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APRIL phool to-morrow.

LENT ends on Sunday, April 17th.

MONTROSE is 1,800 feet above tide-water.

WELLSBORO expects to have a glass factory.

THE *Gazette* says a match factory is talked of in Athens.

NEARLY six hundred students are in attendance at Cornell University.

TUNKHANNOCK claims to have thirty men over seventy years of age.

A LADY named MARY S. WHITON, living in Ithaca, died from bleeding at the nose.

THE Erie company has raised the wages of track hands from $1.00 to $1.10.

IN the public schools of Elmira there are 1,644 boys registered and 1,541 girls.

TEN persons received baptism at the M. E. Church, Nicholson, last Sunday week.

THE feminine brain is now occupied in meditations upon the new style of spring bonnets.

THE stock of goods of ED. LOOMIS', Troy, as sold by Sheriff DEAN, amounted to $4,700.

SEVERAL of the LeRaysville young men have gone to Iowa this spring to work on farms.

THE Spring term of the Susquehanna Collegiate Institute commences Monday, April 4th.

THE bridge suit resulted in a verdict of $20,000 with costs and interest for the bridge company.

THE Delaware and Lackawanna Railroad have declared a quarterly dividend of 1½ per cent.

THE D. & H. C. Co. wants 1,000 men to double-track the Albany & Susquehanna Railroad.

PROFESSOR J. W. GRAY, Principal of the Montrose Graded School, has resigned his position.

A MRS. WILLIAMS, of Nanticoke, a few days since gave birth to a child weighing 22 pounds.

THE D., L. & W. R. R. Company are paying $100,000 per month for work on their extension.

THE First M. E. Church of Pittston will adopt the free seat system for the coming ecclesiastical year.

THE Canton National Bank starts with $50,000 of capital stock paid in, and a total of $78,035 of resources.

GEORGE BROWN, of Tuscarora, has moved to Skinner's Eddy, where he will engage in the grocery business.

THE deposits in the First National Bank exceed half a million dollars. See their statement in another column.

THE Blossburg Register says there were twenty cases of scarlet fever reported in that village one day last week.

THE bids made by various builders for the construction of the Lackawanna county Court House ranged from $136,000 to $180,000.

CLEAN up your yards and cellars before the warm weather arrives. A little of this work now may save serious sickness in the future.

THE Tunkhannock *Standard* says that the Tunkhannock and Forkston Oil Stock Company will commence operations about the first of May.

THE next Institute lecture will be given on Monday, April 11th, by Mr. J. W. INGHAM, of Sugar Run. Subject, "Knowledge: its Power."

MR. CRITTENDEN, the late Wetona merchant, has sold the store at that place to DUDLEY SARGEANT and intends opening a store at Springfield Center.

REV. W. H. KING, pastor of the Baptist Church, Owego, for the past twenty-seven years, preached his last sermon as pastor, last Sunday evening.

THE Tioga Hotel, Waverly, will be opened about the first of April, under the management of E. T. BOOTH formerly of the Mansion House, Mauch Chunk.

GEORGE H. DERBY, of Wellsboro, has engaged to play with the Detroit Baseball Club next season at a salary of $1,300. Derby ranks high as a pitcher.

THE closing public exercises of the Meshoppen graded school were a source of much pleasure to the people of that vicinity, on the evening of the 18th instant.

WYOMING County elects a School Superintendent next May. The present Superintendent, C. M. LEE, V. E. PREVOST, of Russell Hill, and C. W. BUSHNELL, of Tunkhannock, are candidates.

CHURCH of the Messiah, (Universalist,) Rev. WM. TAYLOR, Pastor, at 10½ a. m., reception of members and communion. At 7½ p. m., Subject—"The relation of the life *here* to the life *hereafter*."

B. B. KEELER, of Litchfield, who has been confined to his house for three months by an attack of erysipelas in one of his feet, last week had two of his toes amputated. He is now improving.

THE High School of Troy give a sociable this (Thursday) evening, the object of which is to raise funds for their library. Refreshments, recitations, and declamations will be the entertainment.

THE subject for debate April 5th by members of the High School of Troy will be, "Resolved that the U. S. Government should prevent the emigration of nihilists and socialists to this country."

MICHAEL HICKEY, a well-to-do farmer living about two miles from Canton, was killed on Monday by a tree falling on him. He was found at noon by his wife. Mr. HICKEY leaves a family of children mostly grown up.

MR. T. H. MAITLAND, a graduate of the Institution for the Blind, and also of the School of Elocution and Oratory, in Philadelphia, delivered an address before a Union Temperance Meeting held in the Presbyterian Church last Sunday evening.

THE new and handsome Hotel Bennett, at Binghamton, is nearly completed. When finished it will be one of the finest hotels between New York and Chicago. The cost of furnishing the house is estimated at $35,000.

