Bradford Reporter.

Towanda, Pa., March 23, 1882.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

My Wife.

Monday evening next.

Tickets for sale at Kirby's.

GOING to move?

ONE week from to-morrow is the last day of March.

THE Owego *Blade* is now an eight-page paper and well-edited.

CANTON talks of celebrating the Fourth of July by having a horse-race.

IT is rumored that a semi-weekly paper is soon to be started at Waverly.

Considerable matter prepared for this issue is unavoidably crowded out.

HAZEL KIRKE, Friday and Saturday evening, March 31st and April 1st.

THE last date fixed for the general wind up of this terrestrial globe, is 1886.

VENNOR has predicted a heavy storm for this week—with wind, snow and rain.

SEVERAL Alderney cows, sold at public sale by Mr. Mosier, of Milan, brought $64 each.

WILKESBARRE is talked of as the place to hold the next Democratic State Convention.

OUR merchants have been cleaning and fixing up their windows in an attractive manner.

A LIVE wild deer appeared for a short time on the streets of East Canton, one day last week.

THE Canton *Sentinel* claims a circulation of 900 copies. It deserves even a larger circulation.

PERSONS having claims against Troy Borough, have been requested to present them for settlement.

WE shall soon have twelve hours of sun when we may expect the equinoctial storm for a few days.

COMPANY A, of this place, has a surplus of $800 in its treasury. The boys ought to start a newspaper.

JUDGING from present weather, no doubt the robins and blue birds think themselves a trifle previous.

PERKINS Post, G. A. R., of Athens, are perfecting arrangements to visit Stevens Post, of Rome, at an early date.

THE citizens of North Towanda are in favor of the opening of a street from Packer Avenue to James street.

IF you know anything of local interest don't be afraid to stop us on the street and inform us of the fact.

THE Germania Band favored our citizens with some excellent music in front of Mercur Hall, on Friday evening.

A "GUILD" has been formed by the ladies of Christ Church, of this place. Mrs. W. M. Mallory is its president.

FRANK RUTTY, son of George Rutty, of Sayre, broke his arm and dislocated his elbow, by a fall, one day recently.

IT is reported that Thomas Smull has purchased his brother's interest in the Athens tannery, and is now sole owner.

CHARLIE HINTON, of the Athens *Gazette*, says he trimmed the last row of his grape vines two weeks ago. 'Tis well.

IT is said that experiments with amber cane are likely to be quite numerous along the Susquehanna Valley the coming season.

THE Tunkhannock *Standard* says that a number of the young ladies of that village eat arsenic to beautify their complexions.

THE celebrated Crandall toy factory at Montrose has received orders to the amount of $25,000 since the first of January.

A LARGE number of farmers were in town Saturday inspecting farming implements preparatory to beginning spring work.

THERE is to be a grand hop at Mercur Hall, on or about the evening of April 14th, under the auspices of Germania Band.

PERKINS Post Band, of Athens, are soon to don a new uniform, and blow sweet notes from a new set of instruments.

THE young people of the Baptist Church have organized a Mite Society. Its meetings will be held on Friday evenings.

HUGH CRAWFORD has a mulay saw mill on Armenia which is good for 4,000 feet of lumber each day and is in active work all the time.

WILLIAM STROUP of North Towanda, had a couple of fingers cut off by a saw a few days ago, while engaged in making shingles.

THE Presbyterian Mite Society will meet this (Wednesday) evening at the rooms of Mrs. L. M. Osburne, in the Vance House.

IF there is anything worse than striking a man when he is down, it is adding "Don't you forget it," to a postal saying "Stop my paper."

C. W. CANFIELD, of Athens, last week received an order from Macon, Georgia, for a trio of his celebrated Essex pigs to be shipped June 1st.

THE citizens of Wyoming County have instituted active measures looking to the erection of a monument to her sons who fell in the Rebellion.

THE Annual Prize Contest of the Susquehanna Collegiate Institute will occur on Monday, April 3d, in Mercur Hall. As last year it will be free.

GEO. MOLYNIX, the prisoner that broke out of the Sullivan County jail recently was captured last week, and conveyed to the penitentiary by Sheriff Deegan.

MR. GEORGE H. DERBY, of Wellsboro, has engaged to play in the Detroit baseball club this season at a salary of $1,600 for six months, beginning April 1st.

ON Saturday next, March 25, John Gibbs and James Cameron, miners at Cohoes Run, will run a half mile foot race, at Canton for a purse of $20.

IT is rumored that Mrs. John Harding, of North Towanda, has recently fallen heir to property in the Oil regions, valued at several thousands of dollars.

THE Enterprise Manufacturing Company, of Troy, recently received an order from the Northern Central Railway for thirty-five tons of bridge castings.

A NEW comet has been discovered with a tail five minutes long.—*Ex.* Same length of a cow's; just long enough to switch in a man's face till milking is over.

THE family of J. W. Bishop, of Sayre, came near being suffocated one night recently, by gas that escaped from the heater in the basement of their residence.

