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Unseemly Office Seeking.

McKINLEY furnishes the most notable case in political history of the man seeking the office, completely reversing the maxim that the office should seek the man. For the last three years he has devoted himself to the business of electioneering for the Presidency, giving his personal attention to it, even to the neglect of his official duty as Governor of Ohio. He has tramped all over the Union in an unseemly quest for votes for the highest office in the government, and has omitted no personal exertions that would advance his own boom.

If he were moved to these exertions by some great principle, beneficial to the country, which he had reason to believe depended upon his candidacy, his presidential electioneering would not present so bad an appearance; but there is nothing to relieve its disgraceful character, when it is considered that the object upon which he bases his claim to the Presidency and the chief motive of his action, is the restoration of a system of tariff spoliation from which the country has suffered industrially, financially, morally and politically, and from the evils of which it has been measurably relieved by the reduction of monopolistic duties effected by a Democratic tariff.

The electioneering methods adopted by McKINLEY are in keeping with the character of his object. He appeals to the avarice of those who were the beneficiaries of his spoliation system, asking them to contribute money to assist in securing his nomination. His agents are collecting large sums from that rapacious source, which will be used in buying up the purchasable delegates at the St. Louis convention who will be there in large number to sell their votes to the highest bidder. McKINLEY is raking up much of this purchasable material in the southern delegations, but will require a large amount of money to hold it when the different candidates begin to compete with each other at St. Louis in bidding for this venal and disgraceful element upon whose vote will hinge the Republican presidential nomination.

If this representative of tariff robbing should be nominated it could be expected that the entire industrial situation would be thrown into a disturbing turmoil by the efforts of the tariff beneficiaries to regain their monopolistic advantages, and every appliance of corruption would be employed to debauch the election. The Democratic party, however, would be well pleased to have McKINLEY put forward as the antagonist whom they would have to encounter in the presidential contest, but the Republicans are evidently getting their eyes open to the fact that the McKINLEY tariff would be a most insecure issue upon which to make their fight, and there are unmistakable indications that they will make a Jonah of McKINLEY and throw him overboard at St. Louis, although the Democrats would rather see him nominated as they would like to have another whack at his monopoly tariff.

Ready for Another Fight.

There is mischief brewing in the Republican camp when two such enemies of boss QUAY as DAVE MARTIN, of Philadelphia, and CHRIS MAGEE, of Pittsburgh, both announce themselves as candidates for the State Senate. They are still smarting from the whaling they received in the factional fight last summer, but both are strong in their own particular bailiwicks, and the announcement of their candidacies is notice to the boss that they are ready to renew the fight and will make it in the State Legislature. This is not their only hostile demonstration against the QUAY supremacy, as they are organizing a presidential boom in the State in opposition to QUAY's, and will use McKINLEY as the champion under whose banner they will fight the boss.

We congratulate these doughty gladiators on their recovery from the licking they got last summer, and trust that they will have better luck in their next set to with the party dictator who is pretending to aspire to the Presidency as Pennsylvania's favorite son, MARTIN and MAGEE are entitled to credit for their pluck in being ready to fight the boss again, while HASTINGS, after he got a whack under the lug, went bawling over to the ranks of the enemy. MARTIN and MAGEE will be in politics when HASTINGS is set aside as no good.

—Do you read the WATCHMAN.

They Won't be Smoked Out.

The Cincinnati Commercial has been unsuccessful in the attempt to smoke the Republican presidential candidates out of the holes in which they have hidden themselves on the silver question. The Commercial is a Republican paper and naturally has a desire to know what the candidates of its party think and have to say on so important an issue as the coinage of silver, and cognate questions relating to the currency, and in order to obtain from them their views on this subject, which is so closely connected with the present political situation, it sent out to each of them the following question, asking for a reply:

We respectfully request from you, in common with other Republican candidates for the Presidency, a clear definition, by telegraph, of your position on the money question.

