Bradford Reporter.

Towanda, Pa., Thursday, April 1, 1875.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

REMEMBER Dr. CATTELL's lecture next Tuesday night.

THE Spring term of the public school will commence on Monday next.

WE ARE compelled, for want of room, to omit several advertisements and obituary notices, which will appear next week.

THE Presbyterian Church sociable will be at the house of JAMES MACFARLANE on this [Wednesday] evening, March 31st.

ATTENTION is directed to the advertisement of assignee's sale of harness, etc. The sale will afford an excellent opportunity for the purchase of such goods cheap.

THE PUBLIC will be gratified to learn that D. A. OVERTON, Esq., contemplates resuming the practice of the law again. There is always a demand for the legal services of such men.

DON'S FAIL to be present at the entertainment for the benefit of the Susquehanna Collegiate Institute, in Mercur's Hall, on Friday Evening, April 2. We know that a rich musical treat is in store for those who may be so fortunate as to attend.

AT THE annual election for Vestrymen of Christ Church, held on Monday last, the following gentlemen were chosen for the current year: M. C. MERCUR, E. T. FOX, J. F. MEANS, E. W. HALE, JAS. MCCABE, O. D. BARTLETT, W. G. TRACY, and H. T. JUNE.

INSTITUTE LECTURE COURSE.—The next lecture in the course will be delivered by Rev. W. C. CATTELL, D. D., President of Lafayette College, on Tuesday, April 6th. The lecture is highly spoken of, and those who have heard the Doctor speak need no second invitation. We hope to see the house filled on this occasion.

THE school at West Franklin, under the supervision of A. T. LILLEY, closed on the 17th, with an Exhibition, that was well attended. The Roll of Honor during the term is as follows: ROSA SMITH, LILLIE ROBERT, FIDA SMILEY, JENNIE WALTER, LOAH SMITH, CARRIE JENKINS, IDA SMILEY, ISAAC PATT, LUELLON SMILEY, LIBBIE SMILEY.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?—Mr. S. WICKHAM, of Monroe township, brought to this office on Tuesday last, a quantity of live grasshoppers, which he informed us he had taken from his wheat field. The oldest inhabitant does not remember having seen these insects alive and active at this season of the year, and the question now is, what does it mean?

A SUFFICIENT sum of money having been subscribed to warrant the committee in calling a meeting to organize the Young Men's Christian Association, all persons desiring to become members, or aid in the formation of such a society, are requested to meet in the Lecture Room of the M. E. Church, on Friday evening, April 2, at 7½ o'clock.

WE EXTEND our heartfelt condolence to Mr. UREIN C. SHORES, of Sheshequin township, who has been called upon during the past two weeks to bury his father, mother, wife, and two sisters, all of whom died at his house. Two other sisters were lying at the point of death at last accounts. Surely, "in life we are in the midst of death."

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TOWANDA, PA.

Office—North Side Public Square. Jan. 4, 1875.

THE UNDERSIGNED, ARCHITECT AND BUILDER, wishes to inform the citizens of Towanda and vicinity, that he will give particular attention to drawing plans, designs and specifications for all manner of buildings, public or private, in town or country. Shop on Main-st., north side of Public Square, Towanda, Pa. JAS. L. DRAKE.

SUNDAY TEMPERANCE MEETINGS.—The meetings thus far held under direction of the I. O. of G. T., have been tolerably well attended. The last meeting was addressed by a number of speakers, who discussed the advantage of total abstinence, the usefulness and need of a well-filled lodge, and the advantages and disadvantages to temperance of the late legislation. Meetings will continue to be held until after session of Grand Lodge in June, every Sunday afternoon at 4½, in lecture room of Methodist Church.

NARROW ESCAPE.—A little daughter of S. W. NORTHRUP, aged only six years, climbed upon the wheel of a heavy wagon standing in front of her father's house, on Saturday last, unnoticed by the driver, B. LEWIS, who started his team, throwing the child to the ground, the heavy wheel passing over her neck and breast. Dr. LEVAN was summoned at once, and after a careful examination, decided that no serious injury had been inflicted. The child was soon able to sit up, to the great joy of her parents, who look upon her escape from death as little less than a miracle.

THE following officers were chosen by the ladies' Mite Society of Christ Church, at their meeting in March:

President—Mrs. O. D. BARTLETT.
Vice-President—Mrs. U. MERCUR.
Secretary—Mrs. H. T. JUNE.
Treasurer—Miss JESSIE PHINNY.
Committee of Seven—Mrs. W. G. TRACY, Miss TILLIE PIOLLET, Mrs. HENRY MERCUR, Mrs. M. M. SPALDING, Mrs. GEO. SWITZER, Mrs. DR. JOHNSON, Miss CARRIE BARTLOW.
Finance Committee—M. C. MERCUR, E. T. FOX, S. W. ALVORD.

