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Oil market \$1.13. Oil and gas leases at this office. You can get it at Hopkins' store. The old Forest House barn is being razed.

Hopkins' new line of neckwear is elegant. Go and see it. It's about time for some one to rush in with a snake story.

See Hopkins' line of ladies' wrappers, skirts and shirt waists. It's time to get out the street sprinkler. Ah, but we have no sprinkler, that's so.

The melancholy notes of the whippoor-will now break forth in the stillness of night.

What has become of our ball enthusiasm? Are we not going to have a team this year?

Do you ever learn the name of a stranger from hearing it pronounced at an introduction?—Er.

The peach blossom is a rarity this spring.—Franklin News. It's the plum tree that's sweetly blossoming this season.

Many improvements are going on in the city at present, not the least of which are the new sidewalks. And still there's room and urgent need of oceans more.

Ex-Constable Hunter is adding considerable to the size of his dwelling house and otherwise materially improving the appearance of things about his premises.

One of the reliable thermometers of the town registered 94 in the shade at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon. For the 30th day of April that's not an easy record to break.

First Class Cook Wanted.—A first class cook can find steady employment at the Keystone House, Marienville, Pa. Address, Lock Box No. 4.

The Pennsylvania Railroad has placed a "round-the-world" ticket on the market. Its cost is only \$85, and it includes meals and berths whenever the travel is on the water.

Samuel H. Doty, the well known civil engineer of Warren, perished on a wild trail in the state of Washington several days ago. His body will be brought to Warren for interment.

Following its annual custom, the Review of Reviews for May publishes a forecast of the great national conventions, summer schools, and other gatherings of general interest for the present year.

Low rates to Minneapolis will be in effect May 15th, 16th, and 17th via the Nickle Plate Road for the Annual Meeting of the Presbyterian General Assembly. Tickets good returning until June 3rd.

The REPUBLICAN has received very many compliments from its patrons on the improvements made in the past week. The new features seem to be greatly appreciated, all of which is quite gratifying to the proprietor.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church holds its annual meeting at Minneapolis, Minn., May 18th to June 1st. Agents of the Nickle Plate Road are authorized to sell excursion tickets at low rates on May 15th, 16th, and 17th.

Postmaster Knox has made a number of improvements in and about the post-office, among which are the placing of iron bars on the inside windows and an iron railing on the top of the delivery boxes, both of which add very materially to the appearance of the office.

The Titusville Courier is authority for the statement that tons of bullheads are being taken in nets off Bemus Point, Chautauqua Lake, and persons desiring to stock streams or ponds can secure them on application, free of charge. Now, who in this section wants to stock a stream with bullheads?

An increase in wages, which will amount to nearly \$2,500 in the pay roll, will be made by the Oil City Tube company. The advance is to date back from Monday and is in addition to the ten per cent. advance in wages given to the entire force of men some months ago.—Blizzard. Excellent news, that. The country is surely going Republican every day.

A Westmoreland county young lady advertised for a husband and soon secured one. He enlisted in the United States service and was killed in the Philippines. His life was insured for her benefit for \$3,000. She has applied for a widow's pension which she undoubtedly will soon be granted. Her wedding expenses and advertising cost her \$9. The moral is obvious—it pays to advertise.—North East Breeze.

The Dewey social given at the residence of Judge and Mrs. J. A. Proper Monday evening, by the ladies of the Relief Corps, was a decidedly successful affair in point of attendance, pleasure and financial returns to that noble order. The evening was a delightful one, and the lighting of the large veranda fronting the spacious mansion with numerous Chinese lanterns gave the surroundings a double cheer. Inside, the decorations of bunting, early spring flowers and evidences of patriotism in honor of the hero of Manila were everywhere apparent to the very large party of young, old and middle aged which was present on this occasion. The refreshments were, as usual, delicious, the social feature very enjoyable, and, we are pleased to note, the financial benefit to the Corps quite satisfactory.

The Red Man who shook And yet the Silent Man who shook The plum tree was acquitted.—Penny Spirit.

Latest styles and lowest prices in straw hats at Hopkins.

