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DIRECTORY.

B. E. V. R. R.—GEO. C. WILKINS, Sup't.

Westward from Bellefonte.

Mail.....4.27 P M
Accommodation.....6.00 A M
Through Freight.....8.42 A M at Milesburg

Eastward from Bellefonte.

Mail.....10.28 A M
Acommodation.....5.55 P M
Freight and accom.....5.55 P M at Milesburg

B. & S. S. R.—DANIEL RHOADS, Sup't.

Pass'r, leave...	7.45 a m	Pass'r arr....	9.50 a m
Pass'r, " ...	2.30 p m	Pass'r arr....	5.05 p m

P. R. R. CONNECTIONS AT TYRONE.

Phila. Exp....	7.51 a m	Day Exp....	7.51 a m
Emigrant.....	2.15 p m	Mail Train..	3.00 p m
Mail Train....	6.44 p m	Gin. Exp....	5.11 p m
H. & Alt. Ac..	8.35 a m	Phila. Exp..	10.27 p m

MIFFLIN & CENTRE CO. BRANCH R. R.

NORTHWARD.

No. 1, leaves Lewistown at 7.20 a m., and arrives in Milroy 8.15 a m.

No. 2, leaves Penn'a R. R. 11.15 a m., arrives at Milroy 12.15 p m.

No. 3, leaves Penn'a R R. 4.05 p m., arrives at Milroy 5.00

SOUTHWARD.

No. 1, leaves Milroy 8.40 a m., and arrives at Penn'a. R R 9.40 a m.

No. 2, leaves Milroy 1.15 a m., and arrives at Lewistown 2.10.

No. 3, leaves Milroy 5.10 p m., and arrives at Penn'a R R, 6.00 p m.

Stige for Pine Grove Mills leaves Monday, Wednesday and Fr day mornings at 6 o'clock.

Stage for Centre Hall, Lewistown and Boalsburg leave every day at 6 a m.

Western mail closes at 4.00.

Lock Haven mail closes at 10.00 a m.

Bellefonte Church Directory.

Presbyterian church, Spring street; services at 11 a m., and 7 1-2 p m; Rev. Alfred Yeomans, Pastor. This congregation are now erecting a new church, in consequence of which, the regular religious services will be held in the Court House until further notice.

Methodist Episcopal church, High street; services, 10 1-2 a m., and 7 1-2 p m. Prayer meeting on Thursday night. Rev. H. C. Pardoe pastor.

St. John's Episcopal church, High street, services at 10 1-2 a m., and 7 1-2 p m. Rev. Byron McGann, pastor.

Lutheran church, Linn street; services at 10 1-2 a m., and 7 1-2 p m. Rev. Mr. Hackenberg, pastor.

African M. E. Church, west side of creek. Services at 11 a m., and 7 1-2 p m. Rev. Isaac Pinnell, pastor.

German Reformed church, Linn street; services 10 1-2 a m., and 7 1-2 p m. Rev. Mr. Kelly pastor.

Catholic church, Bishop street; services 10 1-2 a m., and 3 p m. Rev. Mr. McGovern, pastor.

United Brethren church, High street, west side of creek; services—

LODGES

Bellefonte Masonic Lodge, No. 268, meets on Tuesday evening before the Full Moon.

Lafayette Masonic Council, No. 18, meets first Monday.

Constance Commandery, No. 33, Masons, meets second Friday of each Month.

I. O. O. F, Centre Lodge, No. 153, meets every Thursday evening at their Hall, Bush's Arcade, 2d floor.

For the conferring of Degrees the 1st Saturday evening of each month.

For Degree of Rebecca second Saturday of every Month.

I. O. G. T.—This Lodge meets every Monday evening.

BUSINESS CARDS.

A. BOYD HENDERSON, Attorney at Law, Bellefonte, Pa. Office northeast corner of the Diamond. 9:4'68.

W. H. LAURIMER, Attorney at Law, Bellefonte, Pa. Office with the district Attorney, in the Court House. 9:4'68.

ORVIS & ALEXANDER, Attorneys at Law, Bellefonte, Pa. Office in Conrad House, Allegheny St. 9:4'68.

