Bradford Reporter.

CHAS. H. ALLEN, LOCAL EDITOR.

Towanda, Pa., Thursday, Oct. 23, 1879.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

TO ALL REPUBLICANS.

Ballots have been sent to the member of the County Committee, for each election district, who will please be particular to see that the tickets are folded, and in the hands of Republican voters, early on the morning of election day, Tuesday, November 4, 1879.

Additional tickets may be obtained of the Chairman of the County Committee.

All Republicans are earnestly requested to use their efforts to get out the full party vote.

HENRY STREETER, Chairman.

RAIN at last.

CANTON is building a new lockup.

A REPUBLICAN United States Senator from Ohio.

LIN-TA No. 3 will give a reception at Mercur Hall, December 26th.

REAL estate is soon bound to share in the general advance in prices.

Too much exposure to the night air will bring on intermittent fever.

JOHN WOLFE, of Canton, contemplates starting a restaurant at Canton.

A REASONABLE amount of physical exercise should be taken every day.

IT will be too late to get your stoves and heaters repaired when cold weather comes.

A WELL constructed family newspaper exerts a salutary influence upon the home circle.

THE contest for an equinoctial still goes on, with the indications, this morning, in favor of the common.

N. N. BETTS, Jr., is having a substantial stone pavement put down in front of his residence on Main street.

AN excellent stone pavement is being laid in front of the Welles property on Main street, opposite the M. E. Church.

THE Athens *Gazette* says that borough will soon be compelled to enlarge the present school house, or build a new one.

THE Archery Club of this place picnicked at Bishop's Ferry on Friday last, and we learn had a very enjoyable time.

THE ladies of Athens have organized daily prayer meetings, and are holding them from house to house in that village.

THE Athens Fire Department will have their annual parade to-day (Wednesday). The Sayre and Waverly Departments are expected to participate.

THE Grand Army of the Republic, of Athens, have rented rooms in the Eastabrook's block, in that village, in which their meetings will hereafter be held.

THE Y. M. C. A. Association, will give a hop at the International Hotel on to-morrow (Friday) evening. All are invited, and a pleasant time guaranteed.

CHURCH of the Messiah, Rev. WM. TAYLOR, Pastor, at 10:30 A. M., subject, "The Word, the Spirit and the Life;" at 7 P. M., "Christian Humility an Essential to True Greatness."

THE Grange Mutual Life Insurance Company, of Troy, have offered a reward of $250 for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who burned the barn of L. P. WILLIAMS, on the night of August 27th last.

MR. DOANE, of Canton, on Thursday evening last, saw one of the parties in this village that found and gagged Shim and robbed the bank there a year or two ago, but the fellow skipped before he could be picked up.

GREENBACK CONVENTION.—A Greenback Mass Convention has been called to meet at the Court House in Towanda on Monday, October 27th, at one o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of nominating a Coroner and Jury Commissioner.

A YOUNG man living in the eastern part of Athens township, was fired upon one evening last week by parties in ambush, as he was riding along the highway upon horseback, two bullets passed through the crown of his hat. No cause for the attempt to assassinate can be assigned.

THE corner stone of St. Andrew's Protestant Episcopal Church was laid at Springville, Susquehanna county, on Tuesday of last week, with appropriate ceremonies, by the Rev. HENRY L. JONES, of Wilkes Barre, Dean of the Northeastern Convocation, assisted by the Rev. H. L. HOBART, Rector of the parish.

JAMES BENNETT, of Gibson, Susquehanna county, was instantly killed on the 4th instant by being thrown from a wagon and striking on his head, causing a fracture of the skull. The accident was caused by the breaking of a thill, which so frightened the horse he was driving that it became ungovernable and overturned the wagon.

THE work on the hill belonging to Mr. FULLER, says the Canton *Sentinel*, a short distance north of this place, and consisting of several acres of valuable timber, were on Sunday last destroyed by fire. The scene at night looked beautiful to everybody who witnessed it, excepting Mr. FULLER, who reports his loss as considerable.

THE Dushore *Review* of last week says that on the Monday evening previous, NAT JOHNSON, a 16-year-old stepson of DANIEL BARR, while suffering temporary insanity, from over-heating while husking corn, went up stairs and inflicted a severe wound on his forehead with a hammer. The scalp was broken in the shape of a cross, each arm about 1½ inch long.

THE Borough Council of Canton, have appointed A. D. MCCRANEY and I. C. DEWITT, as night Policeman for that village, whereat the *Sentinel* remarks: "This is one of the improvements that we have needed for some time past, and we are glad to notice that our boro' authorities have at last opened their eyes to the fact, and look to the safety of our citizens and property."

DANIEL KING had the bone in his right leg badly shattered, one day last week, while engaged in operating a stump machine on the farm of Mr. LYNCH, near the "Overshot." The accident was caused by the breaking of a chain which permitted the "sway bar" to ply suddenly back, striking Mr. K. in its course. Dr. D. LEONARD PRATT was called and set the broken bones.

