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DAY, HUDDELL & SANDERSON Miners and Shippers of the SULLIVAN ANTHRACITE COAL, mar.1'71 Towanda, Pa.

WM. H. MORGAN, Dealer in Real Estate, lots from $100 upwards. Office over U. S. Russell & Co.'s Banking House.

L. W. DIMMOCK, Dealer in all kinds of Roofing Slates, Towanda, Pa. All orders promptly attended to. Particular attention given to Cottage and French Roofing.

TAILORESS.—Try Mrs. FESSENDEN's work and prices. Shop in first yellow tenement, West House and Bakery, opposite Depot. Towanda Oct. 22, 1871—6m.sp

R. FOWLER, REAL ESTATE DEALER, No. 278 South Water Street, Chicago, Ills. Real Estate purchased and sold. Investments made and Money loaned. Mar. 16'70.

SAMUEL POWELL, SON & CO. have leased the Barber Shop one door west of the Post Office, and respectfully ask a share of the patronage. mar.16'72

JOHN O. HUFF, AUCTIONEER, Will cry sales at all cities of real estate in Bradford county. Also sales by mail or otherwise promptly attended to in any part of the United States. Address, Standing Stone and Towanda, Bradford County, Pa. mar.2'72

GAYLORD BROS., General Fire and Life Insurance Agency. Policies covering all losses caused by lightning in Wyoming and other valuable companies, without additional charge. H. B. GAYLORD, Wilkesbarre, May 29, '71. S. C. GAYLORD.

JOHN DUNFEE, BLACKSMITH, TOWANDA, PA., gives particular attention to Horse Shoeing, Wagons, Stoves, &c. Tire set and work done on short notice. Work and charges warranted satisfactory. 12.15.69.

AMOS PENNYPACKER, HAS just opened his Shop in the PAINTING BUSINESS. Shop over the Post Office. Work of every description done in the best style. Towanda, April 21, 1870—tf

LERAYSVILLE WOOLEN MILL. The undersigned respectfully announces to the public that he keeps constantly on hand Woolen Goods of the best of Flannels, Yarns, of all colors and styles. HIRAM S. BROADLEY, Proprietor.

CLINTON HOUSE, ITHACA, N.Y. S. D. THOMPSON, N. BOOTH, Proprietors. Late of the Bradford House.

C. S. RUSSELL'S GENERAL INSURANCE AGENCY, TOWANDA, PA.

THE UNDERSIGNED ARCHITECT and BUILDER, wishes to inform the citizens of Towanda and vicinity, that he will give plans, draw draughts, designs and specifications of all manner of buildings, private or public, and will also give superintendence if desired. Shop and residence N. E. corner Main and Elizabeth sts. J. F. FLEMMING. Towanda, Pa.

NEW PARLOR OF FASHION. HAIR CUTTING, SHAVING, HAIR DYEING, &c. Also particular attention given to Shampooing. THOS. HOOD, Shop in Bowman's Row, Towanda, Pa.

W. W. KINGSBURY, INSURANCE AGENCY, TOWANDA, PA.

SASH, DOORS, AND BLINDS. Constantly on hand a large stock of Doors, Sash, Blinds, &c., which we will sell at the lowest price. Call and see for yourselves. GEO. F. CASE.

DAYTON & BROTHER, Dealers in HIDES, PELTS, CALFSKINS, &c. Highest price paid at all times. Market St. TOWANDA, PA.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE formed a partnership under the firm of MASON & CO. for the sale of Indian Bills of Exchange and Indian Goods, Dry Goods, Groceries, Yankee Notions, Boots and Shoes, Hardware, Iron and Steel, Farming Implements, Produce, Lumber, Shingles, Square Timber, Real Estate, Stock Securities, Money, Gold and Silver. We have also formed a partnership under the same firm name at Lansville, Bradford County, Pa., for the sale of goods of the same general character as those at Towanda. We shall buy Furs, Pelts, Deer Skins, Bark, Ginseng, Beeswax, Honey, Butter, Cheese, Eggs, Poultry, Dried Fruit, Grain, Potatoes, Pickles, Wood, Shingles, Lumber, Square Timber, Staves, Heading, Hoops, Railroad Ties, Coal, Iron, Leather, Wool, Flour, Feed, Provisions, Groceries, Produce, Manufactured Goods, Stock Securities, Money, Gold and Silver. Towanda, Pa., April 1, 1872. M. V. MASON, V. G. MASON.