HI HENRY'S Minstrels drew one of the largest audiences ever in Mercur Hall, on Monday evening. The receipts were over $385. The entertainment gave good satisfaction.

JOHN PETERSON, of Athens, is going to purchase a new wagon. His team ran away with the old one last week. The tires from the wheels came whole from the wreck.

MESSRS. BOSWORTH & MERRILL, of Green's Landing, completed the job of sorting their last year's crop of tobacco last week. It is a fine lot, and will weigh about five tons.

IT is rumored that the Elmira *Free Press* and the *Gazette* of the same city, are soon to be consolidated. It also rumored that the *Advertiser* will soon change its editorial force.

"HE thinks he's somebody, don't he?" remarked a critic from the country as one of our attorneys was walking down the street in his usual straight and dignified manner, on Monday.

THE meetings at the Baptist Church, Troy, under the conduct of Rev. W. H. Hurlburt, continue with increasing interest. At the close of last week there were 12 conversions reported.

DURING the "snow squall," about eight o'clock Saturday evening, there were several bright flashes of lightning visible in the Western heavens, which were followed by thunder.

MAJOR SEELEY, of the European House, was presented recently by a friend with a fifty dollar gold piece coined at the San Francisco Mint thirty years ago. The piece is valued at $75.

IT is rumored that Professor L'Amoreaux is to give a reception and grand finale to his pupils in this place, Athens and Waverly, at the Opera House, Waverly, about the middle of April.

H. E. LANDOS, has bought an interest in the carriage making business of his father, at East Canton, and the business will in future be conducted under the firm name of W. Landon & Son.

ONE day recently a horse belonging to Wm. Lawrence, of East Canton, kicked another of his horses and broke its leg, and the injured animal was afterward killed to put it out of its misery.

THE question of extending the narrow guage railroad, running from Tunkhannock to Montrose, northward to Great Bend, is now being agitated, and it is thought the extension will be built.

THE ladies of the M. E. Church, Sayre, gave a maple sugar festival at the Church parlors on Wednesday evening of last week. The net proceeds were a very enjoyable evening and about $35 in cash.

STRAWBERRIES have made their appearance in the Elmira market. The editors and bankers of that city have strawberry short cake at each eventide meal. The berries retail at $11.37½ per dozen.

THE Ladies of the Church of the Messiah (Universalist), will hold a Social in the lecture rooms of the Church, on Tuesday evening, March 28th. A pleasant time is anticipated. All are invited to be present.

ROBERT SMITH, a miner at Carbon Run, near Barclay, was quite severely injured by a fall of roof when he was at work, one day last week. His injuries will prevent his running his work for several weeks.

A CROP that will have early prominence this season will be the potato crop, it having come to be considered that early planted potatoes produce the best. There is difference of opinion in regard to their keeping qualities.

THE very best material with which to make lamp lighters is a postal card. Cut it lengthwise into strips one sixteenth of an inch wide. They burn readily, do not give off sparks, and leave scarcely a trace of ashes.

JUDSON MCAFEE, of Athens, is preparing about five acres for a market garden this season. He has many plants wintered in cold frames, and others now in hotbeds. He will find a ready market in Athens and Sayre.

A COLORED woman was put in the lock-up Wednesday of last week, who was laboring under a "spiritual inspiration" to break things. The inspiration was drawn from a bottle. The woman was drawn to the lock-up in a hack.

CHURCH of the Messiah (Universalist), Rev. William Taylor, Pastor. At 10½ A. M., Last of the Course on Genesis; Subject, "The Serpent in the Garden and the Fall of Man." At seven o'clock P. M., "The Physician of Souls."

AN exchange says that there are individuals in every town who will have nothing to do with anything they can't boss. We know fellows in this town who can't boss anything except the thing they have nothing to do with.

THE ladies of the Baptist Church, Waverly, are making arrangements for the holding of a grand fair and festival early in April. The ladies of the Baptist Church, at Waverly, always make a success of anything they engage in.

THE Athens *Gazette* says that from the milk of a heifer twenty-one months old Mrs. S. Leonard, of that place, last week made four pounds and three ounces of butter, after reserving two and one-half quarts of milk each day for other purposes.

A SPECIAL train will be run on the Barclay and on the State Line and Sullivan Road, on Saturday evening, April 1st, to accommodate those living along the line of those roads who desire to witness the production of Hazel Kirke, at Mercur Hall, in this place.

WE would call special attention to the advertisement in this issue of Geo. A. Stone, the well-known nurseryman, of Rochester, N. Y., who is in want of a few more salesmen to sell his now famous Pocklington Grape, and other new specialties in nursery stock.

IT is currently reported that an unhung villain has been circulating obscene cards and literature among the young school girls of this place. Tar, applied quite hot, with a liberal supply of feathers, afterward, is about the "proper caper" for rascals of the above sort.

IT is reported that the residents of Athens are excited over the prospect of extensive rolling mills being built. Rumor says land has already been purchased for this object.