AN entertainment will be given in the parlors of the M. E. Church, Wednesday evening, April 6th, consisting of refreshments, music, recitations, etc. Admission ten cents. The proceeds are to be devoted to a charitable object. All are invited.

THE Troy court which was appointed to open on Monday last has been indefinitely postponed by Judge MORROW in consequence of the settlement of a number of causes, the sickness of some of the attorneys, and the indisposition of the Judge because of his late illness.

COLONEL J. D. LACIER is about to retire from the editorial chair of the Wilkes-Barre *Record of the Times*, to accept a clerkship in the Auditor General's office, at Harrisburg. The editorial department will be conducted by the present proprietor, Dr. W. H. BRADLEY.

IN corresponding for the press, be sure and write proper names in the plainest possible manner. Always go below the line with a capital J, always stop above with an I. It is impossible for the compositor and proof-reader to guess correctly at the proper names.

A JENNINGSVILLE correspondent of the Wyoming *Democrat* says: "J. T. JENNINGS has cut and peeled 11,700 logs on the Kinney lot, has drawn 10,000 to his mill and has started 1,700 out of the woods into the field ready to draw to the mill on wagons as soon as the roads are in fit condition."

THE Canton *Sentinel* says: MR. JOHN STROUBLE, who resides near Minnequa, while attending to her household duties on Monday last, fell from the top of a flight of stairs severely injuring her spine. Dr. HOOKER, of Alba, is in attendance, and hopes are entertained of her speedy recovery.

MR. JACOB SCHAEFFER recently died in Jackson township, Lebanon County, of paralysis. It is stated that outside parties held insurance on his life to the amount of $60,000. For many years Mr. SCHAEFFER held the position of manager of the Berks and Dauphin turnpike in his district.—*Williamsport Bulletin.*

A SHARP contest for the post office at this place is now on the carpet. The contestants are O. D. STEBBINS, Major R. W. BANNATYNE and Major H. W. BARDWELL, the present incumbent. We are informed that the wife of one of the candidates is a distant connection of the President.—*Tunkhannock Standard.*

PRIZE CONTEST IN DECLAMATION.—The annual prize contest in declamation, open to the young men of the Susquehanna Collegiate Institute, will be held in Mercur Hall, on Friday evening of this week, commencing at 7:45 o'clock. No admission is charged, and a cordial invitation is extended to all.

AN Arnot correspondent is responsible for the following: "It is said that the miners of this and other places in this county, and in Bradford and Lycoming counties, will make a demand for higher rates about the first of April, and if it is not acceded to, there will be a general suspension of work."—*Wellsboro Gazette.*

THE county jail at Owego is full to overflowing. It is condemned by the people as being unsafe and unwholesome, though the Sheriff does his full duty. It is reported that a delegation of the State Board of Charities intend to visit it. The jail has to be guarded by a watch day and night to prevent the escape of prisoners.

MISS CORA, daughter of CHARLES JOHNSON, of the foundry, gave a birthday party on the occasion of her 13th birthday, Monday evening. About 70 associates were present. Music was furnished by four pieces of STULEN'S orchestra. Everything possible was done to enhance the pleasure of the guests, and altogether it was a very brilliant affair.

IN the temporary absence from the jail of the Sheriff of Wyoming County, March 20th, two prisoners overpowered an assistant left in charge, and wresting from him the keys made their escape. They were charged with having stolen property from JOHN A. NIVEN, of Nicholson. They were captured at Springville on the following day and returned to the jail.

TUESDAY forenoon, while coupling cars at the Foot of Plane, on the Barclay Railroad, MR. E. VAN AUKEN, a brakeman, had his hand caught between the bumpers cutting through the hand and tearing the flesh nearly to the wrist. He was brought to this place on an engine about noon, when the wound was dressed by Drs. PRATT.

A FEW days ago the Sugar Run ferry boat making a run across the river collided with a raft passing down the stream, striking with such force as to run several feet upon the raft, which floated on with the prize taking the ropes that held the boat and carrying it some ways below. The next day the boat was put into position and ferrying resumed.—*Review.*

THE Nicholson Agricultural Society held its annual meeting a few days ago and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, E. S. WHEELER, M. D.; Vice-President, G. N. VANFLEET; Secretary, N. P. WILCOX; Treasurer, GEORGE W. WALKER; Directors, GEORGE CANDEE, GEORGE S. HARDING, F. D. PRATT and D. C. GRAHAM.

REDMOND CATON, who has kept a grocery and saloon near the Barclay depot for the past ten years, is now adding to his business a hotel by building an addition of a hall on the south side and another story, giving room for a spacious parlor, sitting-room, dining-room, kitchen and fourteen sleeping rooms, together with a verandah across the front of the building.

THE annual meeting of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania, which is to be held in Scranton, commencing May 31st, will be the greatest and most brilliant Masonic event that has ever occurred in this portion of the State. The dress parade will occur on June 1st and the grand street parade on June 2d, in which most of the commanderies of the State are expected to participate.