SERVICES at Christ Church, on Easter, were very interesting. The floral decorations were arranged with artistic taste, and the music was exceptionally good. The addition of two excellent bass voices, Messrs. BIERLY and BURLINGAME, was noticeable by the whole congregation. After an appropriate and eloquent discourse by the Rector, Rev. C. E. MCILVAINE, in the morning, the communion was celebrated. In the evening another good sermon on the subject of the resurrection, was delivered.

The offering at the morning service amounted to $127, as follows: foreign missions, $17; domestic missions, (including $5 for the Indian mission and $15 for home mission to colored people) $30; Diocesan mission, $80.

The rector suggested that members of the congregation should enclose the amount of his or her offering in an envelope, and designate where it should be applied. The idea was a wise one, and gives another evidence that Mr. MCILVAINE is a practical church financier, as well as an eloquent and successful preacher of the Word.

OUR TOWN—ITS RESOURCES—SOME OF ITS BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS.—It has been written that villages, cities and nations, like individuals, are born, grow and die, and in the records of history we find this thought verified. Our own borough will not, *can not* prove an exception. Born in 1812, we have had our puling, feeble infancy, but strong with hope even in our tender years; we have, by nature's law, appropriated and assimilated, until now in 1875, we number thousands, where thirty or forty years ago we numbered tens. We are growing, and our growth, like that of all things, is determined by our natural and artificial advantages. The river, as a channel for trade, was eclipsed by the canal; and the canal, in turn, by the railroads. These roads put us in easy communication with the commercial centres of the East and South, and the grain depots of the West. Added to our vast agricultural surroundings, iron, coal and timber, of fine quality, are conveniently near for our use in manufactures. Business men recognize these advantages, and know that as we are put in right relations with these riches of nature, we must grow. And the day is not far distant, when our present thriving town of 5,000 inhabitants will, through the introduction of manufactories, become a prosperous city. Our natural advantages invite capital, and it only needs proper encouragement on the part of our real estate owners to convert the banks of the Susquehanna for miles into a manufacturing city.

Our educational facilities are not excelled by any town of the same size in the country, while the six churches indicate that the moral and religious training of our people is not neglected.

Among the many business establishments which have contributed to our present prosperous condition, none are more noticeable than the large general store of

POWELL & CO.

The senior member of the firm, Hon. JOSEPH POWELL, while quite a young man, in 1852, struck out from the old beaten path of business in those days, and took a "new departure". He purchased goods for cash and sold them so much lower than other dealers, that notwithstanding the fact that he kept no books, he soon took the lead in the mercantile business; and in 1857 found that the building occupied on the north-east corner of Main and Pine streets, was too contracted, and he erected a large store on the opposite side of the street. A few years later, he was compelled to again enlarge by the purchase of the corner store from E. T. FOX. At this time his trade had become so large that he admitted T. C. DELANO as a partner in the business. In February, 1870, the store was destroyed by fire, but the firm made no delay in securing the large new building which they now occupy, and in a very short time opened a larger and more attractive stock of goods than ever. Suffice it to say their business has continued to increase each year, until now their sales reach about $300,000, annually. The basement story is occupied by the grocery department; the main floor by the fancy goods and notions, cloths, dress goods and common dry goods departments. The second floor contains the carpets, boots and shoes, and hats and caps. Three years since, E. THOMAS NOBLE, was admitted as a member of the firm, and the whole business management is entrusted to the two junior members. The store is the favorite resort of town and country people, and stands at the head of the mercantile establishments in Northern Pennsylvania.

Near by is another large establishment, which confines itself strictly to the dry goods trade. We refer to the well-know and successful firm of

TAYLOR & CO.

Twelve or fifteen years since two of the most trusted and popular salesmen at POWELL'S were JAMES W. TAYLOR and M. M. SPALDING. After becoming thoroughly acquainted with the business, they determined to embark in trade on their own account. Mr. TAYLOR opened a store here, and Mr. SPALDING became partner in a house in Athens. In 1867, they formed a copartnership, and erected the store which they now occupy. The building is three-storied, with a basement, every niche and corner of which is filled with goods peculiar to their line. It has become a matter of comment, that TAYLOR & CO. always have the best goods, and sell at the lowest figures. The proprietors and clerks are obliging, and seem to have the faculty of pleasing all. The establishment is an ornament to the profession and one of the institutions of the town.

Just across the way, we enter the mammoth hardware store of

CODDING, RUSSELL & CO.

The senior members of the firm bought out D. C. HALL about 1860, and at once commenced to enlarge their borders. They were doing a prosperous business, when, in 1866 their establishment was destroyed by fire. They then erected a temporary building on Pine street, where they remained until the completion the next year of one of the most substantial and ornamental buildings in the State. It is 100 by 42 feet, with entire solid iron front. The other walls are brick and fire proof, and the entire cost was $30,000. They usually carry a stock of $40,000, and do a heavy wholesale and retail business in every department of hardware, employing a large capital and 15 to 20 employes in manufacturing, selling, etc. The establishment has no equal in Northern Pennsylvania, or indeed anywhere outside the large cities. The present firm is composed of the following named gentlemen: Col. J. A. CODDING, Hon. C. S. RUSSELL, JAS. H. CODDING, and C. M. HALL.

