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Insurance, Bounty and Pension Agency, Main Street Wellsboro, Pa., Jan. 1, 1868.

WM. GARRETSON,
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GEO. W. MERRICK,
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW. Office with W. H. Smith, Esq., Main Street, opposite Union Block, Wellsboro, Pa. July 15, 1868.

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WHOLESALE DRUGGISTS, and dealers in Wall Paper, Kerosene Lamps, Window Glass, Perfumery, Paints and Oils, &c., &c. Corning, N. Y., Jan. 1, 1868.–1y.

S. F. WILSON. J. B. NILES.
WILSON & NILES,
ATTORNEYS & COUNSELORS AT LAW, (First door from Bigoney's, on the Avenue)—Will attend to business entrusted to their care in the counties of Tioga and Potter. Wellsboro, Jan. 1, 1868.

JOHN I. MITCHELL
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW, Wellsboro, Tioga Co., Pa.
Claim Agent, Notary Public, and Insurance Agent. He will attend promptly to collection of Pensions, Back Pay and Bounty. As Notary Public he takes acknowledgements of deeds, administors orths, and will act as Commissioner to take testimony. ☞ Office over Roy's Drug Store, adjoining Agitator Office.—Oct. 30, 1867

John W. Guernsey,
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW. Having returned to this county with a view of making it his permanent residence, solicits a share of public patronage. All business entrusted to his care will be attended to with promptness and fidelity. Office 2d door south of R. S. Farr's hotel. Tioga, Tioga Co., Pa. Sept. 26, '68.–tf.

GEORGE WAGNER,
TAILOR. Shop first door north of L. A. Sears's Shoe Shop. ☞ Cutting, Fitting, and Repairing done promptly and well. Wellsboro, Pa., Jan. 1, 1868.–1y.

JOHN ETNER,
TAILOR AND CUTTER, has opened a shop on Crafton street, rear of Sears & Derby's shoe shop, where he is prepared to manufacture garments to order in the most substantial manner, and with dispatch. Particular attention paid to Cutting and Fitting. March 26, 1868–1y

Dr. C. K. Thompson.
(WELLSBOROUGH PA.)
Will attend to Professional calls in the village, of Wellsboro and elsewhere.
Office and Residence on State St. 2d door on the right going East. [June. 24, 1868.

D. BACON, M. D., late of the 2d Pa. Cavalry, after nearly four years of army service, with a large experience in field and hospital practice, has opened an office for the practice of medicine and surgery, in all its branches. Persons from a distance can find good board at the Pennsylvania Hotel when desired.—Will visit any part of the State in consultation, or to perform surgical operations. No. 4, Union Block, up stairs. Wellsboro, Pa., May 2, 1866.–1y.

Wm. B. Smith,
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Thos. B. Bryden.
SURVEYOR & DRAFTSMAN.—Orders left at his room, Townsend Hotel, Wellsboro, will meet with prompt attention. Jan. 13, 1867.–tf.

R. E. OLNEY,
DEALER in CLOCKS & JEWELRY, SILVER & PLATED WARE, Spectacles, Violin Strings, &c., &c., Mansfield, Pa. Watches and Jewelry neatly repaired. Engraving done in plain English and German. 11sept67–1y.

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Dealer in DRY GOODS of all kinds, Hardware and Yankee Notions. Our assortment is large and prices low. Store in Union Block. Call it, gentleman.—may 20 1868–1y.

PETROLEUM HOUSE,
WESTFIELD, PA., GEORGE CLOSE, Proprietor. A new Hotel conducted on the principle of live and let live; for the accommodation of the public.—Nov. 14, 1866.–1y.

HAZLETT'S HOTEL,
TIOGA, TIOGA COUNTY, PA.,
Good stabling, attached, and an attentive hostler always in attendance.
G. W. HAZLETT, ... Proprietor.

HILL'S HOTEL,
WESTFIELD Borough, Tioga Co. Pa. E. G. Hill, Proprietor. A new and commodious building with all the modern improvements. Within easy drives of the best hunting and fishing grounds in Northern Penn'a. Conveyances furnished. Terms moderate. Feb. 5, 1868–1y.

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Gaines, Tioga County, Pa.
HORACE C. VERMILYEA, Prop'R. This is a new hotel located within easy access of the best fishing and hunting grounds in Northern Pennsylvania. No pains will be spared for the accommodation of pleasure seekers and the traveling public. [Jan. 1, 1868.]