JAMES JEEDER, a colored man of this place, who became insane, and was taken to the County House, a few weeks ago, died there on Saturday evening last. His remains were brought to this place and interred on Tuesday. He was about 32 years of age.

A CORRESPONDENT says Hinton is making preparations to torpedo his oil wells, but thinks he has not yet reached a proper depth. It is the opinion of fellows up that way that his success lies in attending to his celery and the agricultural columns of the *Gazette*.

THE friends of Rowen Muhn, a citizen of Litchfield, were extending congratulations to him in Athens the other day. Rowen had four fine daughters, but nary a voter in his family, and the congratulations appeared to be upon the change in representation.

MR. HORTON TAYLOR, of Pike, has sold his farm to Mr. S. H. Huber, and has bought Mr. Thomas Gastside's farm near this borough—the two former will move on their respective farms April 1st, and the latter goes to Hornellsville to reside. —*LeRaysville Advertiser.*

THE offer of a reward of $25 for the capture of two prisoners, who recently made their escape from the Tunkhannock jail, leads the Athens *Gazette* to remark that "It beats all how rekless these Tunkhannock fellows are with their money since they have struck oil."

ED. REMSNYDER who was confined in jail at Laporte on a charge of highway robbery, was taken to Towanda by Sheriff Deegan, on Saturday and placed in the jail at that place, as our jail is only intended for those prisoners who are willing to stay.—*Dushore Review.*

N. C. ELSBREE has a small Jersey cow from which his daughter has recently been making twelve pounds of butter per week. Who beats the record? He also has one of the largest cows in the vicinity, a short horn Durham weighing 1425 lbs. which is a pretty good weight for an ox.

THE April number of the *Popular Science Monthly* has a large number of valuable articles, among them one on Chinese Immigration, by Lansing, with others of equal interest by Professor Goldwin Smith, Professor Louis Pasteur, Benjamin Vaughan Abbott and others of wide reputation.

EDWARD BRITTON, formerly a resident of this place, who became insane and has been confined in the insane department of the County House for some weeks past, made his escape one day last week, and returned to this village. He was found wandering aimlessly about the streets, and again conveyed to Burlington.

THE Owego *Blade* says "two rafts went down the river on Sunday morning." How little that sounds compared with what it might have said thirty years ago: "250 rafts went down the river this morning. But then the lumber is pretty much gone, and the railroads can beat the Susquehanna out of sight.—*Waverly Advocate.*

THE Waverly *Free Press* of Saturday last says that two freight cars standing on the long switch east of that station, on the Erie, were broken open Monday previous and three rolls of striped cotton goods taken. One car contained cotton batting and the other general merchandise. No clue of the thieves as yet.

FRIDAY morning last, about two o'clock, says the LeRaysville *Advertiser* of last week, several of our citizens heard a terrible report, followed by a rumbling sound, which made everything tremble for nearly ten seconds. The noise was loud and of a heavy sound, like that of an earthquake or mine explosion. Some were very much excited from the shock.

SAYS the LeRaysville *Advertiser* of last week: "The American Hotel, at Towanda, is now conducted by Mr. A. W. Dimock, who not only knows how to run a hotel, but to please all who stops with him. The table fare is excellent, and the beds are all neat and clean. The house is located at the end of the bridge, Towanda side, and has good stables attached."

THE citizens of Binghamton are agitating the question of so altering their city charter as to elect their Mayor each year, and pay him a salary. Under the contemplated change, Aldermen will likewise receive a salary and hold office for two years. Binghamton has evidently become a very rich city, with a perpetual right in twelve or fifteen dozen gold mines.

THE LeRaysville *Advertiser* gives the stage between that place and Laceyville the following "send off." "No doubt the owner of the stage is highly pleased with the notice: "Have you seen Doan's sleeping coach which he is about running upon the road from LeRaysville to Laceyville. It is one of the relics of Noah's ark, and will ride like a chip upon the water."

ANOTHER disease is again threatening the horses. The disease is called "thrush." It makes itself known by an eruption on the skin immediately above the hoofs, and in time, if not attended to, the hoofs soften and drop off. Those horses are most liable which are overworked or have just recovered from the pink-eye. The disease is not contagious, except by direct contact.

MONTROSE boasts of a citizen, Esquire Watrous, who weighs 265 pounds. Susquehanna is ahead, as usual. Ex-Burgess Dolan, of this place, weighs 313 pounds. —*Susquehanna Gazette.* Infants, gentlemen. Nothing but infants. Why Major Seeley, proprietor of the European House, this place, considers himself quite lean when he does not tip the beam at over four hundred.

SAYS the Athens correspondent of the Elmira *Gazette*, writing under date of the 15th: "Frank Doane, of Milan, was brought before Esquire Williston, last evening, charged with appropriating a sum of money found by him to his own use, belonging to Floyd Kinner of that place. After a hearing he was held to bail for his appearance at May term of court, at Towanda. His grandfather, Reuben Doane, became his bondsman. There is a great diversity of opinion as to the guilt or innocence of Doane."