H. T. JUNE

also owns and controls the Hardware Store founded by MARSHALL BROTHERS, in Mercur's Block. Mr. J. is one of those prudent, careful men who always succeed. By close attention to business he knows just what his customers want, and always keeps a supply of the very best goods in his line, which he is enabled to sell at very low rates, owing to the fact that his expenses are small. His customers number some of the best and closest buyers in this community, which is pretty good evidence that he can make it to their interest.

For years past old fogies have been prophesying that business would soon be overdone, and that too many stores were being established in our midst. Every new comer proves the reverse to be true. In the spring of 1871 two young men in search of a good location to embark in the mercantile business, were directed to this place. They came, they saw, and were pleased. The result was

EVANS & HILDRETH

soon announced to the public that they were prepared to sell dry goods at their new store on Bridge St. The firm took a strong hold on public confidence from the first, and to-day a more prosperous is not to be found anywhere in the State. By personal attention to business and a careful regard to the wants and interests of their customers, they always find plenty to do, and those who purchase goods of them are sure to return.

In the Jewelry line,

W. A. CHAMBERLIN

was the pioneer, and still continues to lead the trade, although the rapid growth of our town has made room for several other establishments in the same line. Mr. CHAMBERLIN embarked in business in 1840, and after thirty-five years of industrious attention to business, finds himself comfortably well off, with a store and stock of goods, which are seldom equaled. His long experience and honorable dealing have won for him the confidence of the entire community, and have done much toward giving our town the enviable reputation which it everywhere enjoys of containing reliable, substantial business men.

Prominent among the many manufactories and workshops which have of late been springing up in our midst, the

TOWANDA EUREKA MOWER COMPANY

stands at the front. Among the later comers in our midst, it shows itself a sturdy and promising child. Three years old this month, and yet with all the precocity of American products, has courted and consummated its first marriage; having since the last harvest united with the original WILBUR'S Eureka Mower Manufacturing Company of Poughkeepsie, N. Y. In this consolidation the old firm name, Towanda Eureka Mower Co., is retained. This combination brings the whole business of manufacturing the direct draft Eureka Mower to Towanda. The Company are now become full owners and proprietors of the patents and territory of the United States, for the manufacture of Eureka Mowers. This Mower deserves more than a passing notice. It has been in use about ten years, and when first put in the markets of the States, was a lone child, to be mocked and laughed at. To *seem*, rather than *to be*, is the prevailing study of mankind, and so outward appearances and looks, or any strangeness, make the farmer very shy at first. What! draw a mowing machine *direct*, instead of at arm's length? Have the knives in front of the machine, —not off on one side? Have one horse actually walk in the grass before it is cut? Nonsense! And off walked the man that always plowed, planted and harvested the same kind of crop from the same field and in the same manner that his father did. He would lose one quarter of his hay crop by exposure, because his father did, by always stirring his hay with a fork, putting it in cock, and then opening and stirring it again; instead of testing the merits of the Direct-Draft Eureka Mower, cutting five feet with same power and time that he could cut four feet with a side-draft mower, and leaving the grass in the best possible position to cure, without the use of a "tedder," saving expense of stirring the hay; the machine mowing back and forth on the side of the grass-plot, avoiding the necessity of mowing up and down hill. This mower conforms to the surface in an admirable manner; has special advantages on stony, stumpy ground, and low, wet bottom lands. In fact, is every way a first-class mower. As a direct-draft mower, it became at once a common enemy for the makers of side-cut machines. If the principle of "direct-draft" is right, and most feasable, then the side-draught and side-cut principle is wrong and untenable But like the staunch oak, standing exposed to the fierce storms, and striking deeper root because of the blast; so has the direct-draft Eureka Mower, in spite of opposition, taken firmer hold in the judgment of the farmer; and to-day thousands are owning and using them, giving cumulative testimony of its great practical benefit in saving time and money. At the trial held by the Vermont State Agricultural Society, in 1872, the Grand Gold Medal was awarded the Eureka. In this trial twenty-three side-cut machines were in competition. In the State trial, held by the Agricultural Society of St. Joseph, Mo., in 1872, the first premium—Silver Medal—was awarded the Eureka. There were no State trials in 1874, yet the Eureka won and received many premiums in the honest convictions of the people, and many converts from the ranks of its enemies. To-day the factory is like a busy hive of bees. Fifteen full car-loads of material were received at the works during the past week. A new iron frame mower, cutting 4 feet 3 inches, is one of the latest articles of manufacture. This mower was well tried in the last harvest, and will commend itself to the farmer cutting few acres of grass, or having hilly, stony, or stumpy ground. The company is making a fine assortment of plows, among which appear the iron-beams—"Eagle," "Champion," and "Patron;" the celebrated shifting-beam Plank Plow, so extensively used in the Cumberland Valley; (the company receiving an order for 100 of the latter plows, from one grange, a few days ago); the wooden beams, Blatchley No. 1, and Blatchley No. 2; the No. 1 Green, famous in Eastern New York, etc. It does a large jobbing business,—always holding itself in readiness to oblige and accommodate the farmer.

