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BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

W. D. TERRELL & CO.,
WHOLESALE DRUGGISTS, and dealers in
all kinds of Drugs, Chemicals, Perfumery,
Paints, Oils, and Glass, &c., &c.
Columbia, N. Y., Jan. 1, 1866-ly.

W. A. MICHAELS,
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW,
Office formerly occupied by James Lowrey, Esq.,
Wellboro, Jan. 1, 1866-ly.

S. F. SHABLIN,
BARBER AND HAIR DRESSER. Shop over
the Court House, Wellboro, Pa.,
Wellboro, Jan. 1, 1866-ly.

JULIUS SHERWOOD,
ATTORNEY AT LAW, Court Street, opposite
the Court House, Wellboro, Pa.,
Jan. 6, 1866-ly.

H. W. WILLIAMS, Wm. H. SMITH,
WILLIAM H. SMITH,
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW,
Lawrence, County and Pension Agency, Main
Street Wellboro, Pa., Jan. 1, 1866.

JOHN I. MITCHELL,
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW,
Office lately occupied by John W. Guernsey,
Tigua, Tigua County, Pa., Prompt
attention to Collections.
Jan. 1, 1866-ly.

J. I. WILSON, J. B. NILES,
WILSON & NILES,
ATTORNEYS & COUNSELORS AT LAW,
First door from Bigelow's, on the Avenue—
Attended to business entrusted to their care
in all counties of Tigua and Potter.
Wellboro, Jan. 1, 1866.

GEORGE WAGNER,
TAILOR. Shop first door north of L. A. Sears's
store, second floor. 23rd Cutting, Fitting, and
Repairing done promptly and well.
Wellboro, Pa., Jan. 1, 1866-ly.

JOHN B. SHAKESPEARE,
HAIRER AND TAILOR. Shop over Bowen's
store, second floor. 23rd Cutting, Fitting, and
Repairing done promptly and in best style.
Wellboro, Pa., Jan. 1, 1866-ly.

PENNSYLVANIA HOUSE,
CORNER OF MAIN STREET AND THE AVENUE
J. W. Brown, Proprietor. This is a
newly fitted and re-furnished throughout,
and now open to the public as a first-class
house. A good hostler always on hand.
Wellboro, Jan. 1, 1866-ly.

HAWLEY & CUMMIN,
ATTORNEYS AT LAW, Wellboro, Pa.—
Special attention given to collection of Pen-
sions, Bounty and Back Pay, and all claims
against the National and United States.
Wellboro, Pa., Nov. 15, 1865-3m.

JOSEPH MANLEY,
BLACKSMITH AND SHOE. Has rented the
shop lately occupied by Mr. C. O. Hoig, and
now prepared to shoe horses and oxen, and to
do all kinds of work pertaining to the busi-
ness in a superior manner.
Wellboro, Pa., Jan. 1, 1866-ly.

IZAAK WALTON HOUSE,
Gaines, Tigua County, Pa.
J. C. VERMILY, Proprietor. This is a
new hotel located within easy access of the
best fishing and hunting grounds in North-
western Pennsylvania. No expense will be spared
to secure the accommodation of pleasure seekers and
travelling public. (Jan. 1, 1866.)

J. HERVEY EWING,
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW,
No. 11 Law Building, St. Paul, St. Baltimore.
REFERENCES:—Loring Gale, Attorney at Law,
Edward Israel, Atty at Law, R. J. McKee,
Riley L. D. Berr, Henry Shier, D. D. Con-
don, Bro. & Co., F. Grove & Co., Ludwig &
McSherry, John P. McJilton, Esq., Robert Law-
son, Esq., S. Sutherland, Esq. (Mr. Ewing is
subscribed to transact any business appertain-
ing to this paper in Baltimore.)
Jan. 1, 1866-ly.

VIOLIN STRINGS at
WEBB'S DRUG STORE.

HALLS CELEBRATED VEGETABLE SCICIAN
HAIR RENEWER, can be had at ROY'S Drug
Store.

CONCENTRATED LYE, for sale at
ROY'S DRUG STORE.

FLOCK AND FEED, BUCK WHEAT
FLOUR, Meal, Pork and Salt, Tea, Coffee,
Sugar, Condensed, Sausages, Tobacco, and
between Ohio. Also, Mackerel, White Fish, and
Trout, by the package or pound.
(HAS & H. VAN VALENBURG,
Wellboro, Jan. 1, 1866.

