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Ridgway Lodge No. 1644 meets on the 2d and 4th Fridays of each month at 8 o'clock.

NEW TIME TABLE.—Under the new schedule the mail and local freight leave Ridgway station as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Direction and Time. Rows include MAIL WEST (2:36), EAST (5:00), LOCAL WEST (7:50), and EAST (3:25).

New York Store.

We advise the public to purchase now. Goods are advancing fast, but in order to make room for Spring and Summer stock we will sell all goods now on hand at astonishingly low prices. Call soon.

CORTEX, BRO. & BROWNSTEINE.

Social Dance.

Joel Miller's new string band will give their first ball at Maginnis' Hall on Friday evening, April 2, 1880. The public are respectfully invited to attend. Tickets 50 cents.

- March comes in mild.
-The roads are fearfully muddy.
-The days are growing longer.
-Bargains in brooms at Morgester's.
-Maple sugar will soon put in an appearance.

-Wild pigeons were plenty in this section the latter part of last week.

-Lard in pails and tierces. Salt, pork, &c., at Morgester's.

-The new Court House is all fitted up for heating with steam.

-The work of taking up the rails on the Shawmut coal road is almost done.

-Buy your note paper and envelopes at THE ADVOCATE office.

-Cloaks.—A fine line of Ladies Cloaks, cheaper than the cheapest at Powell & Kime's.

-The practice of slopping cows on the sidewalk is not calculated to keep the walks in the very best condition.

-The Democratic National Convention will be held at Cincinnati, on June 23d. And Tilden will then be nominated.

-Prints.—The most desirable assortment in Western Pennsylvania, now on exhibition at Powell & Kime's mammoth sales rooms.

-The Commissioners will hold a Court of Appeals for Ridgway township on the 5th and 6th of March at the Commissioners' office.

-An election for Colonel and Lieut. Colonel of the 17th Regiment, N. G. P. will be held at Erie to-morrow. Capt. Schoening and Lieut. Rhines of Co. H, will attend the election.

-The United States supreme court has decided that capital invested in national banks cannot be assessed by the state authorities at a higher rate than other moneyed capital.

-Dot pinefore expression was a nuisance, say you tole a veller something he speaks nodding you blain english ober he says, vot, hardly sometimes nefer, vot kind of language is dose.—Lock Haven Journal.

-Under a recent ruling of the post-office department, printed bills may be sent through the mails for one cent. Therefore it will pay all business men to use printed bill-heads, which can be procured at THE ADVOCATE office.

-On the 1st of March the interest-bearing debt of the United States amounted to \$1,770,212,850; the total debt, including accrued interest, was \$2,191,463,874, or \$1,195,112,231, if we deducted the cash in the Treasury.

-THE ADVOCATE office is now located in the front room over Powell & Kime's store. We moved last Saturday. Call in and see us in our new quarters. McAfee the tailor has moved into the room recently occupied by THE ADVOCATE office.

-That splendid organ sold by D. S. Andrus & Co., Williamsport, Pa., for \$75.00—cash—with 7 stops, solid walnut case and 5 feet 9 inches high, is sold now for \$80.00 with one more stop and the grand organ knee swell additional. Write them. Terms easy on long time also.

-The wind blew down the fence to Doctor Earley's deer park last Sunday and the deer, six in number coolly walked out and took to the woods. Three were killed on Sunday. One was caught on Sunday and returned while another one returned of its own accord on Tuesday and was placed in the park. The remaining one is yet in the woods but just where no one knows at present.

-List of letters remaining in the Ridgway P. O., Elk county, Pa., up to March 1, 1880.

Blair, Joseph.

Bradport, John.

Breunan, R.

Brown, Miss Mellie M.

Bowers, E. H.

Carlin, James.

Cornbs, F. V.

Coleman, Mrs. Margout.

Cook, J. L.

Frutiger, John.

Gage, M. D.

Hartz, Simon.