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M. M. SEARS, Proprietor.
WHERE delicious Ice Cream, French Confectionary, all kinds of fruits in their season, a nice dish of Tea, Coffee, or Chocolate, and Oysters in their season—can be had at all hours, served in the best style. Next door below Roberts & Bailey's Hardware Store, Main Street.
Wellsboro, Aug. 4, 1869.

Bounty and Pension Agency.
HAVING received definite instructions in regard to the extra bounty allowed by the act approved July 28, 1866, and having on hand a large supply of all necessary blanks, I am prepared to prosecute all pension and bounty claims which may be placed in my hands. Persons living at a distance can communicate with me by letter, and their communications will be promptly answered. WM. H. SMITH.
Wellsboro, October 24, 1866.

HARKNESS & RILEY,
BOOT AND SHOE MAKERS,
Over Wilson & Van Valkenburg's Store, in the room lately occupied by Benj. Seeley.
BOOTS AND SHOES of all kinds made to order and in the best manner.
REPAIRING of all kinds done promptly and good. Give us a call.
JOHN HARKNESS.
WM. REILEY.
Wellsboro Jan. 2, 1868–1y.

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AND
BLANK BOOK MANUFACTORY,
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(SIGN OF THE BIG BOOK, 2D FLOOR,)
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OUR MOTTO:
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Of every description, in all styles of Binding, and as low, for quality of Stock, as any Bindery in the State. Volumes of every description Bound in the best manner and in any style ordered.
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COMPLETE YOUR SETS!
I am prepared to furnish back numbers of all Reviews or Magazines published in the United States or Great Britain, at a low price.
BLANK BOOK & OTHER PAPER,
Of all sizes and qualities, on hand, ruled or plain.
BILL HEAD PAPER,
Of any quality or size, on hand and cut up ready for printing. Also, BILL PAPER, and CARD BOARD of all colors and quality, in boards or cut to any size.
STATIONERY,
Cap, Letter, Note Paper, Envelopes, Pens, Pencils, &c.
I am sole agent for
Prof. SHEPARD'S NON-CORROSIVE STEEL PENS, OF VARIOUS SIZES, FOR LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
Which I will warrant equal to Gold Pens. The best in use and no mistake.
The above stock I will sell at the Lowest Rates at all times, at a small advance on New York prices, and in quantities to suit purchasers. All work and stock warranted as represented.
I respectfully solicit a share of public patronage. Orders by mail promptly attended to.
Address, LOUIS KIES,
Advertiser Building,
Sept. 23, 1867.–1y. Elmira, N. Y.

John C. Horton,
ATTORNEY & COUNSELOR AT LAW, Tioga Pa. Office with C. H. Seymour, Esq. Business attended to with promptness. apr. 7th, '69–1y.

C. B. KELLEY
DEALER IN DRY GOODS, Groceries, Hardware, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, &c., &c., corner of Market and Crafton streets, Wellsboro Pa. Jan. 6, 1868.

E. S. Perkins, M. D.
Respectfully announces to the citizens of East Charleston and vicinity, that he would be grateful for their patronage. Office at the Store of Cooper and Kohler. Mar. 24th '69–1y.

Smith's Hotel.
[TIOGA, PA.]
E. M. SMITH, having purchased the hotel property lately owned by L. H. Smith has thoroughly refitted the hotel, and can accommodate the traveling public in a superior manner. March 24th, 1869–1y.

KEYSTONE HOTEL.
SABINSVILLE, Tioga County, Pa., J. B. Benn, Proprietor. Convenient to the best fishing grounds in Tioga Co. Fishing parties accommodated with conveyances. Good entertainment for man and beast. June 9, 1869–tf.

New Tannery.
THE undersigned has fitted up the old Foundry building, near the Brewery, Wellsboro, and is now prepared to turn out fine calf, kip, cowhide, and harness leather in the best manner. Hides tanned on shares. Cash paid for hides. M. A. DURIF.
Wellsboro, Oct. 14, 1868.

UNION HOTEL.
MINER WATKINS, PROPRIETOR.
HAVING fitted up a new hotel building on the site of the old Union Hotel, lately destroyed by fire, I am now ready to receive and entertain guests. The Union Hotel was intended for a Temperance House, and the Proprietor believes it can be sustained without grog. An attentive hostler in attendance.
Wellsboro, June 26, 1867.

E. R. KIMBALL,
GROCERY AND RESTAURANT,
One door above the Meat Market,
WELLSBORO, PENN'A,
RESPECTFULLY announces to the trading public that he has a desirable stock of Groceries, comprising, Teas, Coffees, Spices, Sugars, Molasses, Syrups, and all that constitutes a first-class stock; Oysters in every style at all seasonable hours.
Wellsboro, Jan. 2, 1867–tf.

