

Agricultural Department.

Turning Stock to Grass Early.

Dear Sir: In the last number of the *Farmer* I noticed an article on turning stock to grass early, and that you requested your correspondents to give their experience on that subject. Since then I have talked with some of our most experienced graziers, and find this opinion to be general in this county, which annually fattens for market upwards of twenty thousand hogs, the earlier cattle are turned to grass the better. When I commenced grazing, four years ago, I found this to be the general practice, and I followed it without making any experiment myself, but I am informed by one of my neighbors who has grazed for thirty years past, on an average, two hundred head of cattle annually—that he has seen the experiment tried. Two lots of cattle, equal in all respects, and which had been wintered alike, were selected in the spring, and one lot turned to grass ten days earlier than the other. The first lot took a start of the other and maintained it through the season, being ready for market one month sooner than the second lot. A gentleman by the name of Fletcher, in the upper end of this county, was in the habit of reserving one of his sod fields through the winter and turning out a lot of cattle about the middle of February. He was thus enabled to send them to market about the first of June, when beef is generally high. He was a very successful grazer.

There can be no doubt whatever as to the fact that, in our country at least, the sooner we can get them to grass in the spring the better. The grass at that season is tender, and has the quality of purging the cattle, loosening their hides, and causing them to shed off. It thus prepares their systems to take on fat rapidly as soon as the pasturage becomes stronger and more mature. Later in the season it seems to lose this quality in a measure. I have known men to turn their cattle on their meadows for eight or ten days, early in the spring, so as to give them a start against the regular pasturage becomes fit to turn on.

This is one of the finest grazing sections in the country. The land seems to be naturally adapted to grass, running into sod very quickly after a fallow. One of my neighbors has a field of one hundred acres of greenward, upon which he fattens from eighty to ninety head of cattle every year; and in a good grass season a good swath of grass might have been cut when the cattle were taken off in July.

On the rest of his estate he fattens about two hundred head.

On the adjoining estate of Airley, Mr. Stovin fattens about two hundred and seventy-five head. He has a field of about one hundred and fifty acres, on which last spring he turned one hundred cattle and ninety sheep, and kept them there until the first of June, when a portion of them were moved off. The grass was then nearly knee high over the field.

There are sods in this county nearly fifty years old, and so firm and strong that, to quote the language of our representative, the Hon. Wm. Smith, "a bullock of a thousand weight may walk over them after a week's rain without soiling his hoofs more than a lady would soil her delicate satin slipper by crossing a Turkey carpet." This may sound like hyperbole, but unto all that doubt, I say "come and see." R. W. DOWNMAN, Farquar Co., Va.—*American Farmer*.

A New Jersey Florist recommends brick dust as the best material in which to propagate cuttings of flowering plants. He says: "My material is brick dust—the refuse of the kiln after burning—or what may be made by taking soft bricks and pounding them up. Enough may be had at any brick yard for a mere trifle to last a great while—but I think the fresher it is the better. For those plants more difficult to root, such as diaphenias, heaths, cape jasmines, &c., I fill shallow cutting pots entirely with brick dust, except about an inch at the bottom, which is filled with coarse lumps of brick, to secure a good drainage." For plants that root most easily, I use half brick dust and half sandy loam. It is quite surprising how much more certainly and quickly cuttings of all sorts root in brick dust than in sand or in loamy soil in the common way.

KEEPING FARM ACCOUNTS.—We were much interested recently in looking over the farm book of a friend, which was so kept as to enable him to calculate the expense of growing the different crops upon the farm. The cost of manure, cultivation, seed, harvesting and marketing, as well as rent and taxes, was set off against the value of the product as sold or consumed upon the farm; and it was to be seen at a glance what paid best and what least, and where in one case \$10 expended in manuring half a field, gave a return of 150 per cent, upon the outlay. Such information is not only interesting but important to every farmer, and can be secured at the trifling expense of "keeping an account with the farm."—*Country Gentleman*.

BAKED BEANS.—Few people know the luxury of baked beans, simply because few cooks properly prepare them. Beans, generally, are not cooked half long enough. This is our method: Two quarts of middling-sized white beans, two pounds of salt pork, and one spoonful of molasses. Pick the beans over carefully, wash, and add a gallon of boiling hot water, let them soak in it over night; in the morning put them in fresh water and boil gently till the skin is very tender and about to break, adding a teaspoonful of saleratus. Take them up to dry, and put them in your dish, stir in the molasses, wash the pork, and put it down in the dish, so as to have the beans cover all but the upper surface; turn in boiling water till the top is just covered; bake with a steady fire four or five hours. Wash them, and add more water from time to time it dries away.

