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Mares, at the following places, viz: WEDNESDAY OF EACH WEEK AT ELKLAND. THURIDAY " " OCCOUR. The balance of the time at Wellspore, Pa. JUPITER is a dark Bay, 152 hands bigh, of areat speed, beauty, and unequaled powers of endurance. The great promise of his colts makes him a most desirable Stallion for those wishing Rood stuck. Mares from a distance furnished with good keeping and well cared for. All accidents at owner's risks.

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New Tobacco Store THE subscriber has fitted up the Store first door east Thomas Harden's dra gonds store, for the manufacture and sale of

re Fildshound thom all this er bur Found laisenic by later - That.

OIGARS, (all grades), Foncy and Common SHOKING TOBACCO, Michigan Fine Cut CHEWING, and all kinds of PLUG TOBACCO, PIPES, and the chot cest Brand of CIGARS.

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March 16, 1870-tf. WC KRESS. HOWARD SANITARY AID AS-SOCIATION, on Principles of Unishian Palianthropy.

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May 4, 1870-1y.

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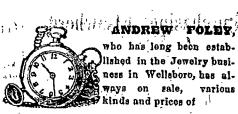
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"HAND IN HAND." he bost Mutual Company in the. United States. A. L. MONROE, Agent, Wellsbüro. romco with Jno. 1. Mitchell. Aug. 17, 1870.-19. Office with Inc. I. Mitchell.

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I wandered by the shore .

A DREAM OF A DEAD FACE. Disay with ocean's roar

here sullen heaving waters rose and fell; When on the wave's green edge, Swift ofer the sandy ledge, op to my feet there rolled a delicate shell-A pale pink shell, dashed with the ocean's dews And painted fair with morn's divinest hues.

So beautiful it lay In the last light of day, Close to its pinky cells I hold my car. Its hollow murmur stole Into my troubled soul.

"Tell me," I oried, with rivating hope and fear, "O shell ! that moanest by the lonely shore, Where are the friends that come to us no more? The passionate question died.

Along the ocean side, " : " Spurned by disdaining waves to quick disgrace When, lo I a stream of light Dazzled mortal sight; The pale pink shell become a pule pink face; And eyes I fondly knew, with light divine.

Smiled gentle memories as they looked in mine

The murmur now which came My restless soul to tame Was music sweet of softly whispering lips "O friend, complain no more! Safe on a happy shore Rests the dear freight of all thy sunken ships Whether these fretful waves recede or swell, To us who dwell beyond them all is well !"

A glow of rosy flame Over the ocean came, frembling a moment on its blue expanse; And in the filecting ray . Floated too soon away That sudden vision from my pleading glance.

The shell to which I clung dropped, broken, on -Harper's Magazine.

The soul I loved escaped my beckening hand

Annual Report of the Superintendent of Common Schools of Tioga County.

Miscellaneous Aeading.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS. In submitting this my first annual eport, it is extremely gratifying to be gress during the past year. Evidence kinduess to its members. Ladies were of which will be seen,

1st. In the erection of new houses. of our graded schools. school term, 4th. In the more liberal compensa-

tion and better qualifications of our tea-

5th. In the complete success of our county Institute. NEW Houses. during the year; all (with one except made a most valuable auxiliary in our

tion) being good substantial structures

-ornaments to the districts building

them. The one built in Nelson, was built too much by the job," and is not a credit to the district, nor builders. SCHOOLS: We have two hundred and sixty-six schools; an increase of eighteen over the number reported last year. Twenty-four of them are graded. Graded schools are now established in all of our principal villages, with three exceptions-Osceola, Roseville & Mainsburr... Osceola, in nacticular to in wont of a good graded school. Lawrenceville

and Tioga added an academic or high school department during the year.-Wellsboro and Blossburg will each add other departments during the coming INCREASED LENGTH OF SCHOOL TERM. Our school term has increased from

5.6 to 6.1 months. Public opinion is becoming favorable to longer terms. I rage term will be eight months. Compensation and Qualification of

