

there were over 4000 books in the library. Members of the society had Miss E. C. Blackman and Judge D. W. Squire.

Building Operations.

Numerous builders and contractors are to be found in the various towns and villages in the county, and as there are large quarries of excellent building stone, considerable quantities of brick and concrete blocks manufactured, scores of planing mills and lumber yards, building operations can be carried on in any of our towns as cheaply and satisfactorily as anywhere in the United States.



MAPLE STREET, BROOKLYN.



LOWER MAIN STREET, NEW MILFORD.

States. Considerable building is going on at present and the kind of houses being erected will compare favorably with those in the most progressive and active communities.

Four "J. P.'s in Nearly 100 Years.

The office of justice of the peace in Montrose borough, lately held by Mr. John Courtright, afforded the remarkable circumstance of four men holding it for nearly 100 years.

The original incumbent was Joshua Raynsford who was appointed in 1812, at the organization of the county, for

farm laborers. The hired man will work better and stay longer on the farm that is part of a "literary coterie," or near where he can hear good lectures, good music, can play lute or foot ball, ride over the hedges, etc. for "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." The same line of argument applies to the towns and villages—give the people amusement and entertainment all the year "round"—set the "glittering invitation" of the "poor man's clubs," i. e., the saloons, and make it unprofitable for low dives to exist by affording amusement and enter-

Beautiful Scenery.

Nowhere in Pennsylvania can more beautiful scenery be found than in Susquehanna county. Our mountains and lakes have been compared to those of Scotland, and as will be seen from numerous illustrations in this edition, there are spots here and there which to the aesthetic eye are indeed charming. Healthfulness and happiness naturally go hand in hand in such a country. These conditions are surely additional incentives for more immigration of a desirable class of people. One can be a profound lover of the beautiful without being a dreamer of dreams. A complacency born from a peaceful mind and a quiet delight in one's surroundings

Essentials to Success.

In seeking to induce immigration, capital and new enterprises to come to Susquehanna county, we are not so over-zealous in the cause as to proclaim that anyone can find a bed of roses here. Grit, pluck and a determination to succeed are as essential here as elsewhere, however favored our country may be. Men are the architects of their own fortunes whatever their surroundings, and this brushes away the excuses some people argue to themselves that they have no change in life. Have a purpose, work hard and save your money are after all the elements of success; but there is something better than in passively making a living, and that is making a life. Both can be accomplished here by the right sort of people, let them come from where they may.

Now that the political "scum" of 1908 is over and an optimistic sentiment prevails as to the future of business affairs, let us determine to give a lone pull, a strong pull, and a pull altogether to bring Susquehanna county to a high place in the onward march of progress and prosperity.

How to Obtain Information.

To those who are seeking investment of capital, who want to "better themselves," we therefore say come to Susquehanna county to seek information from the industrial departments of the railroads, from editors of newspapers, from the burgesses of the towns, from real estate dealers, attorneys and others who come in contact with the public. Advantageous conditions exist here, and it is a comparatively easy matter for anyone interested to obtain specific

and a conspicuous factor in that city's social, fraternal and commercial life. It is not long until nearly every man, woman and child in that level, civilized city was astride a Victor.

Mr. Knoll is still a young man, having been born in this town July 13, 1874. Although on the under side of forty in age, he has, by his own genius, perseverance and indomitable pluck climbed high up the ladder of success.

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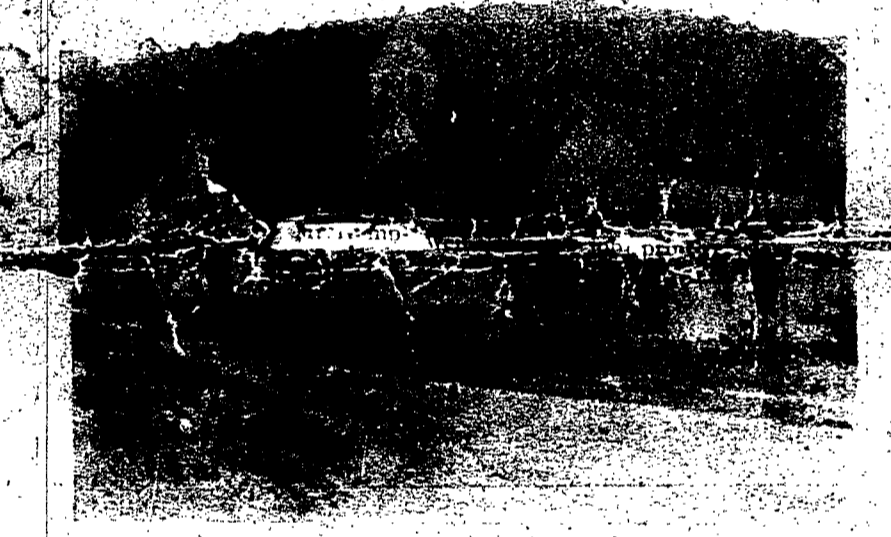
He next turned his attention to insurance circles and it was not long until he became manager and adjuster for the Etna Life Insurance Company, in the accident and health departments. Continuing for two years in that capacity, he formed a partnership with Major E. Turgeon which continues at the present time. In addition to this connection, he was at one time president of the Buffalo Hardware Manufacturing Company, president of Dopp & Son, and also sole owner of the Buffalo Cab Company.