Do you favor a decided expression by the Republican party at the national convention.

Such a question on such a subject called for a definite response, but the Commercial would have been more successful if it had attempted to smoke possums out of a hollow tree than it was in its effort to bring the Republican candidates out of their holes on the currency question. It is true that MARTIN QUAY stuck his nose out far enough to wink his other eye as he declared that he was in favor of the Minneapolis straddle of 1892, but as MARTIN can hardly be considered a candidate in earnest, there wasn't much risk in his venturing so far out of his hole. ELKINS, who is the same kind of a candidate as QUAY, came out far enough to say that he also favored the '92 straddle; but the smoke applied by the Commercial has had no effect, whatever, on McKINLEY, REED, ALLISON, DAVIS, MORTON, MANDERSON or CULLOM, who keep in their holes with a determination not to be smoked out that could only be overcome by pulling them out by their tails.

Not one of those Republican candidates even so much as whimpers whether he is for free silver, or the gold standard, or the bimetallic plan. They don't seem to have any currency views at all. No doubt they would like it to be believed that they are in favor of "honest money," but as that term has any amount of straddle in it, it remains a secret whether "honest money," in the opinion of the Republican candidates, consists exclusively of gold, or entirely of silver, or exists only on the basis of bimetalism at a ratio of 16 to 1, or 1 to 16, or any other percentage of value, definite or indefinite.

We tender our sympathy to the Commercial on its failure to bring the Republican candidates out of their holes by the smoke process.

Italy is trying to console herself for the loss of her 5,000 soldiers in Abyssinia by claiming that the Abyssinians lost heavily also. Small comfort, this.

Approved Mr. Cleveland.

The New York Presbytery Refused to Notice the Political Attacks on His Speech.

NEW YORK, March 9.—At the meeting of the New York presbytery today resolutions approving the words of President Cleveland in his home missions speech were passed. The resolutions stated, among other things: "The Presbytery expresses its approval of the truthful and earnest statements of the President, of the tendency and conditions of evil making this work so imperative."

Kilian Van Rensselaer said the resolution was incomplete. "This body," he said, "should take some action in the matter of the attack by certain politicians on the President for remarks he made during the course of his speech at our meeting. We all know what the President meant by certain passages of his speech, and we all know well in what spirit these passages were uttered. No one but politicians would presume to attack the President for his remarks."

"I think the resolution expresses all that is necessary," remarked Dr. Bliss. "I think it covers all."

Other members felt the same way about the matter, and the resolution was passed as offered, nobody voting for the amendment offered by Mr. Van Rensselaer.

The report for 1895 demonstrates the increasing popularity of the Mutual Life insurance company and the extension of the benefits conferred upon those fortunate enough to hold its policies. The assets now amount in the aggregate to \$221,213,721.33, and the liabilities to \$194,347,157.58. The surplus fund for the payment of dividends and to insure the policy-holder against every possible future emergency amounts to \$26,866,563.75 and is a sum which if added to the enormous amount paid out in dividends to policy-holders in past years would largely exceed the surplus accumulations of any similar institution in the world.

The insurance and annuities assumed and renewed in the Mutual Life during 1895 aggregate \$813,266,899.50.

Rebels Advancing Toward Havana.

MADRID, March 10.—A dispatch to the Imparcial from Havana says that the rebels under Gomez and Maceo are advancing toward Havana. From the position of the Spanish troops, a serious conflict is expected.

Salisbury Backs Down.

Disposed to Make a Friendly Offer to Venezuela. It is said to be of such a nature that the South American Republic cannot refuse it. Peaceful Prospects All Along the British-American Horizon—Goschen Declares that the Naval Estimates Were not Framed With a View to War, and Balfour Says that the Government Will Welcome the Chances of Arbitration.

