

# The Advocate.

JOHN F. MOORE, Editor.

MONDAY:

December: 23d, 1867.

## The New Year.

This number of the *Advocate* is the last regular issue of this year. The decree of time has been as inexorably enforced against 1867 as its predecessors, and the new year springs to existence only to be hurried along into eternity. Thus do they come and go. The old carrying away with them the works which men so laboriously strive to complete. The builder, too, is snatched away; the loved and the hated, the despised and the honored; hearts whereon the sunshine of a happy present, and the bright dawns of a happier future roll and break in gentlest harmony; hearts cankered with the disappointments of life, whereon the waves of bitter memories break and surge relentlessly, are alike victims, and the New Year again sings the song of the old. It were well, if looking to the past we read with profit from its fading page the lessons it has given and heed them: but we are prone to forget, because it is always "to-day," we spend moments lavishly; heedless that they are passing into hours, and the hours again into days; heedless because the soul looking ever at the world in its beauty, wears if for a brief space it glances to eternity; so far, far away, hardly a speck on the horizon, the soul never dreams how swiftly the end approaches; heedless because the smile of friends, the warm grasp of the hand, heart speaking to heart, alas! tell only of the present.

For ourself, we cannot ever return sufficiently, the thanks and favors due the patrons of the *Advocate*. We are keenly conscious of our failings; our readers must try to bear with them and with us. We have the knowledge that to the best of our abilities we have striven to work out the full measure of our duties. We have endeavored to make the *Advocate* a paper [proportionately] equal to any of its neighbors, and that our efforts have not been altogether unavailing, our increased list and large advertising patronage, to us, are the best evidences. The coming year will, we hope, and confidently expect, see other improvements in each department of our paper. Joined to no clique or faction, while we ever have, and ever will tenaciously cling to, and staunchly uphold the Democratic party, we have also made the *Advocate* emphatically a family paper. We hope we have given offense to no one. Such was never our intention, and we trust our readers bear to us the kindness of feeling with which we greet them, one and all.

Our country, unhappily, while yielding from her mother breast, a bountiful harvest, has not been blessed with the realizations of the hopes cherished at the time General Lee surrendered; practically the contending armies are clustered around Appomattox Court House; and stabs are driven, not, indeed, with the bayonet, but the more dangerous—because silent in its strokes—weapon of fanatical rule. A reckless faction, drunk with plunder, and filled with hate, ignoring its own solemn declarations, and the voice of the people, seeks to utterly subvert our constitution, laws and institutes. Ten sovereignties, which gave to us Henry, who fearlessly threw down the gauntlet to oppression; Washington who breathed upon the States and gave them life; Marion and Sumpter, Green and Jackson—are bound ruthlessly, and given over to the domination of an ignorant and vengeful horde. Their Constitutions disregarded, their dearest rights denied them, robbed, starved and impoverished at the will of a Military Commander, without law or redress, and even denied the poor boon of seeking justice. Torn and divided by internal dissension, we hail, for our country, the death of the year; we are so much nearer our deliverance. May it be accomplished in fulness, and for all time, before we bid our readers again, as we do now, "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

—Chicago has been fixed on as the place and the 20th of May next as the time, at which will be held the Republican National Convention for the nomination of a Presidential ticket. It is asserted that the party leaders intend admitting the South to a representation in the Convention.

—The sleighing is excellent throughout this region.

## The First Christmas Eve.

We once long ago saw a beautiful engraving, entitled "The First Christmas Eve." Though years have passed since we looked upon that picture we have not forgotten it, and see it now as plainly as when it was first laid before us. It represented Joseph and the Virgin Mary at the stable-door of Bethlehem on the night of that mysterious birth which was to give a new direction to human thought and to revolutionize the world. The carpenter of Nazareth and his espoused wife, so soon to be a mother, have had a weary journey from their distant home, and have climbed, at nightfall, the steep ridge upon which the town of Bethlehem stands. They seek at once the shelter of the caravanserai or inn. But the city is full; there is no room. Their need is great and urgent. With anxiety and manly tenderness in every feature of his face, Joseph leads his almost fainting partner to the stable of the inn. The Virgin's head has fallen upon his shoulder for very weakness; her right arm is linked in his; while with a languid grasp she holds in her left her swaddling-clothes. The face, drooping with fatigue and with the sweet sorrow that harbingers the joy that "a man is born into the world," is full of thoughtfulness, as becomes that Mary who "kept all these things and pondered them in her heart." The sombre towers of the city rise coldly against the clear December sky, in which the Star of Bethlehem has well nigh reached its zenith. And thus, or somewhat thus, it was on the "First Christmas Eve." And this, or something like this, was the origin of the greatest event which, take what view we may of life and all life's ends, has ever happened in the history of mankind.—The stable-door of Bethlehem was the portal of an empire over the hearts and hopes of wise and simple, to which even Imperial Rome was made to bow the head. Small are the beginnings of greatness, or the greatness, growing common, would else be none at all. If we see only that which is lofty, it gradually becomes less to the sight, just as