WATER WORKS.—The contract between the borough authorities and the Boston Water Works Company, is, we understand, to be signed to-day, Wednesday. It is the intention of the company, we are informed, to commence the construction of the works at once, or as soon as it is decided from what point the water will be brought.

The following officers of New Albany Lodge, No. 682, I. O. O. F., held at New Albany, were installed Oct. 3d by G. W. STERIGERE; he being authorized to do so by D. D. G., M. D. W. Scott;

N. G.—J. J. Newton.
V. G.—J. F. Hatch.
S.—J. C. Fowler.
A. S.—S. S. Ormsby.
F.—S. D. Sterigere.

THAT shooting on Centre street, Tuesday night, between 11 and 12 o'clock, was caused by Chief of Police GREENE giving chase to a supposed horse thief, who had stolen a horse, harness and buggy at Ramapoo. The Chief saw him get off the 11:07 train just before stopping at the station, and as he answered the description sent the officer, he gave chase and captured him, but he escaped by knocking the officer down.—*Canton Sentinel.*

BURGLARY.—The grocery and provision store of GEORGE L. ROSS was entered by burglars on Monday night last, and the money drawer and its contents carried off. The thieves gained an entrance by breaking a large glass in the front of the building. The light-fingered gentlemen received but a small reward for their labors as the money drawer contained only three or four dollars in pennies. The drawer was found on the river bank on Tuesday morning, with its contents missing.

A PARTY of railroad officials and other gentlemen, left early last week for a pleasure trip to Nebraska. They shipped in advance boats and equipments preparatory to shooting at the Platte river. Among the party we note, Mr. R. A. PACKER, of Sayre, Mr. HARRY PACKER, of New York, Superintendent STEVENSON, of the Ithaca and Athens road, Mr. JOHN TAYLOR, of Mauch Chunk, Mr. LAFAYETTE LENTZ, of the same place, and Mr. MAURICE, of the bridge works, Athens. They travel in a palace coach provided for the trip, and will undoubtedly have a pleasant time.

A young man by the name of CARPENTER, was accidentally killed by being run over by a wagon, in Ararat, Susquehanna county, on the 2d inst. A company of eight young people were going to an evening meeting at Hine's Corners, and it being dark, the driver did not see the obstacles in the way. The wagon wheel raised up as it rolled over a stone some 12 inches high, and the young man was thrown from the boards that were laid on the bolsters, the hind wheel passing over his neck and head, and rupturing the jugular vein. He did not live but a short time—dying from loss of blood. He was a son of WILLIAM CARPENTER.

SAD ACCIDENT.—On Saturday last, says the Troy *Gazette* of last week, a little son of Mr. REEL, living in the lower part of Leona, on the farm recently purchased from the I. N. FANNING estate, was very seriously injured. While in the stable of a colt and engaged in shaking out for its bed some hay that was contained in a bag which had been used as wagon seat, the boy was kicked on the face by the colt and his jaw broken. A doctor was sent for but the jaw was not set until the next day. The boy is a bright intelligent little fellow of twelve years, and must suffer greatly from his injury. Parents cannot be too careful about allowing children in dangerous proximity to the heels of their horses.

MAJOR VANCLEVE, temperance evangelist, is now in continuance of his labors at Austinville, where he is holding large and interesting meetings. His labors at Sylvania and Burlington have been marked with deep interest, and are of a revival character. He proposes to visit every point in Bradford county—at West Burlington, Oct. 26th; Smithfield, Nov. 2nd; Leona, Nov. 16th; Springfield, Nov. 23rd; Troy, Nov. 30th, and Towanda some time in December.

The Major labors to convict and convert men; aiming to educate communities upon this great evil. He has enrolled one hundred and thirty thousand in his labors, and mostly in this State. He labors from county to county, working thoroughly in each county, thus rendering the work more effective.

WE clip the following "growl" from the LeRaysville *Advertiser* of last week:

"Considerable complaint is made in this part of the county in reference to the injustice done in the awarding of premiums at our late county Fair. One particular case is that of E. S. FULLER, of Camptown, who had two elegant harnesses on exhibition, one heavy and the other light. Two premiums were awarded his competitors and not even a mention made of his (FULLER'S) by the committee. Several good judges in this section say that Mr. FULLER'S harnesses, all things considered, were as good, if not the best on exhibition. If the officers desire to build up and extend the interest of the Fair throughout the county, it seems to us quite necessary all exhibitors should receive at least a fair recognition of the articles on exhibition."