LONDON, March 9.—Steps toward reopening direct negotiations with Venezuela have already been taken. Dispatches were sent from the foreign office on last Thursday, which, it is believed, will certainly accomplish its end. As soon as diplomatic intercourse is resumed, Lord Salisbury will assume an attitude of most generous magnanimity and will make offers which Venezuela can have no excuse for declining. He will make a virtue of sacrificing what he declares may be proven to be British rights for the sake of peace and harmony, and to put an end to an interminable quarrel over trifles. It is represented by those who are close to the prime minister that he would rather play a part of unaccustomed generosity than establish a precedent of unrestricted arbitration, which is the only other course open to him.

Mr. Astor's authorized views on the Venezuelan controversy are made public today. At least they must be so, as John Dillon, leader of the anti-Confederates, said that nobody would be more pleased than himself to see international arbitration established, and steps thereto would be taken. The vote was carried by a majority of 216, the division showing 261 members in favor of it to 45 against.

In the discussion of the naval estimates in the House of Commons today John Dillon, leader of the anti-Confederates, and William Redmond contended that the naval proposals were intended as a menace to the United States, and for that reason every Irishman would oppose them. The Rt. Hon. George J. Goschen, first lord of the admiralty, declared that the suggestion was absurd. Mr. Goschen added he was not desirous of creating in the United States animosity toward Great Britain, of which, happily, there was no indication in the American newspapers. Continuing, Mr. Goschen said that the naval program was settled in November last, before any of the events that had caused the recent anxiety had occurred, and were deliberately framed upon the policy that had been long pursued. It was not intended to attack anybody unless Great Britain was first attacked. The government entertained no idea of an adventurous course anywhere on the globe. It merely desired to be prepared for possible eventualities.

The Rt. Hon. A. J. Balfour, first lord of the treasury and government leader in the House, said that nobody would be more pleased than himself to see international arbitration established, and steps thereto would be taken. The vote was carried by a majority of 216, the division showing 261 members in favor of it to 45 against.

Special Conference During the Month of April.

For Ministers and Christian Workers, at the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago.

Beginning Wednesday, April 1st, and running through to Thursday, April 30th, inclusive, there will be a special conference for ministers and all Christian workers. Any person having a desire to know more of the Bible will be cordially welcomed.

The month of April is the season of the year when ministers and Christian workers can get away from their work more easily than at any other time. To parents it gives an opportunity to learn of the plan of the Bible institute so that any who contemplate sending their sons and daughters during the special sessions of the summer, or any time, can have an opportunity of seeing the practical side of the work. In thirty days time it gives a splendid opportunity not only of being refreshed in Bible knowledge, but also of seeing the different form of Christian activities as they now exist in Chicago.

The musical department is in charge of Prof. D. B. Townner. Private lessons are given by Prof. W. C. Coffin, and piano and organ lessons by regular, competent instructors.

The regular course of instruction and work of the Bible institute will be carried on during the month of April. Would it not be a wise plan for churches and Christian Endeavor societies to send their pastor or some Christian worker? The only expense is for board and room, five dollars per week. Application for such accommodations should be made to R. A. Torrey, Sup't., 80 institute place, Chicago. As the conference promises to be a large one, arrangements should be made early.

A Slap at Quay.

From the Altoona Tribune.

That was a bad mistake the opponents of McKINLEY made when they coined and set afloat a malignant falsehood concerning the methods of his campaign manager. It didn't do McKINLEY any harm because it was promptly exposed. The fact that it was coined and circulated was a strong testimony to the great tariff advocate's growing strength.

Expenditures of the State.

