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Ridgway, Elk Co., Pa.

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June 15 76.

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Main street, Ridgway, Pa. Agent for the  
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faction guaranteed. vln21.

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vices to the citizens of Ridgway and sur-  
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opposite the College. Office hours from  
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vln21.

**J. S. BORDWELL, M. D.,**  
Eclectic Physician and Surgeon, has removed  
his office from Centre street, to Main st.  
Ridgway, Pa., in the second story of the  
new brick building of John G. Hall, oppo-  
site Hyde's store. Office hours—1 to 2 P. M. 7 to 9 P. M.  
vln21.

**Township Officers.**  
Judge of Election—G. R. Dixon.  
Inspectors—M. E. Lesser, H. H. Wenzel.  
Justices of the Peace—Charles Mead,  
Jas. D. Fullerton.  
School Directors—O. B. Grant, Jas. Gardner, G. T. Wheeler, N. T. Cummings, W. S. Service, Eug. J. Miller.  
Supervisors—John Guinack, Daniel M'Govern.  
Treasurer—W. H. Hyde.  
Assessor—M. S. Kline.  
Auditors—W. E. Dickinson, James Penfield, J. S. Powell.  
Clerk—M. S. Kline.  
Constable—Geo. D. Messenger, Jr.  
Call at this office for writing paper and envelopes.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.**  
ESTATE OF JOHN M'CAULEY, late of Fox Township, Elk County, Pa. deceased. LET-  
TERS OF ADMINISTRATION having been granted to the undersigned upon the will and estate of all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims to present them for settlement. JACOB M'CAULEY, Adm'r.  
1876.

**TO CONSUMPTIVES.**  
The advertiser has been permanently cured of that dread disease, Consumption, by a simple remedy, is anxious to make known to his fellow sufferers the means of cure. To all who desire it, he will send a copy of the prescription used, (free of charge) with the directions for preparing and using the same, which they will find a Sure Cure for CONSUMPTION, ASTHMA, BRONCHITIS, &c.  
Parties wishing the prescription will please address, Rev. E. A. WILSON, 124 Penn. Williamsburgh, N. Y.

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Vol. 8 of this admirable work is just out, making it complete, as there are only 10 vols. of 800 pages each, one being issued in two months. It makes a complete library, and no one can afford to do without it who would keep well informed. Price \$5.00 a volume. It is the best and most elegant half Turkey. C. K. Judson, Fredonia, N. Y., controls the sale in Elk County. Address him for particulars. sept-17

—Winter is upon us, which is a reminder that you need an overcoat. M'Affee will make you one cheap.

**SPECIAL NOTICES.**  
**DE VAN DYKE'S SULPHUR SOAP.**  
DR. VAN DYKE, whose life long speciality and world wide reputation for curing SKIN DISEASES, has endeavored for years to construct an excellent TREATMENT. He has accomplished this desirable result in the preparation of his compound "SULPHUR SOAP," the merits of which are spoken of by thousands; it is highly recommended to all our readers, Price 25 cents a cake. (See Circulars) 50 CENTS SIXTY BY MAIL, (pre paid) ON RECEIPT OF PRICE. Office, 50 N. 5th St. Wholesale Depot, 400 N. 24th St. Philadelphia, Pa. Sold by DRUGGISTS. n21-ly.

**Notice.**  
All persons are hereby forbidden selling goods to, or trusting any person on my account, without my written order, as I will pay no debts thus contracted after this date.  
M. T. FRENCH,  
Ridgway May 2, 1877-ly

**MILLINERY AND DRESSMAKING.**  
MRS. J. R. KETZ, Kersey, Elk Co., Pa., takes this method of announcing to the citizens of Elk County, that she has on hand an assortment of millinery goods, which will be sold cheap. Also dressmaking in all its branches. Agent for J. R. Ball & Co's Patent Ivory and Lignum Vite Eye Caps. Send for descriptive circular. n17-ly.

