

Agricultural Department.

Hay-Making.

As the season for making hay is approaching, we will give a few words of caution to the farmer. Don't try to dry your hay too much. Hay may be dried till it is as worthless as straw. As a good coffee-maker would say, "Don't burn your coffee, but brew it." So we say, don't dry your hay, but cure it. Our good old mothers who relied upon herb tea instead of "pottery medicine," gathered their herbs when in blossom and cured them in the shade. This is the philosophy of making good hay. Cut in the blossom, and cure in the shade. The sugar of the plant when it is in bloom, is in the stalk, ready to form the seeds. If the plant is cut earlier the sugar is not there; if later the sugar has become converted to woody matter.

Hay should be well wilted in the sun, but cured in the cock. Better to be a little too green than too dry. If, on putting it into the barn, there is danger of "heating on the mow," put on some salt. Cattle will like it none the less.

Heat, light, and dry winds, will soon take the starch and sugar which constitute the goodness of hay, out of it; and with the addition of a shower, render it almost worthless. Grass cured with the least exposure to the drying winds and searching sunshine, is more nutritious than if longer exposed, however good the weather may be. If over cured, it contains more woody fibre and less nutritive matter.

The true art of hay-making, then, consists in cutting the grass when the starch and sugar are fully developed, and before they are converted into seed and woody fibre; and curing it up to the point when it will answer to put it into the barn without heating, and no more.

—Ohio Farmer.

HILLING CORN.—The Rural Register has an article from one of its correspondents on the culture of corn, from which we make the following extract:

One day while hoeing in our garden corn field of a quarter of an acre, we sat down a half hour and studied diligently the character of the rootlets everywhere about us radiating from the corn stalks, from one to three inches above the surface of the ground. It occurred to us that nature designed them for something else than mere ornaments; and that if the requisite material for their full development were supplied, they might become roots and add something to the vigor of the stalk.

So, in order to make our experiment a fair test, we set to work with our hoe, and to each alternate hill we drew up the earth, covering the shoots to an average depth of eight inches.

After an interval of two weeks, we found upon examination, that we had a set of vigorous top roots giving extra support to the stalk and imparting an extraordinary degree of vigor to its growth. Nearly every stalk thus "hilled up" afforded an extra ear, grew one fifth taller than those not hilled, and the grain ripened days earlier. Hence we have ever since argued that it is good economy to "hill up" corn; but we would remind the farmer that it is a dangerous practice to run plow or cultivator so near the stalks as to disturb the rootlets.

A very simple and efficient cross bar cultivator can be arranged, so that with a light dip on either side, the two outer shares will throw sufficient earth to the stalks, without disturbing the roots.

—The Wheat Harvest.

I have seen much in the Telegraph and other agricultural journals as to the proper time for cutting wheat; but as the views were given by those at a distance, generally in other States, I would like to have the opinions and experience of those in, say Eastern Pennsylvania. My own custom for nearly ten years, has been to cut early; that is to say, from three to six days before the time corn is usually cut in this (Berks) county.

Generally from the 25th June to 1st July. I have found that, in nearly every case of mildew in former years of my crops, that it occurred, from experiments made on a small scale, that early cut grain makes more and better flour. Hence I have continued to pursue this practice of early cutting as possessing these important advantages. Nevertheless I would like to have the views of farmers generally in this State, and will thank them to communicate them.—G. W. W. in, German town Telegraph.

—The Depth of Trees.

There has recently sprung up some controversy as to the proper depth that trees should be transplanted, and as is usual in controversies of this kind among practical men, there is not the least hope of their ever coming to a common opinion on the question. And this is natural and perhaps as it should be. Different kinds of trees frequently require different modes of culture, beginning with the planting. For instance dwarf pears should be planted deep, two or three inches below the union of the quince with the pear, in all soils where dwarf pear ought to be. A firm or spruce should be planted shallow, and so, as a rule should standard pear as well as apple trees. This exception should however be made; in light, porous soils they may be gauged deeper than in clay moulds. Thus the heavier soils the shallower should the trees be planted. Such is our experience.—German town Telegraph.

—Setting out Plants.

Most persons prefer setting out plants at evening, and when the ground is wet by rain. We prefer a dry soil, so that it will not be packed by tramping. When the hole is made, have a pint or more of water poured in. Before the water all soaks away, the plant set in, and the hole filled up with dry earth. Most of this is wet by the water, so that the plant is surrounded with moisture, and yet the surface is left loose and open, not packed or barked. We are certain that the trouble required is abundantly repaid, whether the number of plants be large or small.

—Heaves.