WHEELBARROWS, CHEESE
PRESS SCREWS, and scaleboards for
slicing cheese, also
GUNN & TUCKER
also agents for Miles's Patent Money Drawer.
Also agents for Ribbon Stamps and Seal
Presses. Remounting at Gun & Tucker's Black
Ware Store, Wellboro.
Jan. 1, 1866-ly.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE.—Twenty-five
acres of land near Wellboro, excellent
well fenced, a handsome building and
view of the town and vicinity, a never failing
spring of water, &c. Enquire for
JOHN DICKINSON, Esq.
Delmar, Dec. 13, 1865-3m.

NEW PHOTOGRAPH GALLERY.—
FRANK SPENCER
has the pleasure to inform the citizens of Tigua
County that he has the best opportunity
offered them, to procure Ambrotypes, Perrotypes,
Vues, Cartes de Visite, Vuesettes, and all kinds
of fancy and popular card and colored pictures,
at his Gallery on Union Street.
Wellboro, Nov. 15, '66-ly. F. M. SPENCER.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that books for receiving subscriptions to the
Capital Stock of THE NORTHERN RAILWAY
COMPANY, will be opened at 10 o'clock on Sat-
urday, February 24, 1866, at the Hotel of J. W.
Bigelow, in the borough of Wellboro, Tigua Co.,
Pennsylvania.
GEO. M. TRACY,
J. W. BIGONEY,
J. R. FARR.

KING'S PORTABLE LEMONADE is the
only preparation of the kind made from
natural fruit. As an article of economy, purity, and
deliciousness, it cannot be surpassed, and is recom-
mended by physicians for invalids and family
use. It will keep for years in any climate, while
the condensed form renders it especially conve-
nient for travellers. All who use lemons are re-
quested to give it a trial. Entertainments at
banquets, parties, and picnics should not be without
it. For sale by all Druggists and first-class
grocers. Manufactured only by
LOUIS F. METZGER,
No. 549 Pearl St., N. Y.

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DRUGS AND MEDICINES.

LANG & WHITE,
OF MANSFIELD, Pa., have just received and
offer to the inhabitants of Tigua County, at the
lowest cash prices, a large and well assorted stock
of the following first-class goods:

DRUGS, MEDICINES, & DYE STUFFS,
Paints, Oil, Putty and Glass, Howe & Stevens'
Family Dyes, Patent Medicines, Perfumery,
Toilet Soaps, Hair Oils and Pomades,
School and Miscellaneous Books,
Writing Paper, Envelopes, Blank
Books, and Large and Small
all kinds, Dishes for
1866.

Photograph and Autograph Albums, Gold Pens
and Pocket Cutlery, All kinds of Toys,
Tobacco, Snuff & Cigars of best
brands.

Pianos, Melodions, and Cabinet Organs
VIOLINS, GUITARS, ACCORDEONS,
and all kinds of Musical Instruments and musical
merchandise. All the most popular Sheet Music
always on hand.

BAND INSTRUMENTS,
By special arrangements with the largest man-
ufacturing house in New York, we can furnish all
styles of

INSTRUMENTS,
required in
BRASS AND SILVER BANDS.
Parties wishing Instruments will save ten per
cent by communicating with us before purchas-
ing elsewhere. All instruments delivered.

FREE OF CHARGE, AND
WARRANTED IN EVERY RESPECT.

Pianos and Melodions to rent on reasonable
terms. Agents for the celebrated Florence Ser-
vicing Machine.
Mansfield, Dec. 6, 1865-6m.

NEW DRUG STORE.
Dr. W. W. WEBB & BRO.,
Have opened a Drug and Chemical Store, on
Main Street, just below Hastings, where they
intend to keep a full assortment of

DRUGS AND MEDICINES.
A good article of Medicinal Liquors and Wines.
Prescriptions carefully prepared.
Medical advice given free of charge.
Wellboro, Nov. 8-ly.

NEW FIRM & NEW GOODS AT TIGOA
BORDEN BROS.
Would respectfully announce to "all whom it
may concern," that they keep constantly on hand
a large and well selected assortment of

DRUGS AND MEDICINES,
PAINTS, OILS,
GLASS AND WALL PAPER,
DYE STUFFS, FAMILY DYES, LAMPS,
GLASS WARE, PLATED WARE,
such as CASTORS, SPOONS,
TEA & TABLE FORKS,
CAKE DISHES, &c.

