

MONTROSE, PA., MAY 9, 1877.

## Town, County, and Variety.

—The heroic pioneer—the man with the white vest.

—Bacon advertises croquet sets for \$1.50 in another column.

—A signboard can't tell everything. It takes an advertisement to do that.

—Jas. Zertiss placed a neat awning in front of his cigar store last week.

—Prof. Sufferer ends his musical convention with a concert on Friday evening of this week.

—The pews in the M. E. Church will be rented on Thursday (to-morrow) May 10th, at 1 o'clock p. m.

—Crandall's Block Factory has suspended business not-with-standing Filden has been counted out.

—We notice by the Times that Hon. G. A. Grow will deliver the address on Decade-Day at Binghamton.

—Woman's Temperance Prayer Meeting will be held at temperance Hall on Thursday (to-morrow) at 3 p. m.

—County Treasurer Henry C. Tyler informs us that the mercantile licenses for 1877 are due, and should be paid at once.

—Read Bros. & Co. are out with a new advertisement this week, in which they set forth some of the attraction to be found at their really fine dry goods store. See eighth page.

—A. H. McCollum Esq. has reared a foundation for a new barn on his lot on Maple St. which is simply a forerunner of the new dwelling which will soon be erected thereon also.

—A church is to be erected upon the lot on the corner opposite the Baptist Church, the lot having lately been purchased of E. L. Blakelee Esq. by the Catholic Society for that purpose.

—Mr. A. A. Newson from the Cornhill Nursery, Geneseo, N. Y. is at the Exchange Hotel with a fine line of fruit and ornamental trees, which will enable those who want anything in his line to see what they are buying.

—We would call attention to the new advertisement of Bacon's Bazaar, which will plainly demonstrate that the long established reputation of this popular place is to be fully kept up by Mr. E. C. Bacon.

—The Pittston (Pa.) Comet has been transferred into the Sunday Morning Comet, and the publication office changed to the city of Wilkesbarre. Mr. J. W. Freeman will still continue to drive the quill editorial in connection with it.

—The Mauch Chunk Democrat gives a doleful account of business prospects in that region. It says that hundreds of idle boats are lying in the canal basins there with crews and teams on the point of starvation. Men in the coal regions are not able to earn enough to keep soul and body together, and no encouragement in the future.

—A safety envelope to prevent tampering has been devised. On the flap the words "attemped to open" are printed with a double set of chemicals, the first impression containing nutgalls, and the second green vitriol. If the flap be steamed or moistened in any way the magic printing will appear. Post office clerks and other inquisitive folks will beware how they tamper with sealed packets.

—Dr. Hayes, the New York chemist, warns the public against the use of a new kind of iron vessels, called "Marbled ironware," which are coming into extensive use in the form of teaspoons, milkpans, dippers, spoons, &c. The doctor says that the enamel on the vessels contains lead and arsenic in very dangerous proportions, and that sugars, sour milk, tea and even water take the poison.

—Judge Hardin, of Luzerne county, announced in open court last Tuesday, that all licenses now granted must be taken out before the fifteenth of the present month or not at all; also that those who were granted a license last year, but did not take it out and pay for it, cannot sell under this year's license until the old one is paid for; also that no license can be had next year by those who this year refuse to take them out and settle their account.

—The following persons, who have engaged to plant trees on the Green in this borough, are requested to put them in at once: M. L. Catlin, No. 1, L. S. Chas. Fessenden, No. 2, hard maple, No. 45, black walnut; Jared Dennis, No. 4, hard maple; John Hunter, No. 5, soft maple; N. S. Fischer, No. 6, hard maple; Chas. Watrous, No. 7, elm; C. J. Hollister, No. 8, elm; Edward Conklin, No. 9, hard maple; F. H. Hollister, No. 10, soft maple; E. P. & L. P. Meck, 11 and 12, elms.