A woman doesn't mind if her photograph doesn't look like her, provided it shows a pretty face.—Er.

An exchange says there is still good sleighing in Wayne county on snow that fell last Thanksgiving Day.

None cares to know how very little he does know, let him sit down and try to push the editor's pencil a little while.

Fruit trees of nearly every variety show up well in blossoms thus far, but of course it's the ripened fruit that gets there.

Dewey Day passed off without any special Deweyings here. A number of nice flags and other bunting were displayed, however.

Wonder if there are any of the Jacobs fraudulent revenue stamp cigars in Tionesta? Nearly every town in the State seems to have some.

Heath & Kilmer have their soda fountain in full blast these hot days. A nice place to stop in and cool off with cream soda flavored to suit the most delicate taste.

Dandelion greens are all right, and the weed is to be had in plenty for the picking. Milkweed, which will be on in a few days, makes a splendid substitute for asparagus.

Carlos Heath of Starr found a new pair of men's rubbers on the German Hill road a short time ago, which the owner can have by calling on him and identifying the goods.

Our new cornet band is discoursing some very fine music these evenings. The boys are young at the business, but their music is all right and our people should encourage them.

Mrs. B. Landers fell down the steps leading from the sidewalk to the street fronting her residence, on Monday, sustaining quite severe bruises, but her injuries are not thought to be serious.

H. W. Horner of the Central House has a lot of second-hand furniture and dishes which he will sell at a very reasonable price. Anyone desiring to purchase would do well to consult him.

The big leap from stern winter into midsummer weather is a little shocking to us fat fellows, and the most trying proposition, too, is to discover whether or not it is safe to shed our heavy under-stuff.

The Superior Court has decided that where individuals are injured by reason of defective pavements, damages are collectable not from the borough but from the property owner's failing to keep the pavement in proper repair.

An Osceola man has discovered that brandy can be made from white elm saw dust and a discouraged prohibitionist asks what chance the good man will have when a man can go forth with a rip saw and get drunk on a fence rail.—Er.

The borough schools closed for the term on Monday. The past has been a very successful term, both teachers and scholars having labored most diligently to the end. Now, boys, for a good long vacation, and it's hoping you'll enjoy it.

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The bicycle side path law will not go into effect until after January next, so far as the actual making of side paths is concerned. The tax on wheels will be laid at once, however, and the fund will be collected this season by the regular tax collectors. The duties of side path commissioners do not begin till 1900, according to the wording of the act.

According to the Derrick's report of oil operations for April, what is known as the Pennsylvania field shows up as follows: Completed wells, 616; new production, 9,157 barrels; dry holes, 137; rigs and drilling wells, 947. Compared with March this is a decrease of 10 in completed wells, a decrease of 340 barrels new production, a decrease of 13 in dry holes, and an increase of 18 in drilling wells and rigs up.

The Lawrence & Smearbaugh boat scaffold has begun business for the season with Joseph Morgan at the head of affairs. This firm's barge yard at Hickory is running full time now, having landed their third big boat last Saturday. Jas. G. Carson, whom we might call the Commodore at that yard, has named this latest craft the "Dewey," in honor of Dewey Day. Robinson & Gaston will start business at their yard in a short time.

The continued dry weather has brought about the usual results—extensive and damaging forest fires. From all quarters of the county come reports of serious conflagrations in the wooded sections, and large forces of men have been at work night and day in fighting these elements of destruction. It was hoped that extra precaution would be exercised by all at a time like this, thus lessening in a very large measure the damage which follows in the wake of these fires, but carelessness, indifference and in many cases pure vandalism seems to be the state of affairs in this regard is what is puzzling to the best of men. There are sufficient laws, stringent enough in their character, to stop much of it, but they seem impossible of enforcement, and until the severest punishment is meted out to some of the offenders there is little hope for a better condition of things.