The ample proposition that hope makes fails in the promised largeness.

Could we trace back the Nile to its sources, and solve, as others have at length done, the riddle which the sphinxes on its banks, petrified and emotionless with the secrets of the long centuries, had seemed to lock for ever in their keeping, we should come upon some silent lake, unfurrowed by any keel, and all unconscious of its mighty offspring's destiny. And on that night—the eve of the great birth—while the sky looked coldly down, and Bethlehem lay in stillness and repose, if haply some belated passenger had met this wondrous pair as they so slowly and wearily sought their humble resting-place, little would he have deemed that he had cast his eyes upon one who at that moment was the central object of interest to earth and heaven. Thus, though in a less degree, it often is that we unconsciously are present at the birth of events, which seem but casual and commonplace, but in their issues have the widest influence upon the destinies of the world. The time was when the conqueror, destined to sweep through the world upon the wings of victory, lay mewing in his nurse's arms, and more helpless than anything except humanity can be. So, too, the poet's first utterances, when both into the world of men whom he is to instruct and charm, have been but the wall of mindless infancy; and the atable and manger of Bethlehem were but the natural and not unfitting prelude of the universal dominion of Him whom on that night of feebleness first came as Mary's son. Full of thought is the face of Mary. The dying, in certain stages of their disease, see at one glance the whole of their former lives projected upon their brain; drowning men, ere all is over, see the picture of the past in sharpest outline and in fullest detail; while the intuition of genius living and prescient, looks forward and comprehends instinctively the plan of the future. Mary, at the stable door, as she is represented in the engraving had, perchance, but a dim vision of all the coming glory, but yet saw enough to make her woman's heart sink down more deeply still with awe. Cast forth from the hostelry, she could wander in spirit into the far distance of the ages to come, and there, could her mental gaze have fixed the misty outlines of the latter days, might she have beheld her imagined self adored by mothers, men, and maidens; and shrine and altar, spire and tower, church and cathedral, basilica and dome, appeared to honor the name of her for whom, on this "First Christmas Eve," there was "no room."

—It is rather amusing to see that the two gravest charges against the President in the impeachment indictment were for acts committed by the fiercest Radicals, or at their request, namely: the transfer of Southern railroad property—done by Mr. Stanton—and the pardon of late rebels, granted upon the solicitation of Gen. Grant and Radical members of Congress.

—The Union League of Philadelphia were not unanimous in the nomination of Grant. In fact the members were nearly evenly divided, and the feeling between them was and still is most bitter. It is said the division thus begun is likely to lead to an open split in the party in Philadelphia. The split will be an ugly one, and white men can afford to laugh at it.

## Terrible Accident on the Lake Shore Railroad.

Buffalo, December 18.

The New York express train from Cleveland, on the Lake Shore Road, due here at 12:45 p. m., being behind time, when two miles this side of Angola, either from a defective rail or the frost, met with a serious accident about 3 p. m. The two rear passenger cars were thrown off the track and rolled over an embankment of twenty feet. A train with surgeons, officers of the road and others, left at 4 p. m. to render assistance. The killed and wounded are expected to arrive here at 9 p. m., and every preparation is being made by the people of this city to make the wounded comfortable. The following is a list of the killed and wounded so far as ascertained:

Killed—Mrs. J. M. Strong, of Buffalo; Mary Freeman, residence unknown; J. P. Hayward, agent of the road at State Line.

So far as ascertained, about thirty are reported injured, among whom are J. C. Cribb, of Salem, Pennsylvania; Garrett Hurley, of Corry, Pennsylvania; Stephen Stuart, President of the Oil Creek Road, is missing.

