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1891.

Kimball at Magistrate Hall to-morrow evening. Good dinner after the performance.  
Services in the Lutheran church next Sunday morning in German, and in the evening English by Rev. I. Breneman.  
Patrick Goodman and Charles Riley escaped from the county jail on Friday night last. Goodman was confined for assault and battery, and Riley for larceny. The escape was made by cutting a hole through the wall of the jail with a saw. The hole was made by one of the men, and which guarded the jail window. They by making a rope of the bed clothes they secured the wall. No tidings of the fugitives.  
En. Advocate.—Dear Sir:—In your issue of last week you say that Terence McCabe, night watchman at Greenburg, has traveled a foot since Jan. 1st, 1878, the enormous distance of ten thousand seven hundred and fifty miles, which is very good, but we have a man in Ridgway that can beat your Greenburg man. Mr. James Duffy has been employed as day watchman on this section of the P. & E. R. R. since November, 1861, and has walked twelve miles per day up to January, 1878, (and is still walking), his travels during the past five years will reach fifty-six thousand nine hundred and seventy-six miles.  
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**TITUSVILLE, PA., April 15, 1878.**  
I take pleasure in certifying that the Sweet Worm Powder has worked wonders in my family. My girl, four years old, was taken with convulsions, rolling up the eyes, and straightening out of the limbs, and seemed to be almost lifeless, when I borrowed some of the Sweet Worm Powder made by E. K. Thompson, Titusville, Pa., giving her two doses, when she was relieved at once. I also gave some to my other children with the same effect.  
Geo. M. HERRING, Kerr Hill, Pa.  
Prepared and sold by E. K. Thompson, Titusville, Pa. Price, 25 cents. Sold by Dr. T. S. Hartley, Ridgway Pa.

**FIRST ANNUAL STATEMENT OF RIDGWAY TOWNSHIP SHOWING THE ASSETS, NATURE AND CHARACTER THEREOF, AND THE INDEBTEDNESS AND LIABILITIES, ETC., AND AMOUNT OF TAXABLE PROPERTY UP TO JANUARY 21, 1878:**

ASSETS.				
	CASH.	ROAD.	POOR.	SIDE-WALK.
By amount due the Township from various sources, viz:	\$1,728.17	\$183.84	\$209.94	\$15.69
Tax of 1876 on Unsettled Lands.....	1,091.95	513.51	323.92	\$15.69
" " due from J. W. Morgester, Col.....	1,681.53	246.18	420.91	
" " due from Geo. B. Messinger, J. H. Sol.....	1,831.39	271.31	379.94	185.64
" " 1874 " " H. H. Wessell, Col.....	505.46		310.68	74.97
The above taxes subject to exonerations and commissions.....				
Due from W. H. Hyde, Treas., 1877.....	835.53		1.29	
" Horton Township.....			51.91	
Total taxes collected, levied and in course of collection.....	\$7,592.45	\$2,177.41	\$2,077.11	\$728.46
Judgment of Ridgway township vs. W. H. Schram and V. S. W. Hecker, and interest thereon to January 21, 1878.....				\$ 597.55
Excess of Liabilities.....				\$19,383.11

**Judgment of Township vs. Patrick Malone and interest thereon to January 21, 1878, uncollectable.....** 465.14

**LIABILITIES.**  
Judgments against the township, interest thereon to January 21, 1878, and costs.....\$12,735.45

	ROAD.	POOR.	SIDE-WALK.
Outstanding orders.....	\$3,889.41	\$1,271.09	\$491.89
Probable amount due supervisors and sundry other persons.....	210.68	181.60	56.76
Total Liabilities.....	\$4,099.29	\$1,452.72	\$548.65

**Taxes levied and Expenditures up to January 21, 1878 of John Guinack and Daniel McGovern, Supervisors of said township for 1877.**

	CASH.	ROAD.	POOR.	SIDE-WALK.
Total amt of taxes levied—Unsettled.....	\$1,333.45	\$1,257.74	\$333.94	
" " Settled.....	1,831.39	1,340.09	575.94	155.64
Total funds.....	\$3,164.84	2,597.83	909.88	155.64
Deficit cash tax to be applied to payment of judgments.....				\$ 3,467.31
Total—road, poor and side-walk taxes.....				\$3,997.35
Deficit probable exonerations and costs of collection.....				\$3,697.35

**Amount of taxable property in Ridgway township for the year 1878:**

	Real Estate.....	Personal Property.....	Occupations.....
Total.....	\$22,029.00	5,990.00	18,425.00

JOHN GUINACK, DANIEL MCGOVERN, Supervisors.  
M. N. KLINE, Township Clerk.

