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MATAMORAS.

The Blue Ribbon Lodge went on a sleighride Tuesday afternoon to Montague to surprise Mr. and Mrs. Debevoise, who were former residents of Matamoras.

Last evening an apron and neck-tie social under the auspices of the C. E. Society was held at the home of Miss Nellie Westfall.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Fitzsimmons are about to change their residence from Mrs. Wounacott's to the home of Mrs. Lewis on River street. They are going to housekeeping upstairs.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Squires and little daughter, Hope, from Highlands, N. Y., have been in Matamoras and Port Jervis a few days. They returned home Wednesday morning.

Lincoln's birthday was not observed in our village. The schools were not closed nor were there any exercises in the various rooms. There were services in St. Joseph's church as the day was Ash Wednesday.

Feb. 20 the men of Epworth church will have their annual supper and on that evening at 8 o'clock "Ma Sweet" will introduce her very charming seven daughters.

On Tuesday afternoon Mrs. H. Seybolt, Jr., invited about 15 lady friends to take a sleigh ride to Milford to visit her friend, Mrs. Will Courtright. All report having had a very pleasant time.

Miss Tillie Zahnlecker, a teacher in the Matamoras high school, gave her pupils a sleigh ride Saturday morning to Milford.

Ed Clawson of Susquehanna is visiting his parents on Main street.

George Martin of the New York post office passed Sunday in Matamoras.

Harry Clawson of Jersey City visited Matamoras Sunday.

Mrs. Harry Lilly and little son, Alfred, in company with Mrs. M. Cole from Tri-States, passed Sunday at the home of Mrs. Fred. Billman on Cookson street.

Miss Agnes Wilkin left town a few days ago and is visiting friends at Greenville, N. Y.

Miss Eva Wounacott gave a sleigh ride to a few of her friends Saturday afternoon to Milford. Every one reports having had a very pleasant time. The sleigh came from the Allen House livery.

The L. C. U. met this week at the home of Mrs. Geo. McBride on Jefferson street.

The two musical revivalists, Revs. McDowell and Rimanoczy, whom Rev. Spencer of Epworth church had here for some time, are at the Methodist church at Port Jervis. Their Matamoras friends will have an opportunity of hearing them again. Matamoras regretted to part with them.

A teachers' local institute will be held in the school building of this village on Saturday, March 8. There will be two sessions, morning and afternoon, the former commencing at 9.30 and the latter at 2.30. The program will be made up of subjects practical in character so that they will be of interest not only to teachers but to all others The committee in charge hope that all who can do so will encourage and help make this institute a success by attending both sessions if possible, and one at least. More especially do they expect this of parents, for their presence and encouragement mean success for all concerned. On the previous evening, March 7th, an entertainment will be given in the school building by the pupils. Further details will be given later.

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SANDYSTON.

I see that Judge Dickey of Orange county has decided that when an insurance agent places the insured in a worthless or fake company and a loss is sustained the agent is personally responsible for the loss. This is a just and right decision, for when people get insured they expect to receive the amount insured for and the agent should know the financial standing of his company.

Mrs. Maria Snook of this town died on the 5th inst. and had she lived until the 9th would have been 83 years old. Nearly all of her long life was spent on the place. She leaves a large family all married with the exception of Miss Eliza, who has tenderly cared for her mother for many years.

I notice there is a project on foot by some capitalists to build a trolley road through Sussex county, one branch of it to pass through Culver's Gap. With the prospects of the D. V. R. R. coming on up this valley next summer it would look as if we will soon be in touch with the railroad centres. Railroads through here have been talked of for 40 years but the prospects were never brighter than now.

It sounds strange that requests are made that loose stone be thrown out of our roads when the sleighing is so good. All the same there are too many loose stone and the traveling would be improved were they thrown out.