NEW FIRM! NEW GOODS, LOW PRICES! TRACY & HOLTON, Sayre's Block, Towanda, Pa. Have just opened a large stock of Dry Goods, Groceries, Crockery, Hardware, Iron and Steel, Nails, Glass, Paints and Oils, Boots and Shoes, Hats and Caps, Yankee Notions, Flour and Feed, Pickles, Cheese, Butter, Lard, Eggs, Potatoes, Dried Fruit, Syrup and Molasses, Tobacco and Cigars, Stone Ware, Wooden Ware, Tubs, Pails, Brooms, Brushes, Carpets, Oil Cloths, Window Shades, Fixtures, &c., &c., which they will sell at the lowest price for Cash or Exchange for Produce. Towanda, Pa., April 1, 1872.

CHEAP PASSAGE FROM OR TO IRELAND OR ENGLAND. THE UNDERSIGNED, AGENTS FOR THE CELEBRATED LINE OF STEAMSHIPS PLYING BETWEEN NEW YORK AND LIVERPOOL, will sell Prepaid Tickets to or from Liverpool, Londonderry, Queenstown, Glasgow, Ireland and Scotland, payable in Gold or its equivalent. Apply to Williams & Guion, or to F. BOSTON & Co., Bankers, Towanda, Pa.

CHARLES F. DAYTON, Agent for Cunard Line, Towanda, Pa.

HARNESS MAKER, Corner Montanye's Store, Towanda, Pa. A large assortment of HARNESS and Horse Furnishing Goods constantly on hand. Repairing done to order. Shop in Montanye's Store.

MRS. E. J. MINGOS (formerly Miss Hale) has just opened a fresh stock of MILLINERY AND FANCY GOODS, Hats and Bonnets of the latest fashion, Laces, Ribbons, Flowers, Collars and Neck Ties, Gloves, Hosiery, &c. She has also the agency for Madame Demorest's celebrated Patterns, and is prepared to cut and tastefully make and trim Dresses to order. Shop in Montanye's Block, Towanda, Pa., April 1, 1871.

DILLY VARDEN JEWELRY, Just received and for sale by MRS. E. J. MINGOS.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

JAMES WOOD, ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW, Towanda, Pa.

HENRY PEET, ATTORNEY AT LAW, Towanda, Pa. June 27, '65.

WM. FOYLE, ATTORNEY AT LAW, Towanda, Pa., Office with Elnathan Smith, south side Mercur's Block. April 14, 70

SMITH & MONTANYE, ATTORNEYS AT LAW. Office—corner of Main and Pine Streets, opposite Porter's Drug Store.

DR. H. WESTON, DENTIST.—Office in Patton's Block, over Gore's Drug and Chemical Store. jan 1, '68.

DR. T. B. JOHNSON, PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON, Office over Dr. H. C. Porter Son & Co.'s Drug Store.

DR. C. K. LADD, PHYSICIAN and Surgeon, Towanda, Pa. Office one door north of Bay, Huddell & Sanderson's coal office. jan18'72

L. P. WILLISTON ATTORNEY AT LAW, TOWANDA. South side of Mercur's New Block, up stairs. April 21, '70—tf.

H. B. McKEAN, ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW, Towanda, Pa. Particular attention paid to business in the Orphans' Court. July 20, '66.

KELLY & STANLEY, DENTISTS. Office over Wickham & Black's Store, Towanda, Pa. Gas for extracting teeth. W. B. KELLY. [mar.20'72] C. M. STANLEY.

W. H. CARNOCHAN, ATTORNEY AT LAW (District Attorney for Bradford County), Troy, Pa. Collections made and promptly remitted. feb 15, '69—tf.

JOHN N. CALIFF, ATTORNEY AT LAW, Towanda, Pa. Particular attention given to Orphans' Court business, Conveyancing and Collections. ☞ Office in Wood's new block, south of the First National Bank, up stairs. Feb. 1, 1871.

OVERTON & ELSBREE, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, Towanda, Pa., having entered into copartnership, offer their professional services to the public. Special attention given to business in the Orphans' and Register's Courts. apl 14'70 E. OVERTON, JR. N. C. ELSBREE.

MERCUR & DAVIES, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, Towanda, Pa. The undersigned having associated themselves together in the practice of Law, offer their professional services to the public. ULYSSES MERCUR. W. T. DAVIES. March 9, 1870.

W. A. & B. M. PECK'S LAW OFFICE. Main street, opposite the Court House, Towanda, Pa. Oct. 27, '70.

A. A. KEENEY, COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT, Towanda, Pa. Office with B. M. Peck, second door below the Ward House. Will be at the office the last Saturday of each month as I at all other times when not called away on business connected with the Superintendency. All letters should be addressed as above. dec 1, 70

DR. J. W. LYMAN, PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON. Office one door east of Reporter building, Main street, corner Pine and 2nd street. Towanda, June 22, 1871.