And we extract the following from the List of Premiums, as published in the REPORTER of last week:

CLASS.—HARNESS, ETC.		
Display of harness, etc, C F Dayton 1st prem.		$2 00
" " " E S FULLER 2d "		1 00
Fancy double harness, C F Dayton 1st	"	Dip
Fancy harness, E S FULLER 1st	"	Dip
Fancy and gold harness C F Dayton 1st	"	Dip
Fancy single " " 1st	"	Dip
Plain " " N Beldeman 1st	"	Dip
Judges—N C Elsbree, R M Knapp, J Whittaker.		

—The editor of the *Advertiser* is evidently troubled with biliousness.

CONFERENCE.—While at the Genesee Conference at Buffalo on Friday, the votes were taken on the sending of delegates to the General Conference next year. The Genessee Coference, which is a huge one, embracing the whole of Western New York, sends seven ministerial and two lay delegates to the General Conference. During the voting among the lay delegates a member from Rochester spoke of the districts which have no large cities as the "buckwheat districts," and sneeringly intimated that they should be considered too. A round of applause, hardly expected, greeted his remarks, and when the voting commenced it was evident that the rural districts did not intend to allow the city districts to have their own way as they have had heretofore. G. N. NEWBERRY, delegate from Troy charge, nominated B. M. PECK, Esq., of Towanda, and he was elected; receiving sixteen more votes than any other nominee. The other lay delegate was ROOT, of Buffalo, who gave $80,000 toward the Church where the Conference was held. When it came to the election of the ministerial delegates, Troy District fared exceedingly well, for its Presiding Elder, Dr. J. B. WENTWORTH, and Rev. K. P. JARVIS, of Wellsboro, were elected, and two old presiding elders, Dr. D. W. HUNTINGDON and Rev. E. J. HERMASS. The other delegates elected were S. HUNT and W. H. DEPEW.—*Troy Gazette.*

THIEVES entered the store of WELLES & ACKEY, Dushore, on the night of the 11th inst., by breaking a glass in the side of the east window fronting the street. They pried off a money drawer, and helped themselves to a lot of Alaska diamond jewelry. There was but a few pennies in the till, consequently WELLES & ACKLEY'S loss is small. H. M. PAYNE'S residence, next door, was also visited, but nothing was taken but some eatables from the cellar. Sunday morning the money drawer, with pennies and papers in it, and the plates that had held the stolen provender were found in the rear of JERRY YOUNG'S market. The *Review* says the robberies are attributed to two fellows who sell shaving soap, song books, etc., at the fairs, using a banjo to attract a crowd.

THE entertainment given at the Church of the Messiah, on Friday evening last, called out quite a large audience, notwithstanding the evening was an inclement one. The programme of exercises, although quite lengthy, gave unbounded satisfaction to all present, and all who were given parts in it acquitted themselves in an excellent manner. Mrs. Olney's readings must be listened to in order to be fully appreciated. It was the unanimous expressed opinion of all who heard her on the evening named, that as a lady elocutionist she has no equal. While all of her selections were given with the grace and ease of the true artist, the Court Scene from the Merchant of Venice, was especially fine in its rendering, eliciting the heartiest of encores. The facial expressions in this, as in all her other recitations of the evening, were simply wonderful. The musical part of the programme was well selected and exceptionally well executed. Miss LAURA SMITH sang a beautiful ballad and was deservedly encored. The Misses NETTIE and IDA FISH, of Sheshequin—without doubt, two of the finest lady vocalists in our county—sang a number of pieces, which called forth the heartiest applause. The singing of these two young ladies was one of the marked features of the evening's entertainment, and one that added materially to its enjoyment. The instrumental music was given by Miss CARRIE LONG, organist, and Prof. STULEN and LACEY, and was of the most delightful character. All in all, the entertainment was a grand success, and we trust it will be repeated at no distant day.

The following are the appointments made at the recent session of the Genesee Conference for the several charges in Troy District:

C. C. WILBOR, *Presiding Elder.*

Troy—M. Hamblin.
Towanda—C. H. Wright.
Ulster—E. D. Rawson.
Smithfield—J. R. Drake.
Burlington—Paul Smith.
East Canton—P. J. Bull.
Canton—F. M. Smith.
Monroeton—J. VanKirk.
Liberty Corners and Asylum—S. A. Chubbuck.
Albany and Dushore—O. N. Clark.
Forksville—J. C. B. Moyer.
Wilmot—John H. Perry.
Springfield—W. Stratham.
Mainsburg—E. E. Morris.
East Troy and Columbia X Roads—J. W. Barnett.
Rutland—C. D. Rowley.
Millerton and Jackson—H. B. Troxell.
Welles and Webb's Mills—S. F. Sanford.
Lawrenceville—W. W. Hunt.
Mansfield—H. C. Moyer.
Blossburg—C. N. Leak.
Charleston—M. S. Kymer.
Wellsboro—E. H. Lattimer.
Delmar—P. M. Joralaman.
Gaines—John W. Miller.
Westfield—H. Peck.
Knoxville—J. O. Jarman.
Chatham—Whitney Beach.
Osceola—W. D. Taylor.
Harrison—W. Searles.
Tioga—H. Lambkin.
Mill City—Robert A. Ballard.
Lindley and Ervin—J. H. Blades.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, Oct. 20, 1879.