**Laws Relating to Newspaper Subscriptions and Arrangements.**  
1. Subscribers who do not give express notice to the contrary, are considered wishing to continue their subscription.  
2. If subscribers order the discontinuance of their periodicals, the publishers may continue to send them until all arrears are paid.  
3. If subscribers neglect or refuse to take their periodicals from the office where they are directed, they are held responsible until they have settled their bills, and ordered them discontinued.  
4. If subscribers move to other places without informing the publishers, and the papers are sent to the former direction, they are held responsible.  
5. The courts have decided that "refusing to take periodicals from the office, or removing and leaving them uncollected for a prima facie evidence of intentional refusal."  
6. Any person who receives a newspaper and makes use of it, whether he has ordered it or not, is held in law to be a subscriber.  
7. If subscribers pay in advance, they are bound to give notice to the publisher at the end of their term, if they do not wish to continue taking it otherwise the publishers are authorized to send it on, and the subscribers will be held responsible until an express notice with payment of all arrears, sent to the publisher.

**EXECUTRIX'S NOTICE.**  
ESTATE OF EDWIN PAINE, late of Ridgway Township, Elk County, Pa. deceased. Letter of administration having been granted to the undersigned upon the said estate all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims to present them for settlement.  
CATHERINE PAINE,  
Executrix.  
n21-ly

**QUOTATIONS OF**  
**White, Powell & Co.**  
BANKERS AND BROKERS,  
No. 42 South Third Street,  
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The largest agency in either Elk or its adjoining counties, representing through his General Agents about 30 responsible and prompt loss paying companies, among the principal ones are the following:  
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**State Notes.**  
The School Directors of Carlisle prohibit the scholars making Christmas presents to the teachers.  
Franz Becker, aged 21, who has been living near South Bethlehem, has been missing since Sunday. He is not of sound mind.  
Charles S. Speakman a student at Lafayette College and a member of the Easton Grays, has been appointed a cadet at West Point.  
About forty persons have just left York, Mifflin Huntingdon and Blair counties to settle in Kansas. They went under the direction of colonization agents.  
Hon Joseph Nicely, of Dewart, the last Associate Judge of Northumberland county, and a man of unexceptionable character and integrity, died on Tuesday evening.  
Dr. A. P. Heichold, of Jefferson county, special agent of the Treasury Department, is having a hard struggle to keep his seat. He has been removed and reinstated twice within six months.  
At the opening of court at Norris-town yesterday Adolph Strilowski pleaded guilty as an accessory after the fact in the Elm Station murder, and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$500 and undergo an imprisonment of one year at labor in the Montgomery County Prison, to be computed from the 29th of August last.  
Shenandoah, December 13.—A terrible mining accident occurred at the West Shenandoah Colliery, owned by the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company, to-day. A young man named Martin Hennessey and his father were working in the same breast, when a ton of coal fell from the roof upon the young man, crushing him into a shapeless mass. His father was not injured. The accident occasioned a suspension at the colliery.  
A gang of eight robbers, who broke into the store at North Star, in Allegheny county, and carried off nearly all the contents in a wagon, having pleaded guilty, were sentenced in the Criminal Court at Pittsburgh yesterday. Six of them were given six years and nine months in the penitentiary. Two boys, fifteen years old, were given two years each in the workhouse. When the robbery was committed the citizens and officers pursued the gang, who were armed. They showed fight, and took refuge in a coal mine. They were smoked out with sulphur. Most of them are from the eastern part of the State.  
SAD ACCIDENT.—Yesterday, about noon, an accident befell Mr. William Steele, of Union township, while unloading a load of straw at the stable of Mr. John Mills, on Cherry alley, in this place, that resulted in instant death. There was no one present to see the occurrence, but from the indications he was standing with one foot on the wagon and one on the sill of the window of the stable, and his foot slipping off the wagon he was thrown to the plank on the alley, his head and neck striking first, dislocating the latter, with the result indicated. A break in the plank just at this point leaving an opening some two feet deep, and in which he seemed to have struck, may have caused the fatal result. A daughter of Mr. Mills first discovered him lying on the alley, and communicated the fact to others, when he was promptly taken up and removed to the house of Mrs. Furley mother-in-law of the deceased, and intelligence of the terrible accident conveyed to the friends at home; and soon afterward the grief-stricken wife was with him, and the scene of the meeting was sufficient to have touched a heart of adamant. During the afternoon hundreds of our citizens, and persons in attendance at court, called to see the deceased, and a general expression of sympathy and condolence was given, Mr. Steele having been a favorite with a large circle of acquaintances.  
A. Craig, Esq., in the absence of a coroner, summoned a jury, and after hearing all the evidence in the case rendered a decision in accordance with the above facts.  
Later in the afternoon the body was removed to his home, and to-morrow, at 10 o'clock A. M., it will be followed to the grave. He leaves a family of eight children, three of whom are married and have homes of their own, and the remaining five, together with a wife and aged mother, who has arrived at her ninetieth year, constitute the home so suddenly and unexpectedly thrown into mourning for one they so dearly loved.—Brookville Republican.