Near the works of the Eureka Company, on the opposite side of the street, stands a handsome story building, with mansard roof and basement. This really model structure is the

BOOT AND SHOE MANUFACTORY OF HUMPHREY BROTHERS & TRACY.

It is situated on the corner of Main and Elizabeth streets. Is five stories high, and fronts on Main-st. Its dimensions are 40 by 80 feet. The first floor is occupied by the office and sales-room; the second floor by upper-leather stock room, cutting room, fitting room and crimping room; the third floor by bottoming department and inspecting room; the fourth floor, by bottom-finishing and treeing rooms; also room for storing boots after they are ready for shipment; the basement is occupied one-half for sole-leather cutting room and storing the leather, and the other half for storing shoes and rubbers. An elevator, in centre of building, runs from basement to top floor.

In July, 1871, IRA B. HUMPHREY and CHAS. D. HUMPHREY commenced business and manufactured on a somewhat limited scale, until Jan., 1871, when C. L. TRACY was admitted as a partner, and the new firm purchased the present building and greatly increased their facilities. Their sales now amount to about $300,000 a year. The pay-roll for labor averages $1,000 a week, which is distributed among about 75 employes. They turn out about 100 cases per week of all grades of pegged boots, from a fine French calf to heavy kip and mining boots. They make nothling but first-class work, and use none but the best of material. Their goods are all hand-made, no machines being employed in pegging or sewing. The reputation which the "Towanda Boots" have attained, bears witness to the care with which the material is selected, and the goods manufactured.

The different members of the firm have each their particular branch of the business, to which they devote their whole attention. I. B. HUMPHREY buys all the stock and looks after its manufacture. C. L. TRACY has charge of the office, the books, and the finances. C. D. HUMPHREY devotes his time to "missionary" work among the customers, his time being principally taken up in the mining regions of this State. L. E. HEWITT and O. G. FRISBIE are also engaged in looking to the wants of customers in other sections of the State. The shipping department is in charge of C. W. PAYSON.

The foreman of the factory is GEO. H. SMITH, who has held the position for the last three years, and from his long experience in the manufacture of boots, is well qualified to fill the place. FRED J. HUNGERFORD has charge of the sole leather department; JOSEPH OCHS, of the fitting room; and W. H. KERSHNER is superintendent of the bottoming department, and inspector of the work.

Every part of the work is done in the most systematic manner, each man having his own particular part to do, and as every department is under the supervision of an experienced person, the goods, when finished, will compare favorably with any in the market. In connection with goods of their own manufacture, the firm also carry a full line of Ladies', Misses', and Children's fine shoes and also rubbers. Everything needed in the line of boots and shoes by retail dealers may be found in their stock.

We must not neglect to notice the *morale* of the employes of this extensive establishment. The reproach and odium which has attached to the disciples of St. Crispin, is certainly undeserved by HUMPHREY BROTHERS & TRACY'S operatives. Nearly all of them are sober, industrious intelligent men, who would honor any profession or any station in life. Such men as ALGER, THE MOWERS, SMITH, HADLEY, HUNGERFORD, KERSHNER, BIERLEY, MIDGLEY, ALDRICHES, WILBER, BLODGET, KELLLALEA, OCHS, and others, elevate the mechanic's calling to the plane it should always occupy.

Ten years ago CHESTER WELLS was carrying on the cabinet-making business in the brick store fronting on Court street. His establishment was thought to be quite extensive for a town of this size. Mr. MAKINSON also carried on the same business at the lower end of the town. The two establishments combined probably reached a business of $25,000 per annum. In January, 1865, J. O. FROST succeeded Mr. WELLS, and at once added largely to the stock; he at the same time purchased the two buildings occupied by

J. O. FROST & SONS,

and gradually increased his stock until he had one of the finest furniture emporiums in the State. The same year he put a small steam engine in the basement of the Court street store, and commenced the manufacture of bedsteads and tables in a small way, for his own retail trade. In January, 1871, he admitted his two sons, EDWARD and LESTER R., as partners in the concern. The new firm at once set to work and erected a large brick building on Charles street, and fitted it up with machinery for the manufacture of all kinds of furniture. They now employ about sixty men, and it is greatly to their credit that notwithstanding the "tight times," they always pay off on the first of the month. The concern consumes nearly 2,000,000 feet of lumber per annum, and the manufactured goods find a market all through Southern New York and Pennsylvania. They make large shipments to Philadelphia, Scranton, Easton, Harrisburg, Baltimore, etc. They make a specialty of extension tables and cottage chamber sets. Their jobbing trade amounts to nearly $125,000 annually.