JOHN W. MIX, ATTORNEY AT LAW, Towanda, Bradford Co., Pa. GENERAL INSURANCE AGENT. Particular attention paid to Collections and Orphans' Court business. Office—Mercur's New Block, north side Public Square. apr. 1, '69.

DOCTOR O. LEWIS, A GRADUATE of the College of Physicians and Surgeons," New York city, class 1841, gives exclusive attention to the duties of his profession. Office and residence on the eastern slope of Orwell Hill, adjoining Henry Heaton's. jan 14, '69.

DR. D. D. SMITH, Dentist, has purchased G. H. Wood's property, between Mercur's Block and the Elwell House, where he has located his office. Teeth extracted without pain by use of gas. Towanda, Oct. 20, 1870.—yr.

Hotels.

DINING ROOMS IN CONNECTION WITH THE BAKERY, Near the Court House. We are prepared to feed the hungry at all times of the day and evening. Oysters and Ice Cream in their seasons. March 20, 1870. D. W. SCOTT & CO.

ELWELL HOUSE, TOWANDA, PA. JOHN C. WILSON. Having taken this House, is now ready to accommodate the travelling public. No pains nor expense will be spared to give satisfaction to those who may give him a call. ☞ North side of the public square, east of Mercur's new block.

RUMMERFIELD CREEK HOTEL. PETER LANDMESSER. Having purchased and thoroughly refitted this old and well-known stand, formerly kept by Sheriff Griffin, at the mouth of Rummerfield Creek, is ready to give good accommodations and satisfactory treatment to all who may favor him with a call. Dec. 27, 869—tf.

MEANS HOUSE, TOWANDA, PA. FOR. MAIN AND BRIDGE STREETS. The Horses, Harness, &c. of all guests of this house, insured against loss by Fire, without any extra charge. A superior quality of Old English Ales Ale, just received. T. R. JORDAN, Towanda, Jan. 24, '71. Proprietor.

BRADFORD HOTEL, TOWANDA, PA. The subscriber having leased and lately fitted up the above Hotel, lately kept by him as a saloon and boarding house, on the south side of BRIDGE STREET, next to the railroad, is now prepared to entertain the public with good accomodations on reasonable charges. No trouble or expense will be spared to accommodate those calling on him. His bar will be furnished with choice brands of Cigars, Liquors, Ales, &c. Good Stabling attached. WM. HENRY. Towanda, June 1, 1871. 1yr May 22 Proprietor.

WARD HOUSE, TOWANDA, BRADFORD COUNTY, PENN'A. This popular house, recently leased by Messrs. Koon & Means, and having been completely refitted, remodeled, and refurnished, affords to the public all the comforts and modern conveniences of a first-class Hotel. Situate opposite the Park on Main Street, it is eminently convenient for persons visiting Towanda, either for pleasure or business. sep6'71 KOON & MEANS, Proprietors.

MANSION HOUSE, LERAYSVILLE, PA. W. W. BROWNING, PROPRIETOR. This House is conducted in strictly Temperance Principles. Every effort will be made to make guests comfortable. Good rooms and the table will always be supplied with the best the market affords. Nov. 1, 1871.

MERCURS BANK, TOWANDA, PA. (Successor to D. S. Russell & Co., Bankers.) Receives Deposits, Loans Money, Makes Collections, and does a GENERAL BANKING BUSINESS, same as an Incorporated Bank. To persons desiring to send money to ANY PART of the United States, Canada or Europe, this Bank offers the best facilities and the lowest terms. PASSAGE TICKETS To and from Nova Scotia, England, Ireland, Scotland, or any part of Europe and the Orient, by the CELEBRATED INMAN LINE Of Steamers always on hand. Buys and sells Gold, Silver, United States Bonds at market rates. Agent for the sale of Northern Pacific 7 3 10 Bonds. M. C. MERCUR, President. W. S. VANDERVOORT, Cashier. mar.1'71

CHAMBER SETS, cheaper than ever, at FROST & SONS.

FROST & SONS make the best Extension Table in the world.

LAKE TROUT, some very fine ones, at a very low price, by FOX & MERCUR. June 15, 1871.

COFFEE, TEA, SUGAR, FISH, &c., which for cheapness and quality cannot be surpassed by any house in the trade, can be found at the store of V. CASE & MINIER.

Sarah Jane Williams Co., have secured from New York a fully Hair Dresser, and will be pleased to have the ladies of Towanda call and examine her wares.