IN the interest of public morals, we suggest to our County Commissioners that the present disgraceful and dangerous plank walk in front of the Public Square can be greatly improved upon by the putting down of a substantial stone flagging. Such a proceeding would be hailed with satisfaction and gratitude by the thousands of pedestrians (more or less) who are compelled to risk life and limb on the present so-called "walk," and would add greatly to the deserved popularity of our Commissioners as wise and efficient public officers.

THE Towanda Musical Society will meet at the house of T. C. DELANO, on Pine street, to-day (Thursday).

WATKINS Post, No. 66, G. A. R., will hold a "Camp-fire" at their regular meeting on Saturday evening of this week. Refreshments will be served, and a good time is expected. Of course, all members of the Post will be present.

A SHORT time since the house of Professor E. E. QUINLAN, principal of the Susquehanna Collegiate Institute, came nearly being destroyed by fire. The family were awakened in the night by the crackling of the fire to find the house filled with smoke and the mantlepiece of their sitting room in flames. A few pails of water quickly extinguished the fire. A few minutes more and the house would have been enveloped in flames. It is supposed the warmth of the chimney ignited matches which probably had at some time fallen behind the mantlepiece.

IN a recent decision by Judge WALKER, of Schuylkill county, it is decided that collectors of road taxes are not entitled to charge commissions on road taxes worked out by the inhabitants of the township. In the case referred to the assessed taxes of Mahanoy township were over six thousand dollars, and over five thousand were worked out by the P. & R. Coal & Iron Company and Delano Land Company. On this amount and the exonerations the Judge held that neither the collector nor the township Treasurer could charge commissions.

EDITOR REPORTER—*Dear Sir:* I noticed in your last paper an account of four sheep giving birth to 10 lambs in one year. I have one ewe which I think cannot be beaten in the county. This ewe is five years old, and has given birth to 15 lambs in four years, as follows: In the year 1877, she gave birth to two lambs; in 1878, to three; in 1879, to four; in 1880, to two on the 26th of March, 1881, to four. One of her lambs, which is two years old, this spring gave birth to three lambs. JOHN L. BRADLEY.

North Rome, March 29, 1881.

"I AM willing to risk my reputation," wrote EDWARD HINE, of the Liverpool *Mercury*, "if the worse case of small-pox cannot be cured in three days simply by the use of cream tartar. One ounce of cream tartar dissolved in a pint of water, drank at intervals when cold is a certain, never-failing remedy. It has cured thousands, never leaves a mark, never causes blindness, and avoids tedious lingering." Seeing the above cure in so many papers, we give it our readers, hoping they will remember it in case they should ever be called upon to battle with that loathesome disease.

THE mortality among the children of Elmira is greater than ever before known within the memory of the oldest inhabitants. A specially afflicted family is that of JOHN MURPHY, of the Fifth Ward, having lost four children within two weeks—three girls aged 10, 16 and four years, and a son aged six years. All of these children were taken with the same symptoms—first violent vomiting, with a complication of scarlet fever and diphtheretic disorders. The duration of sickness in all the cases was brief. In the case of one it was really less than twenty-four hours. Good physicians pronounce the disease a virulent type of scarlet fever, which, when it attacks a child, leaves but little hope of its recovery.

ALEXANDER BYRNE died at the residence of his son, JOHN BYRNE, at Staruccа, Wednesday, March 16th. He was born at Roscommon, Ireland, in 1776, and had completed the 105th year of his age. For a number of years previous to his death he was blind, and for the past four years was quite feeble and helpless. He had a very distinct recollection of the terrible days of '98 in Ireland, and was present at the landing of the French troops under the gallant HUMBERT, at Killala, August 23, 1798. He also assisted in transporting the army stores of the French from the coast to Castlebar, and of the famous "Castlebar races," where the English troops, commanded by General LAKE, were defeated and put to flight by the French and Irish.—*Honesdale Citizen.*

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

At a regular meeting of Ulster Lodge, Knights of Honor, No. 2,057, held March 25, 1881, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted, viz:

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in His wise Providence to lay His afflicting hand on our brother, William Brague, by taking from him his wife by death; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Lodge extend to Brother Brague their heartfelt sympathy in his sad bereavement.

Resolved, That the above be printed in the county papers for one week, and in the *Knights of Honor Advocate*, and a copy of the same be sent to the afflicted parents.

JAMES IRVING,
E. F. MERCEREAU, } Committee.
J. F. AMMERMAN,

A CALL FOR AID.

The Ladies Benevolent Association is obliged to make an urgent appeal to the citizens of our town for aid to carry on its work. The past severe winter has drawn so heavily upon our funds that, notwithstanding the liberal support given us in November, our Treasury is exhausted, the unusual number of cases of sickness have demanded our attention, the extreme cold weather has made our coal bills high, provisions and clothing, though prudently dealt out, have rapidly used up our money, and in order to prosecute our work we must have help. Our appeals have heretofore been promptly responded to, and we believe the present one will not be unheeded.