—The Huntingdon Journal advises to refuse all five dollar notes on the following banks: First National, Northampton, Mass.; Merchant's National, New Bedford, Mass.; Hampton National, Chicago, Ill.; Traders' National, Chicago, Ill.; Mercantile National, Chicago, Ill.; First National, Aurora, Ill.; First National, Canton, Ill.; First National, Peru, Ill.; First National, (no such bank) Galena, Ill. Nearly the entire amount of genuine \$5 notes of these banks have been withdrawn from circulation.

—An exchange says the durability of the soles of boots and shoes may be greatly increased by coating them with gum-coal varnish which also has the effect of making them water-proof. Four or five coats should be given, allowing each coat of varnish to dry before the succeeding one is applied. Soles thus treated possess twice the usual durability, and generally outlast the best uppers. The leather uppers of boots or shoes may be rendered soft and water-proof by rubbing them while warm, before the fire, with a mixture composed of four ounces of hog's fat and one of resin.

—There are many who know their own wisdom, but there are few that know their own folly.

—E. C. Bacon is making some decided improvements on his ground on South Main Street, by way of grading, etc.

—The United States Courts which was to have been held at Pittsburg in May, and at Williamsport in June, are abandoned because there is no money to pay the necessary expenses. The appropriation is exhausted.

—A list of all the soldiers' orphans now in schools under care of the State who will become sixteen years of age and will be discharged during the current year, has been issued and sent to each post of the Grand Army of the Republic in this State and to numerous citizens with a view to facilitating their procuring situations. Over five hundred will leave the institution this year.

—The Soldier's Monument Association have done a very fine piece of work on the county grounds. They have leveled public square, about the monument, with great care and labor, and also seeded it, so that soon it will put on a fine carpet of green. When the full design of the Monument and its surroundings shall have been completed, we venture to say that it will be one of the nicest, most symmetric and significant mementos of the kind in the State.

—At this last session of the Legislature an act was passed, which has been signed by the Governor and become a law, requiring Justices of the Peace and Aldermen to render judgment within ten days after all evidence shall have been heard. Heretofore the law required judgment to be rendered in twenty days and this change is one that should be remembered by all having suits pending or who expect to have business of this kind to attend to. It may be well for all to bear this matter in mind so as not to be "caught napping."

—There is another leak in the county—in the Court House we mean. An order of the periodical anniversaries of putting on new roofing has arrived. That Court House has been a very leaky thing for some time and we hope that our present efficient board of commissioners will see if something cannot be done to construct a more permanent roofing. They have stopped some of the leaks at the base and if the roof can be well secured they will deserve additional credit.

—Complaints have reached us from many sections that persons who have sent off money for cheap visiting cards are freely advertised by a number of eastern firms, cannot hear from their cards or their money. The plan seems to have been to fill the first order sent from a locality, and then, by offering extraordinary inducements to agents, a large list is secured and the money sent on, and that is the last of it. The printed cards are offered by these firms at less prices than any legitimate establishment can furnish them for, and the American Agriculturist says it has been discovered that the object is to secure lists of names to be used in mailing circulars for obscene books, lotteries, &c. Parents who have allowed their children to send for the cards, should keep a supervision over the mail matter received by them, and if they must have cards, patronize your home office, where a good job will be done at as low prices as can be afforded.

—We regret to be obliged to announce the death of Capt. J. R. Lyons, which occurred on Saturday night last, after a protracted illness. His funeral was very largely attended from his late residence on Chenango street, yesterday, at 2 o'clock p. m. The procession was escorted by a large number of soldier comrades, members of the fire department and several social organizations of which Mr. L. was an esteemed member. The religious services were conducted by Rev. E. A. Warriner of St. Pauls (Episcopal) church. As a gallant soldier and an esteemed and worthy citizen, Mr. Lyons leaves a name in this community long to be remembered by those who knew him. As a man of marked genius in his profession, which was that of an architect he leaves to himself as well as to the brave soldiers who laid off their armor just before him, a significant memento in the beautiful symmetry and artistic plan of the Susquehanna County Soldiers' Monument so nearly completed upon the Public Square in our borough, which is wholly the work of his hand. The name of Capt. J. R. Lyons will occupy a fresh, green spot in the memory of his soldier comrades and civilian friends as well as an honored place among the deserving men of our county and country.