**Elk Advocate.**  
THURSDAY, JAN. 31, 1878.  
**LOST.**  
A wild rose by the wayside hung,  
Dew-glittering on the morning air,  
A pure, scarce conscious perfume hung;  
I looked and found the flower fair—  
So fair I sought with sudden zest  
To wear its beauty on my breast.  
The trembling petals at my touch  
A sweeter, subtler fragrance shed:  
"Thine, sister I loved that flower so much,  
—And it was dead.  
In the high mood when thought hath wings,  
And flutters into speech in song,  
I struck an old harp's stumbling strings  
And drew an idle hand along;  
Nor deemed the careless cords had caught  
The life-note that my spirit sought,  
Till sudden on my startled ear,  
Its strain-created accents woke  
A shriek! I thought the rapture dear—  
The string had broke.  
I heard a wild bird on the shore  
Singing a wild song to the sea;  
And bid the burden that it bore,  
And sweeter than all else to me—  
I heard it sung the while to hear  
His magic melody more near.  
Unheeded, the eye's'seeking threat  
To one and song his whole soul east,  
"Too well I know his loveliest note,  
Had been his last.  
And yet, while memory hath power  
To count the hours so vainly spent,  
The fragrance of that faded flower,  
That harp's last dying melody,  
With the wild bird's wailing death-song will  
Haunt every waking moment still.  
Teaching my heart the bitter cost  
Of all the life of hope hath seen,  
Of all that life hath won and lost—  
That might have been.  
—TIMOTHY'S MAGAZINE.

**Notes.**  
—The attendance on court this week is small.  
—The ADVOCATE is a little late this week by reason of "ye editor" being a jurymen.  
—Hon. L. A. Mackey, will please accept our thanks for valuable public documents.  
—There is talk of organizing a Greenback Club in Benecette and Jay townships.  
—The Greenback Club in Horton township embraces a very large proportion of the voters.  
—An unforeseen event makes it impossible for Rev. W. L. Riley to preach in the Methodist church, next Sabbath, as announced from the pulpit last Sabbath.  
—Licenses were granted in all the cases with the exception of Geo. W. Rhines, and John McCreedy & W. A. Derby, both of Ridgway, and both for eating house licenses.  
—The Adjutant General of Pennsylvania, in his report of the inspection of the Seventh Division at Pittsburgh, returns Company H, "Ridgway Rifles" of the Seventeenth Regiment as very good.  
—Just received at this office a fresh invoice of Centennial Note, Letter, and Legal-Cap. This paper we will sell cheap, and we guarantee it to be of good quality. Call and satisfy yourself.  
—We have had more calls for extra copies of the ADVOCATE than we have been able to supply. We suggest to those gentlemen, who failed to get copies, the propriety of sending in the money for a year's subscription, as thereby they will prevent a like occurrence for one year at least.  
—The township election will be held on Tuesday Feb. 19, 1878, being the third Tuesday of the month. The following officers are to be elected:  
Assessor.  
Constable.  
Town Clerk.  
Town Treasurer.  
Two Supervisors.  
Judge of Election.  
Two Inspectors of election.  
Two Auditors, one for the full term and one to fill a vacancy.  
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**RIDGWAY PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**  
Principal's Report for month ending January 17th, 1878.

TEACHERS.		No. present every day.		Per cent. of attendance.	
Room.	Attendance.	Attendance.	Attendance.	Attendance.	Attendance.
Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Johnson.	1 78	68	80	17	
Miss S. B. Kinnier.	2 55	42	82	11	
Miss E. Wilcox.	3 81	68	89	31	
Summary.	214	173	84	59	

The highest average class standing obtained by any pupil for the month is 96; and the lowest 64; the best general average 89, and the lowest 77.

**HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.**

SENIORS		No. present every day.		Per cent. of attendance.	
Room.	Attendance.	Attendance.	Attendance.	Attendance.	Attendance.
Carrie V. Luther.	100	100	100	94	99
Helen M. Little.	85	96	97	84	91
Julia Flynn.	80	100	100	94	94
Thillie Cunningham.	100	100	100	91	98
Minnie M. Service.	100	100	97	79	94
Thos. J. Malone.	97	90	97	65	87
Katie Callahan.	100	98	100	70	92
Charles Olmsted.	92	100	100	75	92
Ida Luther.	45	100	100		
Ida M. Olmsted.	45	90	90		
Rhoda Wilcox.	25	100	100		
Rose Miller.	25	100	100		

**"A" GRADE**

Daniel Irwin.	100	100	97	94	98
Clara Meenan.	27	100	97	85	83
Emma E. Ross.	100	98	97	94	97
Agnes Barrett.	85	86	100	79	87
Dorrie M. Irwin.	55	100	100		
Katie O'Connor.	90	100	100	73	91
Ida M. Olmsted.	100	100	97	76	91
Emma Olmsted.	100	100	97	67	91
Rhoda Wilcox.	75	100	100		
Alliee Toomey.	100	100	100	86	97
Chas Johnson.	97	100	92	98	96

**"B" GRADE**

Lewis Lesser.	95	100	90	94	95
Maggie Flynn.	100	100	100	96	99
Michael O'Connor.	82	100	100	82	91
Daniel Cunningham.	100	100	100	88	97
Clyde Kline.	100	100	97	83	94
Annie M. Irwin.	100	98	100	83	95
Jack E. Barrett.	60	100	90	81	83
E. J. Luther.	100	100	90	79	87
Michael May.	75	100	100	78	87
Nellie E. Schram.	90	92	100	68	87
Patrick Hollaud.	48	100	100	64	77
Mary Horning.	100	90	97	68	96
Ella Wicks.	100	98	95	67	90
Florence Stafford.	30	100	100		
Fred Fitch.	75	95	92	69	81
Edith Powell.	87	100	97	69	91
Adelbert Avery.	80	97	97	61	81
Jennie McCreedy.	85	100	100	54	85
Seneca Benn.	100	100	97	60	87
Fred Ely.	62	100	100		

**"C" GRADE**

Ellie Kime.	95	100	98		
Henry A. Paine.	55	100	95	76	82
Amanda Lindgren.	100	100	100	96	99
Jennie E. Ross.	90	98	92	85	95
Willie T. Nell.	90	90	70	82	
Willie Meenan.	40	100	100	87	82
Maggie Sheau.	100	100	100	98	99
Edward Paine.	97	100	100	80	94
Viola Nell.	100	92	85	88	91
G. E. Kline.	80	100	100	84	96
Willie Schram.	100	100	90	94	96
Arthur Horton.	50	100	100	78	82
Addie Bordwell.	62	100	100	75	84

**"D" GRADE**

Johnie G. Whitmore.	100	100	100	96	99
Johnie Messenger.	100	99	92	89	94
Rollin Cook.	100	100	100	91	94
Chauncey Wilcox.	100	100	100	91	98
Willie Hall.	100	100	100	84	96
Annie Kline.	97	100	100	80	94
Minnie Kline.	97	100	85	72	89
Roseph Meyers.	97	94	100	80	94
Sadie Lamoreaux.	65	100	100	70	83
Edith Powell.	100	100	100	88	98
John Luby.	85	92	100	89	94
Kittie Whitmore.	55	100	100	58	78
John Nichols.	55	100	100	57	78
Ret G. Fullerton.	100	98	85	68	88
John Healey.	10	100	100		

**"E" GRADE**

Katie Meenan.	72	100	100	96	92
Gussie Woodward.	100	100	95	82	94
Edith Horton.	100	100	100	93	98
Adah Malone.	100	98	99	95	97
Eddie Layton.	95	100	78	61	84
Flora Irwin.	97	90	95	91	93
Allie Nell.	97	90	92	84	93
Edith Luby.	82	95	97	55	82
Charles Miller.	87	100	100	72	92
Lizzie O'Brien.	85	100	100	60	81
Mack Kline.	52	97	100		

**INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT.**  
Names of those who excelled at the examination.  
**E GRADE:**—Coryell Ross, Nellie Jackson and Nellie Olmsted.  
**F GRADE:**—George McFarland, Warren Irwin and Bruce Kime.  
**G GRADE:**—Eugene Willard, Emma Geary and Lena Henpky.  
**PROMOTIONS:**—Coryell Ross, Glenn Johnson and Hannah Maloney were promoted from Intermediate to High School Department, and Ronnie P. Little, John Nell, Frankie Oyster, Freddie Hartley, Willie Cunningham, May VanOrsdal, Annie McGovern and Belle Hartley, from Primary to Intermediate.  
**VISITORS:**—Rev. W. H. Swartz, Mrs. Chapin, Mrs. C. E. Holday, Mrs. T. S. Hartley, Miss Hattie E. Hinds.  
We are under many obligations to the following named persons for assisting us in decorating and beautifying our school rooms by bringing house-plants, pictures, mottoes, fern-baskets, &c. Carrie V. Luther, Ida Luther, Emma Olmsted, Hattie E. Hinds, Katie Gresh, Agnes Barrett, Nellie E. Schram, Rosapha Meyers, Mattie Healy, Jennie Hall, Addie Bordwell, Minnie Kline, Adnie Kline, Thillie Cunningham, Josie Messenger, Viola Nell, Kittie Whitmore, Willie Schram, Mrs. W. F. Mercer, Adah Malone, Minnie Service.  
J. B. Johnson, Principal.