HARRISBURG, March 10.—Chief Clerk Shober, of the auditor general's department, today completed his annual report of the expenditures of the State. They total \$13,681,762. Among the items are: Senate, \$131,493; House of Representatives, \$436,435; Judiciary, \$494,510.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

The new advertisement of Lyon & Co., that appears in this issue, contains matter that every reader of the WATCHMAN should consider. In these days when merchandise is handled at such astonishingly low prices it becomes necessary to keep constantly on the lookout lest prices drop and you do not benefit thereby. Merchants who pretend to deal fairly with the people give them the advantage of all these fluctuations—it is their bid for trade and to do this they must advertise what the prices are. Lyon & Co., is a firm of this sort, constantly getting the people onto bargains. Read their ads regularly.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.—Following is the list of marriage licenses granted by orphans' court clerk, G. W. Rumberger, during the past week:

Harry A. McClellan, and Maggie E. Fleisher, both of Potter Twp.

C. C. Frankenbarger, of Penn Twp., and Adella C. Miller, of Millheim.

UNITED EVANGELICAL CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.—The Central Pennsylvania conference of the United Evangelical church (Dubsite) adjourned its session for 1896, at Newberry, Pa., at midnight Monday. The following appointments were announced for the Centre district:

A. Stapleton, Presiding Elder, Bellefonte, Pa. G. E. Zehner, Circuit, C. W. Hipple, Howard, Pa. R. Sechrist, Nittany, Pa. E. W. Koonz, Sugar Valley, Pa. F. Garrett, Brush, Pa. W. H. Stover, Centre Hall, Pa. C. H. Gooding, Spring Mills, Pa. J. Dubs, Centre, Pa. J. J. Lohr, Millmont, Pa. D. P. Schaeffer, Buffalo, Pa. J. Shambach, New Berlin, Pa. W. W. Rhoads, Middleburg, Pa. J. H. Hertz, McClure, Pa. D. P. Porter, Port Trevorton, Pa. W. C. Hoch, Lewistown, Pa. George Joseph, Patterson, Pa. D. Shorties, Altoona, Pa. To be supplied.

Prof. A. E. Goble, president of Central Pennsylvania college and member of New Berlin quarterly conference.

P. F. Jarrett and N. Doebler, members of Middleburg quarterly conference.

S. Smith member of Buffalo quarterly conference.

The East Pennsylvania conference of the Evangelical Association, (Eberites), in session the last week at Allentown, announced the following appointments for this vicinity:

O. L. Saylor, presiding elder, Williamsport, Market street, A. Rearick.

Centre Hall, J. H. Erdman.

Brush valley, S. I. Shorties.

Sugar valley, A. H. Doerstetter.

Nittany valley, Howard and Milesburg, in charge of A. H. Doerstetter.

THE PROBLEM AND ITS SOLUTION.—

In our issue of Feb. 28th, we propounded the following problem to the readers of the WATCHMAN, the only correct solution which has been received came the other day from a mathematician away out in Iowa.

THIS IS THE PROBLEM.

Three farmers went to market with eggs. Farmer A had ten eggs in his basket. Farmer B had thirty eggs in his basket. Farmer C had fifty eggs in his basket. That evening each sold a portion of his stock, receiving the same price per egg. The next morning eggs advanced to three cents each and they each sold what they had left. When they got home they found they had sold their eggs at the same price per egg and had each received the same amount of money. How many eggs did they sell the first day and at what price per egg; how many eggs did they sell the second day at three cents apiece, and how much money did each receive in all?

THIS IS ITS SOLUTION.

Let the three farmers who went to market be designated by A, B, and C.

Now A had 10 eggs, B had 30 eggs and C had 50 eggs.

On the first day A sold 7 of his for 1 cent and on the second day he sold his remaining 3 eggs at 3 cents each making 9 cents. He thus received 10 cents for his eggs.

B sold, on the first day, 4 times 7 eggs, or 28 eggs at the rate of 7 for 1 cent, receiving 4 cents for them. On the second day he sold his remaining 2 eggs at 3 cents each, which made his total receipts 10 cents.

C sold, on the first day, 7 times 7 eggs, or 49 eggs at the rate of 7 eggs for 1 cent, receiving therefore 7 cents. On the second day he sold his one remaining egg for 3 cents, making his total 10 cts. also.

Thus it will be seen that each one of the farmers received the same sum for his eggs.

