TIOGA COUNTY AGITATOR.

Local Items.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 1871.

New Advertisements.

Book Notice—B. B. Ford & Co.
Revenue Tax—W. E. Adams.
Admr's Notice—Mary Artherton.
" " Catharine Niles.

FOR SALE.—A light two horse lumber wagon for sale cheap. Time given. Enquire at the cheap cash store of C. C. MATHERS.

The friends of Rev. N. L. Reynolds, are to give him a reception at his residence on the Avenue, on Wednesday Eve. of this week. All are invited.

MINSTRELS.—The Wellsboro Minstrels are preparing to give our citizens a great treat by way of a side splitter on Wednesday and Thursday Evenings, of the present week.

POSTPONED.—Mr. Elias Tipple has postponed the sale of his stock of goods at East Charleston to June 15, 1871.

TIME TABLES.—The time tables on the Erie, Blossburg and Corning and Northern Central railroads will be found correct in another column.

A HEAVY LOAD.—Mr. James E. English hauled a load of logs into this village, on Saturday last, with a single team, which weighed 3,800 lbs. Who can beat it?

Dr. G. W. Mattison, a resident of Middleville, Michigan, but formerly of this county, was burned out on the 14th instant, losing the house in which he resided and a new house in process of construction, beside the larger part of his household goods. No insurance.

FLOURING MILL.—Mr. Ephr'm Hart has disposed of his interest in the Charleston flouring mills to Mr. B. Shrader, of Troy, Pa.—Mr. S. is a practical miller, and will keep constantly on hand all kinds of flour, meal and feed, and will sell at the lowest rates.

BACK TO FIRST PRINCIPLES.—Our old friend G. O. Derby has bought out the interest of Randolph in the firm of Fishler & Randolph. The shoe store and shop are now in the hands of two practical tradesmen who know how to do it, and a boot-loving public can have particular fits—to order.

CORNER STONE LAYING AT BLOSSBURG.—Blossburg is to have a new Methodist E. church. Arrangements are made to lay the corner stone June 15, at 3 P. M. Rev. F. G. Hibard, of Rochester, N. Y., and Rev. D. D. Buck, of Wellsboro, will deliver addresses on the occasion. One address is expected in the evening. Ministers from the region around, and friends generally, are invited to attend.

FIRES.—A destructive fire occurred at Jersey Shore on the 24th instant, destroying the private residence of Mr. S. S. Moss, the post office building, the *Vidette* newspaper office, owned by James Jones, and Keyser's dental office.—The fire is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary. Loss not stated.

—A fire also occurred in Look Haven on the 1st instant, destroying Young & Worth's steam saw mill, about 3,000,000 feet of lumber, and a small dwelling near the mill. Supposed to be the work of an incendiary.

—Also a fire in Westfield, on Saturday morning about two o'clock. The fire originated in the drug store of Fayette Scoville, and rapidly spread until five buildings were destroyed. Partially insured.

—The large barn of Mr. Westbrook, in Middlebury, was consumed on Sunday morning, together with eight or ten tons of hay, mowing machine, &c. Slight insurance.

WORTHY OF NOTE.—We are happy to notice the good mention made of our Wellsboro boys doing business in Iowa. The Sabula Iowa *Times* says: "L. B. Maynard and J. L. Kimball are the youngest men, we believe, engaged in the mercantile business in the State. Neither of these "boys" is old enough to vote, and yet they have both been keeping grocery store in Sabula nearly two years. Notwithstanding their youthfulness, they have acquired a reputation for business capacity and integrity which may well be envied by older heads. Success to the young merchants."

TOPEKA, (Kansas,) May 15, 1871.

On the 6th day of April, 1871, I left my place of residence at Tioga for a journey to Kansas, and on arriving 1500 miles from old Tioga, in the Far West, where the billowy prairies of Kansas lie a limitless sea of wavy green, with more than six weeks the advance of Pennsylvania, I was surprised to be invited on Monday last to a strawberry festival, where plenty of Kansas strawberries and ice cream delighted me with my new and welcoming friends. I would advise those that want to see a splendid country and have a "right smart" dish of strawberries, to come to Kansas, where any of my old friends will be blessed with all the luxuries of Kansas, which are more numerous than on those old rocks of Tioga county. AUGUSTUS NILES.