The W. C. T. U. has been most fortunate in securing the services of Miss Jessie Ackermann, who will lecture in Tionesta, in Presbyterian church, on Saturday and Sunday evenings, May 13 and 14. She is one of the most distinguished travelers among women, having spent eight years in traveling in foreign lands, twice around the world—in all more than three hundred thousand miles of travel. A most cordial invitation is extended to all to come out and hear this most eloquent speaker. The Chicago Inter Ocean says of Miss Ackermann: "Her unlimited opportunity for observation has given her a fund of information on all popular themes possessed by no other living woman. With a superb platform presence, fine voice, fund of humor, ready wit and marvelous descriptive powers, she captivates her audience at once and carries them on the wings of thought amid scenes strange, weird, grand and wonderful."

A. W. Cook of Brookville was in Tionesta on business yesterday.

Mrs. J. E. Dean of Oil City is a guest of Tionesta friends this week.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Asa Heath, of Cropp Hill, April 29th, a daughter.

Mrs. J. R. Morgan and Mrs. J. G. Hunter visited friends in Hickory last Friday.

Miss Emma Klimestiver of Nebraska visited Tionesta and West Hickory friends last week.

Wm. Dickey of Brookville was over a part of last week looking after his lumber interests in Forest county.

Mrs. Reynolds of Kansas, who has been visiting her cousin, Judge Proper, departed for her home Monday.

Samuel D. Irwin, of Tionesta, spent a part of the week here, and took a hand in the libel mix-up.—Franklin Spectator.

Mrs. Frank Cranking and son, Freddie, of Instanter, Elk county, were guests of their uncle, H. W. Horner, at the Central house, last week.

M. J. Smutz of Tidoute is helping out in the rush of business which the Tionesta Tinning and Plumbing Company has on hand this spring.

Mrs. N. P. Wheeler, Miss Wheeler and Miss Allinger of Endeavor and Mrs. Orion Siggins of West Hickory were visitors in Tidoute this week.—News.

Mrs. G. W. Bovard was called to West Sunbury, Pa., last week on account of the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Martha Stewart, who is in the 90th year of her age.

Sau. T. Jack, a well-known theatrical manager and a former resident of Oil City, died in New York on the 27th ult. Deceased was a nephew of our townsman, S. J. Campbell.

Mrs. John Saylor returned Saturday from the State hospital at Mercer, where she had one of her eyes removed. The operation was a painful one and the soreness has not sufficiently left the wound to admit of her wearing an artificial eye.

Among the REPUBLICAN'S pleasant callers yesterday were H. A. Lynch of Endeavor, J. Scott Bell, Editor Shick, E. A. Yetter, and B. F. Kendall, of Marienville, Jacob Swartzfager of Howe, E. A. Kuhns of Barnett, and J. S. Vail of Harmony, all school directors in attendance at the convention. Mr. Vail was accompanied by his little daughter.

Mr. J. W. Campbell has moved into one of C. M. Arner's houses, adjoining W. W. Grove's residence. Mr. Campbell is a member of a firm of lumber dealers having headquarters at New Castle, Pa., but has selected Tionesta as his place of abode mainly on account of its pleasant location and many other advantages as a residence city.

Under a new pension-law the wife of a soldier drawing a pension may make application before a justice of the peace or authorized court, and have half of said pension set aside for herself and family.

Editor Irwin of the Franklin Spectator is still at large after his libel suit in Franklin last week, the jury having failed to see the point as the prosecutors would have them. This doesn't seem to be a good year to prosecute "good men and true." There was Senator Quay, for instance, and now, Col. Irwin. Our congratulations to both, if Mr. Irwin is not more cautious in future his people will force him into Congress some day in spite of all he can do.

Excavating for the big foundation for the new County Home is going rapidly forward, and will soon be completed at present rate of procedure. Civil Engineer D. W. Clark has located and planned the works for the water supply, and trenches for the supply pipe are being opened. About 1,000 feet of line will be required to bring the water from the hills to the buildings, and with a good reservoir the pressure and supply will be ample for all purposes, and the water will be of the purest mountain spring quality.

The new law providing the minimum school term to be seven months will not affect the present term, but will go into effect after the closing of the school year ending the first Monday in June, 1899. It provides, however, that the annual term may remain as at present in districts where the maximum amount of tax allowed by law to be levied for school purposes, together with the state appropriation to which such districts are entitled, shall be found insufficient to keep the schools open a greater length of time than six months.

