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Cards. TO O. P. OF BRADFORD... BRADFORD, PA., MARCH 19, 1868.

American Hotel. TOWANDA, PA. Having purchased this well known Hotel on Bridge Street, I have refurnished and refitted it with every convenience for the accommodation of the public.

NEW ARRANGEMENT. NEWS ROOM AND BOOK STORE. The undersigned, having purchased the old NEWS ROOM AND BOOK STORE, has refurnished and refitted it with every convenience for the accommodation of the public.

FASHIONABLE TAILORING. A. T. DAVIDSON. Respectfully announces to the public that he has opened a Tailor Shop in Towanda, Pa., and will cut and make Men and Boys Garments in the most fashionable style.

FASHIONABLE TAILORING. LEWIS REBEHN. Respectfully informs the citizens of Towanda Borough, that he has opened a Tailor Shop in Towanda, Pa., and will cut and make Men and Boys Garments in the most fashionable style.

JEWELRY STORE AT DUSHORE. A. YOUNG. Inform the citizens of Sullivan county that he has opened a Jewelry Store, in the building opposite Wallace & Achley's Store, in Dushore, Pa., and will sell and repair all kinds of Jewels, Watches, and Clocks.

HARDING & SMALLEY. Having entered into a co-partnership for the transaction of the PHOTOGRAPHY business, at the rooms formerly occupied by Wood & Harding, respectfully call the attention of the public to the fact that they are now making specialties in Solar Photographs, Plain, Peppared and Colored, Ovals, Pictures, Portraits, and all kinds of photographic work.

THE FIRST NATIONAL. The First National Bank of Campden, Pa., has this day declared a dividend of \$100,000, payable to the stockholders on the 20th inst. at 10 o'clock A. M.

AUCTION AND COMMISSION. Permanently located in the south end of the block formerly occupied by Wood & Harding, on the corner of the block formerly occupied by Wood & Harding, on the corner of the block formerly occupied by Wood & Harding.

MOB & CREAMER. Permanently located in the south end of the block formerly occupied by Wood & Harding, on the corner of the block formerly occupied by Wood & Harding, on the corner of the block formerly occupied by Wood & Harding.

WATCHMAKERS, JEWELLERS. HUGENIN BROTHERS. Recently from Europe, with a large assortment of Clocks and Watches, from the best manufacturers in Switzerland, have located themselves in Towanda, Pa., and will repair and make all kinds of Clocks and Watches.

CHINESE FANS FOR SALE AT THE NEWS ROOM. THE PLACE TO BUY TRAVEL BAGS, Trunks, and Baskets of every description, at A. Frost's Furniture Store.

Selected Poetry. THE FAIRTEST AND BEST THE FAIRER. BY A. G. HOLLAND. This is all over the earth! That which we call the fairest, And prize for its surpassing worth, Is always rare.

Miscellaneous. A THRILLING EPISODE. A small party of Mexican traders—myself among the number—had proceeded forward toward the caravan. Our object was to arrive at Santa Fe a day or two before the wagons, in order to have everything arranged with the Governor for their entrance into that capital.

A THIRTING EPISODE. I stood wavering between two minds. My first impulse had been to reload and kill the doe; but her plaintive voice entered my heart, dispersed all of my hostile intentions.

A THIRTING EPISODE. I made an effort to extricate myself—another more violent and equally un successful—and, with a third, I lost my balance and fell back into the water.

A THIRTING EPISODE. I struck directly toward the spot where I had seen the object. It appeared to be only half a mile or so from the trail. It proved more distant—a common illusion in the crystal atmosphere of these upland regions.

A THIRTING EPISODE. I dismounted at the bottom of the slope, and leading my horse silently up among the cacti-plants, tied him to one of his branches. I then crept cautiously through the thorny leavings toward the point where I fancied I had seen the game.

A THIRTING EPISODE. I lay for several minutes, thinking over the different tricks known in hunter-craft for taking the antelope. Should I imitate their call? Should I hoist my handkerchief and try to lure them up? I saw that they were too shy, for at short intervals they threw up their graceful heads, and looked inquiringly around them.

A THIRTING EPISODE. I had no alternative; and was turning to go back for the blanket; when all at once, my eye rested upon a clay colored line running across the prairie beyond where the animals were feeding. It was a break in the surface of the plain—a shallow road, or the char of an arroyo—in either case the very cover I wanted—for the animals were not a hundred yards from it, and were getting still nearer as they fed.

A THIRTING EPISODE. I ran along the side of the slope toward a point where I had noticed that the ridge was depressed to the prairie level. Here, to my surprise, I found myself on the banks of a broad arroyo, whose water, clear and shallow, ran slowly over a bed of sand and gypsum.

GRADED SCHOOLS. Report of Committee, consisting of S. F. COLE, O. J. CHAMBERLAIN, E. GUYAN and W. H. THOMPSON, substantially as read before the County Teachers' Association, at Towanda, February 14. Publication requested by unanimous vote.

GRADED SCHOOLS. The number of graded divisions and subdivisions of such schools must necessarily depend upon the number of pupils, degrees of advancement and circumstances under which they exist.

GRADED SCHOOLS. The question of practical and vital importance to us and the people of this county, is, to what extent it is possible to grade our schools.

GRADED SCHOOLS. The power of self-control, resistance to temptations, and the evil influences of others is strengthened by the exercise of actual resistance.

GRADED SCHOOLS. A fourth step may be described to be a division of classes, or an assignment of them to different departments and individuals for instruction.

GRADED SCHOOLS. The system established by the State was designed not only to furnish instruction to the youth in the elements of knowledge, but wherever practicable, to impart to them an education in the higher branches of learning.

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Common schools, the only mode much more largely increased, and the supply will become still more seriously deficient.

Graded schools afford the best means of economizing the labors of our present corps of teachers, and increasing their efficiency in the preparation of those who are soon to take their places.

It is true that rural districts do not offer the most favorable conditions for deriving the full benefit of the system, but these do not preclude the possibility of great improvement in that direction.

There are central points in most of the townships of this county, where schools of a higher grade might profitably and successfully be sustained.

All that is needed, is that directors make the necessary preparation and arrangements, and that their efforts be properly sustained by the people.

Such schools, where properly conducted, will be given that pupils of a certain grade or grades, or as many of the more advanced pupils from parts of the district as can be accommodated, will be admitted, free of charge and many now virtually excluded from the number of classes, and incompetency of teachers, would be induced to attend.

In most of the borough arrangements might be made for the education of advanced pupils, on district or private account. These borough schools should be as thoroughly graded as circumstances permit, with such accessions to their numbers, their character would be elevated.

In all these schools, regular examinations of all their scholars should be made by a committee of competent persons, and admissions to the separate graded schools in the rural districts, and transfers to higher grades in the Union borough schools, should be made to depend wholly upon real merit.

Such a course would prove almost magical in its effects, and quickening and ennobling influences would soon be felt in every department and grade, by every teacher and pupil.

In establishing such schools, directors should perform a plain duty under the law, and meet the demand of the times. No other course is believed by us to so soon supply qualified teachers, or meet the just demands of the parents whose children are now virtually excluded from the common schools.