76—just about enough to pay the mortgages held by the assignee and the Muskegon National Bank.

Table listing names and amounts for the Schimmel assignment, including Louis Schimmel, Daily Morning News, Muskegon Valley Fur Co., etc.

Features of the Week.

The market has been exceptionally quiet and featureless, nothing having declined or advanced materially. Business still continues unimproved, and collections are no easier. Oranges are scarce and higher. Lemons are in good demand and steady in price. Nuts are without change.

An Act of Great Valor.

"Yes, sir," he said, much excited; "he's a liar, and I told him so." "That's rather a risky thing to do. I wonder he didn't knock you down."

M. C. Russell has just added to his establishment a first-class refrigerator, one of the best in the country, with a capacity of two tons of ice and six to eight tons of butter. By means of this important auxiliary, the construction and maintenance of which involves considerable expense, he will be able to keep a large amount of choice creamery and dairy butter on hand at all times, and customers can invariably depend upon having their orders filled promptly, with the best goods on the market, and shipped in the best possible condition.

Orders for any kind of butter desired will be filled promptly and satisfaction guaranteed by E. Fallas, wholesale dealer in butter and eggs, 125 and 127 Canal street, Grand Rapids.

A cattle king says that within ten years Omaha will be the cattle center of the country. An abattoir is now being built there that will cover 400 acres and will cost \$750,000.

It is said that tomatoes and cucumbers are so plenty in Florida that hundreds of acres of them are ploughed in, because they are not worth the cost of picking.

Sugar is selling at two cents a pound in many places in Cuba. Tan Bark—\$5.50 for new and \$4.50 for old.

VISITING BUYERS.

The following retail dealers have visited the market during the past week and placed orders with the various houses:

- Samuel Roush, of Reigler & Roush, Freeport.
A. C. Coburn, Pierson.
A. V. Chapman, Fruitport.
C. L. Howard, Clarksville.
O. S. Richards, Clarksville.
B. Wynhoff, Holland.
G. P. Stark, Cascade.
Wm. Vermeulen, Beaver Dam.
N. S. Loop, Kent City.
Dibble Bros., Burnip's Corners.
G. W. Hoag, Martin.
C. E. Blakely, Coopersville.
Blakeley Bros., Fife Lake.
John Cole, Fremont.
Walling Bros., Lamont.
J. D. F. Pierson, Pierson.
W. H. Hicks, Morley.
O. E. Close & Co., Sand Lake.
Nagler & Beeler, Caledonia.
F. C. Williams, Ada.
J. C. Benbow, Canonsburg.
J. C. West, Lowell.
Mr. Purdy, of Purdy & Hastings, Sparta Center.

- Mr. Blackman of Shepard & Blackman, Stanton.
J. B. Watson, Coopersville.
Geo. Carrington, Trent.
W. H. Herrington, Freeport.
W. H. Andrews, Fennville.
Mackler, 5 lb fresh standards.
Holland & Ives, Rockford.
Nicholas Bouma, Fisher.
J. Newman, Dor.
F. C. Shelby, Volney.
M. Minderhout, Hanley.
Geo. W. Bartlett, Ashland Center.
R. V. McArthur, Rockford.
O. M. Rush, Evart.
R. Carlyle, Rockford.
W. W. Pierce, Moline.
C. W. Armstrong, Bowen's Mills.
H. S. Swan, of DeGroat & Swan, Hungerford.
Jay Marlatt, Berlin.
G. J. Shackleton, Lisbon.
E. W. Pickett, Wayland.
John Scholten, Fillmore Center.
Henry Marsh, Hobart.
J. Newman, Dor.
C. Dunning, Dutton.
A. W. Blain, Dutton.
Mr. Ball, of Boomgard & Ball, Grand Haven.

- A. E. Landon, Nunica.
H. B. Foster, Fife Lake.
H. B. Irish, Lisbon.
W. W. Bevins, Tustin.
Bert Tinkler, Hastings.
Fisher & Mastenbrook, Lamont.
Poland & Weizell, Woodville.
Byron McNeal, Byron Center.
J. W. Mead, Berlin.
W. C. Harper, Robinson.
Robert Carlyle, Rockford.
C. Bergin, Lowell.
J. Barnes, Plainfield.
G. C. Baker, LeBarge.
G. H. Walbrink, Allendale.
J. Omler, Wright.
Jas. Moerdyk, Zeeland.
Geo. W. Watrous, of Watrous & Lilley, Coopersville.