It is certainly pleasing for me to note that our teachers are receiving better compensation for their services than heretofore, and, as a result, they are better qualifying themselves. This is a move in the right direction. It is becoming evident, that to retain our best and most successful teachers, we must pay them at least somewhere near what

they could obtain at other employment. Teachers. Four hundred and twenty-five teachrs were employed during the year; seventy-eight males, and three hundred and fifty-seven females. Fifty-five have had no experience, fifty-seven have taught less than one year, while only forty-three have taught more than five years. These facts prove to us that in our county, at least, we have few professional teachers. By far too many are making teaching a "stepping stone" to something else, only teaching while waiting for something better to "turn" up." Still, our teachers as a class generally labored faithfully and earnestly in the discharge of their duties. It paid directory is the best for the interwould be idle to say that all gave entire satisfaction. Many are yet much too

Out Houses. A number of houses have been supone of the necessity of having every the same family, how much more so make out their duplicates. of their parents. "Brethren, these be a township matter. things ought not so to be."

Educational Work Done by Super't. This has consisted in holding examty Institute, &c. Examinations.

Visitations. Notwithstanding our good resolutions his hire." at the commencement of the year, to

Our visitations commenced as soon as the number of taxables. we received our commission, and we

were in session, until the close of the panied us; but as one term of our school great evil. There is thus a change in his mind, I said. 'He'd never be ais during the summer, when our Direc- discipline and methods of teaching, al- gainst me weather, the bad or drifted roads to be a state of confusion. Then, through I am tired of work, and had eaten his

of our labor while visiting schools. greeting and smiling faces of the teach- or September, and continue with the opened his door, and found him on the cers and patrons, are sure methods of improving both teachers and scholars. | ring the summer. We were sorry to find so few of the parents visiting the schools. They should know for themselves, by actual visita- ed by law. As long as Directors have an ornament older than his grandfations and personal interest, what kind the power, some of them will exercise ther.

of schools their children attend. In the performance of our duty, we 411 official letters, &c.

County Institute. Our Institute held at Tioga upon the the largest and most successful educational meeting ever held in the county; 266 members were enrolled. The lectures of Professors Jones, Verrill and Rev. N. L. Reynolds, together with the practical drills and best methods of teaching, were of such a character as to keep up the most intense interest unfil the last moment of our exercises. The beneficial effects of the Institute were visible in nearly all the schools of the

county. 😭 Too much praise cannot be awarded to the citizens of Tioga, for their liberal able to report a steady and rapid pro- support of the Institute, and for their boarded gratuitously, and gentleman at reduced rates. Our thanks are due to 2d. In the increase and improvement Professor C. H. Verrill, Principal of the Mansfield State Normal School, for his 8d. In the increased length of our gratuitous labor with us during the entire week; to Professor Charles Thompson and M. E. Bradley, of the Normal, for their instructions in drawing and penmanship; and to the Trustees of the Methodist church, for the free use of their church edifice for evening exerci-Fifteen new houses have been built after the county Institute would be

> Educational Work Done by Other Ageneics. The State Normal School of this district, at Mansfield, is in a very flourishing condition, and doing a noble work for the common school cause. Tosuch alone can we look for that there? training so much required by the teachers. It is to be regretted that so few of our teachers avail themselves of the

> benefits of its excellent training. Academies. Union Academy, the only one now in the solding is also in a nourisming condition, and is still supplying us with

> many excellent teachers. Public High Schools. The public High Schools of Tioga, Lawrenceville and Wellsboro, are also performing an important part in educa-

ting teachers. The Press. . -The county press is on the right side, and the editors have tendered the use feel certain that in a few years the ave- of their columns for any article favoring the cause. They, have rendered, and will in this way render material

> Private Schools. high," will cheerfully pay three times as much to select schools. This is very poor economy. Directors, before allowing such schools in their school houses, should see that those wishing to teach

county Superintendent. Measures Calculated to Promote Improvement. perintendent, we cannot see that an un- from his service.