ANOTHER PROBLEM.

Our western reader, who, by-the-way is a great Democrat and is still more or less interested in his old party in Centre county, gives this question for some one else to answer:

Problem. A man has \$100.00, and he wishes to buy 100 head of stock, young cattle at \$5.00 per head, hogs at \$2.50 per head, and sheep at .50 cents per head. Question. How many head of each kind can be purchased with his \$100.00, spending no more and no less?

Now who can solve this correctly and send us the answer?

All Through Brushvalley.

Rebersburg has license.

Sup't. C. L. Granley was at home over Sunday.

Mrs. Jos. Miller, who was very sick is much better again.

Mrs. John Ruhl, of Tylersville, spent the Sunday at Rebersburg.

Prof. Hosterman will conduct the Rebersburg academy this spring.

Miss Winifred Wolf, of Rebersburg, came home on Saturday eve.

Mr. Jos. K. Moyer, of Centre Mills, is selling his mill and land at that place.

Miss Mollie Emerick, of Wolfe's Store, has gone to Williamsport for several weeks.

Prof. and Mrs. Henry Detweiler, near Rebersburg, came home on Saturday evening.

Mr. William Doebler is canvassing the valley taking orders for enlarging photos.

Mr. Charles Smull, of Rebersburg, feels quite happy on receiving a new boarder.

Many people attended the funeral service of the murdered constable Barner of Woodward.

Rev. Shortiss will remain and be the preacher of the Evangelical association for another year.

Mr. Aaron Syler, of Sugarvalley, will move into Squire Reiffennyder's house at Spring Bank, two miles west of Rebersburg.

Rev. William Scholl, who has been assisting in conducting revival services at Millburg and Renovo, is at home this week and will leave next week to attend Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport.

DEATH ROLL.—Last Sunday p. m. Mrs. Hershey, of Kramersville, was buried at Rebersburg. Rev. Mumma having conducted the funeral service. Mrs. Hershey was the wife of Rev. Hershey who had travelled and was known in some parts of Penna. and Canada, and who died in Africa as a missionary some seven years ago. She was 76 years old and died of old age.

Miss Vernie Neese, near Rebersburg, died from supposed heart failure last Monday morning. She was well on Sunday evening and night, but while preparing breakfast on Monday morning she began to feel ill and at once went to lie down in bed. Only a few minutes later she was found dead beside her bed. Mrs. Neese, the widow of William Neese, deceased, is completely prostrated through her daughter's death. She was 19 years of age and was buried yesterday.

Spring Mills.

The hay crop in our valley, particularly in this vicinity, must have been remarkably large, decidedly more so than people supposed. Allison brothers are shipping a car load daily and have been for several weeks.

Professor Wolfe will commence school, a session of ten weeks in April. Miss Furst of Farmer Mills will have charge of the subscription summer session. She is a teacher of pronounced ability and highly accomplished.

There seems to be an unusual number of sales this spring. The stores are literally packed with sale bills and posters of many colors, shaded something on the circus order I presume to attract attention, not a bad idea.

We had quite a number of commercial agents through our town the past week. They all report business as being fair not active as they would like it. Some say their sales are considerably off from the same time last year but they hope to make up the deficiency on second trips.

C. G. Bantjes, quite a popular young man of our village, has now in full operation a printing office. With all the necessary fixtures, press, type, etc., and is fully equipped for business. Mr. B. was formerly an engraver and printer of music. He might resume this branch at an early date.

Vacant houses were never so scarce in Spring Mills as they are at the present time. On the 1st of March there was a considerable moving or should be, but where to move is the puzzle. No doubt for the time being, two and possibly three families will be obliged to occupy one house. This will be inconvenient of course, but as a half loaf is better than nothing to eat, so a room or two in a dwelling is much better than no shelter.