A WHOPPER.—Mr. James C. Van Fleet, of Hammondsport, N. Y., sent us by express on Wednesday last, a large trout, from the waters of Crooked lake, which weighed 11 lbs. and 11 oz., and looked as fresh as though just taken from the water. This was the nicest fish of the kind ever sent to this village. The donor will please remember that such an insult is not easily forgotten by

Printers, who, like other men,
Relish good things now and then

By the way, our friend keeps an excellent hotel on the above place, serves his customers with game meats of all kinds, and fish in their season, which would be a treat to the people here—if

We hardly know whether to sympathize with, or laugh at, the donor of our fish, for the little mishap that occurred at the hooking of that same fish. Not being prepared for so big a bite, Mr. V. was off his guard and balance. The boat was going at trolling pace, the fish struck heavily, and in an instant Mr. V. was floundering in the lake. We think it was plucky of him to hang on, for it would have been a bad miss-take for him to let go—had he let go. The moral of which is, when a big trout pulls you off your balance and overboard, dedicate that fish to the printer, and hang on.

OBITUARY.—Susan I. M'Leod, daughter of the late Geo. M'Leod, Esq., a native of Philadelphia, was the first female graduate of the university at Lewisburg, in 1851. She had a strong desire to be a missionary to Burmah, but her health did not warrant the undertaking, and she became a home missionary—useful and beloved wherever she resided. She died on the 8th of March last, near Philadelphia, at the age of 37 years. She left a child, twenty months old, and a husband, (Rev. Geo. Bowman,) bereaved, for the second time, of a most estimable companion. Her death was easy and triumphant, realizing her expression a few days before the issue, "How pleasant it would be to fall asleep here, and wake up in Heaven!" Farewell, Susan! until the better day. W.

PROGRESS OF TIOGA COUNTY.—Tioga county was separated from Lycoming by the act March 25, 1804. In 1806 the seat of justice was established at Wellsboro; in 1808 county Commissioners were elected; and in 1812 the county was fully organized for judicial purposes. Its progress in population has been uniform and rapid, as will be seen by the following returns for seven decades, (of ten years):

In 1810, population	1,687	GAIN.
1820	4,021	2,336
1830	9,071	5,050
1840	15,498	6,427
1850	23,987	8,489
1860	31,044	7,057
1870	35,102	4,058

An advance from 1,687 to 35,102, in 60 years, is very large, considering its wild and inaccessible location for a long period. For the two decades from 1810 to 1830, it more than doubled its population. Since that time its advancement has not been so rapid, in proportion.

Tioga is a good grazing county, and has also large deposits of semi-bituminous coal, to reach and remove which, railways have been built, and are being built, which will give the county another impetus, more than compensating for the exhaustion of her lumber. The conversion of lumbermen into farmers, will be no disadvantage to the county. HISTORICUS.

"SPARE THE BIRDS" writes well and feelingly on the bird question, but we don't go back on the birds. We tried to, but could'nt.—We only claim that the birds are misapprehended and misunderstood oftener than otherwise: that they do more mischief and less good than modern writers place to their account; besides, these writers get the account mixed up badly.—For instance: in a back volume of the *American Agriculturist* you may find an illustrated article on the golden woodpecker, or highholder. The illustration is a capital one, and the article is—nearly all wrong. It states, from observation, that the golden woodpecker is the fellow who pecks the circles of small round holes in apple trees, and that he does this purely out of love for insects. He *does* this sometimes, but rarely. And for every hole pecked in an apple tree by him, there are scores made by the red crested, spotted and downy woodpeckers. Every writer, so far as we have seen, credits them with doing this in search of insects. Not a bit of it: they are after the soft, edible inner bark of the tree. They already have a crop part full of insects; but ants and small beetles are too strong food, alone. They want that inner bark to mix with the ants, etc., as the *muri* of the Amazon mixes rotten wood with his honey, that the proper proportions of bulk and nutriment may be preserved. And this is why he selects the thriftiest, smoothest trees in the orchard. He is a judge of varieties, too. He knows that the inner bark of a thrifty young Baldwin is most edible of all; next, a Greening, or a Red Siberian. There are some varieties that he never injures.

To test this, watch a red crested woodpecker while he is girdling your favorite Baldwin with a ring of bead-like holes, and, just as he is done with the job, drop him with a charge of No. 5.—You will find in his crop the most edible portion of the inner bark, while the debris which he has left under the tree consists of the outer and tougher part. And with this exception we know of no damage that can be charged to the numerous families of the woodpecker tribe, who are the most purely insectivorous of all.

We have seen a flock—or rather a cloud—of blackbirds in Minnesota, numerous enough to destroy a three acre field of corn in a single day; and we have known a six acre field of wheat sowed on Saturday, of which nearly every kernel came up before Monday night—owing to the numerous bills presented against the crop, in favor of other crops.

But we do not go back on the birds, nor will we shoot them, or allow them to be shot when we can prevent it. Most beautiful of all created things, sweetest of all singers, and most graceful of all that moves;—we could not keep house without the birds;—but they *are* incompatible with strawberry culture.