The Town Council met in special session on Monday evening, the 20th instant, in pursuance of a call of the Burgess.

All the members were present except Councilman Snell.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The committee appointed at a former meeting to report a contract with Solon L. Wiley, or his assigns, to supply the Borough with water for fire and other purposes, submitted a contract which was read and explained by J. N. Calif, Esq., Borough Attorney, and one of the members of said committee, whereupon Councilman Alger moved the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the contract with S. L. Wiley, or his assignees, the proper corporation, for supplying the Borough of Towanda with water, reported by the committee appointed October 16, 1879, be approved, and the Burgess of said Borough, and the Secretary of the Town Council, are hereby authorized and directed to execute the said contract by and for the Borough of Towanda, on the part of said Borough.

At the request of Mr. Alger the yeas and nays were called on his resolution, with the following result: Yeas—Alger, Holcomb, Jones, Kingsbury, Keeler, Montanye, Stevens and Burgess Dodge; 8. Absent, Mr. Snell.

On motion the Council adjourned.

J. KINGSBURY, Secretary.

NOTE—The contract with the Water Company will be published hereafter for the information of the public. J. K.

QUARTERLY Statement of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Borough of Towanda, for the quar er ending September 30, 1879:

JOSEPH KINGSBURY, TREASURER, DR.

To balance in Treasury July 1879, (vide last report)	$503 14
Amount received of Collector Wickham on duplicate 1878	922 07
Amount received on duplicate 1879	1446 90
Amount received on sidewalk account	18 35
Ain't received from exhibitions	37 00
Amount received from fines	15 00
Amount received from peddlers	6 00
CREDIT:	
By orders redeemed during quarter of issue of 1874	100 00
" " " " 1876	870
" " " " 1878	500 00
" " " " 1879	1897 49
" Int. paid on orders redeemed	99 44
" Balance in Treasury Oct. 1, '79	318 04
	$3918 46
	$2918 46

LIABILITIES OF THE BOROUGH, JUNE 30, 1879.

Orders outstanding with interest thereon at per. rept of that date,	$6195 60
Int. due on orders outstanding October 1, 1879	131.78
Orders issued during quarter	945 97
	$7273 35
Orders redm'd, as above stated	$2505 99
Int. paid on orders redeemed	99 43 2605 42
Total Indebtedness	$4667 93

ASSETS.

Cash in the Treasury	$ 318 04
Amount unsettled by Collector on duplicate of 1878	345 43
Amount due on duplicate of 1879	4333 44
Amount from County Commissioners for land returned on duplicates for the years 1877 and 1878	379 83
Amount due from citizens for sidewalks	366 12
Due on switch rent	34 00
Total Assets	$5822 86

By the foregoing exhibit, it will be observed, that we have a surplus of assets in excess of our liabilities, amounting to $1,154.93, which will largely cover all losses, exonerations, etc. For this gratifying condition of the Borough Finances, great credit is due to the careful economy of the Council in expenditures, while at the same time our streets have been kept in good condition, and the public property preserved from decay.

J. KINGSBURY, Treasurer.

THE State line, lately determined upon by government surveyors, is said to give up to New York State quite a considerable portion of what is known as South Waverly, in this county.—*Bradford Reporter.*

The above is a mistake. Prof. Clark, of Syracuse, at the head of the survey, was in town last week, and stated, what was generally known two years ago, that the only object of the resurvey was to trace out and ascertain the condition of the old line, both as to its exact location and the monuments by which it was marked; that the law under which they were acting gave no authority whatever for any change of line. He further stated that the old line was crooked, varying in some places to the extent of ¼ mile or more; but that at Waverly the line is very close indeed to the 42d parallel. The observations made during the Summer by the U. S. Coast Surveyors, may vary it a trifle. No new line, however, will be established, unless the legislatures of the two States should hereafter authorize it.—*Waverly Advocate.*

THE Troy *Gazette* of Thursday last gives the following account of a stabbing affray that took place in that village on Monday evening of last week, at the house of DANIEL WHALEN:

"A party was going on at the house during the evening and near its close, when pay for the dance was being collected by HENRY MCGOUGHRAN he went outside the house, and found there JOHN BURK and PATRICK RYAN standing and talking. MCGOUGHRAN demanded pay of them, and on being told that they had neither of them been dancing, insisted on payment, becoming insulting in his demands. At that BURK caught him by the collar or by the neck, when MCGOUGHRAN drew a knife and stabbed BURK, the blade of the knife penetrating his right thigh, just below the groin, cutting a deep gash downward and severing some of the blood vessels. The wound bled profusely, and the wounded man was taken to Dr. E. G. TRACY'S, when his wound was found filled up with blood. The wound was attended to skillfully, and BURK will probably get well, although the wound is a very severe one. Young MCGOUGHRAN, who is a son of REDMOND MCGOUGHRAN, the cooper on John street, and is known as a pretty hard character, is about eighteen years old. BURK, who is a quiet, civil fellow, is at the residence of his father, JAMES BURK, and though suffering greatly, is not considered in immediate danger. It is about time something was done to stop this miscellaneous use of deadly weapons by young men who happen to have misunderstandings.