**Elk Advocate,**  
THURSDAY, DEC. 20, 1877.

**Notes.**  
—Fresh beans at J. H. Hagerty's.  
—Read our Wilcox notes this week.  
—There will be no paper issued from this office next week.  
—Robbing hen roosts is a low business, and yet there are people who do it.  
—We are informed that there is a case of diphtheria at Osterhout's tannery.  
—Who rung the court house bell at half past twelve o'clock last Saturday night?  
**RIDGWAY HONEY.**  
Strained and with the Comb—at the West End Store.  
—A new line of dress goods at J. H. Hagerty's. Call and see the elegant new stock.  
—The new breech-loading guns for Company H are expected to be here in a few weeks.  
—A little daughter of Peter Irwin died at Osterhout's tannery last Tuesday evening of diphtheria.  
—Christmas and New Years are likewise hard on the turkey family, and the knowing ones roost high.  
—Monday evening next, Christmas Eve, Company H, will hold a dance at Maginnis' Hall. Supper at the Hyde House.  
**PAN CANDIES.**  
See the Carameles, Cocoanut and Taffy Candies, at W. E. Store.  
—Don't forget the Company H, dance on Christmas Eve. Tickets two dollars including supper at the Hyde House.  
—We do all kinds of job printing cheaply and neatly. Give this office a call and get our estimates before purchasing elsewhere.  
—We copy an article from the Brookville Republican containing an account of the sudden death of Wm. Steel. Mr. Steel was a brother of Mrs. M. L. Ross of this place.  
—The oil excitement at Wilcox still continues and without doubt oil will be found at that point in paying quantities. The land is being leased by speculators as rapidly as possible.  
**SMOKERS'**  
Choice Cigars and Cigarettes for presents at the West End Store.  
—Our readers who may want to learn about the Far West are referred to the advertisement of the *Kansas Pioneer*, an old established and popular journal in the West. It is published at the Capitol of the State.  
—We have just received a new invoice of bill-heads, note-heads, letter-heads, tags, and envelopes. Our new Centennial note is superior to anything we have had before for business note heads.  
—The Christmas Tree Festival of the Sunday School of Grace Church will be held on Monday, Christmas Eve, at 7 o'clock. Also on Christmas Day there will be service and sermon at 10 o'clock A. M. All are cordially invited to attend.  
**FOR THE CHILDREN.**  
Just Received—Another Invoice for the Holidays of those *Pure Candies*—at the West End Store.  
—Ed. W. Gray, for three years, and a half an employee in the Democrat office, has quit the office and gone home. Ed. has been an attentive apprentice and we have no reason to doubt his being a good workman. He has our wish for his future success.  
—The weather the first days of the week was a grand improvement on Mark Twain's New England weather, especially in the way of variation. Not a day of sleighing in this section yet this winter, and most of the time the weather is as mild and lamblike as spring.  
**ATTENTION COMPANY H.**—The officers and members of Company H, 17th Reg. P. N. G. are ordered to meet at the office of the 1st Lieutenant on Saturday evening, the 23d inst, at 7 o'clock. Business of importance will come before the Co.  
J. O. W. BAILEY, 1st Lieut.  
**STEREOSCOPES AND VIEWS.**  
A full stock of the choicest publications—at the West End Store.  
—Parents, you do your children an injustice when you allow them to run the streets nights, and were some parents aware of the manner in which their boys amuse themselves, as for example like the performances of last Friday night in front of the "ADVOCATE building," they would keep a close watch over them.  
—The Brookville Graphic comes to our table greatly improved and enlarged to a seven-column sheet. We wish the Graphic success, as it deserves, being one of the spiciest exchanges on our list, and as it is printed on the old ADVOCATE press the paper seems to be a relative of ours, a sort of half-cousin, you know.  
—We notice, in our State notes, the death of Hon. Joseph Nicely the last Associate Judge of Northumberland county, and a man highly esteemed in that section. The funeral was one of the largest ever witnessed in Northumberland county, upwards of eighty carriages being in the procession. Deceased was an uncle of D. C. Oyster, Esq. of this place, who attended the funeral.  
**VASES.**  
Select useful as well as attractive presents—See The Handsome Vases, etc. at The West End Store at very low prices.