est of our schools. Why every other officer in the townyoung and too poorly qualified; and ship, from constable to supervisor, could our schools be filled without, they should be paid, and the School Director would not be in the profession. No do his work gratuitously, we cannot teacher ought to be employed in the comprehend. As the law now is, many schools, who is not at least seventeen of our best men will not accept the office, and our schools suffer in consequence. Nor can we think the idea that "nearly every citizen is expected plied with these buildings during the at some time to serve as director," to be year; yet it is a lamentable fact that good. We want the very best talents dropped down upon my clothes. But there are one hundred and eleven school in our districts for school directors. If houses in this county that are destitute our Directors were paid for their serviof out houses. Common sense and a ces, and were strictly held responsible decent respect for the modesty of the for a non-performance of their duty, human family, ought to convince every we would not have to wait until September for reports that should have school house provided with these build- been forwarded in June. Teachers ings. If they are essential to the culti- would not have to wait for their pay, vation of habits of propriety, and deli- months after their schools closed, becacy at home, among the children of cause Directors neglect to meet and

are they essential at the public school / It is urged that a paid directory would house, where from thirty to sixty child be a heavy burden. So it might be urdren, of different families, congregate, ged that the payment of our other townaway from the watchful guardianship ship officers is a heavy burden. Let it

Of the thirty-six townships and boroughs in our county, we speak advi- Numbers were against my single sedly when we say there is not one but strength. inations, visiting schools, holding coun- what would gladly pay their School Directors are as on a ble compensation, were nothing worth the taking,' I said, at marry him; and Mark came, as merry itso fixed by law. Let the number be last; and when standing still, I saw fa- as could be, and a little the worse for Thirty-two public examinations were reduced to three or five; an even num- ces I knew about me-those of the farm liquor. held, 407 applicants were examined, 115 ber is often tied upon some important hands at my old master's. were rejected, and 292 provisional certi- point, heither side being willing to Thinking that perhaps our standard while, to the detriment of the district, varied from that of our worthy prede- because three of the Directors were cessor we preferred that all certificates strongly in favor of a particular teachin the county should expire, so that all er, while the other three were as strongmight come under the same standard. ly opposed. Had there been three, or Professional certificates will be granted five, it could not have occurred. Have during the next year to worthy appli- fewer Directors, pay them for their ser-| vices, and hold them strictly responsi- |

The minimum length of the school

Our schools are now dividid into two '" Master will clear me, I said. labored faithfully while the schools terms, of from two to three months . "He says it was you, said one of each, commonly called "summer" and the men. 'At least, he nodded yes, winter" terms. This necessitates a when we asked him if you did it. Directors in many instances accom- frequent change of teachers, which is a "Then old master was not right in

it, and compel teachers to tramp from . "They found nothing about me, of house to house, to the serious injury of course; but the quarrel, and my cut have traveled 2,268 miles, have written | their health and to the detriment of the | hand made the case hard against me. schools.

the many friends of education through- and said that, to the best of his belief week commencing Sept. 27, was by far out the county, for their hospitality and I was his assailant. It was dark, to be uniform kindness, which I have invariably received.

C. HORTON, Co. Sup't.

THE FARMER'S STORY. "Seen you sittln' on the fence, sir, writing in that little book. I thought out to me in the paper, and the stories my greatest grief was for Peggy.

too, sir. Do you write stories? Yes?

Well that a stories? Well, that's a gift. If I had it I think I could make one about what has happened to me. Peggy says it could be

"Now it's all plain sailing; nothing out of the common; but I wasn't always a well-to-do old, filiner. Once I was a farmer's boy a hand with noth- thing from you; and not to boast of my

imbs and good health. " Many's the night, when the stars great pasture where the sheep browsed a wide fireplace, such as they had in my day; a dresser, with a row of delf upon it, four chairs and a table of white pine. When I had these, I was to marpine. When I had these, I was to mar-

ns knew. "She put her sixpence into a red earthen savings bank, and I kept mine in | plu to your collar. an old glove. For two years we were waiting and hoping, and were not much | finery.' in the meadow, I knew she sat before her kitchen fire in the house where she lived in service. Simple folks we were, out we had hearts, and felt, perhaps, as