Miscellaneous.

J. O. FROST & SONS, MANUFACTURERS OF FURNITURE! Our ware-rooms at all times contain an UNRIVALED ASSORTMENT OF CHAMBER SETS Of all styles and prices, combining with the Rich and Elegant, the Medium Prices, suitable for all, and so cheap that any can afford to have them. Also the finest and most FASHIONABLE BLACK WALNUT PARLOR AND LIBRARY FURNITURE. Of new and original designs and of the most superb style and finish. Also a choice assortment of TABLES, WARDROBES, DRESSING CASES, SIDE-BOARDS, LIBRARY AND BOOK-CASES. Also a complete line of Tetes-a-Tetes, Sofas, Sounges Rocking, Easy and Parlor Chairs, in the greatest variety of styles and prices. Also an endless variety of BEDSTEADS, BUREAUS, CHAIRS TABLES, MIRRORS, FEATHER PILLOWS, MATRESSES, & SPRING BEDS, Of every description, and in fact everything to be found in a First Class Furniture Store, CHEAPER THAN THE CHEAPEST! We pay Case for Lumber, or will take Lumber in exchange for Furniture. Also a large stock of COFFINS Of every description from the most common to the finest Rosewood, always on hand. We are sole agents for FISK'S METALIC BURIAL CASES, Which are now conceeded by all parties to be far the best Metalic Case in use. We have the FINEST HEARSE In this section of country, and will furnish anything in the UNDERTAKING line AS LOW as the same quality of goods can be got at ANY PLACE, either in Towanda or elsewhere, and from our large EXPERIENCE and thorough acquaintance with the business, we can save persons many annoyances to which they are always subject when dealing with incompetent parties. STORE 107 MAIN STREET. ☞ Do not forget the place. J. O. FROST & SONS. Towanda, April 2, 1872

PHOTOGRAPHY! The undersigned would inform the public that they have purchased the GALLERY OF ART, of HARDING & GUSTIN, on Main street, first door south of the First National Bank, and mean, by strict attention to business, and by the addition of every improvement in the Art of Photography, to make the place worthy of patronage. Mr. GUSTIN is to remain with us, and give his whole time and attention to the making of IVORYTYPES, PAINTINGS IN OIL AND WATER COLORS, As well as PENCILING IN INDIA INK. Particular attention given to the enlarging of pictures, and to the finishing of all kinds of work, so as to secure the best results, and as much time as possible given to making negatives of small children. Those wanting pictures will please give us a trial, and we think that they will be satisfied. GEO. H. WOOD & CO. jan11'72yl

M. E. ROSENFIELD'S CLOTHING EMPORIUM! OPPOSITE THE MEANS HOUSE. (Formerly occupied by H. Jacobs.) The rapid growth of Towanda requires the expansion of business, and the undersigned, realizing this want of the community in the READY MAYE CLOTHING LINE Has opened a new store in Bellman's Block, (formerly occupied by H. Jacobs,) and is now prepared to offer to his old customers and the public generally, a better stock of MENS' AND BOYS' CLOTHING Than can be found in any other establishment outside the cities. My stock has all been purchased from the manufacturers this season, so that I have no old stock to get rid of, bought at high prices. I have a full line of GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS! of the finest quality and latest styles, which I am Offering at low figures. REMEMBER! I have no connection with the old stand, and when you want anything in the clothing line, for yourself or boys, call on me in Bellman's Block. Towanda, March 28, 1872. M. E. ROSENFIELD.

MESSRS LAZARUS & MORRIS, OPTICIANS AND OCULISTS, HARTFORD, CONN., Have with a view to meet the increasing demand for their CELEBRATED PERFECTED SPECTACLES appointed W. A. CHAMBERLIN, Watch Maker and Jeweler, dealer in Swiss and American Watches, TOWANDA, PA., Sole Agent in this Locality. They have taken care to give all needful instructions, and have confidence in the ability of their agent to meet the requirements of all customers. An opportunity will be thus afforded to procure at all times, Spectacles Unequalled by any for their Strengthening and Preservation Qualities. Too much cannot be said as to their Superiority over the ordinary glasses worn. There is no glimmering, wavering of the sight, dizziness, or other unpleasant sensation, but on the contrary, from the perfect construction of the Lenses, they are soothing and pleasant, causing a feeling of relief to the wearer, and producing a clear and distinct vision, as in the natural, healthy sight. They are the only spectacle that preserve as well as assist the sight, and are the cheapest because the best, always lasting many years without change being necessary. CAUTION. W. A. CHAMBERLIN, TOWANDA, PA. Sole Agent in Towanda, Pa. ☞ We employ no peddlers. March 28, 1872.