LICE OR SCALE ON TREES.—J. C. Graves, Jefferson Co., Pa. Your soap suds wash was probably too weak. Make it very strong, using whole oil soap if it can be had, and wash the bodies about the middle of June when the scales are young. Potash and water answers the same purpose. Two washings during the season may be useful. Rubbing the bodies and limbs with a rough cloth, or with a broom, greatly facilitates the removal of the scale. The more vigorous you make the growth by manure, ashes, or lime, dug in around the roots, the less will you be troubled with insects upon, or diseases of the port above ground.—*American Agriculturist*.

"MANY wish that the tree may be felled, who hope to gather chips by the fall."

Miscellaneous.

HOTEL KEEPERS,

DRUGGISTS,

FARMERS, AND ALL

WHO WANT

PURE LIQUORS

I HAVE just received from the City, a

Large Stock of

IMPORTED PURE LIQUORS,

of every variety. My stock of LIQUORS has been purchased for CASH, directly from the Importers, whereby I am enabled to furnish Farmers for the approaching Harvest, a Superior and Pure article of Liquor, of any kind whatever, at LOWER PRICES than were ever before offered in Towanda.

HOTEL KEEPERS

Will find it greatly to their advantage to examine my stock before purchasing elsewhere. I have facilities for storing, which enables me to WHOLESALE my goods at New York

WHOLESALE PRICES!

Besides my Liquors are warranted pure and unadulterated. I have also on hand the Largest Stock and Greatest Variety of

TOBACCO AND SEGARS

Ever offered to Towanda, which having been purchased directly from the Manufacturers and Importers, enables me to compete with the Wholesale Tobaccoists of the city. Hotel keepers and others are respectfully invited to an examination of my entire stock of Liquors, Cigars and Tobacco, either at Wholesale or Retail, less than like goods can be purchased this side of the City. I respectfully solicit the public to an examination at No. 3, Brick Row, Towanda, June 14, 1860.

Groceries & Provisions,

Of every description, will be kept constantly on hand, at prices LOWER than elsewhere in this town.

Consider that I am enabled to sell my entire stock of Goods, either at Wholesale or Retail, less than like goods can be purchased this side of the City. I respectfully solicit the public to an examination at No. 3, Brick Row, Towanda, June 14, 1860.

NEW FIRM.

CODDING & RUSSELL,

HAVE purchased the large and well known establishment of D. C. Hall, and are now receiving from New York, the largest and most complete assortment of

HARD-WARE,

ever offered for sale in this market, which will be sold CHEAP for Cash or on Credit.

We have a large and well selected stock of Wood and Coal COOKING STOVES, every variety of Paint and Oil, and a full assortment of Stoves, Ranges, and all the articles usually found in a well equipped household.

IRON AND STEEL,

Nails and Glass, Paints and Oils, Horse Trimmings, Carriage Trimmings, Springs, Iron Axes and Boxes, of all sizes, Carpenters and Joiners Tools, Blacksmith Tools, Chisels, and all the articles usually found in a well equipped household.

CUTLERY,

of every description.

PUMPS, LEAD-PIPE, CHAIN PUMPS AND TUBES.

BRITANNIA AND PLATED WARE,

the latest and most approved patterns. A large quantity of TIN-WARE AND STOVE-PIPE, always on hand.—Stretched Leather BELTING. Every name and form of

FARMING SOOLS.

JOB WORK done on short notice and warranted.

GRAIN, Old Iron, Copper, Britannia, Brass, Beech-wood and Feathers, taken in exchange for Goods.

We invite "the whole world and the rest of mankind," to call on us, and we will sell as cheap as can be had. Our motto will be every man well and submit to nothing but wrong.

One door south of Tracy and Moore and Powell's Block, Main street, Towanda, Sept. 21, 1860.

BOOKS AND STATIONERY.

(SUCCESSOR TO O. D. BARTLETT.)

AT THE OLD STAND!!

HAVING purchased the entire stock of Books and Stationery, Paper Hangings, &c., &c. of O. D. Bartlett, to which has been added a large assortment of everything in the line of BOOKS & STATIONERY, making a large and complete assortment as can be found in the county. I invite my friends and the public to call and examine them.