By order of the President,
MRS. DR. H. C. PORTER.
MRS. R. M. WELLES, Sec'y.
March 31, 1881.

WHAT EXCITES MONTROSE.

The people of Montrose, of the upper crust of society of that place, says the Binghamton *Leader*, are shocked over the revelations of a case of criminal malpractice. The victim was a highly esteemed young lady by the name of ELIZA WARNER, whose parents stand deservedly high in the community. She died a week ago last Saturday. She was attended in the last stages of her sickness by Drs. GARDINER and BALDWIN, who made the discovery of the real cause of her death.

A doctor who has an unsavory reputation has been arrested, and in default of bail has been lodged in jail. A young man by the name of FRANK MARSH has also been arrested and has given bail in $2,000. He claims to be wholly innocent, and has a first rate reputation. He at one time attended LOWELL'S Commercial College in Binghamton, where he made many friends, who assert their confidence in him, and do not believe that he could have been guilty of any such crime. He is a law student, came originally from Franklin, Susquehanna county, and has been studying in Judge JESSUP'S office at that place.

PERSONAL.

—O. D. KIDDER, Esq., started for Washington Monday.

—Mr. WM. LAMENT has purchased of DYER & CO. the Third Ward grocery.

—GEORGE KIRBY has accepted a situation as clerk in the Tioga Hotel, Waverly.

—MAGGIE SNELL and ELLA BENSON are visiting friends this week at Athens.

—WESTFALL ENNIS is the new proprietor of the hotel south of the Prothonotary's office.

—WILLIAM TROUT, a former well known citizen of this place, died in St. Louis on Friday last.

—Mrs. BARRON, of Penn Yan, N. Y., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Captain MANVILLE, in this place.

—C. M. SANDERSON, some years ago President of the Sullivan & Erie Railroad, came to town last Friday.

—CHAS. CAMPBELL, of Luther's Mills, recently received $900 back pay, for disabilities incurred during the war.

—CHARLES P. MOORE has accepted a position with W. H. BLIGHT, and will take charge of his Bradford coal yard.

—Mrs. GEORGE W. BRUCE, of New York city, is visiting her brother, C. M. HALL, Esq., and mother, of this place.

—Hon. W. T. DAVIES, who has been attending the bridge suit for the past two weeks, returned to Harrisburg Sunday evening.

—Mrs. E. J. PERRIGO and Mrs. JESSE MYER, sisters, last evening started for Vineland, N. J., to attend the funeral of a brother.

—Mr. and Mrs. M. E. CHUBBUCK will begin housekeeping in the Third Ward, Main street, having rented of Mr. CHARLES KUYKENDALL.

—W. H. MERCUR, eldest son of M. C. MERCUR, will attend the spring course of lectures at the Medical department of the University of Pennsylvania.

—JOHN, youngest son of J. F. CORSER, who has been dangerously sick for the past two weeks, is somewhat better, and hope is now entertained of his recovery.

—WILLIAM NORCOCK, living on State street, who has been confined to the house for the past six weeks first with pneumonia followed by rheumatism, is now improving.

—GIDEON PALMER, father of the Attorney General, died at his home in Lackawanna County, Sunday evening. The deceased was an uncle of Mrs. Rev. C. T. HALLOWELL, of this place.—*Review.*

—D. A. LAMENT, who has been engaged in sewing machine business for several years, most of the time representing the Singer Company in this county, intends to move on a farm in Troy township this spring.

—We regret to learn that Dr. H. K. SMITH, who has been an invalid from consumption for the past two years, now has strong symptoms of Bright's disease. He is at his grandmother's in Middletown, N. Y.—*Review.*

—Captain J. ANDREW WILT has been confined to his house since his return from the inaugural of President GARFIELD by a severe attack of erysipelas and neuralgia in the face and head. We are pleased to learn that he is now getting better.

—We clip the subjoined items from the Wellsboro *Gazette* of Thursday last: "JOHN F. SANDERSON, Esq., a member of the Towanda School board, visited the Wellsboro High School last Friday, and expressed himself as highly pleased with what he saw during his hasty tour of observation.... Mr. GEO. HILL, an old and respected resident of Burlington, Bradford county, has been spending a few days in town. At the ripe age of seventy-three he does not appear more than fifty. The principal recreation of his declining years is angling, at which he is an expert. .... Mr. GEO. ESTELL, Jr., clerk in the Prothonotary's office at Towanda, made the floor of the *Gazette* office creak on Tuesday. His avoirdupois is only 258 pounds. BOB AUSTIN, whose place of business is underneath, thought one of our "sitting elephants" had broken loose. A subpœna *duces tecum* brought Mr. Estell and his grip sack to Wellsboro. .... Col. J. F. MEANS, a life-long Democrat and prominent citizen of Towanda, made a pleasant call at the *Gazette* office on Monday. The Colonel met with an accident at Lawrenceville last Friday evening, which has lamed him considerable but we trust not seriously. He attempted to board the Wellsboro train after it had started, but was unable to maintain his hold and was thrown to one side of the track, striking heavily upon his side. He returned to Towanda on Tuesday."