WALKER & LATHROP,
DEALERS IN
HARDWARE, IRON, STEEL, NAILS,
STOVES, TIN-WARE,
BELTING, SAWS, CUTLERY,
WATER LIME,
AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS,
Carriage and Harness Trimmings,
HARNESSES, SADDLES, &c.
Corning, N. Y., Jan. 2, 1867–1y.

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! HEAR YE
BARRELS, FIRKINS, CHURNS,
BUTTER TUBS, &c.,
Kept constantly on hand and furnished to order, by
W. T. MATHERS,
at his new store, 2d door above Roy's Building, Wellsboro. (June 10, 1868.)

Scales! Scales! Scales!
THE Buffalo Platform Scales, all ordinary sizes, for heavy, and counter use, may be found at the Hardware Store of Wm. Roberts, Wellsboro. These Scales are the Fairbanks patent and have no superior anywhere. They are made in the best style and have taken the premium at all the great exhibitions.
I have the sole Agency for these Scales in this region. WILLIAM ROBERTS.
Wellsboro, Feb. 12, 1868.

New Tobacco Store!
THE subscriber has fitted up the rooms adjoining D. P. Roberts Tin and Stove Store for the manufacture and sale of
CIGARS, (all grades), Fancy and Common SMOKING TOBACCO, Michigan Fine Cut CHEWING, and all kinds of PLUG TOBACCO, PIPES, and the choicest Brand of CIGARS.
☞ Call and see for yourselves.
JOHN W. PURSEL.
Wellsboro, Nov. 11, 1868—tf.

TO FARMERS!
ELK RUN PLASTER.—We hereby certify that we have used the Plaster manufactured by Champney & Bernauer, at their works on Elk Run, in Gaines township, and we believe it to be equal if not superior to the Cayuga Plaster.

David Smith	S M Congdon	A P Cone
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S B Davis	Albert King	John C Miller
J H Watrous	W H Watrous	L L Marsh
R M Smith	O A Smith	H M Foote
J D Stanit	P C Van Gelder	J J Smith
Jared Davis	J F Zimmerman	C L King
L L Smith		

N. B.—Plaster always on hand at the Mill.—Price $5 per ton. Nov. 4, 1868.

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COME TO
T. L. BALDWIN & CO'S
TIOGA PA.
and see a nice stock of Goods for the
FALL & WINTER.
such as
LADIES DRESS GOODS
—all styles, colors and patterns—
ALPACAS, POPLINS, CAMBRICKS, FRENCH JACONETS, ORGANDIES, PEQUAS, VERSAILES, BLACK AND COLORED SILKS, &c., &c.
BEAUTIFUL Winter SHAWLS,
and a large assortment to select from.
CLOAKS READY-MADE AND CLOTH TO MAKE MORE, ALL KINDS OF LININGS, FRINGES, TASSELS &c, TO TRIM DRESSES OR SACQUES.
—Our stock of—
YANKEE NOTIONS
can't be beat. It keeps up with everything the Yankees have thought of so far.
HOOP SKIRTS, BALMORAL SKIRTS, CORSETS, &C,
R—O—M—H—N
DOMESTICS
too numerous to mention; but will say that you will seldom find so large an assortment to select from in a country store, and clear down to the
BOTTOM FIGURE.
A—L—P—H
We also keep a large assortment of
READY-MADE CLOTHING,
in suits, and parts of suits. Should we fail to suit you with ready-made, we have Cassimere, and
A TAILOR TO CUT AND FIT.
Boots and Shoes,
all styles and sizes.
HATS AND CAPS, STRAW GOODS, AND GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS, A COMPLETE LINE OF CROCKERY, WOODEN WARE, HARD WARE, SHELF HARD WARE, NAILS, IRON, Locks, Latches, Carpenters' Tools.
A GENERAL STOCK OF
GROCERIES,
Fresh. TEAS are lower than at any time since the war. Did not go to Cuba to buy sugar, and so have some cheap. We are agents for the
E. HOWE SEWING MACHINE.
F—I—W—X
Farmers, if you want tools to work with drop in.
SALT, LIME, PLASTER, PORK, FLOUR
Lime, Cayuga Plaster, &c.
Butter tubs, Pails, Firkins, and Ashton Salt to flavor with. All kinds of Farm Produce wanted. Prices can't be beat.
T—H—A—N—K—S
T. L. BALDWIN & CO.
Tioga, Pa., October 13 1869