**Counterfeit Notes.**  
AN EASY METHOD OF DETECTING THEM—COUNTERFEITERS' BLINDERS.  
Washington, December 11.—A list of counterfeit national bank notes, arranged by Receiving Teller Underwood, of the National Bank Redemption Agency, will soon be issued. An examination of an advance copy reveals the following facts:  
The counterfeiters have so far neglected to pay any attention to the name of the Register on the genuine notes. All the twenties on the Market, Merchants, National bank of Commerce, Shoe and Leather and Tradesmen's National Bank of New York city bearing the name of L. E. Chittenden as Register, are counterfeit. The genuine notes on these banks all have the name of S. B. Colby as Register. This is also the case with the 20 on the Onedia National Bank of Utica, New York. All five dollar notes of the following banks, bearing the name of S. B. Colby as Register, are counterfeit: First National Bank of Aurora, Illinois; Canton, Illinois; Chicago, Illinois; Paxton, Illinois, and Northampton, Massachusetts. All the genuine fives on these banks have the name of L. E. Chittenden as Register, with the exception of the First National Bank of Paxton, Illinois, on which is printed the name of John Allison as Register. The counterfeit ten on the Muncie National Bank of Indiana has the name of Allison as Register and Spinner as Treasurer, while all genuine issues have either the name of Colby or Spinner or Allison and New. All tens on the First National Bank of Lockport New York, and First National Bank of Poughkeepsie, New York, having the name of S. B. Colby, as Register, are counterfeit. The genuine notes bear name of L. E. Chittenden.  
**OYSTERS.**  
A full supply for Christmas—At the West End Store.  
**Wholesale Poisoning.**  
TWENTY-THREE PERSONS TAKEN ILL AFTER EATING PUDDING.  
Wilkesbarre, Pa., December 15.—The borough of Whitehaven, in this county, was this morning thrown into a fever of excitement by a startling event. On Thursday last a farmer, named Fairchild, completed his fall slaughtering, and, as is customary, remembered a number of his friends and relatives by sending them liver puddings made in the usual manner, from portions of the slaughtered animals. After these gifts had been sent to the various friends in question the members of Mr. Fairchild's family (five in number) were taken suddenly ill, and as soon as possible a physician was summoned, who pronounced the general malady to be the result of poison, occasioning in all the patients fits of vomiting and terrible contortions. The physician investigated the matter and came to the conclusion that the family had been poisoned by the liver puddings. In the absence of all chemical examination he could not tell the nature of the poison.  
As soon as it was ascertained that the poison was contained in the pudding, word was sent to the parties to whom donation had been forwarded, but in many cases the intelligence came too late, as it was discovered that no less than twenty-three persons in Whitehaven were suffering the most intense agonies as the result of eating the poisoned dainties.  
Late advice to-night from the expected community lead to the belief that several persons will die. Two well-known physicians of this city went to Whitehaven this afternoon on special calls. The belief that the poison originated in the copper kettle used in preparing the pudding.  
**DRESSED CHICKENS.**  
Fine Large Corn Fattened Dressed Chickens for the Holidays, at the West End Store.  
—Excellent prunes at Hagerty's.  
—Eggs are a scarce commodity in this market.  
—This has been an exceedingly open season for successful deer hunting in this section.  
—There is oil at Wilcox, and undoubtedly in paying quantities, and why not here? We believe there is and we hope to chronicle the commencement of preparations to thoroughly test the Ridgway oil fields.  
**CAKE.**  
Teed, Pound, and Sponge, Black Fruit Cakes, also, Mince Pies. All Elegant goods at the West End Store.  
—Tramps are numerous about this place. To make them earn their bread before they eat it is true charity. A convenient wood pile and a convenient ax, together with an invitation to the lazy galoot of a tramp to indulge, is a good recipe for the tramp nuisance.  
**SHOES.**  
Ladies will remember our full line of shoes all sizes and qualities—at The West End.  
—Christmas and New Year's day are legal holidays.  
—Buckwheat flour sells at four cents a pound.  
—Mud abounds in our streets, and were it not for the plank road they would be well nigh impassible.  
—Daniel Scribner is building on an addition to the barn on the old Burn's place.  
—This moderate weather has made a perceptible difference in the matrimonial market, but the first cold snap will show a decided improvement.  
—The concert given by M'Collin, on Saturday evening at the court house was attended by a large audience and all seemed to be well pleased.