J. G. LOVE, Attorney at Law, Bellefonte, Pa. Office with Adam Hoy, two doors below the Press Building, High Street. 9:4'68.

S. D. GRAY, Attorney at Law. Bellefonte, Pa. Office with A. O. Furst, Esq. 9:4.'68.

LINN & FURST, Attorneys at Law, Bellefonte, Pa. 9:4.'68.

McALLISTER & BEAVER, Attorneys at Law, Bellefonte, Pa. 9:4.'68.

THAD. P. STEPHENS, Attorney at Law. Office on corner of Allegheny and High streets, Bellefonte, 9:4.'68.

WILSON & HUTCHINSON, Attorneys at Law, Bellefonte, Centre county, Pa. Collections, and all other legal business, in Centre and adjoining counties, promptly attended to.
Office in Blanchards' Law Building, Allegheny Street. 9:4'68.

E. & E. BLANCHARD, Attorney at Law, Allegheny Street, Bellefonte, Pa. 9:4'68.

BUSH & YOCUM, Attorneys at Law, Bellefonte, Pa. 9:4'68.

JOHN P. MITCHELL, Attorney at Law, Office with Orvis & Alexander, Bellefonte, Pa. 9:4'68.

WILLIAM H. BLAIR, Attorney at Law, Armory Building, Bellefonte, Pa. 9:4'68.

JAMES H. RANKIN, Attorney at Law. Armory Building, Bellefonte, Pa. 9:4'68.

ADAM HOY, Attorney at Law, High St., Bellefonte, Pa. 9:4'68.

CHAS. H. HALE, Attorney at Law, Bellefonte, Pa. 9:4'68.

JAMES MACMANUS, Attorney at Law, Bellefonte, Pa. 9:4'68.

H. Y. STITZER, Attorney at Law, (District Attorney,) Court House, Bellefonte, Pa. 9:4'66.

N. M. HOOVER, Attorney at Law, Armor Building, Bellefonte, Pa. 9:4'68.

SAMUEL L. BARR, Justice of the Peace. Will attend to the writing of deeds, articles of agreement, &c. Collections and all other business entrusted to his care promptly attended to. Office one door north of Wilson & Hutchinson's law office, Bellefonte, Pa. 9:4'68.

DR. R. D. TIPPLE, Homeopathic physician and Surgeon, Office in old Conrad House, 2d floor, Allegheny street, Bellefonte, Pa. Prompt attention paid to professional calls. 9:4'68.

GEO. L. POTTER, Physician and Surgeon, Allegheny street, Bellefonte, Pa. 9:4'68.

J. H. DOBBINS, Physician and Surgeon, Office in Conrad House, Bellefonte, Pa. 9:4'68.

J. B. MITCHELL, Physician and Surgeon, Brockerhoff House Bellefonte, Pa. 9:4'68.

GEO. Y. BEATTIE, Physician and Surgeon, Office near cor Bishop and Allegheny St., Bellefonte, Pa.

A. HIBLER, Physician and Surgeon. Office, Allegheny St., over Graham & Son. Boot and Shoe Store, Bellefonte, Pa. 9:4'68.

GEO. F. HARRIS, Physician and Surgeon, High St., Bellefonte, Pa. 9:4'68.

H. H. ROTHROCK, Dentist, Office, No. 4, 2nd floor, Bush's Arcade, Bellefonte, Pa. Teeth extracted without pain. 9:4'68.

JOHN D. WINGATE, D. D. S. Dentist, Office on Northwest corner of Bishop and Spring streets. At home, except, perhaps, the first two weeks of every month.
Teeth extracted without pain. Bellefonte, Pa. 9:4'68.

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COUSIN JACK'S COURTSHIP.

The trunks were all packed and corded, and the carpet bags were all piled up in the old corner of the capacious old fashioned hall.