And this is why we blush. The Franklin Evening News says: "The FOREST REPUBLICAN, which has always been a 'patent-outsider,' comes out this week all home-print, looking as pretty and neat as a girl in a new calico dress. The REPUBLICAN may improve in looks, but it would be hard to do so in contents, as it has always been one of the best edited county weeklies that reaches this office." The Marienville Express says: "THE REPUBLICAN is now all printed at home, the patent side being discarded. We congratulate Neighbor Wenk on this evidence of prosperity."

The weather clerk must be an Odd Fellow, for he smiled serenely on the brethren of the three links last Wednesday, when a very successful meeting of the Northwestern District Anniversary Association was held in Warren. Upwards of 1,000 members were present and in line and the town was crowded with spectators. The members of Warren lodge were active and diligent in the reception and entertainment of their visitors, and the day is an eventful one in Warren's history. Quite a number of Tionesta Odd Fellows were in attendance. Brookville was chosen as the next place meeting for next year.

The Pittsburgh News says the lumbermen of the Allegheny river and its tributaries rafting into Pittsburgh have closed out the entire output of the logging camps at fair prices. The amount of timber cut for the spring rafting season was no greater than the market was able to take last year, while the demand for the timber was largely in excess of last year. The price of hemlock timber jumped from 7 1/2 to 9 cents per cubic foot, making the prices obtained for the entire product about \$40,000 greater than was received for last year's cutting. The advance in price will increase the activity of the logging camps and a largely increased supply can be confidently expected with the fall rafting season.

Supl. E. E. Stitzinger Re-Elected on First Ballot.

The convention of school directors of Forest County met in the Court House, Tionesta, pursuant to call of the County Superintendent, on Tuesday, May 2, for the purpose of electing a Superintendent of Schools for the ensuing three years.

Supl. Stitzinger called the convention to order, and briefly stated the object of the meeting. The roll of directors was called and 59 of the 60 directors in the county responded to their names. The convention was then regularly organized by the election of T. J. Reyner, of Marienville, as President, and W. F. Jones of Kingsley, and Q. Jamieson of Tionesta as Secretaries.

The Chair declared the convention open for nominations, and Prof. Stitzinger, the present incumbent, Prof. R. N. Speer of the borough high school, and Prof. M. T. Hindman of the Clarington schools were placed in nomination. A ballot was quickly taken and resulted as follows:

Stitzinger 32. Speer 21. Hindman 6.

The question of salary was discussed and Prof. Stitzinger stated that as the school term in the county for the past year had averaged 7 1/2 months it was his impression the law would fix the salary, and at any rate a bill now before the Governor awaited only his signature to make it a law, would fix the salary. The convention then adjourned.

Cheap Excursions, 1899. Annual Meeting General Assembly Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Denver, Col., May 18 to 25. National Meeting General Assembly Presbyterian Church at Minneapolis, Minn., May 18 to June 1.

National Baptist Anniversary at San Francisco, Cal., May 26 to 30. National Educational Association at Los Angeles, Cal., July 11 to 14.

For all these meetings cheap excursion rates have been made and delegates and others interested should bear in mind that the best route to each convention city is via the Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul R'y and its connections. Choice of routes is offered those going to the meetings of the Pacific Coast going via Omaha or Kansas City and returning by St. Paul and Minneapolis. The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul R'y has the shortest line between Chicago and Omaha and the best line between Chicago, St. Paul and Minneapolis, the route of the Pioneer Limited, the only perfect train in the world.

All coupon ticket agents sell tickets via the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul R'y. For time tables and information as to rates and routes call on or address John R. Pott, District Passenger Agent, 486 A William St., Williamsport, Pa. 4-19-3t.

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A barn of fire was sounded and as usual our volunteer companies responded with promptness. The fire was in an old barn on Wm. Wolcott's lot on May Street. The fire was evidently caused by lightning striking the building during the severe electrical storm that had prevailed during the greater part of the night, and before being discovered the flames had gained such headway that practically nothing could be done toward saving the building, but the prompt action of the firemen saved the large new barn belonging to Abraham Hepler, which is situated only about ten feet distant from the old barn, and one side of which was in flames when the hose companies reached the scene. Our elegant water supply and the promptness with which our citizens respond to an alarm of fire are two things which the town is justly proud of. The loss on the old barn is slight.