Wilson & Van Valkenburg's
No. 2 Union Block, is
THE PLACE
the place where the crowd go to find
THE NEW SPRING STYLES
POPLINS, GRENADINES, LAWNS, ORGANDIES, PIQUES, CHINTZS, PERCALLES, GINGHAMS.
DELAINES & PRINTS, ALL STYLES.
FACTORY'S, SHEETINGS, BLEACHED AND UNBLEACHED MUSLINS. HOOP SKIRTS,
of every description, DRESS TRIMMINGS and BUTTONS of all kinds; also the largest and cheapest assortment of
READY MADE CLOTHING
ever brought into Tioga County. Remember the place, and call before purchasing.
We have selected our stock with great care and notify gentlemen that in
LIGHT CASSIMERES, TWEEDS, LINENS, FARMERS' SATINS, GAITERS, & SUMMER WEAR
of every description we can't be beat.
Thankful for past patronage, and by strict attention to business we hope to share a continuance of the same.
WILSON & VAN VALKENBURG.
Wellsboro, May 19, 1869–tf.

Dr. H. R. Phillips,
SURGEON, DENTIST.
THE undersigned respectfully announces to the citizens of Westfield and surrounding country that he is permanently located at this place. He is fully prepared to do all kinds of
DENTISTRY,
in the highest style of the art. Satisfaction guaranteed. Office over Scovill's Drug Store.
Fine Photographs can be had over the Drug Store. H. R. PHILLIPS.
Westfield, Pa., June 30, 1869–1y.

100,000 LBS. WOOL WANTED
for which the highest price will be paid at the Store of
June 16, 1869. TOLES & BARKER.

For Sale, Cheap.
A STEAM Engine & Boiler, and all the gearing for an up and down Saw.
JOHN B. BOWEN,
Wellsboro, June 23, 1869.–tf.

Poets' Corner.

A FRIEND WELCOMED.

The joy of meeting makes us love farewell,
We gather once again around the hearth,
And thou wilt tell
All that thy keen experience has been
Of pleasure, danger, misadventure, mirth,
And unforeseen.

And all without an angry word the while,
Or self-comparison—naught dost thou recall
Save for a smile.
Thou knowest how to lend good fortune grace,
And how to mock, whate'er ill luck befall,
With laughing face.

But, friend, go not again so far away;
In need of some small help I always stand,
Come whatsoever may:
I know not whither leads this path of mire
But I can tread it better when my hand
Is clasped in thine.

Miscellaneous Reading.

Report of the Proceedings of the Tioga County Teachers' Institute. Monday Sept. 27, 1869.

Institute met at 3 o'clock P. M., according to appointment in the Public School Building at Tioga. Present a large number of Teachers from different parts of the county.

Institute was called to order by Supt. Horton. Prayer by Prof. Verrill of Mansfield. Miss Hattie D. Close was appointed Secretary. A Committee was appointed to arrange programme for the evening. Music. Adjourned to meet at 7, P. M.

Evening Session. Music. After a few remarks, Prof. Horton introduced Prof. Jones of Erie city, who made an interesting address, in which he noted the difference between two years ago, when but eight Teachers were in attendance at the Institute, and the present promising prospects; (fresh number having just arrived; one load containing twenty-two.) Then referred to the difference of qualifications requred of Teachers at the present, and in olden time; when anything would answer for a Teacher. The old, infirm, and even the blind; those who were not capable of filling any other position, were then the Teachers; and remarked that the true standard was not yet attained, and that the soul must enter into the work. Heart to heart, and hand to hand we must labor, &c. Music.—Adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock on Tuesday morning.

Tuesday.—Morning session 9 A. M.—Prayer by Rev. N. L. Reynolds, of Blossburg. On motion of H. M. Beels, W. E. Hathaway appointed assistant Secretary.

Remarks upon the subject of Arithmetic by Prof. Verrill. Said that the main object was to give the mind that proper training that would be of use in after years. Spoke of the practical use and benefit, and gave his method of teaching. Thinks that text books should not be allowed in the class; and that the pupil while at the board should not be questioned, prompted, or interrupted until he has finished his work and explanations. Would not have pupils commit to memory or repeat a rule in the book, but would teach them Tables. Mathematics should be reached by successive steps of reasoning, and for ever removed from memorizing.

10, A. M. Remarks upon the Constitution of the United States by Prof. Jones.