**Wilcox Graded Schools.**  
Principal's Report for month ending December 12th, 1877.

TEACHER.	No. Present.	No. Present every day.	Percentage of Attendance.	Attendance daily.	No. Excluded.	No. Suffered.	No. Absent.	Average class standing.	General Average.
Miss Eula Schultz	1	46	84	50	10				
Miss Winnie G. Murphy	1	30	24	95	13				
W. H. Priddy, Jr.	1	30	20	96	17				
Summary.	3	106	78	90	40				

The standard used in the following markings is 100 which number denotes perfect recitations, &c.  
The highest average class standing during the month is 100 the lowest 28. The highest general average 100 the lowest 61.

First Division.	"A" GRADE.	"B" GRADE.	"C" GRADE.	"D" GRADE.
Ella Locke	100	100	100	98
Annada Wilcox	100	98	98	99
Jessie Parsons	100	99	98	94
Dora Staros	100	100	100	98
Katie Murphy	100	98	92	95
Mattie Locke	100	99	98	98
Ada Miller	100	97	92	97
Martha Grant	100	97	94	98
Jantha Schultz	100	96	90	97
Mary Scribner	100	100	100	100
Johnnie Murphy	100	100	94	96
Eugene Parsons	100	100	90	89
Fredie Aldrich	100	100	93	95
Eugene Beckwith	100	100	100	90
Eva Schriener	100	100	98	94
George Schriener	100	100	98	94
Eddie Wells	100	99	92	98
Water Weising	100	100	90	92
William Miller	100	100	94	96
Mary Muttough	100	100	90	95
Bernie Murphy	100	99	98	99
Grant Allen	100	95	92	98
Frank Brown	100	98	96	97
Willie Sweet	100	100	86	94
Eddie Bevier	95	99	95	91
Edna Walker	100	100	100	100
John Flanagan	100	100	99	100
Willie Locke	100	100	100	98
Frank Bullie	100	97	96	99
George Weising	100	100	98	96
Minnie Westcott	100	100	100	98
Lacy Starks	100	100	100	100
Charles Armand	85	99	99	91
Charlie Stoils	85	100	100	92
Charles Anderson	100	97	97	99
Otto Schriener	100	99	99	91
Townsend Cole	95	98	98	92

W. H. PRIDEA, Principal.

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Ridgway, Elk Co., Pa.  
W. H. SCHRAM, Proprietor.  
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Oct 20 1869.

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LUMBER AND INSURANCE COMMISSION BROKER,  
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PHILADELPHIA, PA.  
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Earley P. Co.  
vln47r.

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Dealer in all kinds of cabinet ware, wood and cane seat chairs, kitchen and extension tables, wood and marble top stands, wood and marble top bureaus, whatnots, looking glasses, mattresses, spring bed bottoms, bedsteads, cribs, lady's metal lined wood pumps, &c., &c. Cane seats replaced with perforated wood seats. Need sewing machine reduced from \$65 to \$45, the best machine in the market, and picture frames made to order. Also a large assortment of ready made coffins constantly on hand and trimmed at shortest notice. All the above good are sold at panic prices. Ware Rooms in masonic building, Ridgway Pa. vln51t.

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**THE Story of a Baltimore Tramp.**  
"At Perryville I went to a house with a brick in my hand, and asked the lady if she would please be so kind as to put some butter on it." The request excited her curiosity, and she asked: "Why do you want to put butter on a brick?" I told her I was going to eat it. "Surely," she said, you are not so hungry as to eat a buttered brick? Come into the house and I will give you food." I begged a square meal, for which I had set so sick a trap. In the western section of the State I asked for something to eat at a house and was refused. I then begged for a looking-glass, which aroused curiosity to know what I would do with the mirror. I replied, "I want to see myself starving to death." They then gave me what I wanted."  
—A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF LADIES CLOOKS, at Mrs. N. T. Cummings, also ties, collars, cuffs, hosiery, gloves, and a general assortment of Ladies' fancy goods. Remember the place over R. I. Campbell store, Main street. Call and examine before purchasing elsewhere.