MCGOUGHRAN was arrested on Wednesday, and held to bail before Justice B. A. LONG, for his appearance October 29th."

PERSONAL.

—R. E. C. MYER, of Myersburg, contemplates emigrating Westward.

—CAPT. J. A. WILT, and wife spent Sabbath last with friends in Overton.

—Mr. HOLLIS DANE has been engaged as a teacher in the Canton Graded School.

—L. V. CRITTENDEN has been appointed Post-master at Wetonah, this county.

—Miss MARY KRISE has been engaged as organist for the Presbyterian Church at Canton.

—LIEUT. CALIFF of the U. S. A., is visiting his brother, J. W. CALIFF, Esq., in this place.

—Miss JANE TOWNER, of this place, went to Kansas City, last week, where she will hereafter reside.

—Mr. ASA MERRILL and wife, of Deposit, N. Y., are spending a few days with friends in this county.

—MRS. B. M. PECK, who has been ill of pneumonia for several weeks past, is slowly recovering her health.

—ED. FROST, and wife spent Sunday last with mail agent Sherman's family at Bernice, Sullivan county.

—LOU F. CAMP, local editor of the Tunkhannock *Republican*, gave us a pleasant call on Tuesday afternoon last.

—REV. MR. STEWART and Elder JAMES MACFARLANE, were at Lancaster last week in attendance upon the Presbyterian Synod.

—PRATT J. SMITH, of Sheshequin, is attending lectures in the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

—Miss MAMIE BLIGHT, of this place, left last week for Philadelphia, where she will remain for some time in a young ladies' school.

—Mr. FRANK MAYO, after an absence of a number of months in Europe, with "Davy Crockett," arrived at his cottage home in Canton last week.

—EDWARD WEBB, of East Smithfield, son of Hon. J. H. WEBB, was married on Tuesday of last week to FRANKIE, daughter of JAMES REYNOLDS, of Alba.

—MANVILLE PRATT, son of Dr. D. S. PRATT, left for Philadelphia, on Wednesday of last week, where he will reside during the winter and attend medical lectures.

—THE health of Mrs. COOLBAUGH, of Wysox, having very much improved, her daughters, Mrs. RYAN and Mrs. KING, have returned to their homes in Kansas.

—Miss MAY WATKINS, of this place, had her shoulder quite badly bruised, by being thrown from a horse, while out horse-back riding at Monroeton, on Saturday evening last.

—FRED WALKER, a compositor in this office, went to Philadelphia on Sunday night last, where he will remain several days for the purpose of undergoing a surgical operation.

—Rev. M. HAMBLIN is returned to the Troy charge by the Conference which will be very acceptable to the people, not only of the Methodist Church, but of the entire village.—*Troy Gazette.*

—The Canton *Sentinel* says there is an amiable young lady residing in that place who is a first cousin to VICTORIA C. WOODHULL. The young lady has our sympathy, and we think that she should be held blameless.

—Mr. DANIEL SEARLE, for many years a resident of Montrose, but who for several years past has lived in Pittston, died in that place on Monday, the 13th, inst. His remains were taken to Montrose for interment.

—ALL who had the privilege of listening to Mr. WRIGHT the new pastor of the M. E. Church, deliver his first sermon in this place, on Sunday morning last, speak of it as an excellent discourse, and exactly fitted to the occasion.

—Mr. DAVID WOLCOTT, an old resident of Canton, aged sixty-three years, who has been seriously ill for several months, died at the residence of his son-in law, Mr. W. S. Moody, Lycoming street, on Tuesday night of last week, of consumption.