Says the Constitution is itself a study. Demonstrated by diagram upon the black-board, and suggested that manner of presenting it to pupils thereby making it very plain and interesting.—Related a circumstance in which a certain member of Congress betrayed his ignorance when making some remarks upon the Constitution. Asked how many States there were in the Union. Answers by different members, varying from 36 to 38.

10:30.—Instructions in reading by Rev. W. L. Reynolds. Remarked that the School room was very illy provided with recitation seats, as were a great many others in the County, and expressed his idea of the necessity of suitable seats, also of having each branch properly classified. Remarked upon the *usual* manner of instruction in reading, under some suggestions in regard to teaching this branch. Referred to the usual custom of having the higher classes read first in the day, thought it better now the order reversed, having the *smaller* classes read first. In teaching would establish a seat of honor in the class to which the best readers should be entitled. Thought this would incite interest. Showed how the drawling tone was acquired—trying to read before being able to pronounce.

11.—Remarks upon Spelling by Prof. H. M. Beels, of Tioga. Spoke of the various methods in use; thought the old method of toeing the mark, folding the arms, and spelling in rotation a good one for those who could not write, and suggested different methods of writing for older pupils. Called upon different members for their methods. Prof. Verill explained the manner in which this exercise was conducted in the Normal School at Mansfield. Prof. Jones spoke of the necessity of properly understanding the marks, signs, &c., used in the Dictionary.

10:30.—Continuation of Arithmetic by Prof. Verrill. "Teach your pupils to use grammatical language in explanations, and make legible figures upon the board." Question by Rev. N. L. Reynolds. "Would you teach your pupils the why with the how?" Ans. "I should teach first the how, and then why." Spoke of the necessity of a class being properly seated, also of the carelessness of Teachers in allowing pupils to pass from one article to another without a proper understanding of the first.

Supt. Horton then made some remarks in which he exhorted the Teachers to take an interest in the work, and not desert before the hour for adjournment.

11:45.—Enrollment of the names of Teachers having arrived since morning; and distribution of numbers. On motion, Rev. C. Otis Thatcher was elected an honorary member of the Institute. Adjourned to meet at 2.

2 o'clock P. M.—Session opened with singing. Miss Sarah Lewis, and Mr. C. L. Peck, appointed critics for afternoon and evening.

Exercise in Grammar conducted by Prof. Jones. Made a few remarks upon the importance of this branch of study, and the best method of teaching it—after which he distributed among the Teachers a set of papers upon which were printed a number of sentences (common expressions) grammatically incorrect, which were criticised and corrected by the Teachers.

3.—Remarks upon the Fundamental Rules of Arithmetic by Prof. Salisbury, of Lawrenceville. Gave his method of teaching. Thinks that Teachers should not use a text book during recitation, and that pupils should be taught to find or ask the proofs for each operation.—Then proceded to illustrate his manner of explaining to pupils, why you begin at the right to add, subtract, and multiply, and at the left to divide.

3:30.—Rev. N. L. Reynolds on the subject of Geography, remarked; that the usual mode of teaching was not sufficiently distinct to be correctly understood by those beginning the study, and suggested, and illustrated a method which rendered it very plain.

4.—Mr. John L. Sexton spoke for a few moments upon the Science of Government. The teachers then entered into a general discussion in regard to the best method of School Government, at the close of which, Supt. Horton called upon those who were in favor of abolishing corporal punishment in Schools to rise in their places, at which several rose.

5.—Adjourned till 7 o'clock. Evening. Session opened half past 7, P. M. Music. Prayer by Rev. A. B. Chase.—Calling of the roll and response by sentiment.

Address by Rev. N. L. Reynolds, in which he spoke of the importance of our common Schools, and wished their value was more fully appreciated. Then compared Wealth and Education, saying that there were a few who so fully appreciated its value that they would sacrifice almost everything rather than to suffer their children to grow up in ignorance; while others thought that the raising of pumpkins and potatoes of far more importance. He said. "O, it is a noble work,—the moulding of immortal minds:—The sculptured marble shall crumble into dust, but the marks we make on the imperishable shall last throughout the long ages of Eternity.

A few moments were then occupied in discussing the subject of Corporal Punishment.

Report of the critics. On motion, Messrs. Chase, Graves, Cameron, Bentley and Seymour were elected honorary members of the Institute.

Wednesday morning. Session opened at 9 o'clock. Music. Prayer by Rev. C. O. Thatcher. Mr. Bailey and Miss Gillet appointed critics for the day.