In addition to their wholesale business, they have a very large retail trade, which is constantly increasing, as they are enabled to give their customers "better prices."

There are several other extensive manufactories which are entitled to credit for aiding in earning for our town its present enviable reputation.

The large planing mill and sash and door factory of

L. B. RODGERS,

was one of the first establishments of the kind, and now after a period of nearly twenty years, is doing a large business, employing from forty to seventy-five men. Mr. R. is known far and wide for the superior character of his work.

In this connection we take pleasure in calling attention to the carriage factory of

JAMES BRYANT.

This establishment was started nearly forty-five years ago by G. H. DRAKE, who continued to conduct the business until 1866, when it passed into the hands of BRYANT & STULEN. After a year or two Mr. B. became sole proprietor. Shortly afterward the establishment was burned, when the enterprising proprietor immediately commenced arrangements for the erection of a building better suited to the wants and requirements of his business. The building now occupied is 10x26, and three stories high. Mr. B. occupies the whole of it, and has none too much room. He is a practical mechanic, and superintends the factory in person, which guarantees the best quality of work.

After retiring from the firm of BRYANT & STULEN, Mr. HENRY STULEN erected a large building on Pine street, where he has since carried on the same business. Mr. S. is quite an artist, and the superior finish of his work makes his establishment very popular.

We also have the large and prosperous foundry and machine shop of

MEANS, ROCKWELL & CO.,

employing a large number of men. The firm find it necessary to continually increase their facilities in order to keep pace with the demands for their work.

Among the more recent industries of Towanda, we opine that the

TOWANDA GRAIN FAN CO.

is soon to occupy a prominent position. The establishment was organized last fall, and commenced business in a careful way, but we learn that nearly three hundred of their mills have been built, and that they find a ready sale among intelligent farmers. The company is composed of C. M. MANVILLE, E. E. BUFFINGTON, and J. W. JOHNSON. The latter gentleman is the patentee, and it was a fortunate day for him when he succeeded in interesting Capt. MANVILLE in his invention. His capital, and practical business qualifications have already made the new candidate for public favor a success.

MONTANYES also continue to carry on the dry goods and crockery business at the old stand, and do not seem to be at all affected by their young competitors.

KENT & WATROUS.

Although new-comers, having been among us only a few months, have established a large and paying business. They keep none but the best quality of goods, and their store always seems neat and attractive.

In the clothing line we have a number of first class houses. Among thme

J. K. BUSH

is not the least if he is the last. Mr. B has just established a store in the room recently occupied by Mrs. J. D. HILL, and is now displaying a stock of ready made clothing of the very best quality and the latest styles. There is always room for just such enterprising, intelligent merchants as Mr. BUSH, whose excellent selection of goods clearly indicate that he "understands his business." We venture the prediction that he will not only become a permanant resident but one of the sterling business men of Towanda.

In addition to the establishment referred to above,

M. E. ROSENFIELD

has for several years taken the lead in the clothing business, and "holds his own" against all competitors. His establishment is too well known to require more than a mere mention.

The old-established house of

A. SOLOMON

has for more than a score of years been the resort of close buyers of ready-made clothing. His large store is always supplied with a large stock.

DECKER BROS.,

successors to JULIUS WOLFF, will not be fogtten by those in search of stylish, as well as durable, goods. Both young men have served a thorough apprenticeship at the business, and what they don't know about buying and selling ready-made clothing, is not worth knowing.

Mr. LEWIS and H. JACOBS are both well-known to ready-made clothing buyers, and always command a fair share of patronage.

HIRAM TAYLOR

makes a specialty of gentlemens' furnishing goods, but always keeps a large stock of clothing manufactured especially for him.

J. L. MCMAHON

keeps a full line of cloths and trimmings, and makes garments to order on the shortest notice. He is an experienced workman, and never fails to *suit* customers.

C. S. FITCH

succeeded A. Hart in the candy and confectionery business, and in the few years he has conducted the establishment has earned for himself a most enviable reputation, as a sagacious, honorable, useful man. His goods are always fresh and new and command a ready sale. His ice cream especially has a wide reputation, and is pronounced by the best judges *ne plus ultra*. It affords us much pleasure to call attention to his establishment.

About two years since

WHITCOMB & SHAUT

purchased the Book Store and News Room of F. J. CALKINS. They were both strangers but their courteous manners, intelligence and sterling business qualities soon won for them not only a host of friends but a large class of customers. They keep everything in the line of books, stationery, wall paper, pictures and frames, and have the pleasantest way in the world of waiting upon customers. They are entitled to the confidence and patronage of all who desire to purchase goods in their line.

I. K. HARRIS,

next door to W. A. CHAMBERLIN, has a large and elegant assortment of Millinery and Fancy Goods, and we are glad to know is doing a successful business. His customers are numerous, and his manner of doing business seems to suit the people. Country merchants will find it to their interest to call and examine his stock.