WRITING PAPER,
ENVELOPES, SCHOOL BOOKS,
PATENT MEDICINES,
Tea, Coffee, Spice, Pepper, Gin-
ger, Salsaparilla, Starch,
TOILET AND WASHING SOAPS,
and an endless variety of

YANKEE NOTIONS.
Tigua, Pa., Oct. 4, 1865-1y 3/4.

KNOXVILLE
Boot, Shoe and Leather Store.

WHOLESALE & RETAIL.
THE UNDERSIGNED having formed
a co-partnership under the name and title of

I. LOGHRY & CO.,
can be found at the old stand, corner of Main
and Mill Streets, where they will keep constantly
on hand a general assortment of

BOOTS, SHOES, LEATHER AND
FINDINGS,
of the best quality, which they will sell so cheap
for Cash, as to make it an object for dealers to
buy here.

Our Stock consists in part of
MEN'S & BOYS' Calf, KIP, & STOGA
BOOTS.

of our own manufacture. Also,
LADIES' GAITERS, BALMORAL KID,
& Calf, & MISSES' SHOES.

French and Oak Stock constantly on hand for
sale. Cash paid at all times for HIDES, PELTS,
and FURS.

TERMS—CASH ON DELIVERY.

I. LOGHRY, Knoxville, Pa.
J. RICHARDSON, Elmira, N. Y.
Knoxville, Jan. 1, 1866-ly.

Farm for Sale
IN Elk township, Tigua County Pa., containing
124 acres, 40 acres improved. Said farm is
watered by numerous springs. A small stream of
water sufficient for burning, sawing, wood, &c.,
flows through the farm near the buildings. It is
well situated for a good dairy farm. A portion of
the good grain land. Two log houses, frame
house and other buildings thereon. A thrifty
young orchard of 70 or 80 apple, pear or plum
trees. A good school house on the adjoining
farm. The above farm might be divided into
two small farms of 62 acres each. Price \$12 per
acre. Terms easy. A liberal deduction made
for cash down. Inquire of
C. B. KELLEY, Wellboro, or
W. M. DICKIE, on the premises.

Jan. 17, 1866-ly.

WHOLESALE DRUG STORE.

CORNING, N. Y.
THADDEUS DAVIDS' INKS, CONCEN-
TRATED MEDICINES, CIN-
NATI WINES AND
BRANDY, WHITE
WASH LIME,

KEROSENE LAMPS, PATENT MEDI-
CINES, PETROLEUM OIL,
ROCHESTER PER-
FUMERY,

AND FLAVORING EXTRACTS, WALL
PAPER, WINDOW GLASS,
AND DYE COLORS.

Sold at Wholesale Prices. Buyers are requested
to call and get quotations before going further
East.

W. D. TERRELL & CO.,
Corning, N. Y., Jan. 1, 1866-ly.

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!—The Polls of
this Election are now open.

C. L. WILCOX,
Of Wellboro, offers for sale his entire
STOCK OF GOODS AT COST.

GOOD BARGAIN,
are invited to call soon, for

DELAYS ARE DANGEROUS.

Call at the "REGULATOR," one door above
the Post Office. C. L. WILCOX.
Wellboro, Jan. 1, 29, 1866.

NOW IS THE TIME TO SAVE YOUR
GREENBACKS.
A great breakdown in the price of all kinds of
Dry Goods.

I have just returned from New York with a
large and well selected assortment of
STAPLE AND FANCY DRY GOODS,
which were bought for CASH during the late
panic at PANIC PRICES, which I am bound to
SELL at

PAID PRICES.

I am selling
Good Madder Prints, 25
Best 25
Extra Wide, English, 25
Best Mullin De Laine, 25
Bleached Sheetings, 25 to 30
Unbleached, 25 to 30
Extra Heavy, 25 to 30
Best quality French Merino, 10-shilling
Double width Flannel, 65¢
Yard wide Rep, 60¢
Best quality Wool Delaine, 60¢
Single width Flannel, 60¢
Yard wide Flannel, 60¢
A Large Stock of

FLANNELS, BALMORAL SKIRTS,
HOOP SKIRTS, CLOTHS, FURS,
NOTIONS, WORSTEDS, &c.,
A good assortment
GROCERIES, BOOTS & SHOES, &c.

Also, a large Stock of
FEED, FLOUR & POKE, always on hand.