- Heck & Goodman, Burnip's Corners.
Norman Harris, Big Springs.
Paine & Field, Englishville.
M. J. Howard, Englishville.
L. L. Maxwell, Fruitport.
Wm. Maxwell, Six Corners.
Jorgensen & Homingsen, Ashland.
S. M. Wright, Big Springs.
F. C. Brisbin, Berlin.
Adam Newell, Tustin.
Mr. Holbrook, of Holbrook & Carse, Holbrook.
Liddell & Linstrom, Holbrook.
Andre Bros., Jenisonville.
J. Glupker, Zutphen.
Parkhurst Bros., Nunica.
Kellogg & Potter, Jenisonville.
Gringhaus Bros., Lamont.
J. H. Moores, Moorestown.
R. G. Smith, Wayland.
Geo. S. Powell, Sand Lake.
C. F. Sears & Co., Rockford.
Mrs. M. M. Coon, New Era.
E. W. Pickett, Wayland.
Gaylord & Pipp, Pierson.
Jacob Bartz, North Dor.
H. T. M. Treglow, Lowell.
John J. Ely, Rockford.
Geo. H. Force, Morley.
I. S. Boise, Hastings.
Watte Bros., Hudsonville.
Edwin Wagner, Eastmanville.
O. P. McClure, Spencer Mills.
J. L. Graham, Hopkins.
Geo. A. Sage, Rockford.
J. C. Paris, Kent City.
J. W. Fearn, Big Rapids.
Mr. Carpenter, of Colborn & Carpenter, Caledonia.

- O. Naragang, Byron Center.
John Gunstra, Lamont.
N. DeVries, Jamestown.
H. C. Peckham, Freeport.
H. E. Clark, Lowell.
Geo. W. Shearer, Cedar Springs.
O. F. Conklin, Ravenna.
A. Norris, Casnovia.
Henry DeKline, Jamestown.
S. E. Faxon, Sen. Ada.
T. W. Provin, Cedar Springs.
Cass Scoville, of Scoville & McAuley, Edgerton.
J. J. Wiseman, Nunica.
R. Steffin, Jamestown.
C. E. Clark, Lowell.
S. C. Fell, Howard City.
Geo. W. Reed, of Reed & Barnard, Stanwood.
J. W. Closterhouse, Grandville.

- Sand, Sugar and Strawberries.
Grocer—How much sand have you put in that sugar?
Clerk—About a peck.
Grocer—Mercy on me! only a peck! Put in a couple of bushels.
Clerk—A couple of bushels! Good St. Saccharine! Do you want to ruin your trade?
Grocer—Certainly not; a bushel of sand, more or less, won't be noticed now.
Clerk—Why won't it?
Grocer—This is strawberry time.

- According to the Chinese, cask making has been known to them for many thousand years. They labored, however, under this drawback. They did not know how to give the final touch by which the lid is fastened in, the only method that struck them as feasible being to place a boy inside while the cooper tightened the hoops and secured the lid in its position. But how was the boy to get out? This remained an unsolved problem for 3,000 years.

WHOLESALE PRICE CURRENT.

Large table listing various commodities and their prices, including Flour, Sugar, Oatmeal, Syrups, Pickles, and various oils.

SYRUPS.

Table listing various syrups and their prices, including Maple, Birch, and other types.

CANDY, FRUITS AND NUTS.

Table listing various candies, fruits, and nuts, including Putnam & Brooks, and other brands.

Dry Goods.

Table listing various dry goods items such as Pepperell, Androscoquin, and Caledonia with their respective prices.

W.M. SEARS & CO.

Cracker Manufacturers,

Agents for

AMBOY CHEESE.

37, 39 & 41 Kent Street, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

ALBERT COYE & SONS



State Agents for WATERTOWN HAMMOCK SUPPORT.

A HOTEL CLERK INTERVIEWED.

How it Looked Upon the Note-Book When the Reporter Finished.

The interviewer said to the hotel clerk, "How long have you been in this business?" "All my life," he replied, "and (ting-a-ling!) Front,—444! I don't know (ding-dong!) Front,—pitcher of ice-water for 1804) much about anything else."

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Asparagus—50¢ doz. bunches. Balled Hay—Scarc and firm at \$15 @ \$16 7/10 ton.

PRINTS.

Albion, solid, 51¢. Albion, grey, 46¢. Allen's checks, 51¢.

GRAINS AND MILLING PRODUCTS.

Wheat—White, 95¢@98¢; Lancaster, 96¢@1.05. Corn—45¢@60¢ bu.

LUMBER, LATH AND SHINGLES.

The Newygo Company quote f. o. b. cars as follows: Uppers, 1 inch, per M \$44.00.

How it Looked Upon the Note-Book When the Reporter Finished. (Continued) The interviewer said to the hotel clerk, "How long have you been in this business?"

PRINTS. (Continued) American, fancy, 51¢. Arnold, fancy, 51¢.

GRAINS AND MILLING PRODUCTS. (Continued) Oats—White 40¢ bu. Rye—52¢@54¢ bu.

LUMBER, LATH AND SHINGLES. (Continued) Uppers, 1 1/2 inch, per M \$44.00.

Hardware.

Prevailing rates at Chicago are as follows: AUGERS AND BITS.

Table listing hardware items like Ives' old style, N. H. C. Co., and Douglas' with prices.

BRACES.

Table listing brace items like Barber, Backus, and Spofford with prices.

BUCKETS.

Table listing bucket items like Well, plain, and Well, swivel with prices.

BUTTS, CAST.