My stock consists of SCHOOL BOOKS, MISCELLANEOUS LITERATURE, HISTORIES & BIOGRAPHIES, POETICAL WORKS. A large assortment of BLANK BOOKS, of all shapes and sizes, and as low as can be had at any other establishment. Also, a fine lot of BIBLES, large and small, Commentaries, Prayer and Hymn Books. I would call particular attention to my stock of

PAPER HANGINGS.

Of which I have a great variety of patterns and of the latest styles.

I still continue the NEWS-ROOM, and have constantly on hand all the Daily and Weekly papers, standard Monthly Magazines, Thompson's Bank Note Reporter, Monthly and Semi-Monthly. Also, Greeley's Political Text Book. Subscriptions received for the Weekly Tribune, Country Farmer, &c., &c. It shall be my aim to sell everything at the lowest rates. All I ask is that my friends and citizens throughout the county will give me all their business, and I think I can please them both as to price and quality. I shall be continually adding to my stock and intend to keep on hand the largest assortment that can be found in the county.

Remember the place, at O. D. Bartlett's old stand, Towanda, Oct. 16, 1860. A. F. COWLES.

A. WICKHAM & SON,

WOULD respectfully announce to the public that they have purchased of J. D. Humphrey, his entire stock of DRY GOODS, and are now receiving, from New York, large supplies of Goods adapted to the season, embracing all the varieties of

STAPLE AND FANCY DRY GOODS, HATS & CAPS, YANKEE NOTIONS, &c.

Which they now offer for sale, at the store formerly occupied by Humphrey & Wickham, (west side of the Public Square). They would most cordially invite all to call and examine their extensive assortment, as they are determined to offer their goods, for cash, at such prices as cannot fail to suit the closest purchaser.

N. B.—Boilers can be supplied by us with Gents Bosoms and Collars, Sewing Silks and Gilted Peas, at the manufacturers price.

Towanda, Oct. 22, 1860. A. WICKHAM.

GREAT RUSH OF STOVES,

TO THE METROPOLITAN HARD-WARE STORE,

ORWELL, PA.,

TOGETHER with an increased variety of IRON AND STEEL. Heavy additions to the stock of IRON, FELLOES & SPOKES, and almost every description of Hardware constantly arriving. Carriage, Horse, Cattle, Harness, and Stove Trimmings, in large or small quantities. Pumps, Lead Pipe, Drag Teeth, Flange wheels and all Farming Implements. Heavy Goods in stock, or to order.

Cash paid for Hides, Pelts, and Furs.

Wanted, Old Copper, Lead, Britannia and Brass. S. N. BROWN.

WARD HOUSE.

Towanda, Pa.

THE Subscribers having leased this well known Hotel for a term of years, would inform their friends and the traveling public, that they will be most happy to accommodate all who may favor them with a call. It will be the aim of the present proprietors to make the Ward House at once comfortable, pleasant and cheerful. Yours Truly, POWELL & SMITH.

WANTED!

ALL the FAT and nicely dressed POULTRY, in Bradford County. A nice article, with Empty Crops, will bring good prices in CASH or Groceries, at Towanda, Nov. 27, 1860. PATCH'S.

GROUND PEPPER,

ALLSPICE, Cinnamon, Cloves, Cayenne Pepper, Mustard, Ginger, Coffee, Beans and Currants, purest of each, for sale cheap by Dec. 20. C. B. PATCH.

Miscellaneous.

Susquehanna Collegiate Institute

TOWANDA, BRADFORD CO., PA.

FACULTY: OLIVER S. DEAN, A.B. Principal, Professor of Ancient Languages, and Mental and Moral Sciences. WM. H. DEAN, A.B. Associate Principal, Professor of Mathematics and Natural Science. Prof. CHARLES R. COBURN, County Superintendent, General Director of Normal Department. Mrs. O. DEAN, Dean, Professor. Miss ANNA M. DEAN, Assistant Preceptor. Miss HELEN E. DEAN, Second Assistant Teacher. Miss MARIETTA G. DICKINSON, Teacher of Vocal and of the Musical Instrumental Music.

WM. H. DEAN, Librarian.

Mr. D. CANFIELD DAYTON, Steward.

Mrs. D. C. DAYTON, Matron.

The Fall Term commences WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, and will continue 14 weeks.

TUITION, PER TERM:

[Payable invariably in advance, or one-half on entering the school, and one-half at the middle of the term—fuel and contingencies included.]