—The act of assembly of April 3, 1872, in this State, provides that persons charged with the commission of crimes or offenses, not above the grade of misdemeanor, with the exception of perjury and forgery, shall at their own request be deemed competent witnesses in their own behalf, have been considerably modified by the act of March 24, 1877, the terms of which are: "That in the trial of all indictments, complaints and other proceedings in any court of criminal jurisdiction against persons charged with the commission of crime, misdemeanors and felonies, except felonies triable exclusively in the Court of Oyer and Terminer the person so charged shall, at his own request but not otherwise, be deemed a competent witness." The abstract of the new statute, sent in advance of the pamphlet law, was so imperfect that the judges, unaware of the exact provision of the act, gave the prisoners on trial before them the benefit of the doubt, and even permitted highway robbers, whose guilt was clearly proved, to take the stand in their own behalf, and thus secure their acquittal. The pamphlet laws were issued but a few days since. The offences triable in the Court of Oyer and Terminer, persons charged with which cannot testify in their own behalf are: Murder, manslaughter, etc., treason, unnatural crimes, rape, robbery, arson, mayhem, burglary concealing the birth of a bastard child, harboring or secreting any robber, burglar, felon or thief, receiving stolen goods. Persons charged with offences other than those can hereafter become witnesses in their own defence.

## TOO MUCH HASTE.

From the Binghamton Times we take the following:

An incident occurred at a funeral in this city the other day, which while it must have been exceedingly painful and annoying to the friends of the deceased, impressed the bystanders more forcibly with its absurdity. The funeral cortege had passed from the church to Spring Forest Cemetery, and were about to deposit the body in the vault. The hearse drew up before the door, and under the direction of the undertaker the coffin was removed and taken into the vault, or so it seemed to the driver of the hearse, who started for town at a rapid rate. In reality the exterior "box" only had been picked up, the coffin and body still remaining in the hearse. The undertaker was filled with consternation when he saw what had taken place, and shouted loudly after the driver, but without making himself heard. The only thing possible was to pursue the swiftly receding hearse. Stepping into his carriage with a face in which strong emotion was betrayed, the undertaker started after his hearse driver. But the sailor's maxim, "a stern chase is a long chase," proved true, and it was not until Oak street had been reached that the hearse was overtaken and the driver made to understand the extent of his stupidity. Returning to the cemetery with his capture, the undertaker made proper explanation and the waiting friends had the satisfaction of seeing the remains properly deposited in the vault.

## SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY PROCEEDINGS.

The Society met at the Court House on Monday evening, April 16, 1877. President Hon. Wm. J. Turrell in the chair. Minutes read and approved. Auditors report \$210.87 in the treasury. Executive Committee report that they borrowed \$300 for payment of premiums, according to instructions, due from January 16, 1877.

Wm. H. Jessup, one of the committee appointed at last meeting to report a plan for the protection of the Society, offered the following resolution, which after debate, was carried by vote of the Society:

Resolved, That whenever a premium shall be awarded to any person by the society at its Annual Fair and a written notice shall be given by any responsible person to the Executive Committee, such person is not entitled to the same under the rules of the Society, setting forth the reasons therefor, it shall be the duty of such member of the Executive Committee to notify the Treasurer, immediately, to withhold such premium, if not already paid, until further action of the Society thereon; and shall also notify the person to whom such premium was awarded that the same is contested—and at the next meeting of the Society thereafter the Executive Committee shall present the same to the Society and thereupon a committee of three shall be appointed who shall give public notice of the time and place when they will hear all parties interested, and who may adjourn their hearings from time to time without further public notices—and their report, which shall be made at the next regular meeting of the Society, shall be final and conclusive upon the fact, and shall not be changed unless upon a vote of two-thirds of the members present; and if such vote shall declare that such premium was not lawfully awarded the same shall not be paid.

On motion it was ordered that when parties or societies apply to the Executive Committee for the use of the Fair Grounds, that such party or society shall pay for the hiring of police, to be appointed by the Executive Committee, if, in their judgment, such police is necessary.