VILLAGE lots in Sayre, 50 by 150 feet, are now selling at $500 each. We can remember the time—and it is not very long ago—when five hundred dollars would have purchased ten acres of ground in what is now the very centre of the "City of the Plains."—REPORTER. The latter statement we don't believe. You ain't old enough.—*Athens Gazette.* Charles, our memory runneth back over a period of "nigh onto forty years."

HERE is more trouble for the cross-the-bridge-before-you-get-to-it people: The summer of 1816, the year that New England farmers called "eighteen hundred and starve to death," is said to have been preceded by just such a winter as we have been having. It was a summer only in name, for nothing seemed to grow.

THE work of getting subscribers to the life membership of the Troy Farmers' Club seems to be progressing finely. Already, Israel A. Pierce, who took such an interest in the founding of the Club and who has been circulating the subscription has secured fifty subscribers. The fund thus raised will be used to purchase the ground on which the exhibitions of the society are now held, the amount to be paid being $1,500.—*Troy Gazette.*

THE opponents of vaccination can find food for reflection, and those who have suffered temporary inconvenience from the operation can find comfort, in the statistics which the physicians of Riverside Hospital have collected for the month of January. There were 166 cases of small-pox there, and 48 deaths occurred. Of those who died, only one had been vaccinated, 44 had not been, and concerning three no history could be obtained. Of those who recovered, 83 were known to be vaccinated.—*Tribune.*

EASTER day fell on April 9, 1871. It will not however, fall on this day again after the present year till 1944: then again in 1950, 2023, 2034, 2045, &c. In 1886 it will fall on April 25, its latest possible date. It will be the first time it has occurred since the introduction of the new style in 1752. It will then not occur again on April 25 until after an interval of 57 years, or in 1943; and then not again for one hundred and sixty-three years.

MR. H. S. GRAVES, a clerk in the store of Stevens & Long, while assisting in hoisting bags of grain to the third story of their store building, by means of a pulley rope, accidentally fell from the open door way of the second story to the side-walk beneath, striking on his head and shoulders. Fortunately he alighted on several bags of grain that were piled on the walk which undoubtedly prevented his being instantly killed. He was quite badly bruised about the face, and one shoulder, but it is not thought that he received any serious injury.

MR. A. M. WATTLES, of Rome, died Tuesday morning and will be buried on Thursday at one o'clock. The Masons will bury him according to the rites of the order. Mr. Wattles was a man about sixty years of age and was strong and healthy until his accident on last Friday. He was rolling logs and in some way he was caught by a log that rolled back and struck him on the neck doubling his head down on his breast, and causing paralysis of the body and limbs. From the time when he was hurt he gradually grew worse until Tuesday when he died.

THE following letter explains itself:

NEW YORK, March 16th, 1882.

MY DEAR SIR:—Your favor of March 17th is at hand and contents duly noted.

I am very glad that you have written to me as it gives an opportunity to assure you that "Hazel Kirke" party booked in your town for March 31st and April 1st is a genuine Madison Square Company, sent out under the auspices of this theater. Further this theater guarantees that the play of "Hazel Kirke" will be given in your city without cut omission, or alteration, and will be given in a manner to please your citizens.

With many thanks for your kindness in making the inquiry, I remain,

Yours very truly,
GUSTAVE FROHMAN,

TO CHARLES E. SCOTT, ESQ.,
TOWANDA, PA.,

THE viewers appointed by the Court to fix the valuation of the Susquehanna bridge at this place, are as follows: Joseph B. Smith, Henry C. Tracy, Monroe; Robert F. Redington, John A. Parsons, Troy borough; Adison C. Frisbie, James M. Coburn, Orwell. This is the only toll bridge in this county, and it is reasonable to expect that this will also be free, from the fact it is not only for the benefit of this borough, but the whole eastern part of the county whose citizens are paying their portion of taxes for the accommodation of free highway crossing for other sections, and it is no more than fair that all should be treated alike. And further, if it should remain a toll bridge it might in the near future be a serious damage to the revenue of Bradford county.—*Athens Gazette.*

THE State Prohibitory Constitutional Association is very active. It has organized County Associations in Philadelphia, with Rt. Rev. Bishop Stevens, President. In Allegheny, Rev. Whiting Burchard, President; in Beaver, Rev. A. G. Wallace, D. D., President; in Mercer, G. W. Carsdaken, President; in Venango, Hon. George B. Maloney, President; in Crawford, President Bayler, of the Allegheny College, President; in Tioga, President, Major Merrick, of Wellsboro; in Bradford, Major B. S. Dartt, of Canton, President. Judge Agnew went to Carlisle to deliver an address on the 10th, and to Harrisburg on the 11th. A County Convention was held in Lebanon on the 9th, and one is appointed for Luzerne on the 15th. Dr. Stevenson, Editor of the *Christian Statesman*, Drs. Agnew, Tiffany, Rittenhouse, Dana and others, take the platform advocating the measure. Our own Dr. E. E. Swift is invited to Philadelphia for a fornight's active service in the lecture field. The State Association has lecturers and organizers in various sections of the State. The immediate object is to influence the political parties to put in nomination for the Legislature, candidates pledged to pass the resolution necessary to submit the Prohibitory Amendment to the popular ballot.