deeply as greater folks might. "My master, the farmer, was a close of his hands as possible. But it was a steady place, and he paid all he promised; so'I staid, never thinking what I wouldn't have it. Says he, "Now do trouble staying would bring me to _ take it, Peggy. I want to keep compaaid, for which they have our warmest trouble that never would have come but for Mark Hulker. 'A good for noth- truth.' ing fellow he was, a disgrace to the rest of us, and he cheated the master and company nor your presents, and please We have by far too many so called left his work undone. So after hours remember that hereafter.' select or high schools." If the amount master set me at his stint, and, it being paid to support this class of schools, indoor work, I kept at it all night. The 'kept," not taught, often by teachers old man liked that, and set me a new he bothers me yet as much as ever. who have failed to obtain a certificate task every night. All the better forme Though you know if he were ever so support longer terms of the public what was weariness to me, if it brought own Peggy, and think of no one else." schools, much more benefit would be me nearer my Peggy. So I counted the When I read that you could have derived. Parents, in many cases, who hours' work as so many shillings. But knocked me down with a feather. The

just my week's work. " ' Master,' said I, ' I've worked over hours every night, you forget that.' "I hire you by the week,' he said, my side, and who had all along believed 'I'll give no more than one week's wa- me innocent. I gave him the letter. have at least a valid certificate from the ges. So, if you don't like it, there are plenty of strong lads to be had, if you are growing lazy.' Then he turned his back on me, and Mark laughed. That First. A paid and sworn school direc- angered me, and words fell from my tory. We want more efficient School lips. We had a quarrel, master and I, Directors. With all due deference to and I called him a 'niggardly old ras-

"'At dawn you go,' he said. 'You have worked to-day, and have a right

to your bed at night, but at dawn you "I marched out of the room, with words I never should have used, and up to my garret, and threw myself on my bed. But I did not mean to stay to be turned out. At midnight I rose softly, made up a bundle and climbed out of a window. I cut my hands with the glass of a broken pane, and the blood I bound up the wound with a handker asked, if he would but tell me why she chief. Then I trudged on, meaning to did it. look for work next day. So I did, but He told me afterward—and it was river a while ago!!' found none. Then the thought struck | hard work for little Peggy, with her me to make my way to _____, and see honest heart; bless her. She turned Peggy. It would be a comfort to me, herself around and made a different swimming, and a big cat fish came up In that direction and kept on until make Mark Hulker think she had been night fell. Then faint and weary, I coquetting all the while, and oh, how

lay down under some bushes and fell she cried, when she told me that she "Out of that sleep I was aroused by her waist. But she gained her end by a shout and the clutch of strong hands. It. One night my good old lawyer and name. They held me fast and bound

"I struggled, but it was no use .-"What are you? Robbers? I've the money he bragged of, to promise to way to become the editor of a Demo-

fleates were granted. No professional yield. To illustrate: a school in one of Jack Marlome, said one. 'If he did and the watch to look at, and the pin "'You know well what we want. certificates were granted, or renewed. our boroughs was closed for a long speak an ill word at last, he was a good to wear. Now you'll have me? man in the main, and you'd worked for him three years. You might have answered him as you liked, but to try to murder him was too horrible. We did not think it of you, Jack-we did not think it.

ble. Surely the "laborer is worthy of murdered? Why lay it to me? Lawear who knew, his son James, was there I never hurt him! "'If he is not quite dead, it's none of

an extent of territory containing 1116 according to the number of pupils in blots and smears all over my vest. I each district, instead of according to felt my heart turn sick, when I took heed of it.

tors are busy, they cannot at that time most every term. This prevents the "After that I heard the whole. Masafford us much assistance. Notwith- formation of fixed habits among the ter had paid the men and dismissed standing the exposure to inclement pupils, and tends to keep the schools in Mark. He had only said: All right; passed over, we find the "sunny side" the heat of summer and the "berry breakfast there, and left in sight of all. season," our schools are nearly worth- But I was gone; and then they found After a cold, dreary ride in the storm, less. We are convinced that our schools that master, who was always up at the had made against me, though he had we are always cheered by the pleasant should be commenced, either in August cock-crow, did not rise at nine; they ers and children. We are convinced same teachers during the whole term; floor senseless—they thought dead, at that frequent visitations by school offi- with perhaps a vacation of one or two first. He had been robbed of his pockweeks at the holidays, and closed du- etbook, a watch, and an old fashloned pin he always wore in his neckerchief The "old fogy" system of teachers —the painted head of a lady, set around "boarding around," should be abolish- with what he used to tell us were pearls