—Mrs. BETSY DUNNING is visiting with her neice, Mrs. G. E. BULLOCK, Washington street. Mrs. DUNNING will be one hundred years of age the 26th of next January. She is as lively and active as many girls of sixteen, and is not contented unless she is constantly at work.—*Canton Sentinel.*

—Ex-Sheriff VAN FLEET and J. VAN DORN, of Towanda, accompanied by their wives, spent Saturday night and a portion of Sunday with D. A. LA MENT. The above named gentlemen held a very interesting meeting at Glen Valley in the afternoon.—*Athens Gazette, 16th.*

—Rev. C. H. WRIGHT goes to Towanda. The people of that boro., are fortunate. Mr. W. is an earnest Christian worker, a good sermonizer and a pleasing and companionable gentleman. We are pleased to think that he is to be retained in the Northern Tier.—*Industrial Register, Blossburg.*

—A LIEUTENANT-COLONEL and Major for the Ninth Regiment, N. G. of Pennsylvania, are to be elected on the 30th inst., at a meeting of the officers to be held at Wilkes-Barre for that purpose. Captain J. A. WILT, of this place, we observe, is favorably mentioned for either one or the other of the offices. The honor could not be more worthily bestowed, as the Captain is in every way qualified to fill any office in the regiment.

—Dr. J. B. WENTWORTH, who is one of the most talented members of the Methodist Church, and has been of late Presiding Elder of Troy District, is removed to be Presiding Elder of the Genesee District, and Rev. CARLETON C. WILBOR is appointed the Presiding Elder of Troy District. Mr. WILBOR is one of the best men in the Conference, will achieve popularity in his new office, and we congratulate Troy District on his accession to the place vacated by Dr. WENTWORTH.—*Troy Gazette.*

LOCAL CORRESPONDENCE.

ATHENS' INDUSTRIES—NO. 1.

We purpose giving to the readers of the REPORTER a series of sketches embodying the results of our visits to the different manufacturing establishments of this place. Yesterday we visited upon the west side of the river

THE ATHENS TANNERY,

which was established in the spring of 1867 by Messrs. MAURICE & UNDERHILL, young men from New-York. The firm was afterwards changed and EUGENE UNDERHILL became proprietor, Mr. MAURICE retiring. Soon afterward Mr. NOBLE, a New-York man, became a partner, and the company was known as UNDERHILL & NOBLE. The present proprietors took possession October 1st, 1878, the firm style being THOS. SMULLS' Sons. These gentlemen have greatly enlarged the buildings, and by improved methods increased the capacity for tanning out leather; the original design being to turn out the product of 12,000 hides yearly, while the present company use 30,000.

We cannot give the exact size of the buildings, but they are large. One contains 168 vats, another is used for drying the leather, and between these the ones necessary for the powerful engine, bark-mill, leaching vats, soaking, washing, scrubbing, etc. Five barrels of paint were recently used to paint them. Besides these there are several tenant houses, a barn, store and office; also sheds for storing bark. When the amount of business is stated the reader will readily perceive that a large amount of room is necessary to conduct it. About 5,000 tons of bark are used yearly; it is obtained in this and adjoining counties, either from timber belonging to the company or of other parties, in small lots, brought in on wagons or car-loads, delivered on their switch. Large quantities are now stored in the yard. A very important and particular branch of the business is the selection and purchase of the hides. They are from all parts of the world, and consist of those suitable for making sole-leather only. From the llanos of Venezuela, the pampas of Uruguay, the plains of Chili and the prairies of the United States, they find their way to the centres of commerce and thence to the tanneries. Both green slaughtered and dry hides are used, but those first named are preferred. As a peculiarity of trade, we notice a small lot that were originally from Chili; thence shipped to Liverpool, England; thence to Boston, Mass., where they lay six months; then shipped to New-York, where Mr. SMULL picked them up, and now they are nearly ready to ship back to England to sole, perhaps, some sailors' shoes, and resume their travels.

As has been stated, only sole-leather is made here, and the present firm has the reputation of making a first-class article; therefore, their product goes to Europe, and they receive first-class prices for it. A car had just been loaded, for the contents of which the company will receive over $5,000 in gold upon its arrival in New-York. They will ship about one million pounds of leather, worth nearly $250,000 at present prices, this year. Another product brings to them quite an income, viz: the hair. This is thoroughly washed and dried and sent to New-York, where it will find its way into mattresses, cushions, etc.

Of the process of tanning we cannot, in an article of this kind, give scientific details. Much ignorance exists regarding present methods, and as great skill and care is required to produce best results, comparatively few attain them. The hides are first soaked, then hung in a sweat-room until the hair will rub off. This is a very delicate process, and unless managed right the hide is damaged at the outset—if left too long the grain is injured, if removed too soon the hair will not come out evenly and the pores will not open, the roots of the hair being left after scraping. After leaving the sweat-room the hair is scraped off and the hides plumped, a process of falling up and opening the pores; after which they go into vats containing a weak liquor, from which in due time they are passed into stronger until the strongest is reached, when they are taken out and washed and scrubbed. Each step in this process is one of care, for by placing in too strong a liquor at first the hide would not absorb enough to make it of the required thickness, and if not changed at the proper time damage would result. The liquor spoken of contains the virtue of the bark, which is obtained by a leaching process after the bark is ground and placed in vats for the purpose. The strength is measured by a simple instrument and reckoned by degrees, varying from ten to forty-five, according to the proportion of tannin it contains. After the hides are removed from the vats they are scrubbed and washed thoroughly and sent to the drying lofts, after which they are twice oiled and twice rolled before they are finished. These are also particular processes, requiring constant attention, as changes in the temperature affect the drying process. Many of the details are secrets of the trade, and manufacturers have different ways peculiar to themselves. The first sweating process spoken of is simply to produce a stage of decomposition sufficient to loosen the hair; other processes afterward give color, elasticity, etc., to the leather, and to give minute particulars would require a lengthy article. Acids are used in the process of plumping, and in all the processes care is required, as the least neglect will show in the product. About six months are required to produce best results.