Humbler, Lewis.

Hickey, James S.

Henell, M.

Keller, Miss Lizzie.

Loche, Mrs. J. W.

Lachey, Mrs. John G.

Messinger & Mulen.

Morehester, J. B.

Rice, J. W.

Smith, Mrs. Margaret.

Taylor, Wm. H.

Weyle, Conrad.

FOREIGN.

Mathews, B. F.

If not called for in thirty days they will be sent to the dead letter office at Washington, D. C.

J. H. HAGERTY, P. M.

Personal Items.

-John Cobb is again on our streets.

-Elias Moyer, of Fox township, was in town this week.

-R. T. Kyles, of Fox township, was in town this week.

-Sheriff Oyster is away again to New York, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.

-H. Bullers has moved from Hugh McGeehin's court house to the Masonic block.

-James Phalen and family of Horton township, were in this village on Tuesday.

-Miss Lizzie Keller of Lock Haven, niece of Mrs. Jas. McAfee, is visiting in this village.

-Miss Frank M Stout, of Lock Haven is again in town, and employed in McAfee tailor shop.

-The new Supervisors of Ridgway township, O. B. Fitch and Harry H. Wilson, have been sworn in.

-The school at Laurel Mill, Miss Katie O'Connor teacher, closes a six month's term to-morrow.

-Hugh McGeehin's court house is being fitted up in tip top shape, and will be occupied as a hotel, as soon as ready.

-John Youngs was awarded the contract of firing the boilers and doing the janitor work for the new Court House at \$1.12 a day.

-Grant & Horton talk of putting down a well near their tannery this spring, for the purpose of getting gas for fuel and light. If they find oil no one will be mad.

-A communication was received from Portland this week but who the writer is we are at a loss to know as no name is signed. Correspondents should always sign their name to communications.

-Frank Fisher has gone to Kane where he will run a blacksmith and wagon shop on his own hook. His brother Charley will work for him in the blacksmith shop, and Will Nichols in the wagon shop.

BIRTH.

AARON.—On Sunday, Feb. 29, 1880, to Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Aaron of this place, a daughter. This young lady will have a birth-day anniversary once in four years.

-Salt fish of all kinds at Morgester's.

-Children's Sole Leather Tip shoe at P. & K's.

-The new Court House will be plastered in a few weeks.

-The ice house owners have a poor show for getting much ice this season.

-Envelopes from a single one to any number desired, very cheap, at THE ADVOCATE office.

-Prime Chautauqua county butter at Morgester's.

-Salt—cheaper than the cheapest—at Morgester's.

-If you want a sheet of note paper; if you want a quire of note paper; if you want a ream of note paper, don't fail to call at THE ADVOCATE office. We keep a large assortment of note paper and envelopes, and sell cheap.

-Miss Maggie Malcolmson, a clerk in a dry goods store of Meadville, has received word that an uncle died recently in Belfast leaving an estate valued at \$100,000. The young lady and several brothers and sisters are the sole heirs.

SEED CATALOGUE.—Joseph Harris, of Morton Farm, Rochester, N. Y., sends his Catalogue of Choice Garden and Flower Seeds for 1880. It is sent free of charge to all applicants. Drop him a postal card with your address, and tell him you saw this notice in THE ADVOCATE.

Notice to Correspondents and Others.

Hereafter THE ADVOCATE will go to press at 10 o'clock Thursday morning, consequently all advertisements and correspondence must be handed in not later than Wednesday noon to insure insertion in the current issue.

WANTED.—D. H. Patty & Co., Nurserymen, want a few good reliable men to sell TREES, VINES and SHRUBS through this state. They promise steady employment to good salesmen. For full particulars address, D. H. Patty & Co., 721 Broad St., Newark, N. J.