LATER.—The accident at Angola was more serious than at first reported. The rear car went over an embankment of fifty feet and caught fire, and out of fifty passengers in it, but two escaped, the rest being burned to death, and all that is left of them is a mass of blackened and charred remains. There are no means of ascertaining their names. The accident occurred at Big Sister's Bridge, a quarter of a mile east of Angola. One train with unhurt passengers and a few wounded has arrived here, and the balance of the wounded will be here at midnight. Inquests are now being held at Angola on the killed. A large number of physicians from Buffalo left on special train to assist the wounded. The following additional names of killed have been received: Jasper Fuller and wife, Spartanburg, Pennsylvania; Mr. Graves, residence unknown; W. H. Ross, North Bend, Pennsylvania; E. R. Forbush, Buffalo; Mrs. W. Freeman, Norwich, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Hubbard, St. Catharine's, Canada West; Frank Walker, Buffalo. Wounded—W. C. Patterson, Oil Creek.

December 19.

Three of the charred bodies of the victims of the railroad accident at Angola, have been recognized as Mr. J. Alexander Martin and W. W. Towner, of Erie, Pa., the latter by a gold chain on his person. Steven Stewart, of Oil Creek, Pa., and Miss Chylene, of Titusville, Pa., died this afternoon.

Chicago, December 19.

The locomotive of the Hyde Park train exploded in the Union depot this morning, shortly after the train arrived. All the passengers had left the depot, and only four persons were injured, none of them seriously. The damage to the building is comparatively slight, and the entire loss will not exceed \$8,000.

New York, December 18.

A large fire is now raging at Penborn City, opposite New York, on the Jersey shore, supposed to be the petroleum works located there.

"Wherever, there is ignorance," says the *N. Y. Tribune*, "there is peril to the cause of good Government and to the institutions of the country." Most true; and yet the *Tribune* demands that suffrage shall be forced by military power upon the blacks of the South, and that there shall be no civil government in the dismantled States unless it is controlled by them. It follows that the *Tribune* is an enemy to the cause of good government and to the Republican institutions.

—The impeachment evidence, which the Government printers are now putting into book form at the expense of the taxpayers, will cost two hundred thousand dollars. This is paying rather dear for the whistle.

## New Advertisements.

### SPECIAL NOTICE.

We have found it necessary, in order to keep the financial department of the *Advocate* on a good basis, to adopt the following rule: Transient Advertisements must be paid for in advance; and all Job Work as soon as completed. Bills made out and presented to yearly advertisers at the beginning of each quarter. Subscriptions to be paid for invariably in advance.

JOHN F. MOORE, Publisher.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that letters of Administration on the estate of Albert Willis, late of Ridgway, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned, and those indebted to, or having claims against the same are requested to present their accounts duly authenticated for settlement.

CARRIE D. WILLIS, Adm'x.  
D. B. R. DICKINSON, Adm'x.  
Dec. 23'67.—Gt.

J. S. BORDWELL, M. D.

## ECLECTIC PHYSICIAN.

The word eclectic means to choose or select medicines from all the different schools of medicine; using remedies that are safe, and discarding from practice all medicines that have an impurifying effect on the system, such as mercury, antimony, lead, copper, &c.

I lay aside the lance—the old blood-letting, reducer or depletor, and equalize the circulation and restore the system to its natural state by alteratives and tonics. I shall hereafter give particular attention to chronic diseases, such as Popenatism, Dyspepsia, Liver complaint, Catarrh, Neuralgia, diseases of the throat, urinary organs, and all diseases peculiar to females, &c.

CATARRH I treat with a new instrument of a late invention, which cures every case. TEETH extracted without pain. Office and residence south of the jail on Centre St. Office hours from 7 to 8 a. m.; 12 to 1 p. m.; 6 to 7 p. m.

Dec. 23'67.—J. S. BORDWELL.

JAMES PRYOR vs George R. Welton and R. B. Welton. In the Elk county Court of Common Pleas.

Domestic Attachment. Notice is hereby given that the report of trustees in above case has been duly filed in my office, and no objection appearing, the same will be confirmed at next term.

GEO. A. RATHBUN, Clerk.