Primary, per term.....	\$ 5 00
Preparatory.....	6 00
Higher, 1st year, per term.....	7 00
Higher, 1st and 2d year, per term.....	8 00
Classical, 1st year, per term.....	7 00
Classical, 2d and 3d year, per term.....	8 00

N. B. Pupils will be classed by the most advanced branch they respectively pursue.

Pupils using scholarships are charged \$1 per term for fuel and contingencies.

EXTRA EXPENSES:

French.....	\$ 3 00
German.....	3 00
Drawing.....	5 00
Board and light.....	2 00
Washing, per dozen.....	38

The Collegiate year is divided into three terms of 14 weeks each. The Anniversary exercises will be held at the close of the spring term.

No deduction will be made for absence, except in case of protracted illness of over two weeks.

Instrumental Music will not, as heretofore, be taught in the Institution, but by special arrangement—a class will be taught in a hall adjoining the grounds of the Institute, by the Teacher of Vocal Music.

This arrangement has been adopted for the past term, and experience has proved it to be eminently superior to the plan pursued in former years. Special pains will be taken to secure the greatest progress of those wishing to take lessons in Instrumental Music, as has heretofore been the case.

Use of Piano Forte, per term..... \$10 00

Use of Instrument on which to take lessons..... 50

do for practice..... 2 00

Pupils boarding in the Hall will furnish their own towels, &c., and the table silver at their option. This desirable plan, however, should be adopted, when it is convenient, but when otherwise, these will be furnished at a slight charge.

It is strongly recommended that students from abroad should board in the Institution, as better opportunities for advancement in study are thereby secured.

Normal Department.—Special exercises are arranged without extra charge for those preparing themselves as Teachers of Common Schools. Prof. C. R. COBURN, the able and well known Superintendent of Common Schools in the county, has charge of this department, and will be the Teacher's class, and direct the course to be pursued.

He will also be present to conduct his exercises as often as practicable, and will deliver frequent lectures on the Theory and Practice of Teaching, as also on other subjects connected with Normal training.

Those persons, therefore, intending to engage in teaching for the winter, will find it greatly to their advantage to be present during the Fall term.

Prof. Coburn's connection with the Institution is not such as to in any way interfere with the discharge of the regular duties of his office.

No pupils will be admitted on the part of the Faculty and Trustees in sustaining the high reputation the institution has hitherto enjoyed, and in rendering it more worthy of future patronage and support.

WILLIAM H. DEAN, Principals.

Aug. 9, 1860. OLIVER S. DEAN, Principals.

BOOK BINDING.

THE subscriber having withdrawn from the Argus Book Binding, respectfully informs the public that he has removed his place and Fancy Bindery to the North Room of the Ward House, formerly occupied by the Post Office, where he is now prepared to bind all kinds of Books in the most approved and workmanlike manner. Having to share my profits with no second person I flatter myself that my prices will meet the satisfaction of the public.

Thankful for the confidence reposed in me and the public appreciation of my work, for the last two years, I shall endeavor in the future, to merit the continuance of public support.

Particular attention given to re-binding Books. All work will be warranted. Terms, Cash.

Also, a large assortment of STATIONERY of the best quality, at the lowest prices. JUSTICES' and Constables' BLANKS, of all kinds.

PICTURE FRAMES, round, square and oval; and pictures framed to order, cheaper than ever known here.

JOHANN F. BENDER, Book Binder and Artist.

CAUTION.

"To be, or not to be, is the question! Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer The slings and arrows of outrageous opposition, Or by taking up arms against a sea of printing ink, And opposing, end them?"

THE proprietor of the Argus takes occasion to advise—Using his Bindery to induce in an unbecoming for thing about the mind of the public, which is hoping "to delude the public." As I have opened a Bindery on my own account, the inference is that if the public bring their binding to me, they are in no danger of being defrauded. I shall endeavor by good work and attention to my business to give public satisfaction.

March 13. JOHANN F. BENDER, Binder.

LADD, WEBSTER, & CO.

IMPROVED TIGHT STITCH

Sewing Machines!

PRICES reduced to \$50 and upwards, for Families and Manufacturing establishments. Let Manufacturers, Planters, Farmers, Housekeepers, or any other persons in search of an instrument to execute any kind of kind of Sewing now done by machinery, make sure they secure the best, by examining ours before purchasing.

A few of many reasons why the SEWING MACHINES of LADD, WEBSTER & CO., are preferred above all others.