-The steamboat Arabian sank in the Missouri river near Kansas City twenty-two years ago with eight hundred barrels of whisky on board. Geo. Treadway noted the exact spot, and subsequently bought the cargo at a small price, intending to raise it, but was never able to carry out the project. The course of the river has since changed and the whisky, which now lies about forty feet under the sand, is soon to be dug for.

-A new six inch pipe line, with a daily capacity of 15,000 barrels of oil is being laid between Bradford and Emporium, by the united pipe lines, and is expected to be completed by March 10. At Emporium extensive loading tracks are to be erected, and the oil will be shipped east via the Philadelphia and Erie railroad. The length of the new line is about fifty miles. Another line, against the interest of the Standard oil company, is projected between Bradford and Buffalo, and will be begun this spring.

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Get your NOTE PAPER, ENVELOPES, and CHROMO VISITING CARDS at THE ADVOCATE office, over Powell & Kime's store, Ridgway, Pa.

Squibs from Brockport and Vicinity.

-The Keystone mill is running day and night.

-Jackson Short has gone to North East on a visit.

-Mrs. N. M. Brockway is gaining slowly at present.

-Frank Jackson is rafting for Lon. Myers at the old steam mill.

-The lumbermen have been running rafts out of Toby for the past week.

-"Swamper" run the shanty raft to Portland for Short & Horton on Friday.

-If "C. Man" has any thing to say to us let him say it in plain English and he shall have an answer.

-We notice Dr. Nulf on our streets again. Doctor why dost thou wander in the direction of Boga run,

-"D Teetive" visited Blue Rock on Friday. He looked more like an old hunter than he did like, "D Teetive" as he carried a rifle on his shoulder.

-We also saw "Nixeweeden" taking a pleasure ride on a raft in company of three or four belles of Brockwayville.

-J. C. complains of his throat being raw to the end of his toes, since the dance on the mountain. We don't doubt it, for sweet spirits of niter is not a very pleasant drink.

-Hark! methinks I hear the voice of an angel singing, thunder! it is only the gentle voice of "Nixeweeden", in a passion.

-If you want to find "Watchman" keep the strait road past the old steam mill until you come to the Keystone school house, call there and ask the school maam if "Watchman" is in. To thin R. J.

-That red whiskered long legged man that "Watchman" spoke of, had a quiet little dance one night last week which was largely attended by the little children, "Abraham," "take" "Watchman's" advice and lead not the little children into temptation, but suffer them to come unto the Lord.

C. M. GORT.

Dagus City Dots.

-J. H. Steel, of Scranton, one of the firm of J. H. Steel & Co., of this place, was here last week assisting in taking account of stock at their mammoth store. He is a fine, jovial fellow. Hope the next time he comes he can carry longer.

-The exhibition given at the public school building in Centreville, by the pupils on Saturday evening last, was a grand success. All doing their parts well. A repetition will take place on Saturday evening next. The proceeds are to be used for the purpose of purchasing a library for the school and otherwise decorating the room. One and all should turn out and give a helping hand. Admission 20 cents.

-Robt. Hawkins was in town on Saturday last.

-Saturday was pay day.

-The new trestles are going up rapidly.

-Dave Daniels wears quite a nobby hat.

-Andy Kauffman was the lucky man at the raffle for the fiddle on Saturday.

-Jack Malone will raffle off his gun on the 24th of March.

-Henry at last found ice to fill his ice house.

-Preaching next Sabbath evening in the school house.

-Almy's hand is gaining rapidly.

-The largest assortment of prints, muslins, shawls and hoods in Western Pennsylvania, and at the lowest figures, will be found at the mammoth store of J. H. Steele & Co., in this place.

-Look out for heavy winds.

-Wanted—a few more rods of sidewalk.

-"The girl I left behind me," as Charley remarked, when his girl slipped and fell backwards in the mud.

The branch post-office at the store of Steel & Co., sends out quite a pile of mail, by each train during the week. Why can't we have a regular post-office at this city?

-An express office is badly needed at this place.