> The master dying, as they thought him, My thanks are sincerely tendered to had been able to speak at odd times sure; but in the struggle he felt that the man wore a cap, and I was the only hand who had anything but a straw. hat. Besides, he came from the inner

passage and down the stairs, and did not break in through door or window, as a burglar would have done. And I was the only missing member of the A good many folks come down here of household. So I lay in prison with this a summer and make poetry about the sheep and the moon. Peggy reads 'em whether master would live or die; and "'Keep it from her,' I begged them.

until she must know it. "And they were kind and did it, and her letters were sent to me in prison. It was a weary time, and the one drop of comfort in it came with those letters. tion of men. It is a permanent con-I had had five from her, when, at the end of one, came this:

" DEAR JACK: I never hide anywere in the sky, I used to go out to the crets to myself must tell you what has happened.

ry Peggy Grey. But when I should dollars he has laid by, he says, and has have them, and she her white wedding a gold watch, like a gentleman. The gown and the house linen, neither of other Sunday I was dressed for church, and up he walks. "'Why, Peggy, says he, you've no

nearer than at first. Sometimes I felt "Then says he, 'Now how lucky it downhearted. Sometimes her little pulls a pin from his pocket. "Jack, I couldn't help looking at it It was a lady's portrait, with hair all white-though she was so young-like an old woman's. He said it was powdered as they did it in old times. And a pink dress; and all about tiny stones: man. He squeezed as much work out and no bigger than a silver quarter. altogether. How he came by such a

> So says I, 'I want neither your "It was rough, I know, but I hate him so. And I was none too rude, for

I knew, and it was Mark who was the thief, and who had tried to murder him. I sent for the lawyer who was to take

shall I do, sir?' And he said, 'You can do nothing, my poor fellow, but wait and hope. I have a clue now, and I'll follow it.' Then he went away, and afterward I heard what he did. He went down the opinions of our worthy State Su- cal; and with that he dismissed me to the place where Peggy lived, and perintendent, we cannot see that an unpers, and told her all that had happened. The brave girl tremilled and wept

but she spoke out: He's innocent. I'd not believe his guilty if an angel told me he was. And the lawyer said, out of his heart though she was but a serving lass: He's worthy of you, Peggy Grey, do believe, and that is saying a good

Then he asked her about the pin, and

deal.'

the two had a long talk. It ended in Peggy bursting into tears, and promis-

Men stood before me. One shouted my two other men were shut up in the pantry with Peggy's master, and she dress-That night she had promised Mark to take his pin, and if he proved he had

> 'Now, lass,' said he, 'a promise is a promise. There's the money to count, And just then the pantry door opened

We'll have you, my fine fellow, said those do better who can." a voice; and there and then they arrested him; for the money and the watch "'Murder!' I cried. 'Is old master and the pin were old master's; and one lation of 1100.

behind him, and a hand came down ou

his shoulder:

with the detectives. visit all the schools in the county, at term should be increased to at least six your fault, effed one man. Don't ute, and confessed everything; how he least once during the year, we have months. The State appropriation sho'd perjure yourself—look at the blood on had made up his mind to job old mastask to visit 266 schools, scattered over among the several districts in the State.

The blood from my hand was in the window has been me climb out of the window. He gave up all hope from that minthe window; and so, dressed in clothes

like mine, he made his plans to throw suspicion upon me. My Peggy brought me the good news first; brought it into my cell, and threw herself, weeping, into my arms, crying

out, 'You're free, darling; free and clear, thank Heaven.' They did not hang Mark, for master. after awhile, got better, and in the end quite well. But they punished him for the robbery, and for something he had

done of the same kind before ever he came to master's. And as for the old man, when he was well, he was so sorry for the charge he honestly believed me guilty, as I well knew, that he made me a present of a little farm, and stocked it for me. And the wife gave Peggy her outfit. And here we are, as happy as the sheep in the meadow yonder, or the bees in the hive hard by. And when we hear talk of books and plays, Peggy says to me? Jack, if they only knew our story, they'd make one of it, I'm very sure and as they say you're a writer, why I

Charles Dickens.

tell it to you, sir.