MUTATIONS IN LIFE.—Wonderful beyond all the muddles of romances, are the chances and changes of real life. We have seen a man—ignorant, vain, conceited, unable to construe the simplest sentence of his mother tongue—riding up Broadway in his own carriage, driven by a man competent to "coach" both master and horses. We have seen an illiterate donkey, to whom obsequious attention was paid, because that gigantic gull, the public, had consented to be purged with a mysterious mixture of bran and gamboge—at their own proper expense, and to the great pecuniary advantage of the pill-compounder. And we have seen still another—ignorant of Lindley Murray and simple equations—riding in his own carriage and having much money in bank, through zealous loyalty,—and a shoddy contract. And all this, and these, while modest, scholarly gentlemen, with too nice a sense of honor for vain, brazen-faced tricks on human gullibility, were eking out a mere subsistence on meager salaries, or absolutely suffering from want. All this we have seen, and it has lessened our respect for average humanity. It could not lessen our respect for wealth,—we never had any. But it has tended to make us a little cynical and irreverent, beside changing our estimates of men and that humbug called *position*.

We are led to these remarks through interviewing a German, who is at work on the railroad in this place, as a day laborer. This man has been a student at the best German universities, is a member of eminent literary associations in Germany, has been assistant editor of the "*Leipzig Gartenlaube*," and contributor to first class German literary journals; may write himself Doctor of Philosophy, and is master of seven languages, among which are Chaldaic, Greek, Sanscrit and Latin. He wrote poetry for the *Gartenlaube*, and Germans hereabout say he wrote it well. And the Doctor is handling the pick and shovel with vigor and cheerfulness, coolly waiting for better days, with a patience that goes far to prove his philosophy.

We do not understand German, and make no pretensions to the classics: but we think there is little risk in saying that the best classical scholar in the county is shoveling gravel in this borough, at $1 75 per day. We hope the better days for which the Doctor is waiting be not far off; and we venture to suggest, that his last and roughest course of instruction will not be found the least profitable in the broad school of life.

U. S. LICENSE.—The United States license tax has been taken off the following lines of business.

Apothecaries, architects, assayers, auctioneers, boats, barges, etc., bowling alleys, billiard tables, all kinds of brokers, including stock dealers, builders and contractors, conveyances, retail dealers, and wholesale dealers whose annual sales are not over $50,000; dentists, eating houses, exhibitions not otherwise provided for, express carriers and agents, gift enterprises, grinders of coffee and spices, horse dealers, hotels, insurance agents, intelligence office keepers, jugglers, lawyers, livery stable keepers, lottery ticket dealers, manufacturers, miners, patent agents, peddlers, photographers, physicians and surgeons, real estate agents, theaters, museums, concert halls, stallions and jacks.

[For the Agitator.]

In 1854, Charles C. Tucker, Esq., of Washington city, issued a list of persons in Pennsylvania, who, or their widows, if then living, would be entitled to pensions under the four acts of Congress named. The list doubtless refers mostly to those engaged in the war of the Revolution, but may contain some names of those in the war of 1812, or the Mexican war. I cannot classify them, but the whole list for Tioga county may be of present interest, and of value to the future historian.

Invalid pensioners, under act of 1816, Sylvester Bailey, David Cosper.

Under act of 1818: Jacob Allen, David Austin, Robert Bailey, John Brown, George Backus, Selden Borden, Abner Blanchard, Seth Clark, David Gee, George Hart, Simeon King, Jesse Losey, Daniel Lee, Nathaniel P. Moody, Elijah Putnam, John Ryon, Thomas Rathbun, Abijah Reynolds, Russel Rose, Nathan Rowley, Peter Shumway, Ebenezer Seeley, Benjamin Seeley, Ezekiel Thomas, Samuel Tubbs, Benjamin Worden.

Under act of 1832: Ebenezer Burley, George Knox, Joseph Bennett, Thomas Cummings, Jacob Cummings, Lemuel Clark, Royal Cole, David Chapman, Justus Dartt, James Gray, Israel Greenleaf, Samuel Harding, Harris Hotchkiss, Christopher Huntingdon, Levi Holcomb, Ebenezer Jackson, Abel Lampheer, John Lefler, Wm. Luddington, Asa Nobles, Manassah Powers, Simon Rixford, Jeremiah Rumsey, Ebenezer Seeley, Andrew Sharp, Joseph Thompson, Moses Vanguardner, John Waklee, Isaac Wheeler.

Probably most of the above were passed away before the list was issued, (in 1854.) Are there any of the forty-two living? O. P. Q.

PENSIONERS IN TIOGA CO. IN 1840.—*Brookfield*—Godfrey Bowman, aged 47.