**New Meat Market.**  
Mercer Brothers have moved their meat market from D. D. Cook's, building to W. S. Service's hardware store, where they invite all wishing beef, pork, veal and sausage to give them a call.  
—Shipping tags, with or without strings, at the ADVOCATE office.  
—For a nicely fitting suit of clothes call on M'Affee the tailor.  
—Groceries, fresh and good, and the best crackers at Hagerty's.

**Notes from Exchanges.**  
**BY COUNTIES.**  
**Jefferson.**  
[From the Graphic.]  
If electricity will travel along the Atlantic cable at the rate of 6,125 miles a second, how long will it take a Brookville man to go ten rods for a swig of crocota to cure the jumping toothache?  
During the absence of one of our school teachers the other day, some scholar more gifted with talent for "divilry" than for learning, spiked the lock in the door, compelling the teacher, to remain outside for a considerable length of time. We would advise that boy to mend his ways, or he will go to that place where the doors are already spiked.

**Clarion.**  
[From the Graphic.]  
One thousand and fifty-five wells completed in the Clarion district for the year 1877, with a production of 13,944 barrels. Number of dry holes 178.  
Good progress is being made by the Clarion Coal Company. Their mines are being put in good working order, and a considerable amount of coal has already been shipped. This coal finds a ready market in the oil country. The only difficulty at present is that the consumers can't get as much of it as they want. The management are doing all they can to supply this deficiency, and we hope in a week or so will be equal to the emergency.

**Cameron.**  
[From the Independent.]  
The drillers at the Hughton & Co. well on North Creek are having remarkably good luck thus far, not having had a single mishap since their commencement. They are now down a little more than 700 feet and steadily going on.  
At the Taylor, Akin & Peet well, drilling was resumed on Saturday afternoon and continued without intermission until noon on Sunday, when another of their unfortunate mishaps occurred, in the breaking off the pin and collar from the jars, leaving them at the bottom of the well, some 900 feet below the surface of terra firma. They were got out on Tuesday afternoon and a new set of jars attached, and they are now on their way again in search of the oleaginous deposits, which they are sure to find after going down about 600 feet further.

**Lycoming.**  
[From the Williamsport Gazette & Bulletin.]  
Register and Recorder Hess is said to be the father of 8 children, the uncle of 60, and the great uncle of 23. And, as might be expected, he is one of the most obliging and jolly men in the county house. Three cheers and a tiger for Hess!  
Blankets one hundred years old were sold by the executors of Samuel Shade, deceased, at their recent sale in Northumberland county. The blankets were woven in the neighborhood, and bore the weaver's name and the date 1778. They sold for \$11.50 per pair.

Dr. Levis, the eminent Philadelphia surgeon, was here on Saturday last. He operated on six or seven patients successfully. In the morning he removed a cancerous tumor from the body of Mr. F. Hunt, and in the afternoon he operated upon a bulged or dropsical eye of a thirteen year old daughter of Mr. Reuben Weaver. He also attended to a young lady who had what is called a "staring eye," another young lady, Miss Anthony, a grand-daughter of the late Judge Anthony, and a niece of Dr. Charles Lyon, who was afflicted with ptochis, or drooping eyelid, and a young man who was cross-eyed. These however, were of minor importance compared with an operation on a young man about twenty years of age named Tommy Casselberry, of Upper Fairfield township. Tommy was the owner of two noses, one of them having teeth. But the worst feature in Tommy's case was that he had no foundation for a moustache—no upper lip. In order to secure this it became necessary to dispense with one of the noses, the under one possessing sufficient material to make as much lip as any man should desire. After Tommy was ethered into a pretty sound sleep, Dr. Levis took possession of him, and slashed into the extra nose right and left and spread down till about a quart of blood spread itself out on the floor, and Tommy's phiz, from his natural nose to his chin, looked like a shop wherein fresh meat was sold. The ether worked off of him before the operation was over, but the large amount of blood flowing from him forb