The crockery business as a distinct trade, was first engaged in by WICKHAM & BLACK, and about a year since

O. A. BLACK

purchased the interest of Mr. W. He has one of the largest and most conveniently arranged store in Northern Pennsylvania. It was fitted up especially for his busines, and is ornamental as well as convenient. Mr. B. keeps the largest and best assortment of crockery, cutlery and plated ware to be found in any establishment in the country. He is also general agent for the Singer Sewing Machine and does something in the insurance business. He is a capital business man, and has the unbounded confidence of the entire community. His business is rapidly increasing.

Two years since

CORSER & COONS

purchased the old HUMPHREY Boot and Shoe Store, just north of the National Bank. The establishment had long been very popular, but it has lost none of its prestige under the management of the present firm. The proprietors are both well posted in the business, keep a full stock, sell cheap, and are strictly just and honorable withal. They are an honor to our town, and a credit to the mercantile profession.

For want of space we are compelled to forgo mentioning many other establishments, but will continue our notices in another issue.

THE Historical Society held a special meeting in the Opera House, at Troy, on Monday, March 22, Col. JOHN F. MEANS in the chair. Numerous donations were announced.

Hon. HENRY W. WILLIAMS, of Tioga county, was elected an honorary member.

Hon. S. D. HARKNESS, Hon. V. M. LONG, W. T. DAVIES, Esq., H. J. MADILL, Esq., B. M. PECK, Esq., ELHANAN SMITH, Esq., A. C. FANNING, Esq., LLEWELLYN ELSBREE, D. M. TURNER, ABRAM SNELL, G. B. DAVIDSON, R. F. REDINGTON and A. S. HOOKER, were elected members.

The Secretary read the following letter from our former president:

TOWANDA, Pa., March 22, 1875.

To the Officers and Members of the Bradford County Historical Society—Gentlemen:

As I am deprived of the pleasure I had anticipated of meeting with you, which I much regret, allow me to offer my assurance of best wishes and friendship. The appointment of a meeting of the society in the western metropolis of the county, was a happy thought. And we had promised ourselves the real pleasure of a friendly interchange and renewal of pleasant associations and recollections of former times. We now hope and trust that the good men and true of Troy and the western portion of the county, will give to the Society their names, influence and sympathy, and assist those who have undertaken to preserve treasures of local history. The Society is young but vigorous; its members are some of our most worthy and intelligent citizens. The right hand of fellowship is extended to you, our western friends, in a spirit of most sincere cordiality and fraternal affection.

A local history of our county is being written under the fostering care of this society, which will transmit to posterity the history of pioneers and early settlers who lived and toiled and died under very different circumstances from what we see to-day. And when a true history of those early times shall be written, your own borough of Troy and surrounding country, whose heroes subdued the dark forests and changed the wilderness to this wealthy business centre, shall occupy some of its brightest pages. The work of the Society will soon be handed over to our children—to those who come after us. While it is in our hands, let us make such a record that our sons will not blush to read it. Let us not leave our work for history, like tracks made in the sand, but like characters chiseled in granite or marble, to endure for ages to come.

Trusting that this meeting may be productive of many and lasting benefits to the Society, and of pleasure to its members, and that you may live to enjoy many social re-unions; and that we may all live to see a well-written local history of our county; and that the Society may be strengthened by the addition of scores of good members: and that it may have abundant success in every laudable enterprise; and fully meet and secure the great object of its organization. For the furtherance of these objects, you have my best wishes and co-operation.

I am, with respect,
Very truly your friend,
JOHN A. CODDING.

The committee to visit WARD's library, by Mr. S. W. ALVORD presented their report. On motion, the reports from each of the above committees were accepted, and the committees discharged.

R. A. MERCUR, S. W. ALVORD and EDWARD HERRICK, Esq., were appointed a committee to select a design for the seal of the Society.

Rev. DAVID CRAFT, Chairman of the Committee on the History of the County, submitted an interesting verbal report:

Mr. A. S. HOOKER read an article on the "History of Advertising." On motion the thanks of the Society were tendered to Mr. HOOKER for his interesting address.

A. S. HOOKER, R. F. REDINGTON, Hon. DELOS ROCKWELL and C. C. PAINE, were appointed a committee to assist Mr. CRAFT in obtaining the history of the western portion of the county.

After remarks by W. H. CARNOCHAN, Esq., Col. J. F. MEANS and H. N. WILLIAMS, Esq., the Society adjourned.

R. A. MERCUR, Sec'y.

CHAPLAIN M'CABE addressed a crowded audience at the Methodist Church on Monday evening. Although laboring under the disadvantages of a severe cold, and excessive fatigue, having spoken four times the previous day, he was listened to with the most intense and enthusiastic attention. The fact of having participated in, and been witness to the horrors of that shameful reproach to modern civilization, Libby Prison, gave peculiar interest to his narrative.

The fine art of the speaker was evinced in the power with which his inimical delineations of its "Bright Side," brought out every shadow of its darkest suffering and privation.