How melancholy they looked, those emblems of parting and adieu. Not even the merry laughter of the two or three young girls who were gathered round a stalwart, handsome fellow of about thirty, could entirely banish an impalpable something of sadness from the scene. Cousin Jack was going away, the general mischief maker, tormentor and tease of the whole family, and old Mr. Chester sitting by the distant window, wiped his spectacles every five minutes and declared, pettishly, that the type of the evening paper was a terrible trial to his old eyes.

"Aye, you may laugh, girls," said Jack, applying himself vigorously to the refactory lock of a portmanteau. "Perhaps you may one day discover it isn't such a laughing matter. Think of the loss the whole family is going to sustain in my excellency."

"But you'll come back soon, Jack dear," coaxed Minnie Chester, the prettiest and most roguish of all his cousins, and the one who kept up a fire of practical jokes and girlish tricks at his expense.

There she sat, on the biggest trunk of the collection, the brown curls hanging about her round face, and her eyes flashing with a curious mixture of fun and tears.

"I'm not so certain of that Miss Minnie," said Jack decisively. If I succeed in finding a location to suit me, I shall probably decide to settle permanently at Thornville, and turn landed proprietor on my own account."

"Only imagine our Jack a gentleman of property!" laughed Minnie, appealing to her sisters.

"I don't see anything so ridiculous in the idea," observed the young man rather piqued at the amusement of his relatives.

"At all events there is one incalculable advantage that may result from my departure."

"And what is that, Mr. Oracle?"

"The fact is that you have played your last freak upon me, you tormenting little minx!"

"Don't be too certain of that, cousin Jack," said Minnie, shaking her long curls. "What will you venture I don't bestow a parting trick on you yet? Ah! I havn't settled with you for several little pieces of impertinence, but pray don't imagine they are forgotten, sir!"

"My diamond sleeve buttons to your coral necklace that you don't impose upon me within the next month, Minnie," said Jack, gaily.

"Done," said Minnie. "Girls, you all hear the wager, don't you! I always coveted Jack's diamonds."

"But you won't have them, Mademoiselle! How dark it is getting in this cadaverous old hall. Shall I ring for lights, Uncle Chester? and, by the way, have you written that letter of introduction to Mr. Thorne?"

"All in good time, my boy—all in good time," said the old gentleman, depositing his large silver bound spectacles in their case. "You young people are all in a desperate hurry. Tell Betsy to carry a lamp into the library, girls. And Minnie, where is my gold pen! I, we'll have a nice long evening to gossip about Jack's prospects."

While Mr. Chester sat in his easy red curtained library, revising the letter he had been writing to his college friend, Jabez Thorne, of Thornville, to the effect that his nephew, John Lacy, was in search of an eligible piece of land, and wished to settle down as a planter in that vicinity, and request in Mr. Thorne's aid and co-operation in the selection of the same, Minnie opened the door.

"Papa, there's some one down stairs who wants to see you immediately, for one minute!"

"Very annoying," said the old gentleman. "Just as I was finishing up Jack's letter. However, I can seal it afterward. Minnie, suppose you glance over it, and dot the i's and cross the t's; I am not so much of a penman as I used to be."

And old Mr. Chester pushed back his chair and rose from his antique oak table to attend the claims of his urgent guest.

Olive Chester was brushing out the heavy braids of her luxuriant hair before the dressing mirror of her own apartment, two hours later, when Minnie ran in with a countenance comically divided between dismay and delight.

"My dear Minnie, what has happened?" exclaimed the elder sister, dropping her hair brush and letting all her raven tresses ripple down unheeded over her shoulders.

"I've won the diamond sleeve buttons, Olive! But, ah! I didn't mean to. What would papa say if he only knew it—cousin Jack, too!"

"Sit down you little elf," said Oliver, gently forcing her sister into a chair, "and explain to me this mysterious riddle."

"Well, you know papa left me to look over his letter to Mr. Thorne, and he was detained longer than I expected, almost an hour in fact, and I could not help amusing myself by writting a parody on the letter."

"A parody?"