-The Brown, the champion tumboirne player of the Centreville minstrels, has returned from DuBois where he has been working for a few weeks.

-Boys don't be standing at the church door Sunday evenings. Either go inside and listen to the sermon or else go home and spend the evening. Nothing will cast a gloom upon a young man's character so quick as to see him standing in the church door while a sermon is being preached. If you wish to accompany Mary, Susan or Ellen home, why act the gentleman by going inside taking a seat and waiting quietly until the congregation is dismissed.

-Mr. Peckham has been suffering considerably from a heavy cold for the past few days.

-Conductor Zimmerman, of the Dagus express train, appears to be the fag for the position.

-John Hessel is supplying the timber for the trestle.

-Our young boys have already commenced their out-door evening concerts.

-City "drummers" are getting quite numerous.

-Lou English received a very bad cut in the face from a stone thrown from the hands of James Dukelon on Sunday evening last.

-Eckle, the railroad boss and crew are putting in a new crossing at the railroad in front of J. H. Steel & Co's store.

I. N. O.

The News.

-Gilbert Golden, who was sentenced in 1874 to 14 years in the Penitentiary for the murder of a half-breed at West Lynne, Manitoba, but who afterwards escaped, is now held for trial at Pembina for assault with intent to kill.

-D. Geib, the agent for the Pennsylvania and Northern Central Railroad Companies at Marysville, Pa., was killed at that place Saturday afternoon. He stepped on the track to avoid a runaway horse, and was struck by a shifting engine.

-White Water, Wis., Feb. 28.—Twenty-seven years ago Thursday there was born into the family of Wm. Marshall, of this city, triplets, two boys and a girl. They were all three married Thursday night in one ceremony, by the Rev. G. W. Wells, when the three happy couples took the train for Chicago.

-John Petty, a prominent citizen of Stockton, Cal., was deliberately shot down and fatally wounded in the court-house yard of that place on Saturday, by Henry Parker. The cause of the affair was that the Sheriff levied an execution on the property of Parker to satisfy an old judgment in favor of Petty.

-Information has just been received at Petersburg, Va., of the murder of Richard Nuble by Thomas Conway, in Surrey County, a few days since. Conway charged Nuble with having had improper relations with his wife, and meeting him on the road, shot him in the abdomen, killing him instantly. He then fled, and has not yet been captured.

-There were only six of the Philadelphia boys who called themselves the Forty Thieves, but they liked the name though their band was organized on the more modern model after a cheap story book. Each member had an alias taken from that narrative, and the leader, aged 18, conducted the night raids which they made. Their plunder consisted chiefly of clothes from the neighbors' lines, and they had a "cave" in a garret.

-Williamsport, Feb. 28.—The jury at Laporte, in the case of Wm. D. Spearman, who without cause shot and instantly killed George Yount, a man in his employ, on October 23, 1879, rendered a verdict last evening of murder in the second degree. This is the first murder trial in Sullivan county for twenty-five or thirty years. The insanity plea was used by the defense. Seven years in the Eastern Penitentiary was the imprisonment imposed.

-William Low, 15 years old, of Mongaup, N. Y., met a horrible death a few days ago. He was out in the woods assisting his father in sawing logs. Having nearly detached one, a wedge was used in order that the log might be severed more quickly. The log broke away from its fastening and being on a side hill, rolled rapidly to the bottom. The boy stood within a few feet of the log, and before he could get out of the way it rolled over him, crushing him into a shapeless mass, causing instant death.

-A fearful fight occurred on Thursday night near Steward, Nebraska, at a school-house, where nightly religious meetings have been held lately. A party of men attempted to break up the meeting. A lively scuffle ensued, in which many shots were exchanged and eight persons were wounded. Wm Bates died on Friday from his wounds, and Levi Bates was wounded probably fatally. Eight men have been arrested and more arrests are expected. The quarrel originated in the expulsion of two children from school recently.