To fact,
ALL THE NECESSARIES OF LIFE.
Customers in want of Goods will save money
by calling at the New Store and examine Goods
and Prices before buying elsewhere.
Tigua, Jan. 1, 1866. H. R. FISH.

ANNOUNCEMENT!
We have reduced the price of Flour \$1 per
barrel, Feed and meal 50 cents per cwt,
and shall sell, FOR CASH ONLY.

C. J. HILL FLOUR, WRIGHT &
BAILEY'S BEST WHITE
WHEAT FLOUR,
SPRING WHEAT FLOUR, BUCK-
WHEAT FLOUR, GROUND
FEED, CORN MEAL,
BRAN, &c., &c.

CASH PAID FOR ALL KINDS OF
GRAIN.

WRIGHT & BAILEY,
Wellboro, Jan. 24, 1866.

FLAX WHEELS,
WOOL-WHEELS, WHEEL-HEADS,
SNAP-REELS, FLIERS, &c., &c.

THE UNDERSIGNED would respectfully an-
nounce to the

MERCHANTS & DEALERS
of Tigua and adjoining counties, that they are
now engaged in the manufacture of the above
named articles, and are prepared to furnish them at

WHOLESALE PRICES,
Employing none but Experienced Workmen,
and using only the best materials, we are con-
fident we can furnish you with goods that will
suit your customers.

Every article warranted to give entire satisfac-
tion. All Goods packed in shipping order and
sent by rail or otherwise.
Please address by mail, when list of prices,
Card Samples, &c., will be forwarded.
C. M. CRANDALL & CO.,
Montrose, Pa. Dec. 27, '65-3m.

N. B. Ours is the only establishment that
manufactures the Celebrated
Crandall Wheel-Head.

Warranted to last TWENTY YEARS if well used.

Miscellaneous.

A THRILLING ADVENTURE.

We question whether, in this history
of hair breadth escapes a parallel to the
following can be found. The story is
told to us by an old and valued friend
now residing in the country near the
city, but whose early days were spent
near the scene of the tragic adventure
referred to.

We give the story as it was related to
us in the words of the hero.

It was about the year 1805, that I set-
tled in Virginia, near the falls of the
Kanawha, in the country of the Kanawha,
which was then a wilderness. But few set-
tlements had been made by the whites,
and they were so far apart as to render
vain all hope of assistance in case of an
attack from hostile Indians, numbers of
whom were to be found in the vicinity.

I lived there alone with my wife for
several months, unmolested, and by dint
of perseverance, then young and
hardy, had succeeded in making quite
comfortable a small cabin, which I planted
in corn, and which promised an abun-
dant yield.

One morning after we had despatched
our humble meal, and had just prepared
for the day, I was aroused by the
routine of labor, my attention was ar-
rested by the tinkling of a cow bell in
the corn field.

"There," said my wife, "the cow is
in the corn field."

But the back woodman be-
comes by education very acute, espe-
cially so from the fact his safety often
depends upon the nice cultivation of
that sense. I was not so easily deceived.

I listened. The sound was repeated.
"That," said I, in reply to my wife's
remark, "was not the tinkling of a
bell upon the neck of a cow, but a decoy
from some Indian, who wishes to draw
me into an ambush."

Believing this to be the case, I took
down my old musket, and seeing that
it was properly loaded, I cautiously
around the field towards the spot from
which the sound seemed to proceed.

As I approached, I perceived a
crouched on the ground, waiting for me
to appear in answer to his decoy bell,
that he might send the fatal bullet to
my heart. I approached without dis-
covering myself to him until within
shooting distance, then I raised my
piece and fired. The bullet sped true
to its mark, and the Indian fell dead.

Not knowing that he might be
accompanied by others, I returned with
all speed to my cabin, and having fir-
mly barricaded the door, I watched all
day from the post hole, in anticipation
of an attack from the companions of
the one I had slain.

During the night I was not without
danger and seeming helplessness of my
situation, I discovered that I had but
one charge of powder left, I could make
but one shot then. I attacked by num-
bers, I should not have been so foolish.

Determined to do the best with what I
had, I poured out the last charge of
powder and put it into the musket, and
then waited for the approach of night,
sure that the Indians would come.

Night came at last. A beautiful moon-
light night it was too, and this favored
me greatly, as I would thereby be able
to observe the movements of the enemy
as they approached the cabin.

It was two hours after midnight,
and yet I had neither heard or seen a
sign of the Indians, when suddenly I
was startled by the laying of my dog
flat on his back, and the sound of
hoofs coming. The stable stood a little
to the west of the cabin, and between
the two was a patch of cleared ground
upon which the light of the full moon
fell.