D. L. STAN, Secretary.

Robella, March 11, 1882.

"MY WIFE."

On Monday evening next, March 27th, will be presented by the Grinnell & Billings Combination the musical and sensational drama "My Wife." During the play Mr. Billings will render his recitations which have made him a reputation everywhere and Miss Hattie and Bennie Grinnell will introduce their new and brilliant nautical melange, "Jacks farewell to Poll," "Pretty as a Picture," The "New Columbia" and the Goddess of Liberty," also their instrumental and vocal selections including the ever popular song "Der Wasserfall." Mr. Harry Hine, the Manager, promises us a first class performance, and as he has kept his word thus far with our public we wish him a full house.

ART EXHIBITION.

On Wednesday evening, March 29, there will be at "Art Exhibition" at the residence of Mr. A. J. Easterbrooks, on Main street. As the proceeds are for the benefit of the M. E. Church, an admittance fee of 10 cents will be charged. Mr. and Mrs. Easterbrooks will cordially welcome all their friends, irrespective of creeds, and will furnish them with a very enjoyable evening's entertainment.

PERSONAL.

—Miss Annie Griffiths was visiting friends in New York last week.

—Hon. Butler B. Strang of Tioga has left for his home in Dakota.

—Mrs. R. T. Marshall, who was quite ill last week, is now convalescent.

—W. W. Kingsbury is confined to the house by an attack of rheumatism.

—Hon. M. F. Elliott of Wellsboro, Pa., is in town this week on important legal business.

—Mr. J. M. Ward, of Syracuse, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. R. A. Mercur, in this place.

—Mrs. Daniel Bennett, of North Towanda, is convalescing from a severe attack of typhoid fever.

—Hon. Schuyler Colfax was among the pleasant callers at the REPORTER office, on Friday afternoon last.

—Rev. P. S. Everett, of Wellsburg, N. Y., occupied the pulpit of the Baptist Church, this place, on Thursday evening last.

—Miss Jessie Ward, of Sayre, and Miss Lottie Porter, of Philadelphia, have been guests of Mrs. E. T. Fox for several days past.

—D. R. Lathrop, formerly of this place, will engage in the hardware business at Montrose, on or about the first of next month.

—Rev. Mortimer, of Plymouth, has finally consented to serve the Disciple congregation of Canton after April 1st.—*Canton Sentinel.*

—C. M. Pratt, of this place, was one of the graduates at the recent commencement of the University of Pennsylvania. He took the degree of A. B.

—Rice Palmer, of Athens, has been selected by the County Commissioners as Superintendent of the Poor House, and will assume charge on the 1st of April.

—Says the Athens correspondent of the Elmira *Gazette*: "John Roiley, foreman for Fitch & Kinney, has moved his family from Towanda, and will occupy the Mattison house on Harris street.

—It is rumored that Mr. F. P. Vincent, who has had charge of Carroll's clothing store in this place for several years, will remove to Towanda next month to take charge of a store in that place for Mr. Carroll.—*Dushore Review.*

—L. J. Culver having purchased an interest in the George Gore farm, Sheshequin, has moved with his family upon the estate, which consists of 550 acres of land, several hundred of which are heavily timbered. Mr. C. will erect a portable mill and manufacture the trees into lumber.—*Review.*

—Mrs. Dorcas Hyatt died at her residence one mile north of Waverly, Friday, March 10, 1882, aged seventy-nine years and six months. The *Advocate* says she came to that place when the country was a wilderness. She was held in high esteem by the few survivors of those early times, and by the community generally. She was a woman of marked individuality, possessed of great energy and perseverance.

—We most cordially endorse the following, which we clip from the *Review* of Friday last: "After eighteen years of faithful service as a clerk in this place, Mr. Henry Stevens has purchased from his brothers the Bishop farm in Macedonia, and will occupy it himself. The farm contains about 150 acres, under excellent cultivation and includes all the live stock, farming utensils, grain, etc., on hand, together with the ferry across the Susquehanna. For seven years Mr. Stevens was in the grocery department at Powell & Co.'s and for the past ten years he has been with Stevens & Long. He is an upright, honest man and we regret to lose him as a citizen, but almost envy him the pleasure he may enjoy as an independent tiller of the soil and unincumbered owner of one of the best farms in the county; for he owes no man anything. He is more than a novice in agricultural science having been reared on a farm, and will rank among the most intelligent, successful farmers. Mr. Stevens and his family will be missed by their large circle of friends in this village, but as their new home is not far distant, we shall not be altogether deprived of their company."