Many thought it an impossibility to get up an old fashioned dance, but by scouring the three towns in this valley the Hainesville hotel ball room was filled and the young folks kept the dancing going until daylight on Wednesday eve of last week. The best of order prevailed and if one did not get his fill of dancing it was his own fault. Now the young folks are eagerly waiting for the announcement of the next.

On Friday last as I was going to Newton via the train from Branchville I was surprised to see the brakeman open the car door just as the cars were about to start and call out in a distinct tone, "The next stop for this train is ——." No one can get lost on the Sussex trains so long as this brakeman keeps his voice, and it is a good thing.

One hardly picks up a paper nowadays without reading the death of some person and the account of the death so frequently ends, "the deceased was a veteran of the Civil war." That calls to mind that Friday will be the 30th anniversary of my enlistment and there are thousands who enlisted before I did. In a few years the veterans of 1861-5 will have answered to the last roll-call.

A valentine social will be held at the Hainesville parsonage on Friday evening of this week. It may be that many will receive those nonsensical missives without attending this social.

We have very little snow but the severe cold weather is holding what we have and the sleighing is all that could be desired. Those having hauling to do are improving their time. The last ice house, that of John Snider, was filled on Wednesday last.

Mrs. C. E. McCracken has been a very sick woman for the past fortnight and I am glad to note that she is steadily getting better.

The town committee met on Saturday last and that is a sign that the spring election is not far away. It is thought that some slight changes could be made in the officials of the town and for the good of the town and so mote it be.

DINGMAN'S FERRY.

George Snyder will move to his farm in Lehman this spring. His home has been thoroughly fumigated and there is no more smallpox in that township.

Frank Downs has returned from Rowlands and is on the sick list.

George Courtright, who is an excellent farmer, will occupy the farm of H. B. Wells next summer.

Our candidates for office have not been around paying their respects to would be constituents. Perhaps it is too cold or they may think their election sure.

Representative J. B. Westbrook will be able to extend his tie piles if former customers of another store continue patronizing him.

Yes, friend "Ap," you find mostly new names in Milford. The boys do not go to political meetings over at the Br'e House any more in Yankee Doodle time and come home without a threshing.

Now that the D. V. R. R. is running to Bushkill and carrying passengers the next moves of the picks and shovels will point out whether it will come up this side of the river or cross over to Jersey.

Biddies are laying and eggs are going down in price.

We can now reach Philadelphia from here as easy as New York and without going to the latter city to get there, Bushkill being nearer than Port Jervis. That town will soon need more hotel accommodations.

William Mink, proprietor of the fish pond, has erected a very comfortable house to accommodate his patrons.

A discussion recently occurred in a store between a believer in farmers' institutes and a "know it all myself" who maintained that the speakers knew nothing about cows or how they should be fed and nothing could be learned from their talks. The "willing to learn" man thought the lecturers could open some peoples' wits so they could at least understand that the process of feeding cows in summer on scrub oaks and in winter on bog hay is not a diet calculated to produce milk and cream. The cows so fed here when they go to Jersey and are fed according to methods advised by the lecturers bring their owners comfortable little checks every month.

Wm. Dusenberry is coming to the rescue of farmers here. He pays 2 cents more a dozen for eggs than the others and pays it in cash.

There is a rumor that there will be four stores in our town by April 1st. Well, there may be room for them all.

Dan Shoemaker has accepted a situation in a store at Rowlands, Pa.

The good sleighing now affords opportunity to get ties to the river and many are hauling.

Where can Kainit be bought by the bag in this section? Some farmers would like to try it. [Enquire of any fertilizer agent.—ED. PRESS.]

Sandyston finds the board of health there like ours—on paper.

Rambler is easily satisfied with the answer to his church question, but it seems to us the question did not cover all the ground. Some churches are built with money raised by persons who want to use them as cloaks for their evil deeds. Perhaps a few genuine Christians are induced to come in to further aid in the deception, but churches do not save souls. There is only one way to accomplish that end. However much men may be deceived by appearances there is One who cannot be deceived. Let every one remember that and if he has a conscience he will know whether he is safe.

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