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**WILCOX NOTES.**  
Washington, December 11.—A list of counterfeit national bank notes, arranged by Receiving Teller Underwood, of the National Bank Redemption Agency, will soon be issued. An examination of an advance copy reveals the following facts:  
The counterfeiters have so far neglected to pay any attention to the name of the Register on the genuine notes. All the twenties on the Market, Merchants, National bank of Commerce, Shoe and Leather and Tradesmen's National Bank of New York city bearing the name of L. E. Chittenden as Register, are counterfeit. The genuine notes on these banks all have the name of S. B. Colby as Register. This is also the case with the 20 on the Onedia National Bank of Utica, New York. All five dollar notes of the following banks, bearing the name of S. B. Colby as Register, are counterfeit: First National Bank of Aurora, Illinois; Canton, Illinois; Chicago, Illinois; Paxton, Illinois, and Northampton, Massachusetts. All the genuine fives on these banks have the name of L. E. Chittenden as Register, with the exception of the First National Bank of Paxton, Illinois, on which is printed the name of John Allison as Register. The counterfeit ten on the Muncie National Bank of Indiana has the name of Allison as Register and Spinner as Treasurer, while all genuine issues have either the name of Colby or Spinner or Allison and New. All tens on the First National Bank of Lockport New York, and First National Bank of Poughkeepsie, New York, having the name of S. B. Colby, as Register, are counterfeit. The genuine notes bear name of L. E. Chittenden.  
**OYSTERS.**  
A full supply for Christmas—At the West End Store.  
**Wholesale Poisoning.**  
TWENTY-THREE PERSONS TAKEN ILL AFTER EATING PUDDING.  
Wilkesbarre, Pa., December 15.—The borough of Whitehaven, in this county, was this morning thrown into a fever of excitement by a startling event. On Thursday last a farmer, named Fairchild, completed his fall slaughtering, and, as is customary, remembered a number of his friends and relatives by sending them liver puddings made in the usual manner, from portions of the slaughtered animals. After these gifts had been sent to the various friends in question the members of Mr. Fairchild's family (five in number) were taken suddenly ill, and as soon as possible a physician was summoned, who pronounced the general malady to be the result of poison, occasioning in all the patients fits of vomiting and terrible contortions. The physician investigated the matter and came to the conclusion that the family had been poisoned by the liver puddings. In the absence of all chemical examination he could not tell the nature of the poison.  
As soon as it was ascertained that the poison was contained in the pudding, word was sent to the parties to whom donation had been forwarded, but in many cases the intelligence came too late, as it was discovered that no less than twenty-three persons in Whitehaven were suffering the most intense agonies as the result of eating the poisoned dainties.  
Late advice to-night from the expected community lead to the belief that several persons will die. Two well-known physicians of this city went to Whitehaven this afternoon on special calls. The belief that the poison originated in the copper kettle used in preparing the pudding.  
**DRESSED CHICKENS.**  
Fine Large Corn Fattened Dressed Chickens for the Holidays, at the West End Store.  
—Excellent prunes at Hagerty's.  
—Eggs are a scarce commodity in this market.  
—This has been an exceedingly open season for successful deer hunting in this section.  
—There is oil at Wilcox, and undoubtedly in paying quantities, and why not here? We believe there is and we hope to chronicle the commencement of preparations to thoroughly test the Ridgway oil fields.  
**CAKE.**  
Teed, Pound, and Sponge, Black Fruit Cakes, also, Mince Pies. All Elegant goods at the West End Store.  
—Tramps are numerous about this place. To make them earn their bread before they eat it is true charity. A convenient wood pile and a convenient ax, together with an invitation to the lazy galoot of a tramp to indulge, is a good recipe for the tramp nuisance.  
**SHOES.**  
Ladies will remember our full line of shoes all sizes and qualities—at The West End.  
—Christmas and New Year's day are legal holidays.  
—Buckwheat flour sells at four cents a pound.  
—Mud abounds in our streets, and were it not for the plank road they would be well nigh impassible.  
—Daniel Scribner is building on an addition to the barn on the old Burn's place.  
—This moderate weather has made a perceptible difference in the matrimonial market, but the first cold snap will show a decided improvement.  
—The concert given by M'Collin, on Saturday evening at the court house was attended by a large audience and all seemed to be well pleased.

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