ANCHOR LINE STEAMERS SAIL EVERY WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY. Passengers booked to and from any Railway Station or Seaport in Great Britain, Ireland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, France, Holland, Belgium and the United States, AT LOWEST CURRENCY RATES. Cabin fare from New York to GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, LONDONDERRY or QUEENSTOWN, $75, and $65, INTERMEDIATE, $35, STEERAGE, $28. DRAFTS ISSUED FOR ANY AMOUNT. Parties sending for their friends in the Old Country can purchase tickets at reduced rates. For further particulars apply to HENDERSON BROTHERS, 7 Bowling Green, N. Y. or to S. C. MEANS, Central Express Office, Towanda, Pa., or N. N. BETTS, Ja., First Nation Bank of Towanda. oct18'71.

Selected Poetry.

NATURE'S JEWELS.

The orchard lands are all aglow with gems,
Rich, perfumed gems, from Nature's casket strown—
Pearls on the pear, on apple opals pink,
Rich rubies on the quince, and amethysts
Upon the peach and almond; fairer gems
Than light the scepter of the proudest throne.

The scarlet blush sits on the queenly blooms
Of the pomegranate, and the whitening buds
Of April snow-showers flake the jargoncelle;
Here the pink blossoms of the glorious peach,
Superb Sultana, mingle with the flowers
Of the retiring, tender apricot;
And there the quince her fragrant petals hides
Beneath the shadow of the camascene.

Showed ever iris in prismatic bow
More gorgeous mingling of a thousand hues,
Than show the orchards, while the trellised wall
Glows 'neath the stars of yellow jessamine
In natural topaz, and the sapphire gleams
In heaven's unclouded ceiling purely blue?

Jewels, rich jewels, fair and sweet and rare,
Renewed from year to year; jewels all sweet,
That cost nor toiling days nor sleepless nights
For gold to purchase them; jewels on which
The humblest eye may gaze, the poor and rich
May both alike have share, gems which when
Leave a rich legacy of fruits to earth, [dead
And with the Spring reviving, bloom again!

Miscellaneous.

SILENT BUT EFFECTIVE TESTIMONY.

A few months ago Jacob Ames died, leaving property to the amount of fifty to sixty thousand dollars, all of which was readily available. At first it was supposed that the old man—he was eighty-seven—had died without having made a will, as he had often been heard to remark that making a will seemed like a preparation for death, and as there could be no question about the inheritance of his property, he did not choose to make any such, to him, ghostly testament. His direct and only legitimate heirs were two orphans, both girls, children of his only daughter. One of them was a cripple, requiring almost the individual care and attention of the other, and both were beloved by all who knew them. While people were feeling glad that the orphan sisters were to be thus provided for, a man named James Arnold presented a will for probate, said to be the Last Will and Testament of Jacob Ames, made several years before. This Arnold was a nephew-in-law of old Jacob, the child of a wife's sister, and had for several years been employed as business agent and general accountant of the deceased; and when he caused the will to be presented, he produced a number of witnesses who declared that they had often heard old Ames say that he had made the only will he should make, and that James Arnold was his heir; and, what seemed to make the matter sure, two witnesses to the will, former servants or employes of the testator, swore point-blank to having seen Ames place his signature to the document, after which they signed their own names. Honest people shook their heads at this, for these two witnesses—a man and his wife—were not above suspicion. In fact, it was generally believed that a small sum of ready money would buy them, body and soul.

I entered the court-room late in the afternoon of the third day, just as the witness was about to leave the witness box; and this witness was Thomas Cloudman, the servant just alluded to. He had been questioned by a juryman, and had made a plain statement. Everything was against the poor deserving orphans, and all in favor of the despised nephew. In fact, no honest man under the evidence, could have brought in a verdict against Arnold's claim.

The juryman who had questioned this witness, sat at the end of the box; and close to him, among the spectators, stood old Harvey Goodrich, who was at that time engaged in the paper mill of Day & Lyon, at Portland. I had known him years before, when he worked for Rice, of Newton. The juror held the will in his hand, open, and Goodrich cast his eye upon it. I saw the old paper maker start and tremble.

"Let me look at that!" I heard him whisper, for I stood close by.

The juror, without considering, handed him the document; and before the counsel could interpose and regain it, Goodrich had seen all he desired, and his first movement, after relinquishing the will, was to hasten to the side of the orphans' attorney, and whispered hurriedly and excitedly in his ear. I saw the attorney whose name was Shipman, bend his head attentively, and then start to his feet. What was it? In those few brief moments the whole audience had caught the fever of excitement, for it was clearly evident that something of importance was on the tapis.