Mr. DENNISTON has charge of the tanning department, and is a gentleman of long experience and success. He has thirty-five men under his control, and all works harmoniously throughout his department. Pure cold water is an important object, and this they obtain from a well 1,300 feet distant by means of a force pump operated by a small engine. The buildings are heated by a system of steam pipes, when necessary. The spent tan affords fuel, and within the buildings the bark odor renders the air pleasant and healthy. Nothing is observed of the disagreeable odors noticed outside. Much has been done the past few weeks to clean up and improve the surroundings.

Mr. SMULL is a genial gentleman, well informed, and afforded us every opportunity to gain information. Mr. W. G. DENNISTON, foreman, is also a pleasant companion and thoroughly posted. Mr. M. P. MURRAY, bookkeeper, has been nine years employed in the position, and knows the business by heart. He looks after all outside matters in the absence of Mr. SMULL. A successful store is connected with the business, and is in charge of Mr. BENJ. GREGORY, a young man of good business qualifications and many friends. The Athens Tannery distributes about $6,000 to the fifteenth of every month. May the shadow of its proportions never diminish. W. A. P.

Athens, October 10, 1879.

BENTLEY CREEK.

MR. EDITOR: Like the son of the Emerald Isle, our whole cry has been "Wather! Wather! Wather!" It rains on the just and the unjust, so says the old proverb; but no one here has been blest in that direction.... We have a new secret society—Bradford Lodge Knights of Honor. Cannot give you list of officers as yet, they having just organized with eighteen members and secured a charter.... We are called upon to mourn the death of Mrs. ROBERT CLARK, a member of our new church (1st Baptist). She was a woman of mild and amiable temper, a kind mother, a true wife and Christian. Mr. CLARK and family have the sympathy of the entire community in their sad bereavement. Not lost but gone before, to be united again in the resurrection morn. ....A barn belonging to HEMAN LEWIS was burned, with all its contents, on Sunday evening, October 12th. Contained 1500 bushels of oats, a quantity of hay, a mowing machine and farming utensils. Supposed incendiary. No insurance. Moral: Keep insured.... Our townsman, J. C. ROBINSON, has gone to New-York City to purchase goods. Mr. E. M. TUTON, of the firm of CRAIG & TUTON, goes this week, and soon business will be booming here again. A good thing for the public and all concerned. BETSY BAKER.

FROM SMITHFIELD.

MR. EDITOR: Sunday evening the Church of Christ was filled to overflowing, as it had been previously announced that the Sunday-School was to give a concert and review of the lessons of the last quarter. At 7 the meeting was called to order by the Superintendent, A. J. CLARK, when the exercises of the evening commenced with singing. Each lesson of the quarter was taken by one of the classes and a synopsis of the same given. Mr. COLIN WOOD and his class of *boys* illustrated the second lesson—the Securities of Believers—in a manner both pleasing and profitable, by building the Cross. Following this, the teachings of the Cross were illustrated by a class of small girls, by forming a second Cross of flowers, at the same time reciting passages of Scriptures. E. G. KINGSLEY'S class illustrated the sixth lesson—the Fruit of the Spirit—by a tree on which there hung the several virtues—Love, Temperance, &c. The seventh lesson was beautifully illustrated by Miss MAGGIE MESSINEY'S class. The subject, the Christian Armor, was shown by each member of the class wearing some part of the armor—as the shield of Faith, the sword of the Spirit, &c.; after which the song, "Only an Armor Bearer," was sung. The exercises were varied by songs and recitations; and notwithstanding the length of the programme and the oppressive heat of the evening, the exercises were listened to with much interest. Much energy was shown by the teachers and Superintendent in preparing this work. SCHOLAR.

East Smithfield, Oct. 12, 1879.

TROY TOPICS.

MR. EDITOR: The intensely dry weather which has withered the green herbs and stately trees into premature old age, has also had a very depressing influence on news. The story concerning diphtheria, which was correctly stated in the *Gazette*, has been echoed and re-echoed through the papers far and near with commendable zeal. We are glad to be able to state that the disease has almost entirely disappeared for the present, and we feel great hopes that there will be no more of it. Perhaps our good health will be as acceptable an item for news as our ill-health has been. Only two deaths since the epidemic began, and there was also one fatal case some time ago. It would seem that the disease is less severe than formerly, and, also, that our physicians understand how to treat it successfully.