"Yes—you remember somebody was telling us what a beautiful daughter Mr. Thorne had, so I wrote that Jack was in search of a wife, and had heard of Miss Thorne, and wanted to settle in life, and all that sort of thing. In short, wherever papa had written land or estate, I wrote wife. Wasn't it fun?" ejaculated the little maiden, her eyes dancing with diablerie. "But you know I never once thought of sending the letter. I only wanted to read it to Jack when I went down stairs. Well, I signed it with a great flourish of triumph, and just then who should come in but papa and the stranger. Of course I fled—and when I came back the letter was sealed, safe in Jack's pocket, and, Olive, it was the wrong letter!"

"The wrong letter?"

"It was rather a dim light, and papa's eyes are not as piercing as they were wont to be, and my impertient missive was gone while the real bona fide letter lay among a heap of discarded newspapers. And I hadn't the courage to confess my misdemeanors—papa is so opposed to my innocent jokes—and Jack is off with that indescribable letter! I shall certainly win the sleeve buttons, Olive, but what a tornado there will be when my mischief comes out."

And Minne looked so bewitchingly lovely in her alternative paroxysms of terror and laughter, that Oliver, grave elder sister as she was, had not the heart to lecture her as roundly as she deserved.

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The crimson sunset of the very next evening shone radiantly into the spectral sanctum of the worthy old Jabez Thorne, of Thornville, Justice of the Peace, and chairman of all the agricultural meetings for ten miles around. It was no scholarly looking library, like that of his ancient comrade Chester, but a square light room with four uncurtained windows, and ornamented with numerous black framed engravings of prize cattle and giant turnips. He was seated in a leather cushioned arm chair, looking over a large file of agricultural journals, to find some coveted information on the subject of "phosphates" and super-phosphates, when a servant brought him a card and a letter.

"The gentlemen is is the parlor, sir."

Jabez Thorne had laid aside his newspapers, and glanced at the card, which bore the inscription of "John Lacy"—then at the letter, which purported to be introductory to that individual.

"Hmm—ha—from an old college chum Chester, as I live. Remarkable change in his hand-writing, but times alters us all. Haven't heard from him in twenty years—hallo! what is this? A pretty cool request upon my word—nephew wants a wife, and has heard that I possess a daughter—has lots of money—wants me to aid him with my well known experience in such matters What does the old rascal mean?" ejaculated the old man, the fringe of gray hair that surrounded his bald head standing absolutely erect with indignation. "I'll send Jeffers to kick the impudent young scamp out of the house."

But with a moment's reflection came calmness.

"Well, after all, I don't see what there is in the matter to make me so foolishly angry. Guess I'll see what Mary says. An excellent family these Chesters—and this letter is like Zebedee Chester he was always singular in his notions. Rather unlike the ordinary method of coming to understanding in such matters, but there is nothing like a dash of originality in this world, and if the boy is rich and Mary don't object—at all events, I'll see him on the subject."

And Jabez Thorne thrust the letter into his pocket and strode determinedly into the parlor where young Lacy was quietly awaiting his appearance. The old gentleman's face was scarlet with embarrassment he was half disposed to be angry at his guest's cool self-possession.

"I had thought of settling in this vicinity, Mr. Thorne," said Jack, after the ceremonies of greeting had been exchanged, "and understanding from my uncle that you have a desirable piece of property that you might be disposed to part with,"—

"Piece of property!" said the old gentleman, beginning to fire up again; but he controlled his emotion, and only answered "Really, sir, this is a very strange request. One can hardly be expected to answer definitely upon so very short notice."

"Certainly not, Mr. Thorne, I have no wish to hurry you," said Jack, politely; "but I am rather anxious to do for myself, and you would favor me with a brief description of the prominent features of—"

But Mr. Thorne was fidgeting uneasily in his chiar.

"What do you mean, sir?" he exclaimed wrathfully.

Jack was rather perplexed at his cavalier reception, but he answered as courteously as possible:

"Why, sir, of course, is it not best to be precipitate on a matter of such importance."