STOUT HEARTS.

On Monday evening, March 28th, the fourth lecture in the Institute course was delivered by Dr. E. D. Payne. The Oratory was filled, and the closest attention was given by all throughout the hour occupied by the lecturer. After a solo by Mr. W. S. Mace, relating to "Knights of Old," the lecturer began. The subject chosen was "Stout Hearts." This topic is to be considered, said the speaker, mainly with reference to the younger portion of the audience. They soon come to recognize their position in life as moral and responsible beings. Few people reach maturity without having also fixed upon some real object for life's endeavors. Our ideas run in different channels, and thus result in a variety of ends desired. There are distinct periods of study. In early years our reading is confined to what is generally entertaining, as novels, poetry and history. After attaining thirty years, we turn to philosophical works, as metaphysics and critical essays. After the fortieth year few men outside of the professions do much general reading. Many still follow their favorite authors, but will make no experiments in literature. People begin work before the age of forty years, yet not, as a rule, steady work. To be sure there are exceptions. Edison, ten years ago a tramp, now at thirty-four stands in the front rank of successful scientists. At the same age, Bonaparte was the greatest general in Europe, and Southey had established an undying reputation. Ten years younger still, Pitt became premier of England. Then there are prodigies, outside of and in a manner above geniuses. But these are unreliable. They ever hide a tendency to insanity, which too often bursts the outer brilliant covering to leave for all the future only wasted and ruined energies. Genius is always true to itself. Practical talent is true to itself, sure to do its work in the given time. All of us are not destined to be literary men and women. There are different pursuits, and circumstances have much to do in directing our choice. In some instances genius is unappreciated and motives are misconstrued. Former friends desert us. With others the experience is reversed. In either condition a *stout heart* is needed. Some one may ask what is meant by a stout heart. Accurately speaking, it is an organ in the chest with which are connected and upon which depend all the other members of the body. The man with a physically stout heart outstrips all others. Without doubt there are exceptions. Alexander H. Stephens, Vice-President of the late Confederacy, was always an invalid. John J. Walker and John Randolph, once a controlling power in our government, were physically weak. Senator Mahone, now so prominent, never weighed 100 pounds. Oliver P. Morton was for many years a paralytic. Channing, the great Unitarian divine, was of delicate health. Rufus Choate, some time before his death, said that he had exhausted his constitution and was then living on the by-laws. Suwaroff, the Russian commander, who never lost a battle, was small though vigorous. Yet it is the rule that the vigorous man reaps the rewards of life. This was illustrated in our late war. Farragut "lashed to the mast top of the Hartford," as our seamen contended for hours with the forts in Mobile bay, was doing the act of a strong man. Admiral Porter was once able to lift an inch iron bar about his neck. After the Wilderness fight Grant, in speaking with a reporter, pertinacity, which could have only come from physical strength, ordered an advance, when other generals would have turned in retreat. Stout hearts mean also a strong and enduring purpose. Florence Nightingale bearing aid to the soldiers of the Crimea, William of Orange contesting with Alva and John of Austria, Martin Luther refusing to recant, Cranmer dying at the stake, the Huguenots persecuted but unyielding, Washington at Valley Forge, Tycho Brahe, Christopher Columbus and Henry Clay, who would rather be right than President, are all illustrations of this definition of stout hearts. This purpose must be one which sees an end worthy of the price to be paid. Such a purpose was in the hearts of the "Light Brigade," when on the field of Inkermann, they rode forth to that charge which Tennyson has made immortal. The heroes and martyrs of all ages have felt the same inspiration. Galileo and Tycho Brahe each suffered that knowledge might be widened. The privations of the Pilgrim Fathers gained for us religious liberty. A million lives offered on the country's altar barely sufficed for the restoration of the Republic. Each of these is the gift of stout hearts. To-day, in Africa, the Boers, by native hardihood, successfully resist the might of Great Britain. It was a stout heart that nerved Socrates, the greatest and noblest of pagan teachers. Stout hearts bore the arms of Rome to British soil. Livingstone threading the jungles of Central Africa, Kane and Sir John Franklin wresting from the icy northland its secrets, Farragut defying the batteries of Mobile and New Orleans, the lines of Union blue at Gettysburg unmoved by that fire which plowed Cemetery Hill in furrows, were all sustained by stout hearts. In other ways also are stout hearts manifested. They are shown in the silent grief of the father and mother bereft of their child, and in the labors of the poor student, unended when the clock strikes the midnight hour. Stout hearts win fair ladies. The anecdote of Lord Leicester and Queen Elizabeth is a case in point. Upon a window pane he traced the words, "Fain would I climb but that I fear to fall." Some time after he found this answer, written below, "If thou dost fear, climb not at all." Stout moral hearts are also needed. We have examples in Pope Pius VII before Napoleon, Richelieu, Richard, the Lion-Hearted, and the Maid of Orleans. The combination of physical and moral strength gives grand results. Charles XII, of Sweden, Napoleon, Grant and John Knox united these qualities in greater or less degree. But we are not confined to "blood