With a loud shout, I rushed from the
noise at the stable that they would ad-
vance from that direction, I posted my-
self at the post hole on that side of the
cabin.

And as I placed my wife on the
rope pole in the chimney so that in
case our enemies effected an entrance
into our cabin, she might climb out
through the low chimney, and effect
her escape.

But I determined not to let them
alive, and to sell my life dearly.

With breathless anxiety I watched at
the post hole. At length I saw them
emerge from the shadows of the stable,
and the sound of the open ground be-
neath my cabin. One—two—three—four
Heavens! six stalwart Indians armed
to the teeth, and urged on by the hope
of revenge, and I alone to oppose them
with one charge of powder! My case
was desperate indeed. With quick and
steady step, in close single file, they
approached and were already within a
few yards of the house, when a slight
change in the position of the six, so
that a portion of the left side of each
was uncovered. They were in range,
and my aim would cover all. Quick as
thought I aimed and fired. The first
smoke cleared away, I could hardly
credit what my senses showed me as the
result of my shot. The fifteen slugs
with which I had loaded the musket,
had done their work well, five of the
six Indians had fallen to the ground,
and the sixth had disappeared.

Although no enemy was now in sight,
I did not venture forth until morning.
There lay the bodies of the five Indians,
the sixth had disappeared. I found the
other. Securing the arms and ammu-
nition of the fallen Indians, I fol-
lowed up the trail of the missing one,
until I reached the river, beyond which
point I could discover no trace whatever.
From the amount of blood which marked
his trail, together with the unmistakable
evidence that he had picked his way
with difficulty, I was led to believe that
he was mortally wounded, and in order
to prevent his falling into the hands of
the white foe, he had groped his
way to the river and thrown himself
into the current which had borne it
away.

Indians had killed my cow, and
that you may be assured was no trifling
loss, yet in my gratitude for my escape
from the merciless savages, I would
have been entirely willing to have made
greater and greater sacrifices. And so
with arms and ammunition taken from
the six Indians, in case of second attack;
but this fortunately, proved to be my
last adventure with the savages.

Not one of the band had escaped to
revenge the death of his comrades.

"Ah!" exclaimed the old man, while
the tears stood in his eyes, at the me-
mory of that eventful night, that was
the last of my Indian life.

The hero of this adventure lived to
see the rude wilderness where he had
pitched his lonely cabin, transformed
into smiling fields and peopled with har-
dily and enterprising pioneers, among
whom his last days were passed in peace
and plenty, undisturbed by his old foe;

Biography.

GEN. JOHN W. GEARY.

John W. Geary was born in West-
moreland county, Pa., and although now
only forty-six years of age, has already
won a lasting fame by his adherence to
the cause of right and duty, in the dif-
ferent parts of our country, which he
has been engaged in for many years.

Having lost his father very early in
life, he was thrown upon his own re-
sources, and not only supported himself,
but became the only stay of his widowed
mother, by teaching in a village school,
during which time he also, by persev-
ering industry and commendable econ-
omy, acquired means to procure a class-
ical education, which he completed at
Jefferson College, Canonsburg, Pa.,
creating life-long friends among pro-
fessors and classmates, by the early exhi-
bition of those sterling qualities
that have since endeared him to so many
of the prominent citizens of the State.

Having finished his collegiate educa-
tion, he assumed the profession of a civil
engineer, in the practice of which he
went to Kentucky, partly in the employ
of the Commonwealth, and partly in
that of the Green River Railroad Com-
pany; and was engaged in the survey of
several very important branches of the
public improvements of that State. After
an experience with the engineer corps
and great knowledge as to the condi-
tion of the various offices of a clerk-
ship to the superintendency of the Al-
legheny Portage Railroad; and during
several years discharged the duties of his
responsible position with complete sat-
isfaction.

At a very early date, actuated by his
mathematical abilities, he exhibited a
fondness for military tactics, and labor-
ed strenuously by the study of time
and means, to perfect our volunteer sys-
tem. From a private in the ranks, he
rose rapidly through all the grades to
that of Brigadier General, to which he
was elected by the Board of War, and
Columbia and Somerset counties, and
filled all the various offices of a clerk-
ship to the superintendency of the Al-
legheny Portage Railroad; and during
several years discharged the duties of his
responsible position with complete sat-
isfaction.