"If this is a fair specimen of the 'rising generation,' thought the indignant Jabez, "they are about as impudent a set of jackanapes as I want to see. But I owe something to my long friendship with old Zebedee—I won't turn the puppy out of doors quite yet."

"I suppose it is healthy?" asked Lacy, blandly.

"What is healthy?"

"Your property. Sometimes, in these low grounds, diseases are apt to prevail and—"

"Does he suspect my Mary has the fever and ague?" thought old Thorne, leaping briskly out of his chair as though an insect had stung him.

"I'll send my daughter to you, young man—that will settle the business at once.

And before he could surpress his surprise, his choleric host has banged the door behind him and disapeared.

Mary Thorne's astonishment was even greater than that of her father's. She was attired in white muslin, with a bouquet of crimson moss rose-buds in her bosom, and a spray of the same exquisite flowers in her hair, for some rural party or picnic, and at first absolutely refused to enter the parlor.

"What an idea!" she exclaimed, blushing to the very tips of those tiny, shell-like ears. "To be put on exhibition like one of your prize cattle! No indeed! Let the young man go back to where he came from. A pretty impression he must have of the ladies in this quarter of the globe!"

"But, my love, Zebedee Chester is one of my oldest friends, and the young man is really a very fine looking fellow, and rich in the bargain. Go in and talk to him a little while, there's a good girl. I can't stand it a minute longer."

And old Jabez wiped his forehead, on which perspiration was standing in big beads. Mary burst into an uncontrollable fit of laughter.

"The whole affair is so ridiculous!" she exclaimed.

But she adjusted the moss roses, nevertheless, and tripped demurely into the parlor.

Now, if there's a determined point n Jack Lacy's character, it was his aversion to women in general, and if there was one thing on which he prided himself it was his old bachelorism. Imagine his vexation and dismay, therefore, when after a formal introduction, old Mr. Thorne withdrew, leaving him tete-e-tete with this pretty creature in white muslin and roses. It was embarrasting every time he looked at her, and she evinced an exceedingly great disposition to laugh.

"Well," thought Jack, "the manners and customs of this locality are rather odd, to say the least of it. I come to consult an old gentleman about purchasing land of him, and he bounces out of the room and sends in his daughter. What on earth am I to say to her, I'd like to know?"

And Mary glancing slily in the direction of her companion, came to the conclusion that he had 'beautiful Spanish eyes' and a moustache decidedly superior in style to the hirsute adornments of the young gentlemen of Thornville.

Mr. Lacy looked up at the ceiling and down at the carpet, and wondered what the consequences would be were he to ascape incontinently by the open French window. That would not be a very dignified proceeding, however; so he resigned himself to destiny by making some original remarks on the weather. It had the desired effect of breaking the ice, however, and he was greatly surprised with the arch vivacity of Miss Thorne. Only once did she seem confused: it was when she was describing a fine grove of cedars that belonged to her father's land, regetting at the same time that he contemplated selling it.

"I believe I should like to become the purchaser," said Jack. "Your father has informed you that I had some idea of settling here."

Mary grew scarlet and murmured some incoherent sentence or other, the conversation was effectually checked, and Jack, perplexed at the effect, for which he could perceive no really visible cause, rose to take leave.

"Will you mention to your father, Miss Thorne, that I shall call to see him tomorrow morning?" he inquired.

All the roses in Mr, Thorne's garden could never have rivalled the hot glow on Mary's cheeks, as she fled out of the room without a word of reply.

"Very singular family this," muttered Jack, slowly drawing on his gloves, and walking down the broad path. "But she is an uncommonly pretty girl, and I certainly will take an early walk through the grove of cedars to-morrow morning before breakfast."

He dreamed of blue-eyed Mary Thorne that night, and rose feeling decidedly satisfied that he could have a reasonable excuse for calling at her father's house so soon.

"I certainly can't be in love," quoth he mentally, "but how Minnie would tease me if she thought I was in any danger of suing not only for a farm but a wife."