Exercise in Reading conducted by Prof. Salisbury, who spoke of the various methods in practice; and exercised the class in concert reading. After which Prof. Verrill again took up the subject of Arithmetic; related his experience in teaching that branch, and demonstrated some of the more difficult principles in Arithmetic; dwelling principally upon the subject of Propositions.

10.—Prof. Jones then resumed the Grammar exercises. Said that he came not to differ with any one in regard to Authors, but to teach them *practical* Grammar. The exercises were then conducted as upon preceding day.

Rev. N. L. Reynolds then continued his remarks on the study of Geography. Explained why the sun appears to rise and set so far to the north during the summer. Asked what natural phenomenon established the location of the Arctic circle, (various answers given) also, "Where has north gone when I stand upon the north pole?" Ans.—"Gone up." He then described the appearance of the sun during the six month's day at the poles.

Calling of the roll. Present, 180 members. Adjournment.

Session opened at 2 o'clock, P. M., Prof. Verrill made some remarks upon the theory of teaching; saying that the fact of the great advancement in our Common Schools for the last few years ought to show that there is some profit by the experience of others; beginning where they left off. But still he who strives to do his whole duty, without regard to theories *will* succeed. Then spoke of the inconveniences of School Rooms in a generality of cases and thought the arrangement would be much better—were Teachers consulted in regard to buildings, &c.

2:30.—Prof. Jones again took up the subject of Grammar, conducting the exercises as before.

3.—Prof. Beels then made some remarks upon the subject of Physical Geography; demonstrating the cause of tides.

Rev. N. L. Reynolds then proceeded with the Geography exercise; drew upon the blackboard the boundaries of Tioga Co., and requested different Teachers to locate various townships, principal towns, the Tioga and Cowanesque rivers, &c. The exact point where the county seat should be located was not decided upon. Thought it would be well to exercise pupils in map drawing; especially the map of County.

4:15.—Prof. Jones again resumed the exercise in Grammar. Distributed more papers containing example, which he told the Teachers to preserve for future use. He then pointed out some of the common errors so often made in writing.

4:45.—Prof. C. O. Thompson of the State Normal School, then made a few remarks upon the subject of drawing, of which he plainly showed the utility.—Saying, besides that, he thought it not only practical, but a duty also. The hour for adjournment having already passed, he closed his remarks, promising to take up the subject on the morrow.

5.—Calling of the roll. Adjourned to meet at the M. E. Church, for the evening session.

7:30. Evening session. Music by the Band. House crowded. Elder Reynolds then introduced to the audience, Prof. H. S. Jones who delivered a very interesting lecture, subject, "Being Ready." Report of critics. Adjourned.

Thursday, Sept. 30—9 A. M. Morning session. Opened with music. Prayer, by Rev. N. L. Reynolds. E. A. Goodall, and Miss Josephine Stewart appointed critics.

9:30.—Reading, by Prof. Jones. Said, "Understand thou what thou readest." In reading make two rules: first, pronounce distinctly, and correctly. Second, make proper use of the Dictionary; do not pass over words of which you do not understand the meaning, &c.

10.—Exercise in Intellectual Arithmetic, conducted by Supt. Horton, who made some remarks upon the great benefit derived from this study, in the cultivation of the reasoning faculties.—He then proposed a number of examples among which was the following.—"If three cats can catch three rats in three minutes, how many cats will it take to catch one hundred rats in one hundred minutes." Several made attempts to solve the question, but getting cats, rats, &c., compounded, were obliged to yield amid much laughter. Answers were variously given, as follows: 1. 3. 33⅓. 100. 300, &c. Finally demonstrated by Mr. Cass, of Farmington.

10:30.—Grammar exercise by Prof. Jones. 11.—Intermission.

11:15.—Geography, by Prof. Salisbury, who spoke of the different methods, and illustrated by example his mode of teaching it.

11:45.—Calling of the roll. 12, m., adjourned.

Afternoon session, opened at 2, P. M. Music. Prof. Thompson then proceeded to give some instructions in the art of drawing. Made some very interesting remarks in regard to the subject, and illustrated some of the more important principles.

2:30.—Grammar again taken up by Prof. Jones. Exercised the class in 'False Syntax,' many examples giving rise to much merriment. Quotations were dwelt upon at considerable length. When quotation marks, and capital letters should be inserted, and the difference between direct and indirect quotations was clearly shown.

3.—Rev. N. L. Reynolds then occupied the floor; speaking on the general management of schools. After drawing out the opinion of the Teachers, on the subject of cleanliness, he enjoined upon them the necessity of keeping their school-rooms in neat order; also of using their utmost influence in maintaining *moral purity*. An animated discussion then took place, on the subject of "swearing,"—some thinking it advisable, and others not, to resort to stringent measures for the prevention of this vice.