When the war with Mexico was de-
clared, he was among the first who re-
sponded to the call for volunteers, and
was elected to the rank of Captain in the
Southern States, and to that of Lieu-
tenant Colonel in the regular army.

His regiment joined the army of Gen.
Scott at Vera Cruz, and served in the
advance, under the command, and on
the 1st of August, 1847, he was ap-
pointed, through his brilliant campaign in
Mexico. Geary was attached to Gen.
Quitman's division, and distinguished
himself in the battles of La Roja,
"Chapultepec," and "Cerro de San Mateo,"
and the "City of Mexico." Upon arriv-
ing at the capital, his colonel having
died, he was elected Colonel, by a vote
of more than two-thirds of the com-
mand. This election was not the result
of mere friendship or political prefer-
ence. It was the reward for his
own good conduct, from the hands of
the gallant soldiers—the spontaneous
and grateful expression of the brave
men who had fought by his side, shared
his privations, sufferings and dangers,
and who witnessed and knew best how
he had acquitted himself.

His appointment to the rank of Lieu-
tenant Colonel, and his subsequent ad-
vancement to that of Colonel, were
testimony to the high regard in which
he was held by his fellow soldiers, and
the people of Pittsburgh will long remember
the enthusiastic welcome he received upon
his arrival in that city.

Wilkins, in a public speech, com-
plimented the services of the gallant
war-beaten and war-worn troops, and
the excitement of the universal jubilee
on the 22d of January, 1849, in return
for his services in Mexico, President
Polk appointed Col. Geary postmaster
at San Francisco, which, in consequence
of the recent discovery of gold in
California, had become a point of con-
siderable importance. He was also em-
powered to create post offices, appoint
postmasters, establish mail routes, and
make contracts for carrying the mails
throughout the State.

To effect this, a large part of admi-
nistrative time was consumed in the
placement in the way of his subsequent and
almost unparalleled success and popu-
larity among the heterogeneous popula-
tion of the Eureka State.

On the 1st of August, 1849, the mun-
icipal election of San Francisco took
place, and although ten different tickets
were framed for the various minor of-
fices, his name appeared at the head of
them all, and he received every vote
cast that day for the office of First Al-
calde, it being at that time the most im-
portant, responsible and difficult office
in the State of California. It required
administrative and executive abilities
of the rarest quality, and a population
numbered 20,000, almost entirely adult
males, drawn together from every sec-
tion of the world, and possessed of every
imaginable variety of character.

The purpose of this paper is to
show the character of the man who
embraced those of every one of the cus-
tomary offices of a city and county ju-
risdiction. He was a Mayor, Sheriff,
Marshal, Probate Recorder, Register of
Deeds, and even Notary Public and Cor-
oner. He daily held an ordinary police
or mayor's court, an alcalde's court, for
the minor cases and general executive
matters of the city; a court of first in-
stance, with universal civil and criminal
jurisdiction; and a court of admiralty,
for maritime cases. In a word, he
was the curator of the public, doing
everything that was to be done, even to
the holding of inquests and taking ac-
knowledgement of deeds. And so, in
did he perform all these varied, ardu-
ous, complicated and difficult duties,
that at the expiration of his first term
he was re-elected by an almost unani-
mous vote, the city in the meantime hav-
ing more than doubled its population.

During the time of holding the office of
Alcalde, Col. Geary tried, as Judge, over
twenty-five hundred civil and criminal
cases; and from his decision not over a
dozen appeals were made, and not one
decision was ever reversed.

Under the old Mexican laws, Alcaldes
had power to grant away the public
land, at twelve and a half cents per
lot, (25 yards square). All American
Alcaldes, previous to Geary's time, had
availed themselves of this privilege, and

disposed of an immense amount of val-
uable property at these mere nominal
rates. A resolution, after his election,
was debated by the Ayuntamiento (the
Council), directing the Alcalde to make
such grants at the legal rates. General
Geary assured them, that rather than
make such grants he would relinquish
his office, because the sudden and unex-
pected rise of the value of the lands,
would enable the Alcalde, if he were so
disposed, to enrich himself and friends
to the public detriment. At the rates
named, the lands belonging to the city
were worth only \$35,000. A small por-
tion of these lands were then sold at
public auction, and brought half a mil-
lion of dollars. This sum was placed in
the city treasury. The tracts remaining
unsold were proportionally worth sev-
eral millions of dollars! Thus was this
immense sum saved to the city.