No candidate for a week, all quiet along the political line. Of course the recent cold snap has housed them completely. In fact the cold weather has interfered very materially with business, and our stores have not been particularly thronged with customers. The bitter cold blasts hurled down this valley during the week, were fierce enough to make one look cross-eyed. I am not surprised that the candidates kept sailing close to the shores.

What a shocking tragedy that was at Woodward, on Thursday and Friday last, evidently the most startling and tragic event that ever occurred in this country. Quite a number of our people went down during the excitement, and while the people there were yet wild with terror. Some of our townsmen, who were unable to obtain conveyances, walked, a tramp of 14 miles. Notwithstanding Ettlinger proved himself to be a devil incarnate, it would have been far better to have buried him as if we were living in a civilized community. When passions cool and reason returns his savage and cruel burial may cause shame and regret.

Since writing the above I have learned that Ettlinger's body has been exhumed, but whether for decent burial or the dissecting table, no one seems to be informed. Neither could I trace the rumor of the exhumation to any very reliable source.

Pine Grove Mention.

Messrs Samuel Felty and Adam Bucher came down from Altoona to spend a few days among old time friends. Both are looking as though the pure air of the country city agreed with them, but Mr. Felty's looks are quite grey, while Mr. Bucher has changed but little during an absence of a score of years.

In our last issue we mentioned the athletic club. Now some of our town dat's are considering the organization of a hook and ladder company, probably not so much for the purpose of saving property and life in conflagrations as to gain entrance to an upper story in some of their homes in the early frosty morning.

Our Pine Grove Academy, which has been unused for seven years, will open again on the first Monday of April, under the superintendence of Rev. C. T. Atkins. Under such an accomplished instructor and finely educated man we can assure parents that their children will be benefited by attendance at the school. Pine Grove and vicinity have pupils enough to sustain a first class academical institution; but will it be done.

THE I. O. O. F. BANQUET.—The I. O. O. F. banquet at the cosy home of W. J. Myers, on Main street, last Friday night, was a decided success. Mr. and Mrs. Myers played their part well and filled the injunction given in the good book; when thou meetest a stranger or a friend, especially after a long absence, thou art sure to "take him in," and make the stay as agreeable and comfortable as possible. On this 24th anniversary of Penna Valley lodge, I. O. O. F. 276, they met a great many old acquaintances and to all they extended the hand of fellowship. Al-

though the weather was inclement the members and their wives, or intendeds turned out in response to the invitations. The tables fairly groaned under the weight of choice eatables to which all the guests did ample justice. After the feast they again repaired to the parlors where conversation, interspersed with vocal and instrumental music, with professor H. C. Myers presiding at the organ, made the rest of the evening very enjoyable. J. G. Heberling acted as toast master and filled the position admirably. Gifted with oratory he gave a brief history of the organization since its institution in the Monumental city, on the banks of the Chesapeake, seventy six years ago, dwelling on what the order has done for the widows and orphans of the membership. He was followed by squire Archey, W. J. Myers and Clem Fortney and others. It was midnight when the guests took their leave for home, feeling that the evening's enjoyment will long be cherished in the minds of all who were present at this superb affair.

State College and Vicinity.

Mrs. Emanuel Musser is at present indisposed with a severe cold.

C. H. Evey will soon occupy the tenant house on the farm of Andrew Lytle.

Postmaster Thos. F. Kennedy, attended to business in Bellefonte on Wednesday.

Dr. Wm. Frear returned, on Tuesday, from a short business trip down the country.

Miss Cora Snyder, of Blanchard, is visiting her sister Mrs. Chas. H. Foster, on Pugh St.

Mrs. John W. Stuart, who was quite sick last week, is we are glad to report much improved.

Mr. Geo. C. Butz has just returned from a lecture tour to the Western Penna. farmer's institutes.

Rev. W. C. Kahn, of Bellwood, filled the Presbyterian pulpit on Sunday, and his able sermons were highly spoken of by many.