It is very true that the fashion of story-tellers passes away. Every history of literature is a body of dismal proof of that truth. But the influence and the admiration of great genius do not pass away. The mere novelist, the delineator of the temporary forms of society and of persons as affected by them, will gradually become curious as he becomes obsolete. But the story-teller who deals with human nature itself, and who paints human character. which does not lose its freshness with the lapse of time, although he may direct his force at a particular and even transitory object, is not the prey of a changing fashion nor of a whimsical taste.\"Don Quixote" is a story with a purpose, but it is told by a great genius,

and therefore it is dear to every genera-

tribution to the realm of imaginative creations, like the dramas of Shakspeare or the tales of Chaucer. And every story-teller, in the degree of his geconquests, a thing I'd never do, but nius, has the same hold of the world. just to let you know that I keep no se- Sterne was not a loyable man. He had no especial humanity. Certainly there was no lofty and generous purpose in all the day, and sit and think thoughts fellow, that I disliked at first sight. Toby is one of the beautiful figures that "Our master has hired a man, a lazy "Tristam Shandy." But My Uncle ses. All went away feeling that hereafter the county Institute would be made a most valuable auxiliary in our made a most valuable auxiliary after work hours, and following me Mrs. Behn, or any other story-teller who is already forgotten. It is a great mistake in those who read Scott's novels thirty years ago to suppose that they are not read now. So our children will read Dickens, And the blithe storyteller who has made this generation rejoice, who has toughed with so masterly a hand the despest springs of • generous emotion and/of high resolve-"Said I, 'I can't afford money for who, far more than any other, had been the literary minister of that sentiment

of humanity which is the spirit of the age, whi not lade from the English

heart like a fashion, but will rather be

like Chaucer, one of the darlings of its permanent affection. When it is said that Dickens was the people's story-teller, how much is said! The word people describes a universal range of sympathy. It signifies no class, but means all classes. It includes, as the old alliterative phrase was, the thing, goodness knows! But of course, peer and the peasant. And how immense the service to the general faith in each other which we all really wish ny with you, and now you know the to cherish, is that of a man who shows, as Dickens did, that the greatest and most universal popularity, the favor of the most ignorant and of the most educated, may be won without pandering to a single mean impulse, without the least ridicule of noble and generous emotion, without any touch of baseness! What work is so truly lofty as to teach a public school, were paid to I thought; he would pay me extra, and good and handsome, I am always your that which, while morally cheering and strengthening all men, also inspires and justifies a deeper mutual confidence? This is the service of grumble because "school taxes are so when Saturday night came, he gave me pin was the one the old farmer had lost, Dickens. If he was not a great artist, so be it. If he was a caricaturist, so be it. If he was not a gentleman, again so be it. But he was the most popular author of a time when reading. was universal, and popular without a 'It's old master's pin,' I said. 'What hint of impurity. He was more widely loved than any author bas ever been in his time; and he left no man living whose death would be so sore and per-

sonal a grief to the English-speaking race as his has been. Farewell, kind master! generous heart! How many and many in America or in England, gathering roses in that solemn week of June, did not wish that they could lay them upon his grave! For even so, sweet and perennial as June roses, full of all summer warmth and beanty, shall be the memory of the man whose tender touch still makes, and will yet make, summer in a thousand, thousand lives.—EDITOR'S EASY CHAIR, in Harper's.

A FISH STORY. -An exchange, out west has the following fish story: We met a boy on the streets yester-I was too angry too feel the pain; and ing to do anything and everything he day, and without the ceremony of asking our name, he exclaimed: "You just ortee been down to the

"Why?" we inquired.

"Because, a nigger was there, inwhatever came. So I turned my steps creature of herself; and she tried to behind him and swallowed both of his feet and went swimming a long on top of the water with him, and they came behind another big fish, and the nigger swallowed his tail, and the nigger and let him kiss her and put his arm about two fish went swimming about!" "Well, then what?" we asked-"Why, after a while the nigger swal-

lowed his fish, and the other fish swaled in her best and waiting for Mark owed the nigger, and that's the last I saw of either of them." "Sonny," said we, with feelings of alarm for the boy," you are in a fair

> cratic paper;" and we left. A young lady contemplating matrimony was one morning handed a Testament by her father, with a leaf turned down at the following passage; "He who giveth in marriage doeth well, but he who giveth not in marriage doeth better." She immediately returned it. with the following reply written underneath: "I am content to do well; let"

The village of Troy, Pa., has a popu-