—Ex-Sheriff A. Hanson Spaulding, died at the residence of his son-in-law, John W. Mix, Esq., in this place, on Sunday last, after an extended illness, patiently and uncomplainingly borne. The funeral services were held at the residence of Mr. Mix, this Wednesday morning at 9:30, and the remains taken to Athens for interment. From the *Review* of Tuesday we clip the following brief obituary of the deceased: Mr. Spaulding was born in Athens, Aug. 27, 1816, and was consequently in his 66th year at the time of his death. During his life time Mr. Spaulding was an active, public spirited citizen. In the fall of 1860 he was elected Sheriff of the county and served with great acceptability; performing the delicate duties of the office with firmness and fidelity, combining in his duties, as in his temperament, the *suaviter in modo* with the *fortiter in re*. In the fall of 1867 he was so unfortunate as to lose his beloved wife by death—a loss from which he seemed never to fully recover. For the last three years he had been in almost constant suffering, amounting at times to excruciating agony, which was borne always with great fortitude and patience.—During all his long sickness, his chief solicitude was to save trouble to others. He had for many years been an active worker in and a trustee of the Universalist Church of Athens and he passed onward in that faith as calmly, contentedly and peacefully, as a babe going to sleep on its mother's breast. He had been an active and faithful member of the orders of Masonry and Odd Fellowship and was beloved therein. Probably no citizen of this county was more generally respected by men of all parties and faiths. His death is a public loss.

THE LECTURE.

The lecture by the Hon. Schuyler Colfax last Friday evening, was the most instructive entertainment the people of Towanda have had for a long time. The lecturer's long life among public men, and his intimate acquaintance with the Presidents whose histories he sketched, especially with President Lincoln, gave his lecture an interest and value which cannot well be estimated. His anecdotes of Lincoln were characteristic, and well illustrated the democracy, the greatness, and kindliness of the War President whom the American people loved so well. It is to be regretted that a larger audience was not out to hear the lecture, for it deserved much better patronage than it received.

C. L. S. C.

The next meeting of the C. L. S. C. will be held at the residence of Mrs. G. S. Smith, at the foot of Chestnut street, Friday evening, March 24th, at seven o'clock. The lesson of the evening will be a review of XIX Century, from chapter sixth to chapter twelfth, inclusive; also the corresponding questions and answers on XIX Century from No. 76 to No. 100 inclusive. A full attendance of members is cordially invited.

"HAZEL KIRKE."

The *Boston Herald*, in a recent review of this great play, said: "The success of the picturesque comedy-drama, 'Hazel Kirke,' proves incontestably that the public will patronize wholesome amusement, and encourage honest, artistic endeavor. The play has never ceased to elicit applause, and to moisten eyes, not customarily humid, by its humor and pathos. There is a vein of truth and good moral motive running through the drama, that makes those who go to see it feel that they have not wasted time. Men and women, age, and young people, too, are the better for an evening with 'Hazel Kirke,' and when they go home, the memory of the love, sorrow, disobedience, fidelity and over-strained principle so skillfully woven in the texture of, clings to them, and gives them food for reflection that cannot be other than fraught with good results. Would that there were more plays like 'Hazel Kirke,' for a man would gladly patronize the house to which he can take his wife and daughters, confident that besides being amused, they will be benefitted as well. No one who has seen 'Hazel Kirke' will question the statement made." This infinitely interesting play will be produced at Mercur Hall on Friday and Saturday evenings, March 31st, and April 1st, by the celebrated Madison Square Theatre Company. They carry the scenery necessary to produce the play. Every lady in the audience will be given a beautiful bronze programme. Seats may be reserved at Kirby's, Monday, March 27th.

FATAL ACCIDENT.

On Wednesday of last week, Mr. T. S. Bailey and wife, of Granville, started with a team to visit Mr. Orrin Bailey, of the same place. On reaching Mr. George Barnes' they stopped for him and his wife to go along with him. After Mrs. Barnes had entered the wagon, they required an other robe and Mr. Barnes sent a boy to the house for one. On the boy's returning from the house he shook the robe, causing the horses to get frightened and they ran towards the road, and on reaching it they turned so sharp a corner that the wagon upset, throwing both ladies out on the ground, and injured Mrs. Bailey so badly that she died in a short time. Mrs. Barnes was also quite seriously hurt but not fatally.

WYOMING'S OIL PROSPECT.

The Tunkhannock *Republican*, of Friday last, says: "On Saturday news was received here that oil had been found in large quantities at Well No. 1, at Lovelton, and in consequence oil stock went up beyond the reach of any figure, all the holders of stock having visions of being "Oil Princes" in the near future. On Sunday nearly every available rig was engaged for a trip to the oil fields and many embarked with the expectancy of seeing for the first time in their lives a flowing oil well. But on arriving at the well after their long and wearisome drive they were doomed to disappointment as not a vestige of oil was to be discovered, except the barrel of crude oil in use at the derrick. Although no oil was to be seen there was plenty of gas, more than enough to run the engine with, and the general opinion is that oil will eventually be found."

