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## The Best Education.

As these are vacation days with most of our colleges, the commencement exercises having already been held in most of them it may not be inopportune to say something on the important question. There are reported to be in the United States some 350 colleges to which can be added several hundred seminaries, academies and institutes, lesser lights in the educational firmanent This is a state of things of which we all are proud as we know that education is one of the corner stones of our Republic, one of the levers of our power and a leading cause of our greatness among the nations of the world. Of late years there has been a "big run" with "our boys" for an education at these institutions and to take a course, graduate and receive a sheep skin is a commendable enterprise, a worthy uccomplianment for which we honor them, notwithstanding the side show attachments in way of base ball, rowing matches and an occasional play spell at hazing, one of which the public has condemned more or less. In view of this "run," a discussion is going on as to the real benefits and practical usefulness derived by the student in the course. Among the objections raised is that the tendancy is to drift the mind into new and foreign channels, drawing it from natural grooves, thus warping those inborn tast: s, traits and propensities which when properly developed, make the great geniuses of the day and the master intellects of the world.

It is further urged that the training not only draws the mental faculties into new grooves, blunting those natural inclinations with which the student is gifted, but often leading him to choose a pursuit in practicing which he encounters friction and thus pegs away through life, out of gear and pulling against the tide of reaction. It is also said that the many books, lectures and the general paraphernalia surrounding him over-tax, befog and bewilder the mind, cramming it with theory, stimulating it beyond its natural strength and capacity, thus making a wreck of what might have made a brilliant intellect if properly developed. And last it is claimed that the studies are of no practical use to the masses, being adapted to those occupying high positions in the literary and scientific world. These are a few of the objections raised Others could be given but we deem it un necessary. By giring these objections we would not have the reader infer that we subscribe fully to them nor that we are opposed to colleges or the boys taking a course. What we would specially say is, that too much of the matter obtained during the course is of but little practical use in the general pursuits of the day, particularly to the business class who figure so largely in all the leading enterprises and who need vigorous minds, molded in natural channels or a practical and experimental training in early life fitting them for the pursuit they follow. This is a business age and the United States a business land, all enterprises moving off at electric speed, affording no delay to unearth fossils nor time to pursue. The masses have no appetite for dead languages nor abstruse sciences; they choose the rough and ready, and useful Rosenfield is cheaper and much more conven-ent than an umbrella. matters of life, cutting off all superfluities in science, art and literature. We have no snail pace and fogy systems, such as prevails in Europe. Here our air is charged with electricity, it permeates every avenue of our political and business

sphere, giving a double value to time and curtailing our use of it. Life is too short and our routine of living run on too rapid a scale to give four years to college, and two or three thereafter learning a profession. It may do for some, but not for the masses in whose interest we speak. The right metal is the main thing and if that be in a person he will dig out a name and fame without the hot house culture of the college. If the dead languages or high methods, or any deeply hidden science be needed, he will fathom the depths and polish his mind and shine with the great geniuses of the age, and best of all he will be vigorous and self-made.

## BUSINESS LOCALS.

L. C. Nelson can furnish any kind of nurserv stock grown in this country, true to name, and will replace if any die at half price in fall delivery of SL. Strawberry plants, all the finest varieties ready the 12th of July; an abundance of the best varieties of grape vines cheap. Send postal for prices. 2mTowanda, Pa., June 8, 1881.

Canary Birds, Seed, Cages, Cuttle Bone, Shepards' Song Restorer, Mocking Bird Food. etc., at C. P. Welles' Crockery and 99c store.

PLATFORM WAGON FOR SALE, bran-new and of best material. Will be sold low for cash or good paper. Enquire of A. WICHAM or O. A. BLACK, Towanda, Pa.

Two good water tanks one holding 40 barrels and the other 10 barrels, the small one lined with lead, for sale cheap. 8-1w M. E. ROSENFIELD.

Get your hair mattress made over at Ottarson's.

Go to G. S ACKLEY & Co's for cheap Cow flay.

Owing to the increased demand for ice, and the inability of the regular team that runs on week days to run on Sunday. 1 have made arrangements with McIntyre's dray to deliver ice to our regular customers on Sunday mornings, commencing and continuing during the heated season.

#### JOHN ADAMS.

Having sold my retail Furniture and Un taking business, known as the Bridge Street Furniture Store to E. B. Pierce I would re-spectfully recommend those in need of goods in his line to call on him at the old stand.

I also wish to inform those indebted to me that it will be necessary to settle the accounts N. P. HICKS. soon. January 1, 1881.

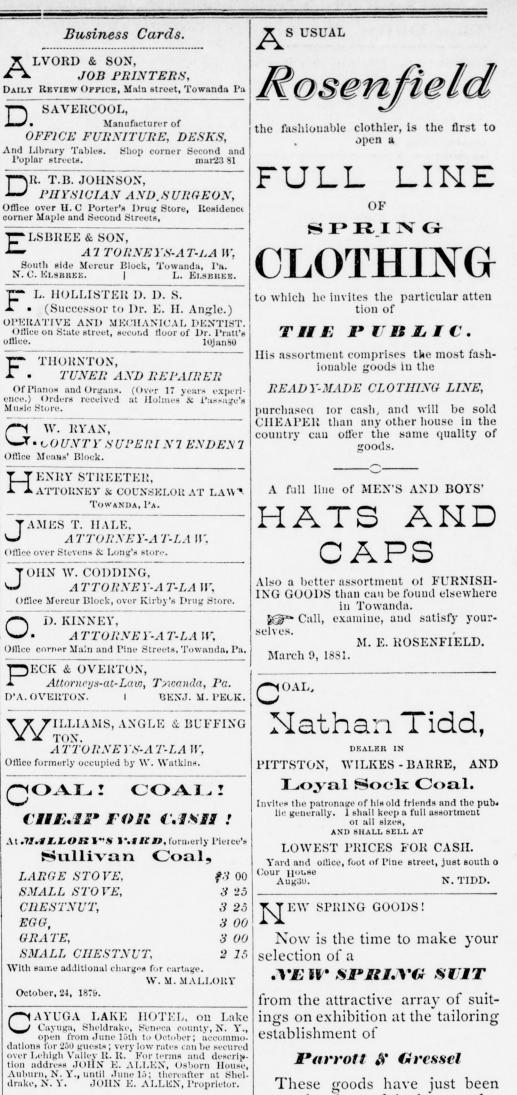
HOTEL FOR SALE. - I offer the American Hotel property for sale on very reasonable terms—one half the purchase money down and the balance in ten years. Possession given April 1, 1881. There is a good barn connected with the property. This hotel is located on the corner of Bridge and Water streets, in Towanda borough. The free bridge and new depot near to it make this hotel desirable for any one wishing to engage in the hotel business. Call upon or address, JOSEPH G. PATTON, Towanda, Pa.

#### ICE!

John Adam's Ice Wagon has been running for the last month, delivering Ice to his many customers. Ice gathered one mile and a half above town. Orders solicited, and prices satisfactory.

"What everybody wants is the best organ for the least amount of money : Therefore everybody wants the Burdett; and when you've

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JOSEPH G. PATTON.

Second hand Herring Safe for sale cheap. quire at this office.

For sale very cheap, one of the celebrated Rochester Filters, nearly new. Holds a barrel. Call at this office.

The Revised Edition of the New Testament in three different styles and ranging in price from 20 cents to \$1 25, just received at Whitcomb's Book store. 246

One of those thin gum overcoats sold by

Is there.

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June 15, 1881.

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