"May it please your honor," said Shipman, very quietly—so calmly and so quietly that we feared it could be nothing of importance, after all—"I must ask the indulgence of the court. I wish to present new important testimony."

There was a slight war of words between the opposing counsel, after which, by permission of the court, the old paper-maker took the witness box. He gave his name, residence, occupation, etc., and then Mr. Shipman placed the will in his hands.

"Mr. Goodrich, will you please examine that document?"

"I have done so, sir."

"What is the written date of that will?"

"September fifth, eighteen hundred and forty-one," answered the witness, reading from the instrument.

"Now, Mr. Goodrich, will you please inform the jury, and the court, if you observe anything else, in or upon that paper which you hold in your hand, that would positively affect the reliability of that written date. Make your own statement, in your own way; only make it concise and clear."

"Your honor, and gentlemen of the jury," commenced the witness, this piece of paper which I now hold in my hand, was manufactured by myself and was calendered upon a machine of my own invention. The water-lines, in place of ordinary blue ruling, was included in my improvement. You will also observe, upon close inspection—though the ink upon the surface has somewhat obscured it—my own stamp in 'water-marks. Your honor can examine it for yourself."

The Judge took the document, and held it up against the strong light; and involuntarily he read aloud, so as to be heard by all in the room—for every breath was hushed—"H. Goodrich's Patent. Eighteen hundred forty-three!"

"Yes, your Honor," broke in Goodrich, whose professional integrity was now in the balance, "I can solemnly swear that that sheet of paper was not made until at least two years after the date of the instrument which has been written upon its face."

The paper was given to the jury, who were all upon their feet. Arnold's counsel demanded to see it. Mr. Cloudman and his wife got up and tried to leave the room, but were prevented. Judge and bar were in a state of ferment; while the dense audience swayed to and fro in eager, painful suspense. Would this old man's testimony have its legitimate weight?

Ah! how could it be otherwise? There was a witness more potent to an intelligent court than speech of tongue. The contested will bore in its innermost heart—in its "heart of hearts"—the emphatic evidence of the base lie upon its written face. Other witnesses were called—one paper-maker and two paper-dealers—but the thing was settled. The water-lined date of the paper was evidence enough. A little while and the Judge gave his charge—about as brief a charge as I ever heard. A little longer and we knew that the orphans were the true legally established heirs to Jacob Ames' fortune. I will not attempt to describe the scene that followed. Suffice it for me to say, that the perjured parties were severely punished, while the sun of joy and gladness cast its gracious beams upon the beloved and deserving sisters.

LAPLAND AS IT IS.

Paul du Chaillu says in a lecture about Lapland: When I went to Sweden and expressed my intention of going to Lapland, I was told that I should have to wait until the musquitoes had gone, for I could not stand them. I laughed at the idea; but when I arrived there you may be assured I believed it; why, Jersey is not for a moment to be compared with it for musquitoes. During the reign of this insect the inhabitants go to the mountains. The Laplanders are most astonishingly honest; they leave their valuables in sight of their servants when they retire, and have never known them to be stolen. I left my money-bag once, and traveled some distance before I missed it. I tried to make my guide understand my loss, and, in so doing, awakened the sympathies of a young woman (the Lapland women are beautiful!), who volunteered to get it for me, which she soon did. I offered her some of the gold, but she said she would not accept it; not knowing how else to reward her, I gave her a kiss; she looked astonished, and I gave her another. These people are intensely fond of flowers; in Summer, when the flowers are in bloom, it is a national custom to visit the graveyards each Saturday and strew the graves with them. Great interest is manifested to learn of affairs in America, and New York and Chicago are household words. The country has a very thick growth of birch and fir trees cover nearly the entire surface, some of the fir trees measuring from five to eight feet in circumference. The scenery is magnificent, and I can conceive of nothing more grand than their mountains, which are from 5,000 to 8,000 feet in height. I have travelled for the short space of half an hour, and passed 72 waterfalls in that time with an average height of 1000 feet.

WHAT IS POLITENESS?—I believe it is best to be known by description, definition not being able to comprise it. I would, however, venture to call benevolence in trifles, or in the preference of others to ourselves, in little daily, hourly occurrences in the commerce of life. A better place, a more commodious seat, prior in being helped at the table; what is it but sacrificing ourselves in such trifles to the convenience and pleasure of others? And this constitutes true politeness. It is a perpetual attention (by habit it grows easy and natural to us) to the little wants of those we are with, by which we either prevent or remove them. Bowing ceremonies, formal compliments, stiff civilities, will never be politeness; that must be easy, natural, unstudied, manly, noble. And what will give us this but a mind benevolent, and perpetually attentive to exert that amiable disposition in trifles toward all you converse and live with.