Old Jabez Thorne was buisly engaged nipping the dead leaves of his pet laurustinus with a gigantic pair of garden scissors, that morning, when young Lacy sprang over the hedge and saluted him with a buoyant—

"Good morning! Well, sir," he went on gaily. "I have seen the property, and am perfectly delighted. A fine, healthy investment; no diseases about it, I'm convinced."

"Hum!" said Mr. Thorne, dubiovsly.

"And I would like to make a second and a more thorough inspection in your society, sir, if you please."

"Really, Mr. Lacy," said the old man, sharply, "my daughter has not come down stairs, and—"

"What the mischief has the daughter to do with the matter," thought Lacy, but he said:

"Of course, I will await any time that may be convenient for you, sir. I observe a good deal of roughness, but I cannot doubt there is very great susceptibility to improvement. A little judicious cultivation will accomplish wonders."

"Let me tell you, young man," began Mr. Thorne, in a towering rage,—but Lacy saw he had unconsciously committed some arch blunder, and he hastened to say:

"In short, sir, I am now determined to secure this royal gem at any price. What is the sum you demand?"

Mr. Thorne fairly sat down upon the graveled walk, overpowered with the avalanche of anger which he found impossible to shape into words.

"Upon—my—word—sir!" he bagan, "You talk as if this was a mere matter of business!"

Jack was puzzled enough. "It is the way I have heretofore been accustomed to treat such affairs."

"Heretofore—you have been so accustomed! And pray, sir, how many such little affairs have you had on your hands?" shrieked old Thorne growing purple in the face.

"Oh, several, sir; I am not so inexperienced as you suppose," said Jack, smiling.

"And you are not ashamed to confess it?"

"No; why should I be?"

"Get out of my garden, you young reprobate!" screamed Jabez, leaping up with lightning rapidity. "To come here and try to buy my daughter, as if she was a patch of potatoes! Go, I say!"

"Your daughter, Mr. Thorne!"

"Yes, my daughter, you jack-a-dandy!"

"But I'm not bargaining for your daughter; I'm bargaining for that land across the river."

"Don't tell me," ejaculated Mr. Thorne, tugging at the fastenings of his pocket-book, "your uncle's letter has informed me of your atrocious intention."

"Will you allow me to see the letter, sir?"

Thorne jerked it out of the compartment where it lay, and tossed it angriy towards Lacy. He opened it, and in spite of his annoyance and mortification, burst into laughter at the sight of Minnie's dainty handwriting.

"My dear Mr. Thorne, we are the victims of a very ridiculous mistake," said Lacy. "My uncle never wrote that letter. It is the work of my mischievous cousin Minnie. The genuine document must have been left behind."

"But you didn't come to look for a wife?,"

"I came to purchase real estate."

"Whew-w-w!" Old Jabez Thorne whistled loud and long, then offered his hand to his guest with a hearty laugh.

"Well, my boy, I'm heartily sorry I called you so many opprobious names, but Mary and I thought you were after her. I must go and tell the little minx what a blunder we've made."

Stay a moment," said Jack, laying a detaining hand on the old gentleman's arm, as his quick eye detected the distant flutter of Miss Thorne's light dress among the trees, "will you allow me to make the necessary explanation myself? I am not at all certain that, after I have selected a home, I shall not enter into less business like negotiations for a charming wife to preside over it."

"As you please, my lad," said the old gentleman, chuckling, "I'll give my consent, if only to atone for my villainous treatment of you a while ago."

He resumed his gardening operations, occasionally pausing to laugh to himself, while cousin Jack sprang up the path to seek Mary.

They were absent a long time; in fact as old Jabez thought, an unreasonable long time before he discerned, through the dense foliage of the acacia hedge, their advancing forms. Mr. Lacy looked exceedingly proud and self-satisfied, and Mary leaned on his arm, with her pretty cheeks flushed, and her lips wreathed in timid smiles.

"What does she say," roared paterfamilias.

"Says she will consider of it," answered Jack, demurely.

A week or two afterwards Minnie Chester received a neat little package containing the diamond sleeve buttons, and the following