In this connection we would say that none of the cases seem to have been produced by contagion, but were isolated and about the same in number, as has been the case in nearly every locality about us having as large a population as ours. Like other localities we may fear this disease, but without desiring to boast we believe this community to be a very healthy one. The Chatauqua Class has resumed its work, after a vacation of a few weeks. The interest is as usual very great, owing mainly to the ability and zeal of the leader—Editor HOOKER.... The question of the poor house is exciting some comment, but the prevailing opinion of those who have investigated the matter is decidedly in favor of the prospect, both on the grounds of economy and humanity. It seems plain from the experience of other counties that in discharging this duty to the destitute we shall also economize in the expenses which are required by the present system. While a few may honestly differ with this view, most of those who are opposed would find by looking up the matter that there is good reason for changing their minds. A tax of one mill would buy a property worth $30,000 in less than six years, and two mills additional tax would be a high estimate for running expenses, even if the poor house should prove to be wholly dependent on the public. But when we reflect that it would be largely self-supporting the estimate for current expenses would be much less than the amount mentioned. At present many townships raise five or six mills for poor money, and even then do not secure the comfort to the distressed that the proposed system would afford. It seems plain that in the aggregate at least one half the present expense may be saved if the poor house is erected, and the property paid for in a few years besides.

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LEROY.

MR. EDITOR: HOBE HOLCOMB, who left LeRoy upwards of twenty years ago to seek a fortune in Michigan, is visiting his relatives at LeRoy, and expects to spend the winter in the county.... The Sunday-School re-union and concert held at the Disciples' place of worship, a few evenings since, was a success.... The fine rain of last Saturday evening checked the fury of the fire in the timber and along the mountain, but this evening the glare of the brilliant lights tell us that the work of destruction is still going on.... HARRIS & ROBART are taking advantage of the present dry season by making repairs on their grist-mill.... Winter wheat is looking finely since the shower.... The bridge across the Towanda Creek near A. M. K. WEST's, will be completed some time in the future; at least it is so reported.... T. F. WOOSTER has gone to Philadelphia to attend a course of medical lectures.... JOEL SAXTON, ED PARKHURST and WALTER HARRIS are happy; cause, those little fellows.... One of our marriageable young men was wending his way homeward this morning at about half-past one, when to his surprise, we are informed, he saw a man coming from a field with a lantern and another in a wagon in the road. The man from the field put out his light as soon as he discovered the young man passing, and then demanded his money, but the reply was, "I am not that kind of a fellow." Quicker than thought, the young man says, he received a severe blow across his nose, causing it to bleed profusely, but he rallied and dealt his assailant a blow that threw him to the ground; so he left the scene of action, but does not know whom the disturbers of his morning walk may prove to be.

LeRoy, Oct. 20, 1879. Q.

BURLINGTON ITEMS.

BURLINGTON, October 20, 1879.

The borough has a lock-up, all ready for business, but not as yet called into requisition.... Our citizens, generally, I believe, are in favor of a county poor house, or in other words, a seminary for the unfortunate; a place where they may be educated to cleanliness, labor and economy, instead of being knocked down to the lowest bidder, who often proves to be very much unfitted for the charge, as they now are.... The Temperance movement has reached our place. Through the oratorical persuasions of CHARLIE SMITH, of Elmira, and Major VAN CLEVE, of Philadelphia, many have taken the pledge of total abstinence. In one of his lectures, VAN CLEVE said: "You may think it a trifling thing to keep this pledge, but let me tell you that while one may keep it, unless you seek and obtain help from on high, ninety-nine will fail.... Last Friday night was one of note with us. A party at NOEL W. LANE'S, for the preacher, Rev. PAUL SMITH. Although a small shower of rain was falling at about the time for assembling the house was filled, and the shop close by cleared and lighted, and lights hung in the yard, affording a nice promenade and place for the young folks to play. Four long-tables were required to accommodate the company, and they were well supplied with choice biscuit and golden butter, fried chicken, pyramids and tower of Babel like cakes, besides all the other requisites for a first-class meal. NOEL and his wife FLORETTA know how to conduct a party and make it pleasant for their guests. The minister received besides a well-filled basket, twenty-three dollars.

SET BACK FORTY TWO YEARS.—"I was troubled with Kidney Complaint, Gravel, etc.; my blood became thin; I was dull and inactive; could hardly crawl about; was an old worn out man all over; could get nothing to help me, until I got Hop Bitters, and now I am a boy again. My blood and kidneys are all right, and I am as active as a man of thirty, although I am seventy-two, and I have no doubt it will do as well for others of my age.—(Father.)—*Sunday Mercury.*

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