Table listing cast butt items like Cast Loose Pin, figured, and Cast Loose Pin, Berlin bronzed.

CAPIS.

Table listing cap items like Ely's 1-10, Hick's C. F., and G. D.

CATRIGES.

Table listing cartridge items like Rim Fire, U. M. C. & Winchester new list.

CHISELS.

Table listing chisel items like Socket Firmer, Socket Framing, and Socket Corner.

COMBS.

Table listing comb items like Curry, Lawrence's, and Hotchkiss.

COCKS.

Table listing cock items like Brass, Racking's, and Taper and Straight Shank.

COPPER.

Table listing copper items like Planished, 14 oz cut to size, and 14x22, 14x26, 14x30.

DRILLS.

Table listing drill items like Morse's Bit Stock, and Morse's Taper Sock.

ELBOWS.

Table listing elbow items like Corrugated, and Adjustable.

EXPANSIVE BITS.

Table listing expansive bit items like Clar's, small, \$18.00; large, \$26.00.

FILES.

Table listing file items like American File Association List, and New American.

GALVANIZED IRON.

Table listing galvanized iron items like Nos. 16 to 20, 22 and 24, 25 and 26, 27.

GAUGES.

Table listing gauge items like Stanley Rule and Level Co.'s.

HAMMERS.

Table listing hammer items like Maydole & Co.'s, and Kip's.

HANGERS.

Table listing hanger items like Barn Door Kidder Mfg. Co., and Wop track.

HINGES.

Table listing hinge items like Gate, Clark's, 1, 2, 3, and Screw Hook and Strap.

HOLLOW WARE.

Table listing hollow ware items like Stamped Tin Ware, and Japanned Tin Ware.

HOES.

Table listing hoe items like Grub 1, and Grub 3.

KNOBES.

Table listing knob items like Door, mineral, jap. trimmings, and Door, porcelain, jap. trimmings.

LOCKS-DOOR.

Table listing door lock items like Russell & Irwin Mfg. Co.'s, and Mallory, Wheeler & Co.'s.

LEVELS.

Table listing level items like Stanley Rule and Level Co.'s.

MILLS.

Table listing mill items like Coffee, Parkers Co.'s, and Coffee, P. S. & W. Mfg. Co.'s.

MATTOCKS.

Table listing mattock items like Adze Eye, and Hunt Eye.

MAULS.

Table listing maul items like Sperry & Co.'s, Post, handled.

OILERS.

Table listing oiler items like Zinc or tin, Chapp's Patent, and Zinc or tin, with brass bottom.

REAPERS.

Table listing reaper items like Reaper, and Olmstead's.

PLANES.

Table listing plane items like Ohio Tool Co.'s, fancy, and Sciota Bench.

RIVETS.

Table listing rivet items like Iron and Tinned, and Copper Rivets and Burs.

ROOFING PLATES.

Table listing roofing plate items like IC, 14x20, choice Charcoal Terne, and IC, 20x28, choice Charcoal Terne.

ROPES.

Table listing rope items like Sisal, 1/2 in. and larger, and Manila.

SQUARES.

Table listing square items like Steel and Iron, and Try and Bevels.

SHEET IRON.

Table listing sheet iron items like Nos. 10 to 14, Com. Smooth, and Nos. 15 to 17, Com. Smooth.

TINNERS' SOLDIER.

Table listing tinner's soldier items like No. 1, Refined, and Market Half-and-half.

TIN PLATES.

Table listing tin plate items like Cards for Charcoals, \$6 75, and IC, 10x14, Charcoal.

TRAPS.

Table listing trap items like Steel, Game, and Oneda Community, Newhouse's.

WIRE.

Table listing wire items like Bright Market, and Annealed Market.

WIRE GOODS.

Table listing wire goods items like Bright, and Screw Eyes.

WRENCHES.

Table listing wrench items like Baxter's Adjustable, nickeled, and Coe's Genuine.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Table listing miscellaneous items like Pumps, Cistern, and Screws.

CONDITION OF THE GLASS MARKET.

Within two weeks' time the window glass factories will go out of blast, with a small amount of stock on hand.

Present Situation of the Allegan Grange Store. The managers of the grange store do not make as satisfactory progress as they could wish in the work of securing new stock subscriptions.

Left by the Train. We have been asked time and again how it is that so many people get left by the trains that go out of Austin.

The most successful counterfeit of the dime is said to be made of glass mixed with some base metal by a process unknown to ordinary workers in metal and glass.

Vanderbilt's Treasure Vaults. It is said that Mr. William H. Vanderbilt's treasure vault, in which he recently stowed away some \$100,000,000 in securities, is one of the most remarkable works of defense on the American continent.

The latest champion mean man has been found in Rochester, N. Y. He bought a pound of beef, and on the strength of the purchase induced the butcher to give him a generous supply of "dog meat."

When a merchant who trades with you suddenly changes his line from genuine to shoddy goods, after having built up a large business with good goods, make up your mind he is a sharper and cut off his credit.