-Between 2 and 3 o'clock Saturday morning three burglars broke into the jewelry store of Charles Bird, Jr., at Mount Gilead, Ohio, and carried off gold and silver watches valued at \$7,000. They broke in at the rear, and rolled a 3,000-pound safe from the front to the rear of the store, drilled and blew the door to pieces. A young man in a livery stable close by saw the burglars proceed while one of a revolver. A hand-car is missing from the railroad station, and it is supposed the burglars escaped that way.

-Three men, Holland, Martin and Coward, were engaged at Quere, Texas, in pitching half dollars for liquor, when Holland disputed the game and started for his house for a gun to kill Martin. His mother, 75 years of age, came from the house and caught Martin, who was trying to prevent Holland from getting the gun and held his arms while Holland drew a knife and savagely hacked Martin's throat. Coward placed a pistol in Martin's hand, the latter shot Holland in the arm, shook clear of the old lady, knocked her down and shot her, inflicting a wound from which she soon died, and then fired again at Holland, wounding him mortally. Martin's injuries are not serious.

-The preliminary examination in the Donnelly massacre case was resumed at London, Ontario, Saturday when William Donnelly entered the witness box, and made some direct and startling revelations in the course of a very sensational story as to the murder of his brother John, who was called to the door of his house and shot. He identified James Carroll, John Kennedy, Martin McLaughlin, a justice of the peace, and James Ryder as the assassins. He heard some one crying fire at his house, and looking through the bedroom window saw these men standing before his house. His brother John appeared at the door, and was instantly shot by some one behind a large tree. The gun resting in a crotch of the tree.

This is Leap Year—Why?

When the number of the year is divisible by four it is Leap Year, and such is the case with 1880. Just about the time, this, the March number of the American Agriculturist reaches its readers, perhaps while thousands of boys and girls are looking over its pages, and even reading this very article, it will be the 29 of February—the Leap Year Day, that comes only once in four years. Nearly a year ago we saw a little girl then about three years old who had never had an anniversary of her birthday; but this year she will have one, and we hope it will be big enough to make up for all the misfortunes of being born on the 29th of the shortest month of the year.

"Leap Year," we have been told, "is an odd year;" but it has just been shown that it is altogether even. Why is it odd? we may ask, and the reply comes, "It is the year when the boys are girls and the girls are boys, and everything is turned around." O! yes, we begin to see! They have "leap year parties," and "leap year rides," and "leap year this and that," and the girls do the inviting, and driving, and managing, and many of the "company" things which the boys claim for their own on other and ordinary years. It is said that such matters are sometimes even carried so far that the young lady proposes to the young gentleman of her choice, and he has the privilege of accepting or refusing as he sees fit. Well! we will admit it is an odd year, though it is even all the same. But why do we have leap years? There must be some good reason for adding one day to every fourth year as it comes around to us. What is it?

The earth moves around the sun once a year, as you all have learned from your geography. The time required for the earth to pass around and return to the place from which it started is called a solar or sun year—the year made by the heavenly bodies. In olden times, men did not know that the earth moved around the sun. If there was any moving it was done by the sun they thought; and it did seem to move. To this day we all say the sun rises and sets. Knowing so little about the revolution of the earth it was very hard for men to arrange the divisions of time so that they would correspond with the solar year. The civil year is the one made by man and like many human things, it was at first very imperfect—that is, the civil year and solar year did not correspond very closely. In the time of Julius Caesar, the two kinds of years had got so out of place that the spring of the civil year came in midsummer. To use an illustration, we will have to tug our wheels that work into each other. If both wheels are in all respects alike, the same places will always come together at each revolution; but suppose one wheel is a trifle smaller than the other, the wheel representing the civil year smaller than the one of the solar year, then any points one together will keep getting farther apart. This was just the trouble between man's year and the natural year. Caesar rearranged the civil year in 46 before Christ, and introduced the system of having three years of 365 days and then one of 366—the additional day being given to February. The solar year is 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes 49 seconds, so that Caesar's year of 365 days, averaging the four, is about 11 minutes too long. The point is to get these two years; the year of the heavens which we can not alter, and the year of the almanacs to agree. Matters went on as they had been started by Julius Caesar, with a loss of 11 minutes a year until 1582, over sixteen hundred years, when it became evident that the little yearly loss was too great and must be remedied. How could this be done was the question. At this time a Pope took the matter up—it was a time when the Popes had great temporal power—and decreed that the fifth of October be called the 15th, and all the intervening days to be cancelled. This only set matters right for the time being, but the same Pope, Gregory XIII, made it a rule that the century years not divisible by eight be not leap years. Thus 1700, 1800, and 1900 are no leap years, according to the new rule. This omits three leap years in every 400 years. With this arrangement the civil and solar years almost coincide, the solar, exceeding by only 22 seconds, or a day in about 4,000 years—a matter too small to need attention.