The Farmer and Gardner gives the following as a cure for the heaves in horses:—Take smart-weed, steep it in boiling water till the strength is all out; give one quart every day, mixed with bran or shorts, for eight or ten days. Give green cut up feed wet with water, during the operation and it will cure.

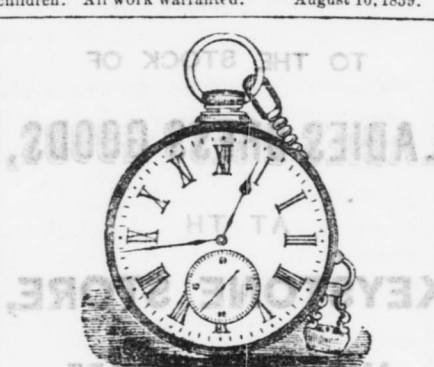
—Gardening for Young Ladies.

Make up your beds early in the morning; sow buttons on your husbands' shirts; do not rake up any grievances; protect the young and tender branches of your family, plant a smile of good temper on your face; and carefully root out all angry feelings, and expect a good crop of happiness.

Miscellaneous.

NEW ATTRACTIONS!

At Geo. H. Wood's Gallery, TOWANDA, PA.
You can procure, at low prices, **PHOTOGRAPHS**, of all sizes, up to life size, either plain or retouched, colored in oil or pastels. Also, **MELANOTYPES** and **AMBIOTYPES**, and almost all other kinds of types. Pictures in good cases for 50 cents, and other sizes and quantities in proportion. Melanotypes made in all kinds of weather, (except for children. All work warranted. August 10, 1859.



THIS IS THE ESTABLISHMENT where you can find a very fine assortment of **WATCHES** and **JEWELRY** of all descriptions, also a good stock of **CLOCKS**, prices ranging from 10 shillings up, and warranted to give good satisfaction or no sale. I am also agent for the sale of D. E. LENT'S celebrated **Barometers**, which every farmer should always have. Prices from \$8 to \$20, according to finish. **REPAIRING** done as usual in a neat and workmanlike manner and warranted.

WM. A. CHAMBERLIN.
BUY YOUR GARDEN SEEDS AT F.X'S.

I have the largest stock and best variety of Garden Seeds ever offered for sale in this town. It is a well known fact that a large proportion of the Garden Seeds sold throughout the country, are old, inferior, and often worthless. In view of this fact I have taken great pains to procure

Fresh and Reliable Seeds,

In fact the best to be found in market, in hopes to supply a want long felt in this community. (and also to increase my own sales in this line.) Will you examine my Seeds before purchasing elsewhere?

REMEMBER THAT GOOD SEEDS COST NO MORE THAN POOR ONES.

WITH GOOD SEEDS YOU CAN HAVE GOOD VEGETABLES.

WITH POOR SEEDS NONE. E. T. FOX.

Towanda, March 21, 1861.

BOOK BINDERY.

THE subscriber having withdrawn from the Argus has removed his Plain and Fancy Bindery to the North Room of the Ward House, formerly occupied by the Post Office, where he is now prepared to receive orders for Books in the most approved and workmanlike manner. Having to share my profits with no second hand matter 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 the same.

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.

JOHN H. BENDER, Bookbinder and Artist.

Towanda, Jan. 11, 1860.

CAUTION.

"To be, or not to be—that is the question!" Whether to take in the mind to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous opposition, or to take up arms against a sea of printing ink, and opposing, and then—

THE proprietor of the Argus takes occasion in advertising his Bindery to indulge in an uncalculated fling about a "sort of a concern," which is hoping "to delude the public." As he has opened his 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. For two years I have worked for Mr. Parsons, and he has taken great pains to satisfy the public. I have been in America, as the columns of the Argus will testify. Has been all that time "deluding the public." If I have been engaged in a fraud, he has been the principal. But I refer to my work, during that time, evidence that there has been no fraud practiced.

Having served a long apprenticeship at the Bindery business, I have resumed it on my own account, and as I know of nothing which prevents me from following a legitimate and lawful calling for my support, I shall endeavor by good work and attention to my business to give public satisfaction.

JOHN H. BENDER, Binder.

March 15.

TREMENDOUS EXCITEMENT.

LINCOLN TO BE ELECTED.

YET all these seem only to increase the business and prosperity of the Old Foundry and

MACHINE SHOP.

(South side of Pine st., one door East of H. S. Merce's Store.)

The undersigned would call the attention of all concerned to the fact, that he is prepared to do, and will execute all work entrusted to him with dispatch, and in the most workmanlike manner.

FITTING UP MILL IRONS, REPAIRING STEAM ENGINES, from the simplest to the most complicated, in any of their parts, and WARRANTED to give satisfaction.