On motion, it was ordered that the President and Executive Committee appoint a suitable person to represent this county and society at the meeting of the State Board of Agriculture.

D. T. BRUKWATER, Sec'y.

## Correspondence.

### RIENEY CREEK ITEMS.

Messrs Editors:—The DEMOCRAT is our most welcome visitor.

School commenced last Monday.

Mrs C. R. is recovering from her illness.

Mr. E. D. Chalker has joined the matrimonial ranks by taking to himself a young and accomplished lady and school teacher.

We have a peddler whose age is upward of 80 but his hale looks and the large pack he carries confirms his good health in his old age.

Our farmers are making the best use of the fine weather and early spring, and have nearly all of their oats sown and some have planted potatoes.

D. A. Worden has moved into the bark woods taking some of our young men with him, also his own family who are missed very much in this place.

## MEDICAL MEETING.

On the third day of May the Susquehanna County Medical Society met at Hopborton. Members of the medical profession were in attendance from Montrose, Brooklyn, Hartford, Great Bend, New Milford, Dundauff, Nicholson, Factoryville, and Benton.

Doctors Lamb, Baily, Mitchell, and Green were elected delegates to the state Medical Society meeting at Harrisburg in June and Doctors Richardson and Hines to the American Medical Association meeting in Chicago.

A motion contemplating revision of Fee Bill was negatived.

The discussion of "Quinine and diffusive stimulants in febrile diseases" was opened by Dr. Whitot and participated in by almost every member present.

"The etiology, pathology, and treatment of typhoid fever" was chosen as the subject for discussion at the next meeting.

The address from Dr. Pennepacker failed on account of his absence. He was reappointed for the next meeting and Dr. Halsey was appointed his alternate.

Adjourned to meet at Factoryville, on Wednesday, June 27th, on invitation of Dr. Brudage.

D. S. S.

## Marriages.

WILLIAMS—KENTON—In New Milford, April 25th, by Geo. L. Smith, Esq., Mr. Joseph F. Williams and Miss Eva A. Kenyon, all of New Milford Pa.

DEWITT—GEARHART—April 25th, 1877, at the house of the bride, by Rev. Geo. T. Keller, Mr. Frank W. Dewitt to Miss Etta M. Gearhart, both of Tunkhannock, Pa.

RILEY—REDDIN—At the Catholic Church in Elmville, on Monday April 30, 1877, by Rev. P. J. Murphy, Mr. Thomas Riley of St. Joseph to Miss Maggie Reddin of Rush.

NOTEWARE—VAKOHAN—At the bride's home, on the 1st inst., by Rev. N. S. Dewitt, Mr. Geo. W. Noteware of South Apolicon, to Mrs. Almira VanOrman, of Little Meadows.

PHILIPS—WILSON—At the bride's mother's April 25th, 1877, by Rev. Wm. Shelby, Mr. Charles B. Phillips and Miss Hattie F. Wilson, all of Centre-morland, Wyoming county.

STRICKLAND—PIERPONT—At the house of H. C. Barnes, in Factoryville, May 2, 1877, by Rev. D. C. Barnes, Mr. Philander Strickland, of Springville, and Miss Cells B. Pierpont, of Lathrop, Pa.

CHALKER—BALLEW—At the residence of the officiating clergyman at Lawsville April 19, 1877, by Rev. F. B. Brewster, Mr. Edwin D. Chalker of Liberty to Miss Teressa A. Ballew of Binghamton N. Y.

BENSCOTER—LUCK—At the residence of the bride's parents, April 19th, 1877, by Rev. H. G. Harrod, Mr. J. E. Bencotter, nephew of the officiating clergyman, of Windsor, Missouri, and Miss Eunice T. Luck, of Lynn, Susquehanna county, Pa.

## Deaths.

BUEL—In New Milford May 5th, 1877, Mr. A. Buel, aged 82 years.

MOXLEY—In New Milford, March 7, 1877, Freddie H., youngest child of Davis D. and Mary G. Moxley.