Those who followed us through, and we fear it has been rather dry for the younger readers, will see that it has been quite a hard matter to bring things around straight. The leap year comes from the fact that there is a fraction of a day in the solar year which would not be convenient to have in the civil, so we put enough of the fractions together to make a day and have the extra one on the leap year, or every fourth year.—American Agriculturist for March 1

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-The Supreme Court of Mass. has set aside the verdict of manslaughter found in the case of Charles H. Hartwell, conductor of the freight train which, it was alleged, caused the Wollaston disaster on the Old Colony railroad, in October, 1878.

-On Saturday A. M. last a freight train on the B. N. Y. & P. R. R. when about two miles east of Larrabee struck a man lying on the track cutting off one of his arms just above the elbow and throwing him off the track. The man picked himself up, but left his arm lying on the track, and walked to Larrabee. A doctor was sent for who amputated the arm near the shoulder, and the patient is doing well. The victim is said to be a stranger and refuses to give his name or place of residence.—Emporium Independent.

-The belief has been current of late years that the dreadful habit of tight lacing is out of fashion, but there is reason to fear that it is not so much an evil of the past as has been supposed. A painful impression has lately prevailed that a young married lady, moving in very fashionable New York society, whose death occurred not long since, was a victim to the pernicious practice, and those very well qualified to form an opinion aver that there are many who pursue it. The Lancet quite lately remarked on this subject: "Surely enough has been said as to tight lacing to make it plain that danger must attend the process. The notion of improving nature by forcing the feet into tight boots, and the divers other devices with which fashion beguiles the love of personal embellishment, are sufficiently monstrous; but the audacity of attempting to compress the trunk, which contains the central organs of life, for the sake of appearance, surpasses belief. Perhaps the recent deaths from tight lacing, in which the heart was found to be so impeded in its action as to render life impracticable, may have some deterrent effect; but we doubt it. Fashion will prevail, and wasp-like waists will be cultivated in defiance of nature."

-The famine in Ireland is raging most severely in the five counties which are situated in the northern part of the island. The chief cause of the distress in these districts is the failure of the corn and potato crops which were ruined by the heavy rains of the first half of last year. The people along the northern coast have little to expect from the crops as the soil is very sterile. They depend almost entirely for subsistence on the fisheries, but these also failed last year. The latest estimate places the number of people now suffering from famine, at a quarter of a million. There is apprehension that American contributions will now fall off because of the report that sufficient has already been received to relieve the distress. It should be remembered however that this relief cannot be more than temporary and that the people must have external assistance until they are able to help themselves.—Harrisburg Patriot.

-Dr. Day's Stomach and Nerve Tonic is the best remedy in use for poor appetite, weakness and trembling in the stomach, pain after eating, heartburn, soreness and gnawing pains in the stomach, nervousness when tired, constipation and other diseases of the bowels arising from poor digestion. One bottle lasts nearly three weeks. Price \$1.00.

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