3:30.—Intermission. 3:50.—Exercise in Grammar, by Prof. Jones. 4:30.—Exercise in spelling conducted by Prof. Verill who pronounced twenty-five words which he requested the Teachers to write upon slips of paper.

4:50.—Roll call. Adjourned. 7:30.—Evening session. Calling of the roll, and response by sentiment, sound, spicy, and interesting. Music. After which Prof. Verrill delivered a deep, instructive lecture, (of which no notes were taken—the Prof. promising to leave his M. S. with the Secretaries, which was probably forgotten.)

The following was then offered:

Resolved—That in the profession of teaching, where the same amount of labor is required, equal abilities should command equal remuneration without regard to sex. The resolution was discussed with much interest pro and con, when a vote being taken, it was unanimously decided in the affirmative.—Session closed by singing the L. M. Doxology.

Friday, Oct. 1, 9, A. M. Morning session. Music. Instructions in writing by Miss E. Bradley of the State Normal School, who illustrated some of the most important principles of the Spencerian System.

9:30.—Supt. Horton read the Law on Permanent Certificates; also directions from the State Supt. on the same. The Inst. then proceeded to the nomination of candidates for committee on permanent Certificates, it being requested that they be either Teachers holding professional Certificates, or Graguate from the State Normal School, the following were the nominations: Messrs. M. D. Bailey, C. L. Peck, and Misses. M. Loree, Mary Baldwin, Susan Preston, Myra Horton, and Orphie Strang. On motion, Elder Reynolds cast the vote for the Institute, by which the following persons were elected: M. D. Bailey, C. L. Peck, Susan Preston, Myra Horton, and Mary Baldwin.

11.—H. M. Beels, Chairman of Com. on res. reported as follows:

1st. *Resolved*—That we approve the policy of the County Supt. in demanding the attendance of Teachers at the county Inst. and that a Teacher who has not enough interest in the profession to attend does not deserve a certificate.

2d. *Resolved*—That the Directors, in every district should provide for, and enforce a strict uniformity of text-books.

3d. *Resolved*—That every Teacher should be qualified to teach a complete system of Penmanship.

4th. *Resolved*—That the elements of vocal music should be taught in common schools.

5th. *Resolved*—That the use of liquor or tobacco by a teacher is a disgrace to himself, and an insult to the pupils.

6th. *Resolved*—That the reasonable expences of Teachers while attending the Co., Institute should be defrayed by a tax levied upon the County.

7th. *Resolved*—That the failure of Teachers in our common schools, is attributable to the following:

1st. Want of system. 2d. Want of interest. 3d. Absolute laziness.

On motion the above were unanimously adopted.

Mr. C. L. Peck, chairman of sub. committee then reported as follows:

1st. *Resolved*—That we, the members of this Inst. do tender our heartful thanks to the citizens of Tioga, for the very liberal manner, in which they have entertained us; and that, we will ever hold their deeds of kindness in grateful remembrance.

2d. *Resolved*—That the thanks of the Inst. be tendered to Supt. Horton for the wisdom and energy he has evinced in securing the attendance of so large a number of Teachers; and for the successful management of the Institute.

3d. *Resolved*—That the thanks of the Teachers of the county are due to the gentlemen who have so faithfully performed their duty as our instructors.

4th. *Resolved*—That the members of this Institute deserve credit for their punctuality, and attention during the entire session.

5th. *Resolved*—That the thanks of the Teachers are due to Prof. H. M. Beels for his untiring efforts in procuring accommodations for them, during this session of the Institute.

On motion, the following resolution added: Resolved—That our thanks be extended to the Trustees of the M. E. Church, for the use of their house, and also to our Secretaries, for the faithful performance of the duties pertaining to their office.

Adopted. Calling of Roll—270 members enrolled. On motion the following named gentlemen were elected honorary members, to wit: G. W. Guernsey, A. Humphrey, Rev. Mr. Haskell.

The few remaining moments were occupied by the Teachers whose earnest words of parting were full of soul, and not soon to be forgotten, and in their remarks, they forgot not to commend the unexampled generosity of the citizens of Tioga.

Adjourned sine die.