## LIST OF CAUSES set down for January Term, 1868.

Weis for use, &c., vs Gerg. Same vs Same. Same vs Same. Wainwright vs Crowell. Cox's Executors vs England et al. Messenger vs Barrett. Bell vs Werner et al. Hill vs Bredlin et al. Viers et al. vs Braniff. Loomis vs County of Elk. Rathbun vs West Creek Manuf'g Co. Finton vs Malone et al. Dill vs Barrett. Weis vs Lloyd. Devereaux vs Township of Jones. Benzinger et al. vs Funk. Lawrence et al. vs Lahr et al. Mayhood vs Crispin et al. Weis for use vs Gerg. Same vs Same. Same vs Same.

GEO. A. RATHBUN, Prothonotary.

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## LIST OF LETTERS remaining in the Ridgway Post Office for the month ending November 30th, 1867.

Andrews Simon, Austin, J. H. Baker Susan, Blair J., Bennett Annie. Calmer William, Coy M. Daugherty James. Fitch O. B. Gray John. Hager George, Hoyer Christina, Humphrey R., House A. F., Heffelfinger William, Hillman Lewis, Holes C. H. S. Jones Julius. Lane N. B. Montgomery T., Meeker Moses, Mitchell David, Murch A. J. Nail John. Phelps Charles, Phalen Martin, Postlethwait Agnes. Ribler Henry. Strickland Samuel, Shaw W. W., Sweeting George, Sessery Ervin, Scott Corwin. Thane Owen. Vance George. Woodruff S. E., Wilson John, 2. Persons calling for any of the above letters will please say "advertised."

GROVE G. MESSENGER, Postmaster.

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## LIST OF JURORS—Grand and Traverse

—drawn for January Term, 1868.

GRAND JURORS.

Benett.—Martin Enz, John Z Lindemuth, Milton Chase. Fox.—Patrick Smith, Uriah W Rogers, Reuben S Gross, Jeremiah Sullivan, Aaron Harrington, Michael Callahan, Edward McCready, James R. Taylor, Jeremiah Hewitt. Highland.—Charles Stubbs, Levi Elliotthorpe. Horton.—Robert McIntosh, O P Keltz, Edwin Aldan, Joseph S Hyde. Ridgway.—Marcus T French, Jerome Powell, Robert Hillock, Harry Maxwell, B A Dill, G L McCracken, H S Belnap, P W Barrett, Thornton Strang. St. Mary's.—John Garner, H Kretz, Frank Forenbaum, James Coyne, T Braniff. Jay.—Charles Webb, Arnel Turley, R Johnson, B H A Pearsall.

TRAVERSE JURORS.

Benett.—Martin Enz, John Z Lindemuth, Milton Chase.

Fox.—Patrick Smith, Uriah W Rogers, Reuben S Gross, Jeremiah Sullivan, Aaron Harrington, Michael Callahan, Edward McCready, James R. Taylor, Jeremiah Hewitt.

Highland.—Charles Stubbs, Levi Elliotthorpe.

Horton.—Robert McIntosh, O P Keltz, Edwin Aldan, Joseph S Hyde.

Ridgway.—Marcus T French, Jerome Powell, Robert Hillock, Harry Maxwell, B A Dill, G L McCracken, H S Belnap, P W Barrett, Thornton Strang.

St. Mary's.—John Garner, H Kretz, Frank Forenbaum, James Coyne, T Braniff.

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## BY VIRTUE OF A WRIT OF Facias

issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Elk county, Pennsylvania, and to me directed, I will expose to sale at Public Outcry, at the Court House in Ridgway on Monday, the 13th day of January, 1868, the following described property, to wit:

All the interest of the defendant of, in and to those certain town lots, known as lots Number six (6) and seven (7), situate in the village or town of Ridgway, Elk county, Pennsylvania; fronting on the east side of a street called Grant street, and bounded on the north by an alley leading along the Mill race, on the south by lot numbered eight (8), on the west by said Grant street, and on the east by lots numbered twelve (12), thirteen (13), and fourteen (14) according to a plan of town lots made and laid out by Henry Souther, and recorded in the Recorder's Office of Elk county in Deed Book K, pp. 528, 529, and 530. With a two-story frame building; main part being about sixteen feet front by twenty-eight, a wing on the south side two stories high, about twenty two feet square, and a wing on the back or east side, one story high, and sixteen by nineteen and a half feet, or thereabouts—unfinished. Also, a number of fruit and shade trees on said lots. Seized, and taken in execution, and to be sold as the property of Thornton Strang.

JAMES A. MALONE, Sh'ff.

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