GILLESPIE—In New Milford, Pa., April 24th, 1877, Mrs. J., wife of Charles E. Gillespie, aged 23 years, 10 months, and 16 days.

WYLLIE—In Bucklin' Lind Co., Mo., April 21, 1877, Elizabeth Baldwin wife of James N. Wyllie formerly of Forest Lake Susq. Co., Pa.

## IN MEMORAM.

Messrs Editors:—An old patriarch has gone home to his rest with the fathers. Thos. Nicholson is no more, he was one of the pillars of the Protestant Episcopal Church of this place of which he was a devoted member.

He was a true type of an Irish gentleman with all the social qualities and characteristics of his nation, highly educated, his mind stored with useful knowledge gave him an intellect of high order.

The funeral on Tuesday May 1st, at his late residence was largely attended by neighbors and sympathizing friends. Among those from abroad were Wm. H. Cooper, H. J. Webb and wife, C. M. Gere and Sheriff White from Montrose, also J. I. Blakelee from Mauch Chunk. Mrs. Davis with her son and Miss Elizabeth Beal, both Nieces of the deceased from New York were present. The church services were impressively rendered by Rev. Mr. Marple of Scranton. The deceased was nearly 85 years of age. May he rest in peace. VINDEX.

## SPRING IN THE WEST.

In the west what a season of activity is the spring! At the first indication that the icy hand of winter is about to relax its hold, the prospects of soon turning up the rich soil for the reception of the smaller grains; and it requires not a few days after the frost is out of the ground before it is dry enough to be worked—usually a week or two earlier than in northern Pennsylvania. To one born and bred among the rocks and hills of Susquehanna county, 'twas a novelty to mount a "riding plow" drawn by a span of sleek horses, and, with about as much ease as if riding in a carriage, turn over at the rate of three or four acres a day, the black dirt in which no sign of a stone could be found.

To these plows, some of them cutting a width of sixteen inches, three horses are often attached, thus enabling the prairie farmer to prepare easily and rapidly, what in some parts of the country, is a slow and laborious process.

It is indeed surprising to observe the number of labor saving machines of which the farmers avail themselves: Seeders and planters, riding plows and cultivators, of all descriptions, all of which do their work most perfectly and economically. Horse powers and corn shellers too, that will rattle from the cob, in one day, more corn than half a dozen eastern farmers raise in a year. And in this level country where there are no springs, windmills for pumping water, are in general use. While most of the land dries very quickly, the low lands, called low lands, at this time of the year, covered with water, and immense numbers of water fowl, geese, ducks, and brants are flapping thro' the air, affording the sportsmen fine opportunities to show their skill, and obtain a good candidate for a dinner. The result of my attempt to wing a bird, however, was that they all vanished in the distance, and, at the same time, the idea of killing one vanished from my mind.

Although the grasshoppers are not quite so well known in this section as they are a few hundred miles westward, their character seems to be pretty well understood, and they don't appear to be regarded as useful members of society. A former resident of this county, now living in the western part of Iowa, writes to a friend that there is a good (bad) prospect of a large crop of hoppers this spring, and says, "If they do flourish, I know it will wind up your humble servant." There is one crop, not a direct product of the soil, that is very abundant (perhaps unusually so) here this spring. I refer to the crop of school teachers, there being about as many of them as there are pupils to be taught.

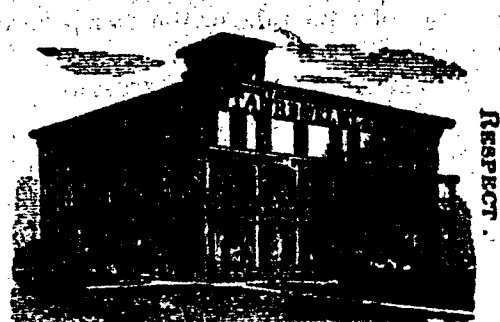
Being situated in a wealthy and beautiful township named Garden Plain, partially bounded on the west by the Mississippi, a most favorable opportunity is afforded to become acquainted with a delightful country. If Horace Greely had in mind such a spot as this, it is no wonder that he said, "Go west young man."