An exchange says: "If, instead of the closing anthem, some of our ministers should, at the close of the services, give the orders: 'Attention, worshippers! For hats, dive! For overcoats, go! Jerk, twist, plunge! Make yourselves ridiculous, all!' the effect would hardly be a variation from the present style of getting ready to go out of church. The singing of the doxology seems to be the signal for a general putting on and adjustment of overcoats, and when the benediction is about to be pronounced the ruffled congregation look more like jumping out of the windows, or uniting in a crashing and crowding race for the doors than listening to the solemn words of the good pastor. At one of our well-filled churches, on Sunday evening, it was observed that at least every third man was going through these ridiculous motions while the services were closing, although the sermon had been excellent. Why do not people wait until the proper time to do these things? There is a time for everything, but that time does no always occur during church services."

[For the REPORTER].

LETTER FROM COLUMBIA, PA.

COLUMBIA, April 29, 1872.

MR. EDITOR: How superlatively inadequate are all conceptions of the vastness, wealth and power of the Keystone State, formed by a home resident of Bradford, he can never fully realize, till he has visited this larger settled and incomparably richer section of the Commonwealth.

Agreeably to an intimation in a letter I wrote you from Harrisburg some time since, I have been spending the last three weeks in Lancaster county. Driving through the South Eastern end of Dauphin county, along the Susquehanna to Middletown, and thence by way of Elizabethtown and Mount Joy to Lancaster city, one travels over thirty-six miles of as rich and beautiful a farming country as the mythical Ceres ever vouchsafed to the husbandman. Nor are fertile fields and superb farms the only sources of wealth. Bounteous supplies of lime and inexhaustible reservoirs of ore, furnish food for the soil and work for the furnace.

In fact the careful observer is forced to the conclusion that Nature has accumulated here almost every requisite of soil necessary to suit the taste of the most fastidious agriculturist, and, at the same time, by its liberal mineral deposits, designed that its richest harvests should be home consumed. Men too, have not been altogether blind to the teachings of Nature, as the many and extensive furnaces, rolling mills, foundries, iron, cotton and woolen factories abundantly prove. When these nickel, copper and iron ores are fully developed, Lancaster county will not have a bushel of wheat or a pound of butter to send away from home. The city of Lancaster is pleasantly situated, is rather ancient in its architectural aspect, boasts a population of 24,000, and, aside from its iron and railroad interests, is by far a richer and busier place than Harrisburg. Throughout the county the people are well-to-do, honest, intelligent and sober; are mostly of German descent, although in the "Lower End" there is a large percentage of Scotch-Irish, native Germans and "Yankees." In Columbia there are many Negroes, some of whom are quite wealthy.

Your readers will remember Lancaster county as the home of Thaddeus Stevens, and the never-failing source of 6,000 Republican majority. The "Great Commoner" is buried in Mulberry Street Cemetery, and as yet no tombstone marks his resting place. This, I believe, is according to his own request. The beautiful "Home of the Dead," at the upper end of the city, where Mr. Stevens owned a lot, one would suppose a more inviting place of interment, but here "no colored people are permitted to bury." It is made sacred to the bones of the white man alone. O, modern Christianity! But such a dedication condemned it in the estimation of the man whose practical religion was of too high an order to be the result of mere theoretical Christianity. In life true, just, honorable, philanthropic, and great in the noblest sense of that word, in death he could not permit even an implied sufferance to be given to that detestible spirit of caste, which not content with arrogating to itself the attributes and rights of superior being in life, would carry to the graveyard the same petty, cheap, pharisaical self-exaltation. James Buchanan is also buried at Lancaster, but while he slumbers by the side of his marble monument, the passer by cannot but draw a contrast between the criminal errors of his public life and the beautiful stone which casts its shadow on his grave.

Columbia, where we have been stopping for the last two weeks, is the furtherest point to which shad navigate the Susquehanna, and for ten days past the town has been abundantly supplied with these superb piscatorial dainties. "It is devoutly to be wished" that the projected fish ladders for which the Legislature has so bounteously provided, will prove a success, and that in a year or two at furtherest, shad may be able to work their own passage to Towanda. At Millersville, four miles south-west of Lancaster, is situated one of the State Normal Schools, but as we anticipate making a special visit to the institution in a week or so, we will not now enter into details. At Peach Bottom are extensive slate quarries, and in Fulton township, named after Robert Fulton, who was born there, are large deposits of chrome, which have been to some extent developed. But really there is so much to see and write about in this "Garden Spot" of the State, that we must defer other details in anticipation of a future communication.