The unutterable pathos underlying the details of merriment, was freighted and surcharged with the courage and heroism of such martyrs as only a grand cause, and lofty principle inspires, and the hearer while he laughed, went back, awe struck, and reverent, into the presence of men who could smile, while they gazed over the barriers of suffering and death, into the regions of a nation's coming deliverance.

There was an inspiration in the pictured endurance of the loyal prisoners of the South, that rose to a strange pitch, when the speaker, as if borne up on the courage of a kindred faith, proclaimed that "their bretheren lived to-day." It is well for our hurrying generation, that there are men who are keeping fresh the memory of its martyrs and its faith to-day, and nobody does it better than Chaplain M'CABE.

The way in which "Father Abraham's sheltering arms of power were made visible again—the swift survey of GRANT's career—the brief, but just allusions to STANTON's stern adherence to justice, and the noble spirit that sustained his principles in Libby Prison struck us as opportune and corrective of the relaxing sophistries of the hour.

Over the amusements of the prisoners, permeated with fun and replete with ingenuity, from the getting up of a conundrum, to the construction of a "shirt flag," one laughed until the tears came, and then unconsciously laid hold of the line philosophic thought that ran like framework through the whole structure of the moral heroisms that gave to these suffering soldier prisoners their strength, and fortitude for endurance, at a crisis as vital, and fruitful, as were the test horrors of a pagan world to a Christian Church.

As the speaker touched lightly upon bits of individual history—snatches of romance, flashes of thunder news from Vicksburg and Getysburg, his own terrible illness, and recovery under the nursing of a mere boy, who stood out from the canvass a veritable boy hero, one felt that he was retracing a pathway through a glorious past. Then came the return home, and its many lined parallels of vacant ranked returnings, that soldiers wives and mother's listened to, weeping.

There are nice people who don't like cheering in a church, or laughter fronting a pulpit, but they were not hurt in any permanent degree or incurable place, Monday evening. We are inclined to think if their mental digestion is healthy, that it will be helped by the mirthful suggestiveness of Chaplain McCABE.

Prefacing his lecture with the vibrating "Amen" of ADELIDE PROCTOR'S "Lost Chord," and closing with the indiscribably sweet music "If I were a Voice," crowned with the final benediction of the Long Meter Doxology, we think the large assembly went out of the church with enlarged proportions and corresponding faith in principles that had sustained the noblest spirits of their generation.

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT.—TO THE SCHOOL DIRECTORS OF BRADFORD COUNTY: The time to elect our next County Superintendent is drawing nigh, and as you are the persons in whose power it is to say whom we shall have, do not pass it by as of no importance, as I am afraid many of you may do. Try and inform yourselves of the duties of the office; what its needs are; and also what has been done in past years; and then every one turn out to the election. Do not suffer even one of your number to stay at home; thereby allowing a few to have their undisputed "say."

We need some one who will give his whole mind and time to the work; some one who will raise the standard of education in our county, and give it life and vigor; some one that will carefully look after the teachers, encourage them, and help them by showing them how to teach; which might be done by visiting the schools, and at the yearly Institutes.

We need some one that will work with and for the teachers, as a teacher should for his scholars. There are plenty of such men in the county; be sure and have one of them for our next Superintendent. As one of the teachers of Bradford county, I I feel that there is yet chance for great improvement in the Superintendent's work. And I am confident that I feel just as a great many other teachers do.

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Rome, March 23.

PERSONAL.—Miss H. EVA THOMAS is paying a visit to her many friends in this place.

—Chaplain MCCABE was present at the M. E. Sociable at the church parlors on Tuesday evening last.

—T. C. COWAN, the genial, good natured auctioneer, we regret to learn is about to return to Elmira. He has made many friends during his sojourn among us.

—We notice Messrs. HALE, CODDING, KEENEY and NEWTON, of LaFayette College, and JAMES R. MACFARLANE, of Princeton, at home.

—Miss NELLIE COLLINS is spending a short vacation with her parents.

BARTLETT & TRAPY have dissolved copartnership in the insurance business. Mr. BARTLETT will continue business.

FOYLE & MCPHERSON, Attorneys, have dissolved copartnership. Mr. FOYLE will soon enter into business with H. W. PARRICE, Esq.

BUSINESS LOCAL.

Go to BLACK'S for China.

Go to BLACK'S for Silver-Plated Goods.

Boys' linen colars at M. E. ROSENFIELD'S.

Neatly printed town orders for sale at this Office.

New goods received daily at HENDLEMAN'S.

Engraving done at HENDELMAN'S Jewelry Store.

Music-Boxes and Musical Clocks, at HENDLEMAN'S.

HENDLEMAN offers a great reduction in Silver-Plated Ware.

New Table Damasks, Napkins and Towells at EVANS & HILDRETH'S.

For the best Roast or Steak to to MYER & RUNDELL'S.

New Embroideries, White Goods and Laces at EVANS & HILDRETH'S.