and iron," to the fields of law and theology, in our search for such characters. We have Robert Fulton, John Stephenson and Joseph Henry, a few names from many. Their claim to greatness is enduring. Great men are often held in slight estimation by their contemporaries. John B. Gough tells how, when the first engine was placed upon the track, a member of the British Parliament said the railroad might do for amusement but that it could never compete practically with the canal. The Jersey longshoreman, on viewing a steamer, was of the opinion that his sloop, in point of speed and safety, was far superior. Stout hearts are required in all the walks of life. The most of us must work for what we gain. The workers have most real enjoyment. Time and hard labor are necessary for success in any business. Seven years must pass before the chemist works remuneratively. For five years the minister, lawyer and physician are comparatively unsuccessful. Middle life is reached before much reward is obtained. Stout hearts help to curb impatience. Remember the fable of the hare and the tortoise. The whole field is spread before us. The world is our oyster and the enjoyment of our meal depends much upon the mode of opening it. Now there is a great rush to the learned professions. Lofty examples of professional success are ever beckoning. Failure is unknown. Young men imagine themselves orators and statesmen in embryo. You must find out the field for which you are best fitted. If genius has designed you to be a Webster, she will call you from obscurity. Holmes says that good thought and scholarship are three removes from the soil. This is simply his opinion, and carries with it no irrefutable element of proof. We must return to the soil. Study political economy and find in what consists the true wealth of nations. The land must be the ruling interest. The weak ones, the "fools of the family," should not be chosen for professional careers. Great labor is here required. Men of great culture are to be met and the novice must be competent. It is generally recognized that, even in the professions, one must pursue a specialty. This is so in literature, arts and sciences. New subjects for study are constantly appearing. Here a little learning is a dangerous thing. Theologians hold to the book; scientists, to nature. All are working from different standpoints and thus are apt to produce confusion. If ourselves able to judge, we must not accept the dictum of others. Presumption is always in favor of a long established opinion. Credulity and incredulity are both objectionable. Scientific men move slowly, stick to certain lines of thought and are incredulous. Incredulity is the necessary forerunner of credulity. If we were told that apples and grapes grew together on a certain tree, we would be incredulous and would require the strongest evidence to overcome the contrary presumption. When told that thought is burnt phosphorus, we may require the proof that the burning of phosphorus is necessary to thought. Thought may be defined as "an effort of the mind." This definition was formerly given to mind, "The soul of man educated to the purposes of life." Then, as a consequence, we must elevate the brute to the level of man or else ourselves descend to the brute's level. Mortality and immortality must be conditioned upon some differences of faculties in man and brute. Many things are beyond our conception. The Biblical account of the sun standing still above Mt. Gibeon at the command of Joshua seems inexplicable and hence incredible; yet this will doubtless receive an explanation agreeable to reason, as have the six days of creation. The young are the future citizens of this land—the heirs, yet heirs of an entailed estate. The law of change forces youth to manhood and womanhood. The future becomes the present and thus is ours. We cannot remain placid, would we reach honor. We have a field of labor and pressing duties. Our land is free, and it rests with us to guard its freedom. Where the population is great the danger is equally great. Carlyle once attributed our national prosperity to the fact that we have so much land and few people. This condition is rapidly changing. Corporations spring up, absorb great wealth, and what is to be the result? They influence and often determine elections. Now they are a great good. In the future, unless watchfully restrained, they may be an unmitigated evil. The national banks are a great blessing, since they furnish a safe, convenient and self-adjustable currency. They have also had great power. The veto of the funding bill was attributed to their well-known opposition. Banks, railroads and telegraphs have been the stepping stones to great fortunes. Hence the tendency is to extravagance and luxury. History teaches that firm foundations of a nation are laid in poverty, then weaker ones in luxury, then in swift succession follow corruption, anarchy and ruin. Men in high places must be held to a strict account. The purity of elections must be preserved. The education of the masses will prove a bar to many national evils. The common schools should be carefully fostered. Every state might be a university embodying all the schools, a university *of* the state, not *in* the state. The percentage of highly educated people in New England is wonderfully large. This is a land of religious liberty. There is no state religion. That is not a benefit but an injury, as the annals of many nations bear testimony. This liberty of conscience must be guarded. We are the stewards of Him who gives all things. It is for us to help those in poverty, in ignorance, in political shackles and in the bonds of heathenism. To this effect we need stout hearts. We must be true to duty and to self in everything. "Flowery beds of ease" induce nothing of good. We may wish to be popular, but no battles are fought thus. Not working from another's stand point, but possessing and guided by a distinct personality, will we be able to win life's victories.