Respectfully,
W. H. T.

PASTE THIS IN YOUR HAT.—Here is as eloquent a temperance lecture as was ever heard in the best days of the Washingtonians:—The Hon. F. C. Whipple died in Howell, Michigan, lately, and was buried with Masonic ceremonies. Connected with Mr. Whipple's life is a sad history, which is thus briefly related:—Twelve years ago not a man in Michigan could seemingly look forward with brighter prospects, being in affluent circumstances and a lawyer by profession, who stood among the first in the state. But by intemperance and exposure therefrom, he was attacked with fits, from the effects of which he never recovered, his mind constantly fading until he became helpless, and he was for the past two or three years supported by public charity. His wife, a beautiful, and accomplished lady, became insane about the time of Mr. Whipple's sickness, and was sent to the asylum at Kalamazoo, where she still remains with no hopes of recovery. Four beautiful, bright and thus unhappy children are penniless and scattered here and there, no two living together. It is seldom a family is thus overtaken and completely wrecked by misfortune.

A HANDSOME bound book without a single idea has been exhibited in London. Its contents are: "Thirty-three thousand five hundred and thirty-three ways of spelling "scissors."

[For the REPORTER].

LETTER FROM NEBRASKA.

KEARNEY JUNCTION, Buffalo Co., Neb., April 23, 1872.

FRIEND ALVORD: Though I do not take the REPORTER, rest assured it is not because I do not like it and the politics it promulgates, but rather because I can not afford to take more than one of the Bradford county papers. I am taking the *Gleaner*. Supposing some of your readers would like to hear from Nebraska, I make bold to write "what I know of the West."

The old soldiers had better come on this way and take up their 160 acre claims and go to farming it. I would not move back to Pennsylvania to *live*, though at some future time it would be very pleasant to visit my old friends and relatives there, and note if they are the same as in the "Days of Auld Lang Syne."

For the most part our country is level prairie, but not flat, as it has a gentle inclination from the west, and is watered by the Platte, Loup, Wood, and other rivers and streams. The Wood river is but a creek in width and depth, though it is nearly 200 miles from source to mouth, counting the bends. You can see how crooked a stream it is when I inform you that it is but 60 or 70 miles in length by the land route. I have a fine claim in the "Wood River Valley," and intend to have a fine farm. We have some "bluffs" or low hills which can be tilled without using side-hill plows. The weather here is very fine and the farmers are putting in their root crops. We have had two or three right smart thunder showers, and the grass is showing itself finely. We want good farmers, not botches, to come on and till the soil. Come on, ye boys in blue, and take your homesteads, and in a few years you will have a competence, if you are not rich. The bill has been passed, taking the time a soldier served during the rebellion from the five years required to gain a patent to his homestead. Provided, however he will have to live at least one year on his claim, even though he may have served a full five years in the army. I suppose this is to keep the lands out of the hands of the "grabbers," as we call the speculators.

"Westward, ho!" is the cry, and as I am westward, I mean to hoe my corn, potatoes, etc. We have not a community of desperadoes and villains, but for the most part there is considerable refinement among us, and all are thoroughly hospitable, generous and kind, even if they would look odd on Broadway.

Any person wishing to know how to proceed in homesteading or pre-empting, can obtain information of Col. W. W. Patterson, Kearney Junction, Buffalo Co. Nebraska, by enclosing stamp with letter.

E. S. PERKINS.

OLD FASHIONED CHEER.—All words are feeble to express the difference between the gathering of a family around a hearth with a blazing fire upon it, and in a room where there is no such center, where the heat comes up dry and laden with poisonous particles of iron, through a dusty, black, and brazen hole in the floor. The first impulse of every human being on coming into a room where there is a bright fire is to go up to it and rub his hands over it, and say "How delightful!" This is not merely a matter of physical sensation; it is not merely to warm his hands. He will do it all the same if his hands are warm It is the involuntary, unconscious response to the fire's silent hospitality and good cheer. It is shaking hands with the fire. No host or hostess, no companion, no friend can beam with more cordial welcome on the incomer than dose the dancing blaze from the hearth. And the long cozy evening around such a hearth—who shall describe it fitly? We have poets who have, perhaps, said the best that is to be said of snow, of rain, of the sunshine and the storm, of home, of homelessness, of love and of joy; but the song of the wood-fire has not yet been sung. In snatches here and there men