A $20.00 BIBLICAL OFFER.

The publishers of *Rutledge's Monthly* offer ten valuable rewards in their *Monthly* for April, among which is the following:

We will give $20.00 in gold to the person telling us which is the middle verse in the New Testament Scriptures by April 10th, 1882. Should two or more correct answers be received the reward will be divided. The money will be forwarded to the winner April 15th, 1882. Persons trying for the reward must send twenty cents in silver (no postage stamps taken) with their answer, for which they will receive the May *Monthly*, in the name and address of the winner of the reward, and the correct answer will be published. This may be worth $20.00 to you; cut it out. Address—RUTLEDGE PUBLISHING COMPANY, Easton, Penna.

IMPORTANT TO SCHOOL DIRECTORS.

In former years school directors assumed the duties of their office without taking an oath. The last legislature, however, changed this and passed an act requiring them to do so. The full text of the act is given as follows:

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in general assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that from and after the passage of this act all school directors, except such as shall have, on account of religious belief, conscientious scruples in regard to taking an oath or affirmation, shall take and subscribe an oath or affirmation before some person competent to administer such, that they will faithfully perform such duties under the constitution and laws of the commonwealth, and that they will not knowingly receive, directly or indirectly any money or other things of value whatsoever for the performance of any act or duty pertaining to the office of school director.

SEC. 2. No person hereafter elected school director, except such as shall sign a declaration that they have conscientious scruples in regard to taking an oath or affirmation, shall be competent to sit at the organization of the board to which he was elected, unless he produce the officer's certificate that he has taken the required oath or affirmation.

RE-CAPTURED.

A. H. McCarrick was arrested at Canton Pa., some time ago and escaped from the constable on the Northern Central train. Mr. F. H. Peck, of Canton, who was his bondsman, came here and informed the police. Officer French took considerable interest in the matter and the fugitive was finally arrested at Lapere, Michigan. Mr. Peck starts for him this morning on Erie No. five.—*Elmira Advertiser 17th.*

Local Correspondence.

SILVARA AND VICINITY.

We print by request the following account of a social gathering at Silvara:

By way of a "surprise" and as a token of their esteem, friends of J. G. Taylor, numb ring about two hundred, invited themselves to an oyster dinner at his house, in Auburn, on Tuesday, the 28th of February, 1882. The guests took with them (besides oysters) everything necessary to supply the dining-room with a well-furnished table from early dinner time until late in the evening. Springville, Auburn, Skinner's Eddy, Laceyville, Meshoppen, Silvara, Spring Hill, Pike and other places, were represented. The entertainment was pleasant and varied. The *smokers* converted a separate house into a "palace," without ladies. Not a rowdy put in an appearance. An abundant choir, with an organ, furnished music of a chaste and elevating character, impressing the sentiment, "We Shall Reap as We Sow." A. B. Sumner was elected chairman, and by a few well chosen remarks called attention to the character of this social meeting. Samuel Towksbury, by invitation, spoke briefly, and Dr. Cogswell responded to a call with a short address, a copy of which the guests voted should be furnished for publication. Rev. G. M. Chamberlain, in a brief address, adverted to the character of the audience, "in whose faces," he affirmed, could be seen "the earnest of true hearts, and manifest interest, goodness, and real worth." After prayer he invited all to join in singing "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow," and dismissed with a benediction.

DR. COGSWELL'S ADDRESS.

FRIENDS:—The casual observer and inquisitive looker-on will repeat the question, "Why this meeting, and cordial greeting of friends?" Were we to affirm that "we meet in the interest of peace and good will to all," we are as liable to be misunderstood as was the "Prince of Peace," who was put to death on the cross by those whom he sought to save. In the face of all this, I venture to affirm that the earnest of each heart here will respond to the sentiment of that angelic throng, the echo of whose voices awakened the lowly shepherds of "Judea," with the Hosanna of "*Peace among Men.*"

The history of humanity proves that *progress* is within the range of our capabilities. The evidences multiply on every hand that teach us the true relation of man to man, of man to God, and God to man.

One of the evidences of social progress is the increase in numbers of "surprising" and friendly meetings, not unlike the present. The language of all this *cordiality*, is the inner voice of the soul seeking such relationship as will satisfy its earnest desire for friendship. Ralph Waldo Emerson affirms, "Happy is the house that shelters a friend, but happier those who know the *solemnity* of the relation." A grand multitude! People all around us, as well as Mr. Emerson, have come to understand that friendship is not a *commodity*, under the guise of a sutler exchanging gifts, or loans, or holding men together by fear, by pride, by hate, by hope, by admiration, by lust, by lucre, or by any form of selfishness. Humanity is learning that true friendship has in it *no element of evil*; and that it is a simple compound of *truth and tenderness.*

"In the presence of a friend the soul is free."