G. W. K.

Local Correspondence.

TERRYTOWN.

George H. Strong and J. D. Miller received the mail route from Wyalusing to Monroe.

A Mr. Brown, from Golden Hill, received the mail route from Towanda to Mehoopany. Mr. Brown will remove his family to Terrytown, this being about the centre of his route.

Mrs. John D. Hellmers, who has been visiting her friends and parents in this place for some time, has again returned to her home in Oil City.

J. Wilson Gould, a successful teacher, is said to have abandoned teaching and taken up the study of law in Tunkhannock. We wish Will success in his new undertaking.

Francis Viall has his saw mill in running order again, and everyone who has logs there are anxious to have them sawed out. E. H. Capwell and Jacob Kinne are the sawyers.

Benjamin Baily was badly hurt while working near the circular saw in Viall's mill, last week.

Elmer Viall has moved on his farm which he lately purchased. Mr. Viall was formerly a resident of Tioga County.

J. A. Biener, Jr., A. W. Bailett and John Layman, our Township Auditors, were busily engaged auditing the various Township Accounts for several days, and by their report we see that the expenses for keeping the poor from April 12, 1880, to March 14, 1881, were $496.40, and the township has paid over $300.00 on its debt, and that there remains only a debt yet to be paid of $284.40, which will be paid the present year.

Mrs. E. H. Capwell is on the sick list at present. That she may speedily recover is the wish of her many friends.

Since my last correspondence the reaper death has been visiting our community again, and taking away a child of Mr. John Elliot, and one child of Jerry Hoover.

John Williams contemplates building a house on the lot which he purchased recently of Benjamin Baily.

John Preston thinks of building a fine dwelling house this spring.

James Mapes is agent for the book entitled "Digging Among the Rockies," published by Hubbard Brothers, Philadelphia, whereof our neighbor and friend, George Thomas Ingham, of Sugar Run, is the author. It is an interesting work, and finds ready sale.

Messrs. Smith Brothers are leaving Wells Ferry in April, and John Mann is to be their successor. We are sorry to see Jacob and Jefferson leave, and hope that their successor may prove as satisfactory as they have.

We are informed that Frank Wells, from Sullivan County, has moved back to Terrytown where he has been a resident before he went to Sullivan County.

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LEROY.

The Road Commissioners pay $54.50 for repairs on the bridge across the Towanda Creek at Kelley's.

Charles Minard has rented his farm to M. S. Morse, and gone to Canton with his son-in-law, Charles Shipman. McKean Lilley also moves on to his farm on the south side of Towanda creek this week.

At the last meeting of the LeRoy Literary Society, Elder E. Welles was elected President for six months; H. W. McCraney, Vice President; L. A. Wooster, Secretary; Francis Knapp, Treasurer.

Among the latest arrivals is a daughter to Elder C. E. Wells and a son to Walter Harris.

LeRoy township is out of debt, and has over $400 in the Treasury.

C. E. Wells has been elected Superintendent, and Albert Holcomb Secretary of the Disciple Sunday School for the coming year.

Drunkenness is on the increase. But what of it! Do you suppose the courts can keep the peace when cider, lager and alcohol are placed within the arena of two-legged casks? If School Directors, Overseers of the Poor, Justices of the Peace, Election Officers, Treasurers, Auditors, Postmasters, Physicians and members of Christian Churches ask for license to sell ale, lager, etc., who shall rise up and say aught against drunkenness?

S. D. Hoagland has made arrangements to act as clerk in one of our village stores.

On Saturday evening last, C. R. Stone was elected as N. G., M. A. Holcomb, V. G., L. A. Wooster, Secretary, F. R. Hickok, Assistant Secretary, and H. W. Hoagland Treasurer, of LeRoy, Lodge, I. O. O. F., for the current term.

C. A. Kelley has retired from the mercantile business, and a new firm takes his place.

R. D. Bailey has sold his shoemaker tools, and expects to occupy his full time on his farm.

Casius D. Holcomb has taken up a residence near Mansfield, where he intends to engage in the butter business.

ULSTER.

News in and around our village are somewhat scarce, but will strive to note down a few "happenings."

In our last communication we made a mistake in saying Mr. A. Brown had sold his house and lot to G. B. Bartholomew, for Henry Allen is the lucky purchaser.

Mr. K. Smith cut his hand very badly a few days since; it is doing finely and in a short time he will be able to resume work.

We understand that John C. Mather and J. McQueen, Jr., are intending to start for Michigan, next Monday. Success to you, boys; may your adventure in this direction be both pleasant and lucrative.

L. H. Shaw intends to move to Sayre, where he has employment in the Pa. & N. Y. car shops, commencing April 1st.

J. Schoonmaker, wife and daughter, of Steuben county, N. Y., made I. R. Schoonmaker a short visit last week.

Mrs. G. B. Bartholomew has been attending her mother at Bloods Station, N. Y., who has been sick for a long time, but who is now at rest from the cares and sickness of this world.