Opera, Field, and Spy Glasses in a great variety, at HENDELMAN'S.

New Dress Goods, and Trimmings, at EVANS & HILDSETH'S.

New Clocks and Cassimers, at EVANS & HILDRETH'S.

If you want the best Cook Stove extant, call at JUNE'S, in Mercur's block.

Go to WHITCOMB & SHAUT'S, Mercur's Block, for your Books and Stationery.

Wall Paper and Curtains, cheap at WHITCOMB & SHAUT'S, Mercur Block.

For all kinds of goods in the jewelry line, call at M. HENDLEMAN'S.

Large stock of Pictures and Picture Frames, at WHITCOMB & SHAUT'S, Mercur Block.

American and French Clocks in great variety, at very low prices, at HENDELMAN'S.

Pianos Tuned and Repaired. Orders may be left at KIRBY'S Drug Store. GEORGE D. COLE.

New Prints just opened at KENT & WATROUS'S.
March 17-3w.

The Tompkins County *Advertiser*, fully describing the new, improved Self-Dumping Tompkins County Wheel-Rake, will be sent to all applicants.
R. M. WELLES & SON.

FOR SALE.—A few Cows, Horses and Sheep, on farm, and desirable Houses and lots in Towanda Borough. B. F. BOWMAN.
April 1-3t*. Towanda.

FOR SALE OR RENT.—The Brick Yard, formerly owned by M. C. MERCUR. For terms apply to JOS. POWELL and S. C. ELSBREE.

Mrs. L. A. Clark has been appointed managing agent for the *Centennial Journal*, and desires to procure intelligent and reliable persons to act as assistants. Residence No. 70 Second Street. Post Office box 252, Towanda, Pa.

$5 to $20 Per Day at home. Terms free. Address, G. STINSON & CO., Portland, Maine. (3m25-74y1.

DRESS GOODS.—KENT & WATROUS have just received their first invoice of Spring Dress Goods. Go and see them.
March 17, 75-3w.

Never buy a Cook Stove until you have called at JUNE'S and examined the "New Empire," a stove which has never disappointed the expectations of the most fastidious housewife.

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SPRING AND SUMMER.

CORSER & COONS',

Are now ready to serve the public with the largest and best Stock of

BOOTS, SHOES, TRUNKS AND TRAVELING BAGS

Ever brought to Towanda. Prices to suit the times. Call and see us.

CO-PARTNERSHIP NOTICE.—The undersigned have formed a copartnership, with the firm name of E. M. WELLES & SON, for the sale of Farm Machinery; and will carry on their business, with their office after April 1 in the Keystone Building, or store lately occupied by T. C. COWEN, next south of the National Bank.
E. M. WELLES.
C. P. WELLES.
Towanda, March 23, 1875.

EXAMINATIONS of Teachers for the summer term of schools, will be held as follows:

Canton, Saturday, April 10.
Troy, Tuesday, April 13.
Doty Hill, Thursday, April 15.
Towanda, Saturday, April 17.
Rome, Thursday, April 22.
LeRaysville, Saturday, April 24.

Applicants will please come provided with pen, ink, lead-pencil, foolscap, and Sixth Reader. Examination to begin at nine o'clock, a. m.
A. A. KEENEY, Co. Supt.
Towanda, March 30, 1875.

MARRIED.

SHOOK—NEWMAN.—At the M. E. Parsonage, Meloopany, Wyoming Co., March 6th, by Rev. Wm. Shelp, Mr. Christain Shook and Miss Elizabeth Newman, all of Monroe, Wyoming Co.

TOWANDA MARKETS,

WHOLESALE PRICES.

Corrected every Wednesday, by C. B. PATCH, subject to changes daily.

Wheat, ₹ bush	$1 20 @ 1 30
Rye, ₹ bush	
Buckwheat, ₹ bush	
Corn, ₹ bush	90
Oats, ₹ bush	60
Beans, ₹ bush	1 50 @ 2 00
Butter (rolls) ₹ ℔	20 @ 22
do (dairy,) ₹ ℔ new	22
Eggs, ₹ doz	28
Potatoes, ₹ bush. new	65
Flour, ₹ barrel	5 75 @ 8 00

WEIGHTS OF GRAIN.—Wheat 60 lbs.; Corn 56 lbs.; Rye 56 lbs.; Oats 32 lbs.; Barley 46 lbs.; Buckwheat 48 lbs.; Beans 62 lbs.; Bran 20 lbs.; Clover seed 60 lbs.; Timothy Seed 44 lbs.; Dried Peaches 33 lbs.; Dried Apples 22 lbs.; Flax Seed 50 lbs.

QUOTATION OF WHITE, POWELL & CO., Bankers and Brokers, No. 42 South Third Street, Philadelphia, March 29, 1875.

	BID.	ASKED.
U. S. 1881, c	121¼	121½
" 5-20, c. '62, M. and N	117⅞	118⅛
" " '64, " "	118⅞