W. L. S.  
Garden Plain Whiteside Co., Ill., May 1, 1877.

WILLIAMS—In Mehoopany, April 20th, 1877, Mrs. Sallie Williams, aged 73 years, and 3 months. She had been a member of the M. E. Church for over fifty years, and truly it can be said of her "she hath done what she could."

TINKER—In New Milford Pa., April 20th, 1877, Mr. Tinker, aged 79 years. He was well and laborably known in this vicinity. A Sabbath School Superintendent fifty years ago. For many years he has been a member of the M. E. Church here, loved and respected by all. In his last sickness he was submissive and in his death he said to his friends "meet me in heaven." He has gone to his rest. "Let me die the death of the righteous and let my last end be like his."

TARBELL HOUSE,  
MONTROSE, PA.



THE PROPRIETOR OF THE ABOVE WELL-KNOWN HOTEL  
**OFFERS FOR SALE**  
the following described property, on tea year's credit with secured payments:

- Farm Containing 113 Acres.**  
Farm No. 1, contains 113 acres, and is situated mostly in the borough of Montrose. Has three orchards, two bearing fruit, four barns, is well watered and fenced.
- House And 3 Acres of Land.**  
One house and 3 acres of land, in the Borough of Montrose. House nearly new.
- Farm Containing 50 Acres.**  
Farm No. 2, contains 50 acres, situated in Bridgewater township, one mile from the Court House in Montrose. 15 acres plowed land, 15 acres in meadow, the balance in timber. Well watered and fenced.
- Farm Containing 215 Acres.**  
Farm No. 3, contains 215 acres, located in the town of Smithville, Chenango County, N. Y. 15 acres improved, well suited for a dairy farm. Good buildings and an orchard of grafted fruit.
- House And Lot.**  
One house and lot on Whitney, near Carroll street, City of Binghamton, N. Y. Now occupied as a tenant house by three families. Small barn on the lot.
- 53 Acres of Timber Land.**  
53 acres of timber land one mile from Corbettville, Broome County, N. Y.
- Farm Containing 180 Acres.**  
180 acres in Oakland township, adjoining the Susquehanna River three miles from Susquehanna Depot.
- House And Lot.**  
One house and lot near Brookdale, Susquehanna County, Pa.
- Salt Springs And 19 Acres of Land.**  
19 acres of land in Franklin township, Susquehanna County, Pa. Includes a water power, and is known as the Salt Spring property. Has on it, a mill block with 30 kettles, steam power for pumping brine, engine house, vats and all the conveniences for making salt.
- 500 Acres of Good Land.**  
500 acres in Great Bend township, adjoining the Susquehanna River. This tract is so situated that it can be divided to make three or four small farms if desired.

**J. S. TARBELL, Prop.**  
Montrose, Jan. 10, 1877.

THE CENTRAL EXPRESS CO.  
**FORWARDS BUTTER**  
AND HAVING  
**UNEQUALLED FACILITIES FOR FORWARDING AND HANDLING BUTTER.**

(A COOL CELLAR to store it in, at the office in Montrose, and not a long, hot, dusty ride of eight miles before putting aboard the cars. Cars for empty pails, and returning them free, are respectfully asked for support and patronage. AT AS LOW A RATE AS ANY OTHER COMPANY.)

**OFFICE IN CORB'S OLD STAND.**  
Drymen living near depot shall have every advantage of low rates and can deliver butter at the depot.

**PATRONIZE YOUR COUNTY ROAD**  
and obtain the saving of 25 to 40 per cent. in rate which we have made for  
J. H. RAYNSFORD, Agr. Cent. Ex. Co.  
April 25, 1877.

FREDERICK BRANDT,  
MERCHANT TAILOR,  
69 COURT STREET,  
OVER HINE & SHOLES' DRY GOODS STORE,  
Second Floor,  
BINGHAMTON, N. Y.  
April 18, 1877.—6m