Chas. M. Olmstead has just added some "full-blooded dairy Durham" stock to his already fine dairy.

The measles epidemic is abating somewhat; but several are now sick with them, Mr. A. Watkins being among the number.

The sociable was held at M. A. Forrest's last Thursday evening, there was a large attendance and all went away feeling that the host and hostess well know how to cater to the wants of a "hungry multitude." The next one will be held at the parsonage, where plenty of Maple Sugar will be served in various styles.

The new choir in the M. E. Church seems to be now fully established. The following are the members at present: Mrs. C. E. Ferguson, Mrs. J. C. B. Moyer, Mrs. I. R. Schoonmaker, Mrs. A. Carpenter, Miss Mary McCarty, Miss Addie Morley, and Messrs. Moyer, Shaw and Schoonmaker.

Freddie Wheeler, son of M. B. and Mahalia Wheeler, died of scarlet fever, March 19th, aged 17 years, 2 months, and 23 days. "God has called him home, and soon we all must die; oh what a blessed thought that we may meet him bye and bye."

Several changes in residences will be made the 1st of April; will post you as soon as practicable.

SMITHFIELD.

EDITOR REPORTER;—Thus far "lion" has predominated as to the weather. And to-day (Saturday) he roars with a vengeance.

A large number of our young men, and a few old ones, intend to start for Dakota, next Monday, March 28th. The number is said to be about twenty-five. Two entire families are included in the number. Mr. Selden Tracy's and Mr. Edgar Wood's. Nearly all of these persons have been employed by an extensive land owner, of the Red River Valley, Dakota. Some of these gentlemen have long been influential business men of Smithfield. Among these we would mention the names of A. R. Dutton, Selden Tracy, O. E. Wilcox and E. G. Durfey. While we shall miss them, we wish them success.

With us the weather is not the leading topic of the day at present. But instead, as friends meet, their conversation is about as follows: "Have you had 'em? Haven't you been exposed? Did they come out?" "et cetera et cetera." It seems as though nearly every one is having, has had, or expects to have the *measles*. And in some cases they are unusually severe.

James Phillips and J. L. Vincent are each petitioning for the post office of this place.

Preparations are being made for starting operations at the cheese factory for the coming season.

Sugar makers have been somewhat busy during the last few days. Mr. Sumner Marvin is said to have made nearly one-half ton of that article.

Mr. Augustus Phelps has the material nearly all on the ground for his new dwelling house, which is to be nearly opposite the school building.

We see in your last issue that Troy has an indebtedness of $131.47, and $685.96 in the treasury. Smithfield can beat that, for she has $1,250.12 in the hands of the Collector, with only $3.66 in outstanding orders. Y.

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HON. LYMAN TRUMAN.

The Hon. LYMAN TRUMAN died at his residence in Owego, on Thursday morning of last week in his 76th year. Mr. TRUMAN was for many years the leading and most successful business man of Owego, acquiring a large property. In 1857 he was elected State Senator of the district composed of the counties of Broome, Tompkins and Tioga. This district he ably and satisfactorily represented three terms—six years. In 1860 he represented his county in the Assembly, and there, as in the Senate, stood among the most influential representatives. For the past few years a nervous disorder, the result of severe mental labor, gradually and finally seriously affected him, mentally and intellectually. He gradually withdrew from active employment, leaving his vast and varied accumulations in charge of others. The Owego *Times* says of him: "A great man has passed away—one who has left his impress for good on his native county and State. When the village of Owego was destroyed in 1849, Mr. TRUMAN gave form and infused energy into the citizens, so that building was commenced, and the Ahwaga House and the brick stores on Front street soon rose out of the general ruins. Though partially withdrawn for some years from active life, his death will leave a void not easily filled. He leaves a wife, three daughters, and many brothers and sisters and their families and friends to mourn his loss."

A PARTING SUPPER.

On Friday evening Rome was the scene of a very pleasant occasion, and yet a sad one. Several of the "boys" of Stephens Post have been called by their various avocations to different parts of our land. Their comrades in due appreciation of their true brotherhood and companionship, gave an excellent supper at the Academy as a token of the lasting and sympathetic ties that bind them. During the earlier part of the evening a season of mirth was enjoyed by all; and not until the copious table had been done ample justice to, which had been neatly and systematically arranged by the wives of the Post "boys," did the sadder part begin. Then the time was taken up with patriotic songs, declamations, recitations and speeches, which brought back reminiscences of "olden times," and caused tears to trickle down the hardy cheek. The speeches by Comrades James Forbes, C. Stewart, A. Babcock and B. G. Wilmot, were sympathetic and full of soldierly love. Messrs. John and Henry Forbes were somewhat overcome, but responded in a way that showed they had the hearts of true soldiers. Mr. C. H. Stephens, being overcome by the sad thought of being probably forever separated from his friends, was unable to respond. Appropriate remarks were also made by R