HATTIE D. CLOSE, } Secretaries.
W. E. HATHAWAY, }

A STORY OF NED BRACE.—Mr. Bacon, of Edgefield, S. C., the hero of the Georgia Scenes, under the name of "Ned Brace," was once courting a lady in Georgia or Carolina. She had refused him frequently, and he as often renewed his suit. At one interview she became extremely annoyed at his importunity, and told him that she could not marry him; that their tastes, opinions, likes and dislikes were totally different.

"In fact," said she, "Mr. Bacon, I don't think there is one subject on earth upon which we agree."

"I assure you, madam, that you are mistaken," said Mr. Bacon, "and I can prove it."

"If you will mention one thing about which we agree," said she, "I will marry you."

"Well," said Mr. Bacon, "I will do it. Suppose, now, you and I were traveling together; we arrive at a hotel, and there are only two beds vacant; in one there is a man and in the other a woman, which would you sleep in?"

She rose indignantly, and replied, "with the woman, of course, sir!"

"So would I," earnestly responded Mr. Bacon.

"Jim," said on youngster to another on the fourth: Jim, lend me two cents, will yer? I got up so early that I spent all my money before breakfast. I didn't think the day was going to be so long."

A down east girl being bantered one day by some of her female friends in regard to her love, who had the misfortune to have but one leg, she replied: "Pooh, I wouldn't have a man with two legs they're too common.

PLEASANT VALLEY VINEYARDS.

Correspondence of the Agitator.

About one year ago, I gave you a short account of a visit to the fair of the Pleasant Valley Grape Grower's association, and then expressed the wish, that when they next exhibit

"May I be there to see.

That wish has been gratified. Last week, with my family and a few friends, I visited that section again, at the time of their tenth annual fair. I told you before, of the thousands of acres of grape bearing vines, and the great cellars filled with hundreds of thousands of gallons of pure and sparkling wines. I found again the same vine-covered hills, the same immense cellars, and even as then, the same genial and hospitable people. I think the warm sun which ripens and matures these fruits, also thaws out that iciness of manners, so common to us as Americans towards strangers. Our party were most cordially welcomed and delightfully entertained, and the general expression from all was, "that seldom had three days passed more pleasantly." To induce others to throw off their busy cares for a short time, and enjoy a cheap easy and agreeable pastime, is the object of this note, and I will therefore give you a short history of the trip, and what is to be seen and enjoyed. Reaching Bath by railroad or otherwise as is most agreeable, you go from there by carriage over a magnificent turnpike, a distance of eight miles. This ride in a bright October morning is charming. The country is very fine, and the road runs along a sort of upland valley, with large hills upon either side in the distance. A fine landscape is all the while opening before you. Snug and tasty farm houses, neatly kept fields, orchards loaded with fruit and the grazing herds present a picture of rural beauty. As you approach Pleasant Valley, the view becomes grand, as well as beautiful. From an eminence that overlooks it, the whole is spread out like a panorama. The broad green fields with a clear and rippling stream winding through them, the scattered farm houses, and the grazing herds of cattle and sheep seen through the yellow sunlight of October present a scene of pastoral beauty, a lovable poem of itself. The hill sides, as far as the eye can reach, sloping upward from the valley, are covered with terraces, upon which are the vines, loaded with their purple and golden fruit. The tenaces and rows of vines on them, in the different vineyards, running in different directions, and at various angles to each other, give to the hillsides the appearance of a check work of vines. Here and there a piece of forest, clothed in the gorgeous hues of Autumn, and mingling with the emerald of the vines, gives color and beauty to the scene. Away to the north, Lake Keuka lays flashing in the sunlight, while tapering spires seen above the tree tops, and curling smoke rising from the green foliage near its head, indicate that the village of Hammondsport has nestled down there. Going down into the valley and onward towards Hammondsport, you come to the extensive cellars of the Pleasant Valley Wine Company, located upon the hillside, in the midst of a large vineyard. Stopping here, you will not regret the time lost, or the necessity of making the acquaintance of the gentlemanly officers and agents of this Company, who will kindly show you, what not one in a thousand of our American people have ever seen, a wine cellar upon the same plan and scale as some of the extensive wine cellars of Europe. These cellars are three hundred feet long, twenty-two feet wide and eighteen feet high, and I will not undertake to say how many thousand of bottles of wine they contain. They paid in one year, eighteen hundred dollars in duties upon the corks alone, imported by them. Leaving here, and passing onward to Hammondsport, if at the time of their fair, you will find one of the finest exhibitions of fruit you have ever seen. Grapes are the speciality, but I never saw at county or state fair, or in private yards, so fine apples, pears, and peaches as I saw here last week. Rare and beautiful flowers, vegetables, fancy work, and works of art, are also