PLOWS always on hand of the most approved patterns, wooded in the most substantial manner.

Having recently added considerably to his facilities for work, and employing experienced workmen in every department, he is confident that he can satisfy all who favor him with their patronage.

JOHN CARMAN.

Towanda, Oct. 15, 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 approved Credit.

We have a large and well selected stock of Wood and Coal COOKING STOVES, every variety of pattern and style of Parlor, Dining, Kitchen, Stove, and Cylindrical Stoves, which we can, and will sell as cheap as can be purchased in this or any adjoining county. Also a full and complete assortment of

IRON AND STEEL.

Nails and Glass. Paints and Oils. House Trimmings, Carriage Trimmings, Springs, Iron Axes and Boxes, of all sizes, Carpenters and Joiners Tools, Blacksmiths Tools, Crosscut, Circular and Mill Saws, Table and Pocket

CUTLERY,

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—Patent Stratched Leather BELTING. Every name and form of

FARMING TOOLS.

JOB WORK done on short notice and warranted. GRAIN, Old Iron, Copper, Britannia, Brass, Beeswax and Feathers, taken in exchange for Goods. We write "the whole world and the rest of mankind," to call and examine our goods before purchasing. Our motto will be every man well and submit to no ill will.

One door south of Tracy and Moore and Powell's Block, Main street.

JOHN CODDING, C. RUSSELL.

Towanda, Sept. 21, 1860.

Clover and Timothy SEED.

JUST RECEIVED at M. E. Solomon's, 500 bushels of West Branch Clover Seed, also 100 bushels of Western Timothy Seed, of the very best quality, and at the lowest prices for Cash.

Feb. 27, 1861.

BUTTER FIRKINS & TUBS

AT PATCH'S.

Miscellaneous.

R. M. WELLES,

(Late Senior Proprietor of the Tioga Point Agricultural Works.)

Has Recently Purchased the

ATHENS FURNITURE ROOMS,

AND

Cabinet Manufactory,

and will give his new business his personal attention, and with the assistance of

Mr. A. O. Hart, as Foreman,

he will strive to increase the popularity of this WELL KNOWN and favorite establishment.

A Splendid Assortment of Goods!

We have on hand and shall always keep the VERY BEST ASSORTMENT OF

Bureaus, Secretaries, Book Cases,

SOFAS, TETE-A-TETES, LOUNGES, EASY CHAIRS, MAHOGANY CHAIRS,

and Chairs of Every Description!

Extension Dining Tables, MARBLE-TOP and CENTRE TABLES, (anything you may want in that line.)

Then again look at our BEAUTIFUL SETS OF

Enameled Chamber Furniture,

of our own manufacture—good enough for any AMERICAN SOVEREIGN!

Bedsteads, Beds & Mattresses!

BEAUTIFUL MIRRORS,

Elegant Glasses, Plates & Frames

ELEGANT SQUARE PICTURE and OVAL PHOTOGRAPH FRAMES,

and Goods too numerous to mention.

We shall at all times keep a full supply of nicely finished and furnished ROSEWOOD, MAHOGANY, WALNUT, CHESTNUT and COMMON

READY-MADE COFFINS.

All orders, for Coffins of any description, size, style and price, shall be expeditiously and satisfactorily filled.

We keep a GOOD HEARSE, ready at all times for use at low rates; and can attend and conduct funerals anywhere within 20 miles.

N. B. All articles of our own manufacture are warranted, and all other Goods are carefully selected from the best and the lowest priced manufacturers in the Middle and Eastern States.

PRICES CHEAP FOR CASH,

OR SHORT APPROVED CREDIT.

Do not buy elsewhere till at least you have examined our stock of Goods.

R. M. WELLES.

Athens, Pa., March 28, 1861.

Susquehanna Collegiate Institute,

TOWANDA, BRADFORD CO., PA.

PAUL: OLIVER S. DEAN, A.B., Principal, Professor of Ancient and Modern Languages, Mental and Natural Science.

WM. H. DEAN, A.B., Associate Principal, Professor of Mathematics and Natural Science.

Prof. CHARLES E. COBURN, County Superintendent, and State Teacher of Normal Department.

Mrs. OLIVER S. DEAN, Preceptress.

Mrs. PAMELIA STRONG, Assistant Preceptress.

Mrs. MARIETTA COLEMAN, Teacher of Vocal and Instrumental Music.

WM. H. DEAN, Librarian.

Mrs. D. CANFIELD DAYTON, Steward.

Mrs. D. C. DAYTON, Matron.

Commencement on 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, per term..... 7 00

Higher, 1st year, per term..... 7 00

Higher, 2nd and 3rd year, per term..... 8 00

Classical, 1st year, per term..... 8 00

Classical, 2nd and 3rd 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 contingents.