Charleston—Hannah Dartt, aged 82, living with Agnes Dartt; Samuel Van Gorden, aged 76, living with Chauncey Ferry.

Deerfield—Thomas Cummings, aged 82; Christopher Schoonover, aged 77.

Elkland—Oliver Phelps, aged 75; Sam. Tubbs, aged 85, living with Benjamin Tubbs.

Jackson—George Dill, aged 87, living with S. D. Wright; John Lefler, aged 85, living with Mary Lefler.

Middlebury—Jesse Losey, aged 79.

Rutland—Jacob Cummings, aged 67; Andrew Sharp, aged 75.

Sullivan—Jeremiah Rumsey, aged 77; Abraham Westbrook, aged 78.

Wellsboro—Israel Greenleaf, aged 74; Mary Wakolee, aged 72, living with John Waklee.

Westfield—John Huyler, aged 76.

Tioga—Harris Hotchkiss, aged 76; Mercy Wright, aged 75, living with J. N. Wright.

From their ages, I infer that eighteen of these nineteen were soldiers or widows of soldiers of the Revolution. Probably not one of them, and few of those they were then living with, survive to read this record, taken from a list published by Congress about the year 1840. It would be interesting to have a list of *all* the heroes of '76, and their widows, who sleep in this county. Perhaps some of our old pension agents or attorneys could greatly enlarge the foregoing short catalogue. W.

RELIGIOUS.—The First Jackson Baptist Church having made extensive repairs upon their house of worship, will re-dedicate it on Wednesday, June 14. First sermon by Rev. A. B. Chase, at 10 A. M.; second sermon by Rev. N. L. Reynolds, at 2 P. M., followed by the dedication and other exercises. A general invitation is extended.

BASE BALL.—A match game of ball was played at Mansfield on the 27th, between the Alerts of that place and the Actives of Wellsboro.

Innings: Alerts—1, 0, 4, 5, 1, 3, 0, 1, 4—19; Actives—2, 3, 5, 0, 2, 6, 0, 2, 10—30. Time of the game, two hours and forty minutes.

MARRIAGES.

MAYNARD—THOMPSON—On the 13 inst., in Mansfield, by the Rev. W. Beach, Mr. Edwin E. Maynard of Elk, to Miss Emily Thompson of Gaines.

DEATHS.

WILLIAMS—In Charleston, May 10th, 1871, Mrs. Mary P. wife of Wm. Williams, aged 44 years, 11 months, and 13 days.

MOORE—In Richmond, on the 13 inst., Mr. Amos Moore, aged 70 years and one day.

Administrators' Notice.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION having been granted to the undersigned on the estate of George M. Atherton, deceased, late of Charleston township, those indebted to and those having claims against said estate, will settle with MARY ATHERTON, DEXTER G. ATHERTON,

Charleston, May 31, 1871 6w Adm'rs.

Administratrix's Notice.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION having been granted to the undersigned on the estate of Erasmus W. Niles, deceased, late of Middlebury township, those indebted to and those having claims against said estate, will settle with CATHARINE NILES, Adm'x.

Middlebury, May 31, 1871 6w*

LOST—Between Wellsboro & Green Smith's, on the road leading to Pine creek, on the 17th instant, a new pocket book, containing $120. The finder will be liberally rewarded, on leaving the book and money at the *Agitator* office. W. R. FURMAN.

Gaines, May 17, 1771 3w

APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSE.—Notice is hereby given that the following named persons have made application for tavern licenses and eating house licenses, and that the same will be presented to the Court of Quarter Sessions of Tioga county, the 29th day of May, instant, at two o'clock P. M., when all interested may attend if they think proper.

JOHN F. DONALDSON, Pro'y.

HOTELS.

L. J. Kimble, Lawrenceville.
L. Phillips, Fall Brook.
James Patterson, Blossburg.
J. Wilson, "
D. W. Hibbard, Rutland.
C. W. Wheeler, Union.*
Orson Edgcomb, Westfield.*
Geo. Close, Westfield*
James Kelley, Bloss.
William Sage, "
R. W. Thomas, "
E. L. Boynton, Jackson.*
S. Ross, Clymer.
C. C. Phillips, Knoxville.
William L. Thomas, Ward.
Robert Traver, Elkland.
Morgan Shaut, Deerfield.
Eugene O. Martin, Osceola.
Elias M. Smith, Tioga.*
E. E. Bond, Lawrenceville.

EATING HOUSES.

Hurly & Hayes, Blossburg.
Martin Scully, Blossburg.
James S. Mitchell, Bloss.
Stephen Bowen, "
Robert Eagar "
Bernard A. Murray, "

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