The University Inn is being equipped with fire escapes, a fact which we are very glad to note, for this large building should have had them long ago.

Many fine records were made at the mid-winter sports of the athletic association which afforded an enjoyable evening for many and cleared \$25 for the association.

The arbitrators in the Decker vs Lytle timber land case found judgment for the former. Messrs. Wm. Thompson, Geo. Shuey and C. H. Evey had the matter in hand.

The Sophomore German at the University Inn, on Tuesday evening, was a very enjoyable affair, and the committee of arrangements deserve great credit for their management of the event.

Wm. H. Fry, of Pine Grove Mills, Ferguson township's promising candidate for county commissioner, was about town on Wednesday. He tells us that everything looks fine and prospects are bright.

Mr. F. E. Knock, an instructor in the department of chemistry, has resigned and, after a month's vacation at his home in Saxenburg, will go to Germany to put the finishing touches to his chemical education.

Miss Mary Foster recently had a slight accident in front of Mr. Chas. H. Foster's, on Pugh street, by her buggy shafts getting tangled up with a hitching post, which shook things up some and made it lively for a few minutes.

Noble Grand B. W. Horne of Black Diamond lodge of Shamokin I. O. O. F. attended State College lodge, on Monday evening, and gave some interesting and valuable information in regard to the establishment of the proposed orphan's home at Sunbury. The brothers exposition of some of the unwritten work was exceedingly fine.

Port Matilda Pointers.

Rev. Maxwell of the U. B. church officiated at the Wm. Calderwood funeral last week instead of Rev. Sarvis, as we announced.

A. C. Thompson, who has just closed a successful term of school at Snow Sho, was in town, on Tuesday, interviewing some of his friends. We did not have a chance to speak to him.

THE WATCHMAN-EXTRA WAS POPULAR.—The awful tragedy that occurred at Woodward created quite an excitement in this part of the county and the WATCHMAN-EXTRA was in demand here, on Saturday night.

Our band was out serenading on Tuesday night. Some delightful music was rendered. The boys are getting down to business, preparing themselves for the campaign, when their services can be had by people of any political faith. All they want is the money and they'll do all the blowing, except what is done by the speakers.

Mrs. Cronister, mother of our townsman W. M. Cronister candidate for sheriff, met with a very painful accident last Friday morning. She had gone upstairs for a short while and when she went to return impaired eye-sight was the cause of her missing the first step. She fell clear to the bottom of the stairs, alighting on her head and shoulders. An ugly gash was cut in her head. Mrs. Cronister is old and is suffering intense pain from her fall. It seems miraculous that she was not killed.

A MYSTERY ABOUT IT.—Our little village came very near experiencing what might have been something after the fashion of the Woodward affair, if what we were informed is true. We have no names to mention at this time, but might have to in the near future. The case is as follows: On last Saturday a couple of our citizens discovered smoke coming out of one of their near neighbor's second story windows and a hurried investigation found one of the beds to be on fire. They quickly threw it out the window, thereby preventing a larger conflagration. An investigation found one of the family, a young lady, hidden in the garret way and seemingly unconcerned as to what was happening.

We have no comments to make at this time but should there be a repetition of this thing we will be forced to make an investigation.

It almost became our duty to chronicle a case of drowning, but we are thankful not to have to do it. Last Monday morning David Askey, the ten year old son of Mrs. Mary Askey of this place, went on to the mill pond at the iron bridge near the station and struck out on his skates. The ice being very thin he broke through and went down to the chin in the water. He only kept his head above by holding onto the ice at each side of him. Fortunately for the boy the saw mill was in operation and some of the men saw him struggling in the water. They ran to his assistance, but the ice being so thin they were unable to get near him. Finally Blanchard Jones, m'rre daring than some of the rest, fished him out just in time to save him. It would have taken only a few more minutes to have settled the matter with the boy. This should be a warning to some of the other boys of the town who have been in the habit of doing the same trick that young Askey did.