EXTRA EXPENSES:

French..... \$ 3 00

German..... 5 00

Board in the Institute, per week, including fuel and light..... 2 00

The College year, 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 more than two weeks.

Instrumental Music will be made, as heretofore, a part of the instruction. But by special arrangement—a class will be taught in a hall adjoining the grounds of the Institute, by the Faculty 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 this branch. Terms will be as heretofore:

Tuition on Piano Forte, per term..... \$10 00

Use of instrument on which to take lessons..... 5 00

Do for practice..... 5 00

For Boarding in the Institute, with board, fuel, and light, and the table service, their option. It is desirable that they also furnish their own bed and bedding 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 Institute, as better opportunities for advancement in study are thereby secured.

Normal Department.—Special exercises are arranged for students in systematic order, from the highest to the lowest, in the Normal Department. Prof. C. E. COBURN, the able and well known Superintendent of Common Schools in the county, has kindly consented to organize the Teachers of Common Schools, Prof. C. E. COBURN, the able and well known Superintendent of Common Schools in the county, has kindly consented to organize the Teachers of Common Schools, Prof. C. E. COBURN, the able and well known Superintendent of Common Schools in the county, has kindly consented to organize the Teachers of Common Schools.

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

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 connected with the Institute is not such as to in any way interfere with the discharge of the regular duties of his office.

No pains will be spared, on the part of the Faculty and Trustees, to sustain the high reputation the Institution has hitherto enjoyed, and in rendering it more worthy of future patronage and support.

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

To Farmers and others Interested!

FRUIT TREES.—30,000 Choice Fruit

Trees for sale, including all the best variety of the Apple, the Pear, Peach, Plum, Cherry and Apricot, also a fine collection of the best Evergreens, such as Norway Spruce, Fir, Arbor Vitae, Austrian Pine, Scotch Fir and Black Spruce, including all sizes, from 2 to 6 feet, suited to ornamental lawns and door yards, also dwarf Box for edging. Deciduous ornamental trees and shrubs, European and American, such as the Chestnut, European Larch, Fringe or Smoke tree, Albion, Deutzia, Scabra, African Tamarix, Wigelia Rosea, Forsythia, Spiraea, Primula and many others not named.

5000 of our best Native Hardy Grape Vines, for sale the coming spring, such as Delaware, Diana, Concord, Rebecca and Cottage also Clinton, Catawba and Isabella.

20 varieties of the best bearing Strawberries, including Truxtun in standard form, and the best of the new ones, at low prices, by the 100 or 1000; the Red Cherry and White Grape Currants, also Red & White Dutch, Black, English and Black Naples; 12 other kinds not named here.

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A fine collection of Hybrid, Perpetual and Climbing Roses and Dahlias. In addition to my Nursery, located at this place, I have lately purchased the Tioga Point Nursery, embracing over 25,000 fruit & ornamental trees with all other things in the line. Our people will find it much to their advantage to buy these articles at home instead of driving to distant traveling Agents from Rochester and other places at a distance.

Towanda, Pa., Feb. 23, 1861.

P. S.—A few good Salesmen wanted to act as Agents apply at my house.

D. H.

BUTTER FIRKINS & TUBS

AT PATCH'S.

Merchandise, &c.

CHEAPNESS, STYLE & BEAUTY.

NOW IS YOUR TIME TO BUY YOUR

CLOTHING CHEAP

AT YOUR OWN PRICES.

Proclaim it to the People!

JUST RECEIVED.—A Large Stock of

SPRING AND SUMMER CLOTHING, at JOHN SHILAM'S

Elmira Branch Clothing Store. Says only, being and delicately, that he takes the foremost of the Clothing Merchants of Towanda.

Eighteen hundred and sixty-one has come, and the light and beauty of Spring shines upon us with all the radiance of a new year. I shall continue to sell Clothing, for Cash, cheaper than any other man, as my goods are all bought cheap for cash, and they will be sold cheap for cash.

My goods are all manufactured in Elmira, therefore, I can warrant them well made. Enough for me to say, I have everything in the line of

CLOTHING!

GENTS FURNISHING GOODS,

HATS CAPS, &c.,

That is kept in any other Store in town.

My banner is on the breeze.

"And long may it wave, O'er the land of the free, And the home of the brave!"

While the Stars and Stripes Shine out like sun, Telling all the nations That Freedom's flag is won.

This is a free country; therefore it is free for all to do their trading where they can do the best, regardless of the cross and sour looks of old fogy merchants. I invite you to come and see me—country as well as the city are invited to call.