1. They are so remarkably simple in their construction. A child can operate them and understand the mechanism.

2. They are the strongest Sewing Machines made. It is almost impossible to break them out of their work.

3. They are sure in their operation; finishing the work in a uniformly perfect manner.

4. They make a tight lock stitch, like on both sides of the work, which cannot be unraveled.

5. They stitch, hem, blind, fell, run and gather, without losing.

6. They sew equally well the lightest and the heaviest fabrics.

7. They sew over the heaviest seams without changing the tension or breaking the finest thread.

8. They use any No. of Cotton, Thread or Silk directly from the spool.

9. They use a straight needle; curved ones are liable to break.

10. The needle has a perpendicular motion. This is absolutely necessary for heavy work.

11. They have a wheel feed; no others are in constant contact with the work.

12. They run light and almost noiseless.

13. They are not liable to oil the dress of the operator.

14. They do not require a screw-driver to set the needle.

15. They do not have to be taken apart to oil or clean.

16. They do a greater range of work than any other Sewing Machine; and as proved by the result of our challenge for a trial, which has never been accepted.

Towanda, Oct. 10, 1860. B. F. SHAW.

THE OLD STAND

STILL IN OPERATION!

THE subscriber would announce to the public that he has now on hand, and will make to order all kinds of CABINET FURNITURE, such as Sofas, Sevens, Lounges, Centre, Card, Dining and Breakfast Tables, Mahogany, Walnut, Maple and Cherry Bureaus, Stands of various kinds, Chairs and Bedsteads of every description, which are, and will be made of the best material and workmanlike manner, and which they will sell for cash cheaper than can be bought in any other Warehouse in the country.

READY-MADE COFFINS, on hand on the most reasonable terms. A good HEARSE will be furnished on special occasions.

Towanda, January 1, 1857. JAMES MACKINSON.

Merchandise, &c.

ANOTHER ASSORTMENT OF

GOODS.

CONSISTING IN PART OF

PRINTS,

GINGHAMS,

DE LAINES,

PARIS PLAIDS,

ESMERELDA,

DESMARETS,

GLACE DE MESSINA,

REPS,

AND OTHER DRESS GOODS.

ALSO

SHAWLS, HOSIERY,

GLOVES,

CANTON & WOOL FLANNELS,

Cassimeres, Denims, Jeans, &c.,

JUST RECEIVED BY

H. S. MURCER.

Dec. 6th, 1859.

The Argus Book bindery

Again in Full Operation!

WE have the gratification of announcing to our friends, customers, and the public, that we are now prepared to do

BOOK BINDING,

in all its Branches in the latest and most approved style, and at the lowest possible rates.

Having secured, permanently, the services of Mr. H. C. WHITEHEAD, a finished workman from Philadelphia, and having added extensively to the fixtures of the concern, (first building north of the Ward House) and is connected with our Book and Stationery Store and Printing Office, where all work should be delivered.

CAUTION.—We are compelled in justice to ourselves, and our old customers, as well as to prevent an imposition upon the public generally, to caution them against a sort of concern, that falsely holds out to the public that it is the Argus Bindery. This concern is practiced no doubt with a hope of deluding the Public. Against this bold and deliberate attempt to deceive, they are hereby cautioned.

Particular attention paid to re-binding. All work guaranteed.

Country Produce of all kinds taken in payment for work.

Having made complete arrangements, we are prepared to Rule and Bind BLANK BOOKS to any style or pattern, at prices as low as elsewhere.

Sowanda, March 5, 1860. E. A. PARSONS.

THE BEST AND CHEAPEST PLACE

TO BUY

WELL MADE AND GOOD FITTING

MENS AND BOYS CLOTHING,

IS AT SOLOMON'S

CLOTHING ESTABLISHMENT!

HAVING just received one of the Largest Stocks of Fall and Winter Clothing that has ever been offered in this market before, which will be sold at greatly reduced prices.

GREAT BARGAINS IN

Black, D. & S. Broadcloth Frock Coats.

GREAT BARGAINS IN

Fancy Beaver, Doe Skin and Silk mixed Cassimere Coats.

GREAT BARGAINS IN

Cassimere, Union and Sattinet Business Coats.

GREAT BARGAINS IN

Two and Kentucky Jean and Cottonade Coats.

GREAT BARGAINS IN

Black Doe Skin, Cassimere, Union and Sattinet Pants.

GREAT BARGAINS IN

Harrison's Cassimere, Silk mixed and Plain Pants.

GREAT BARGAINS IN

Fancy Union Sattinet and others, Coats.