

WHITNEY'S WEEKLY BUDGET OF NEWS

STORY OF TOMMY BALLARD AND HIS TEETH.

Odds and Ends from Susquehanna County—Ararat Woman Breaks Her Jaw—Cascade Girl Takes Horse Liniment to Improve Her Beauty—Sewing Machine Agent Tackles a Wild Cat.

Special Correspondence of The Tribune. Susquehanna, Dec. 20.—There came to us the evidently true story of Tommy Ballard and his teeth. Some little time ago Tommy began to be affected with acute toothache, but, as all of his teeth were apparently sound, no local cause could be found by his parents or friends. Being too poor to secure medical attention, he was forced to bear the pain with what fortitude he could. Finally his gums began to swell on the outer side, and this grew worse until one morning he awoke to find the pain and soreness gone, and that he had an almost duplicate set of teeth growing on the outside of both the top and bottom set of natural ones. At first this did not interfere with him, but later it was found that his speech was beginning to get imperfect. An examination revealed the fact that the new teeth were growing to an abnormal size, while, in proportion as they increased, his physical strength decreased.

Tommy was taken to a specialist, who decided to extract a number of the teeth. This was done, but almost as fast as they were taken out, new ones grew in other places until almost the entire roof of the patient's mouth had been taken up by his peculiar ailment. Altogether, eighteen teeth have been extracted, and recently it has been noticed that the growth of further teeth has stopped. But meanwhile the extraction of his teeth has ceased. It is thought to be a peculiar form of ossification, and it is supposed to have an hereditary bearing, the lady grandfather being described as a peculiarly "double-jointed man, of unusual strength."

ODDS AND ENDS.

The extra meetings in the Avenue Methodist church have closed.

Former County Commissioner Bradley Biebe, is critically ill at his home in Oakland township.

Hundreds of bushels of apples shipped from Susquehanna county to far distant points, have rotted en route, and speculators are the losers.

Mrs. Eva Brewster, of Montrose, a gifted writer, whose booklet of poems, "Wayside Blossoms," is just ready for the press, will write the poem of the Hartford centennial celebration. W. L. Thacher, of Hartford, will write the historical address.

The Grange hall, recently destroyed by fire, in Brushville, will not be rebuilt. The fire is thought to have been the work of an incendiary.

RANDOM THOUGHTS.

Once in a while you will find a married woman who does not sometimes wonder how she came to say "yes."

Once in a while you will find a school teacher who can't remember a coming to watch every word she utters.

Once in a while you will find a politician who never sought the place that seems to seek him.

Twice in a while you will find a doctor who has the hardihood to tell a wealthy patient to "wait with it."

It may not be etiquette that coarsens him to do so, but a man usually takes off his hat in the presence of his barber.

Too often the man who gets up with the lark in the morning has been out on the swallow the night previous.

MATTERS AND THINGS.

Lackawanna Conductor Gould Capwell, of Hallestead, has been running on the road a quarter of a century, and the recent wreck at Paterson was his first one.

There is sleighing in Hornellsville and along the Albany and Susquehanna road. There is not enough snow in this vicinity to track a cow.

Deposit is about two hundred and forty feet higher in elevation than Susquehanna, and Gulf Summit about five hundred and twenty feet higher than Susquehanna.

Several Susquehanna and vicinity bear hunters have recently arrived home from Pike county. Both the hunters and the bears escaped with their lives.

The Catholic priests of Susquehanna are in Scranton attending a conference of the priests of the diocese.

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM.

An Ararat woman recently fell from a stepladder and broke her jawbone. For obvious reasons, her husband refused to go in search of a surgeon.

Since Secretary Middleton, of the Erie, recently denied rumors that his road was about to build a short cut branch somewhere across Wayne county, the quietude of some of the Honesdale newspaper editors is so dense that it is almost painful. What a slump that was, my countryman!

After a recent rain, Archabald Wood-

dooryard. It is alleged that they came from the clouds. Some years since there was a shower of catfish upon the roof of the Forest City News building. The strange visitation alarmed the people, and Forest City immediately afterward enjoyed a great temperance revival. A Cascade girl, being informed by her lover that, but for red hair, a pug nose and freckles, she would be fair looking, swallowed half a pint of horse liniment, wrote a letter to her lover and prepared to exchange worlds. An inconsiderate doctor inopportunely arrived with a stomach pump, and she has indefinitely postponed the wearing of wings. A vicinity pastor, by a little detective work, discovered that sixteen members of his congregation were making Christmas clippers for him. These were tears in his eyes when at a prayer meeting he asked his dear people to do more for his stomach and less for his feet.

THE NEWS RECORD.

Detectives are said to be in Susquehanna county, searching for an illicit liquor foundry.

Some of the youngest members of the Binghamton board of trade hope to live long enough to see the Binghamton, State Hart and Williamsport railroad built. It and the Tunkhannock, Nicholson and Lanesboro road will be built in the same year.

Near Great Bend, on Saturday, there was a brief battle between a Scranton sewing machine agent and a wildcat, in which the wildcat was ingloriously defeated. Few wildcats will attack a sewing machine agent.

Whitney.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

A party of boys composed chiefly of members of the school, thinking that the cold weather which we had on Thursday and Friday was sufficient to freeze the small ponds, decided to go skating. They had not been on the ice very long before one of their number, Robert Evans, who is a member of the Sophomore class ventured too near the thin ice. It broke and participated him into the cold water. The pond, not being very deep, he escaped with a wetting.

The school paper, "Impressions," will be on sale today at the close of the session. This is the Christmas edition and will contain many interesting stories and useful information concerning the school. It will also contain a picture of last year's foot ball team, which was taken before the game with the Williamsport High school.

The matter of organizing a glee club made up of singers from the school is assuming shape. Some of the students interested are endeavoring to pick sixteen of the best male voices in the school. This is a very important affair, which has already been the means of placing some of the students in a very embarrassing position, should be laid aside and forever forgotten.

The meeting which was held last Friday is causing considerable discussion among the pupils, especially the boys. Therefore this very unpleasant affair, which has already been the means of placing some of the students in a very embarrassing position, should be laid aside and forever forgotten.

Yesterday the Sophomore classical music with a great surprise as they entered upon the usual Greek recitation. Instead of the lessons which had been assigned they faced a quite difficult examination. Although taken completely unawares the pupils made a good showing.

There is a Christmas present that every pupil below the average of seventy is sure of receiving and that is the regular monthly notice which is sent home by mail. They will be sent to the respective homes on Friday of this week.

The lessons in some of the classes Monday were not up to the average and as a result many of the students had a very late dinner. The lessons of Tuesday, although not as good as might be, were an improvement on Monday's.

Of all the classes which have mustered with Prof. Derman on Monday, the class at the fourth period, according to Prof. Derman, has some of the finest tenors to be found in the school.

The faculty held their regular meeting Monday in the office of the principal. The routine of school work for the coming months was discussed by the teachers.

The rain which continued for the greater part of yesterday, had little or no effect on the attendance, but it kept the boys from their usual outdoor exercise.

A meeting of the senior class was held yesterday at the close of the session, and a class pin was at last decided upon.

Three more days and school will be closed until after the holidays. Friday is anxiously awaited.

Stephen Dawes.

Boecham's Pills for distress after eating.

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