Death of Matthew Bortzer. Matthew Bortzer was born in Germany June 17, 1839, and died at his home in Tionesta township, Wednesday, April 20, 1899, aged 59 years, 10 months, and 21 days. Mr. Bortzer contracted a severe cold during the first part of March, which finally turned to pneumonia, terminating in his death at the time mentioned. He came to this part of the country in the year 1853, and was soon after joined in marriage with Miss Frances Mealy, who with a family of two sons and five daughters, Mrs. J. D. Wentworth of Snook Hill, Mrs. E. Pryor of Clarington, and Elmer, Kathrine, Sadie, Charles and Manda at home, are left to mourn the loss of a kind husband and father. The burial took place at the Mt. Zion Evangelical church in Tionesta township on Thursday afternoon, Rev. B. F. Feit conducting the services. Death has thus removed one of the most industrious and highly respected citizens of the county.

Foot Badly Lacerated. James Taft, living a short distance up Beaver Valley, and employed on the Wheeler & Dusenbury mill at Endeavor, had his right foot badly lacerated at an early hour Saturday morning last. He was off-bearing and had taken hold of a board that was running on the "live" rollers, with the result that it drew his foot under the rack which holds the rollers, where it came in contact with the "slasher" saw, or "cut-off." The foot was cut diagonally back, taking off the four first toes, leaving only the little toe. Dr. Will G. Morrow of West Hickory assisted by Dr. L. D. Bowman of Tionesta, made the necessary surgical repairs and the unfortunate man is doing well at present, but will always be badly crippled. He is a married man and has a family of children.

Goleza News Items. W. A. Shewman of Buffalo visited at the home of G. F. Watson on Sunday. Several of the young people enjoyed the gay "Dewey" party at Crown Monday night.

Mrs. G. F. Watson and daughter Cora returned Saturday from Hidetown. Miss Mae Watson attended Rev. J. Bell Neff's lecture at Marienville last Thursday evening.

Fires have kept a large force of men busy the past few days in this vicinity. The much needed rain coming Monday to relieve them.

G. G. Stitzinger, of New Castle, Pa., was the guest of his brother over Sunday. J. E. Stitzinger and wife were in Marienville during commencement.

A Findlay Lake farmer has found out that by planting onions and potatoes in the same field in alternate rows, the onions become so strong that they bring tears to the eyes of the potatoes in such vast volumes that the roots are kept moist and a big crop is raised in spite of drought.—Blizzard.

Saturday a gentleman stepped into this office and purchased one hundred or more old newspapers with which to feed his hens. He tears the paper into shreds and soaks it in sour milk until the whole mass becomes a pulp when he feeds it to the hens, and he claims that it adds greatly to their egg-producing qualities. The newspaper is gradually extending its field of usefulness. From food for thought it has expanded, until within its sphere is already included food for goats and hens.—Er.

"Providence is blamed and credited with many things that He never had anything to do with," said Henry Ward Beecher. Mr. Beecher then recounted an instance where a little child died and its parents attributed its death to Providence. Mr. Beecher said it was no such thing. The creator had nothing to do with it. It was decayed vegetables in the cellar which the parents failed to have taken out in the spring that caused the disease and death of the child. This anecdote is reasonable at least.

Those new shirt waists for 50c. to 75c. are going like hot cakes at F. Walters & Co.'s.

Secretary Edge, of the Department of Agriculture, has issued Bulletin No. 41 of the Department, which, while the supply lasts, will be sent free to applicants. It contains the official analysis of 950 samples of commercial fertilizers selected in various parts of the State. In addition to the official analysis the bulletin also shows the comparative commercial value of each sample and its selling price at the station at which the sample was secured. The law regulating the sale and manufacture of commercial fertilizers is given in full and the manner in which the comparative commercial value of the samples is calculated is fully and plainly explained. For copies address Department of Agriculture, Harrisburg, Pa.

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