We may think aloud. We may drop off all covering and dissimulation, and be permitted to speak in sincerity, because we shall be understood. Then soul with soul, sweet converse holds, and heaven smiles its benedictions. Then the Infinite with the finite, in our earth hearts here. For such friendships our hearts are longing, and to strengthen each other and attain this good we are gathered here today. There is an infinite reward in reaching this noble conception of an immortal principle. Once gained, our feeling of helplessness is relieved, and the craving for sympathy and love is satisfied, and there is room for hope even in a far off eternity. The cry of the soul is for food. It demands growth. We should love more and more. Our friendships are strengthened by exercise. By union, even through trial, through danger and difficulty, through peril. We receive discipline, and when quickened by Divine contact its destiny of immortality is sure.

But when we reflect upon *tenderness*, the other element of friendship, we cannot easily understand how so much character can be clustered in another as to draw us by love. Inquire within. Ask ourselves! Can those with whom we associate be blessed, by our being so pure that we may offer them tenderness? Aside from Scripture teaching we find but little written in books touching the heart of this matter. "A mother's tenderness" may move our sympathy. The soldier poet may ask, "bear him home tenderly," who falls in battle among strangers, and another may invite us to

"Speak gently to the erring; know
They may have tolled in vain,
Perchance unkindness made them do,
Do win them back again.

"Speak gently? He who gave His life
To bend man's stubborn will,
When elements were fierce with strife,
Said to them, *Peace, be still!*"

And yet we may remain without that element of tenderness that would enable us to bless them who persecute us, and say all manner of evil against us, we need a noble ambition. Let us who are here, now, resolve to cultivate the *spirit* of a true and earnest life. "And as the years fly on and never tarry," and "the beyond" draws nearer every day, may we make our present thoughts sublime by associating them with what the "angels saw before the stars were rounded from the mist, or ere the roseate light curtained the new born world;" "God's grandest thoughts enflashed," thereby enabling us to enthrone righteousness in the human soul, making it equal with, or above the angels, in the

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TERRYTOWN.

On Friday, the 10th instant, the friends of Rev. Charles Adams made him a donation in the Academy Hall.

Gilbert Kinney is engaged in selling tinware.

On the 8th instant, Dr. M. F. Terry was called on to part with one of his children, aged nearly five years.

Elmer H. Dodge, John Viall and H. C. Thompson, who were working for Lewis & Broadhead, near White Haven, the past winter, have again returned home to this place.

On the 14th instant, Superintendent Ryan held a Teachers' Examination in the Terrytown Academy. The class was small.

Viall Brothers have purchased the (so-called) Homet lot from J. A. Homet—sixty five acres.

On the 13th instant, the township officers, i. e., the Road Commissioners, Auditors, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer and Collector, met at the house of Treasurer Henry Yetter, at New Era, for the annual township settlement.

H. M. Miller, who moved to Rushville, Susquehanna County, last fall, has moved on his farm again in this place.

Mrs. Sutton, from Lyons, N. Y., whose husband died there, has taken up her residence in this place with her parents, Dr. G. F. Horton.

Lawrence Curtiss, from Prompton, Wayne County, paid his brother, C. R. Curtiss, a visit in this place recently.

Minor Howard recently drew a pension of $816.00.

Rev. H. H. Ream has opened a singing school at Spring Lake.

On Sunday, the 19th instant, Lucy Vanderpool was buried in the Frenchtown cemetery. She was the daughter of Richard Vanderpool and about twenty-seven years of age. Cause of death, consumption.

J. B. Horton has received a new lot of goods, which he offers at a bargain.

F. N. Diament is still increasing his mercantile stock.

Some unknown person entered the granary of William Fur, and stole a lot of oats a short time ago.

Miss Mary Strong has purchased her brother, George Strong's, farm.

A few days ago, some unknown person entered Josiah Haggerty's chicken coop, and decreased his flock by ten in number.

It is rumored that our neighbor, A. O. Miller, is to receive his pension for certain. He is in need of it if ever any man was.

Your humble servant thanks the editors of the *Sullivan Review* (Strong & Holmes) for the compliment in their recent issue.

Our township directory for 1882 stands as follows: Justices of the Peace, H. L. Terry and George Richar; Road Commissioners, J. H. Wells, Nelson White and Erastus Wilson; Constable, Shubel Bowman; Assessor, J. A. Biener, Jr., Auditors, Charles Thompson, John Layman and A. W. Bailett; Judge of Election, E. S. Thompson; Inspectors, John Frisbie and E. L. Green; Town Clerk, J. H. Schoonover; Town Treasurer, Henry Yetter; School Directors, Jonathan Terry, Peter Layman, Arthur Allen, James Scaffer, James Warring and J. H. Schoonover. PRINCE BISMARCK.

March 21, 1882.

ULSTER.

Our little hamlet has not been heard from through the medium of the REPORTER for some time, but there has been the usual routine, and a few changes in the dwelling places of some of our inhabitants.

Mr. A. D. Ackley has leased a farm near Waverly, and has moved his family there.

Mr. E. T. Mersereau has resigned his position in the Nov