

It was very amusing to watch the puzzled looks of spectators at the waterworks, as they saw the comminuted drops of water, which fell from the outlet faucet of the Polarite, on the cement floor and rolled along sparkling—a novel sight. I trust it may solve the water problem.

LIVING AND PRICES.

Rents, unfurnished, per month, and board per week :—Houses, \$3. to \$20, rooms, \$1 to \$4; shop rent, \$6 to \$100. Board, hotels, \$3 to \$6; private, \$2.50 to \$3.50. Hotels, per day, \$1 to \$2. J. W. Knight, land agent, tells me that lots generally run 50—66 ft. x 100—132 ft., and within 15 minutes' walk of Postoffice, can be bought for \$150—\$200. An 8-roomed cottage, frame, can be built from \$800—\$1,000 and would rent for \$8—\$9 per month. Lots, including value of buildings, in best business blocks, \$250 per foot lineal. William Sommerville, baker and confectioner of seven years' standing in Oshkosh, gives the price of bread on a smooth average of 5 cents for the 2 lb. loaf, though the staff of life was 6 cents last spring, and I have known it 7 on a spurt. He tells me that rapid strides have been made in the last few years in the way of lunch parlors, restaurants, &c., with refreshments of all kinds and tea and coffee at all hours. Oysters here are consumed in immense quantity when the month has an "r" in it.

Fruits, grapes. Kent grapes, large and luscious, mostly purple, 1st Sept. to 15th Nov., 3c. per lb., '95; Cattawbas, from south shores of Lakes Erie and Ontario, 15th Nov. to Xmas., this year, 8c. per lb. Malagas, November and all winter, 15 to 20 cts. Apples, all the year round, 50c. to \$1 per bushel. Peaches, Southern, June, native, July, \$1 to \$3 per bushel. Pears, native, (except a few Californias at \$3), \$1.20 per bushel; common, Sept. Plums, Sept., \$2 per bushel. Cherries, \$2 per bushel. Strawberries, June, 6 cents quart. Raspberries, blackberries, July and Aug., 10c. per quart basket. Quinces Kent, Oct., \$1 per bushel. Walnut and hickory nuts, Nov \$1 per bus. Chestnuts, Oct 20c. per quart. Watermelons, Southern, July, 25—30c. each. Muskmelons, Kent, shortly after, 10c. Cranberries, Oct., 12½c. per quart. Oranges, Jamaica, Oct., 30c. per doz.; Florida, Nov. 30, 50c; Valencias, Dec. 20c.; California, Jan., 30c. Lemons, Malaga, Oct., 20c.; Messina, Nov., 20c. Bananas, all year round, 20c. per doz. Cocoa nuts, new in Nov., 10c. apiece. Pine apples, June, \$2 per doz. Figs, Nov., 15c. per lb. Dates, Dec., 8c. Sweet potatoes, Sept., 3c. per lb., higher later on. Bermuda onions, 10c. per lb. Peaches in market, Nov. 20th, 1895. Of course it is understood that all fruits and vegetables cost more when they first come in. Nov. 2nd I bought a lovely cabbage, white and firm inside, without suspicion of a worm, 10 inches in diameter, 8 inches high, weighed 7½ lb., sound as a bell, for 5 cents.

Milk—Huff sells 250 quarts a day; 1,130 altogether sold daily. Prices, 5 cents per quart, 1st May to 1st Sept.; balance of year, 6c.

Meat and Poultry—Robert Hallinan, 18 years' butchering, contributes this: Beef, 6—10c.; mutton, 7—10c.; veal, 5—9c.; lamb, 5—8c.; pork, 4—8c.; sausages, 10—12½c. per lb. Fowls, 20c. to 30c. each; ducks, 25—35c.; geese, 40—60c.; turkeys, 50c. to \$1.50 each. The high priced meat in spring, wild ducks, come in Oct., 75c. to \$1 per pair.

Wildgen ladles out 10 gallons oysters weekly for 4 months; 2,400