## THE MIDLAND REPORTER <br> AND GAZETTE - EXAMINER

GEO. W, WOLCOTT DIED LAST TUESOAY DECEASED OF LONG RESI
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MUCH ESTEEMED Last week The Reporter held ou
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recovery of our esteemed townsman
George W. Walcott. He died las Tuesday \%


## About Your Grocery Bill Last Month

## Did You Notice a Reduction?

If you were reasonably frugal and traded with us, you must have noticed how much less your grocery bill was for the month of January. It is a downward trend in nearly all grocery lines, and our store leads in the march to a lower cost of living

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| TWO CLASSES OF PERSONS IN ONE OF WHICH WE ALL BELONG <br> Certainly there is a most distressing business depression existing, but Midland is not alorie in experiencing it. It is the hue and cry all over the country, the world, for that matter, for it is a time of re-adjustment, such as the world has not before been called upon to solve before in the memory of this or any other generation. It is not so bad in the United States as it is in the balance of the world. It is not so bad in Midland as it is in many, many other places in the United States; so why gloom about it? We don't make things any better by recounting our woes. On the other hand, by proclaiming the better things we enjoy, the others would lessen and finally altogether disappear. <br> The Reporter loves the spirit of the optimist. The two classes above referred to are typified by the following, which is from the pen of some good thinker: <br> When you open your mouth what kind of a noise do you make? <br> Every time you speak a good word for this town you speak two for yourself, for the home booster is always respected by home lovers. <br> It's an easy thing to make a nasty remark about your home town, but it is difficult to stop that remark from traveling after it has once been uttered. <br> The monkey in the jungle swings from limb to limb and from tree to tree at remarkable speed, but the monkey is a snail compared to the caustic comments of a chronic pessiist. |
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In Our Balcony Beautiful

Be it remembered that on December 24th, last, our Balcony and all its contents were completely destroyed by fire. Not an article of any description was left. The Balcony is being restored and we shall try to make it more attractive than ever. Every article in it will be perfectly new and up to the last minute in style and pleasing effect. Our Millinery and Ready.to-Wear department-The Balcony -we are going to maintain in keeping with Midland's Quality Store.

## New Arrivals

Even now, and while our Fire Sale is still on, and our buyers are yet in the markets, we have some early arrivals and they they proclaim that there are to follow many beautiful things for Spring and Summer. Come in and see these first new things, also watch our windows for specials, for men, women and children.

## Still a Lot of Bagains

Daily we are disposing of a lot of rare bargains. The stock is still in order and you are missing a rare opportunity for bargains if you are not daking advantage of our offerings. Sale continues through this month.

## EVERYBODY'S

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