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sixty agents are scattered throughout twenty-two counties, and the firm's scope includes accident, health, employments, public, vehicle, automobile, liability, boiler, fire and theft, also property damage insurance. The main offices of the concern are located in the Brisbane Building, where the following string is always out to Montrose citizens sojourning in Buffalo.

Mr. Knoll is a prominent member of the Buffalo Automobile Club, and served during the year 1905 as its president, he being the second to hold that office. He was for two years president of the Buffalo Automobile Racing Association, and a director in the New York State Automobile Association for five years. He was chairman of the Buffalo Automobile Show for two years. His fraternal affiliation is with Washington Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is junior master of ceremonies, and Sigma Council of the National Union, of which he is an ex-president, also Keystone Chapter, Key-tone Council, Hugh de Payens Commandery, the Grotto, and the Shrine, all of Buffalo.

The above is the sketch of a former Montrose boy the "Democrat" is pleased to include among those of our citizens who are prominent in various callings and professions, and in publishing it we feel that we are pointing to achievements and a career worthy of emulation by the youth of our land, for it is one in which ardness of purpose, honesty, enterprise and true grit have accomplished much in thirty-seven years—the age of the subject of our remarks—for the above always were and are today the characteristics of Augustus H. Knoll.



A PART OF MAIN STREET, KINGSLEY.

the township of Bridgewater, and when Montrose borough was created in 1874 he moved his office into town and continued its functions until 1840. During the time he held the office Squire Raynsford tried 36,685 suits, acknowledged 1222 deeds and married 104 couples.

He was succeeded by Charles Avery who held the office until 1877, when William A. Crossman was elected. Squire Crossman was succeeded by Mr. Courtright in 1886, and he held the

amusement for the mind and relaxation for the body of old and young. It thus goes to "Enliven life," as Napoleon III. advised, "Get together and devise ways and means for driving dull care away. If you cannot originate, copy." Do as other communities are doing to provide harmless amusements and athletic exercises for the people. Whether expensive or not, the investment will pay.



STREET SCENE, SPRINGVILLE.

more desirable than a so-called success in the mere making of money amid unpleasant and unhealthy surroundings, yet with our time resources money can be made and at the same time an enjoyable life is afforded as an accompaniment.

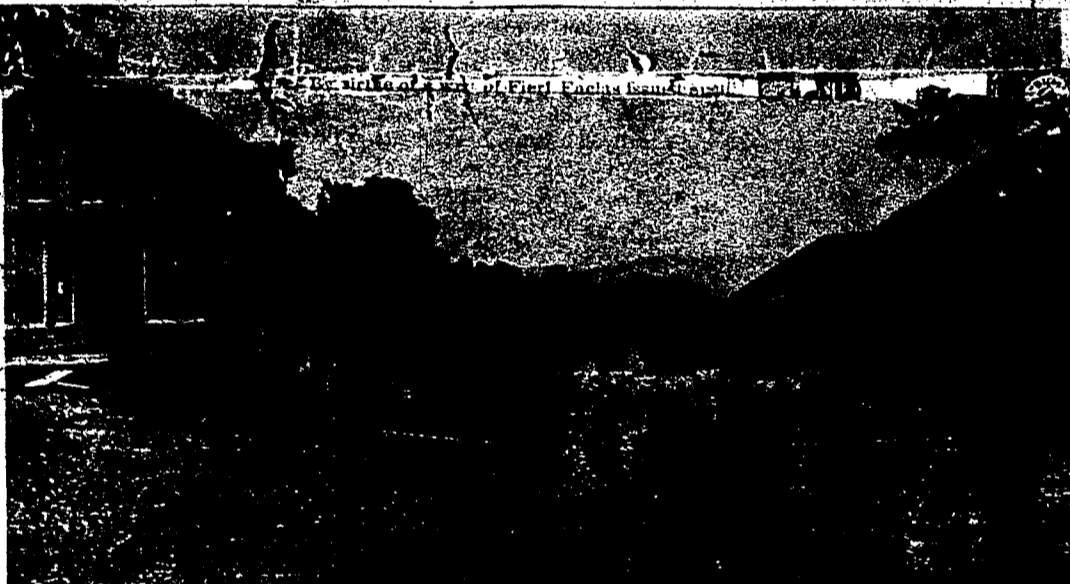
fully what their conditions are and how to grow with the rising tide of progress and prosperity which are sure to set in hereabouts at no distant day.

Advertisers In This Edition.

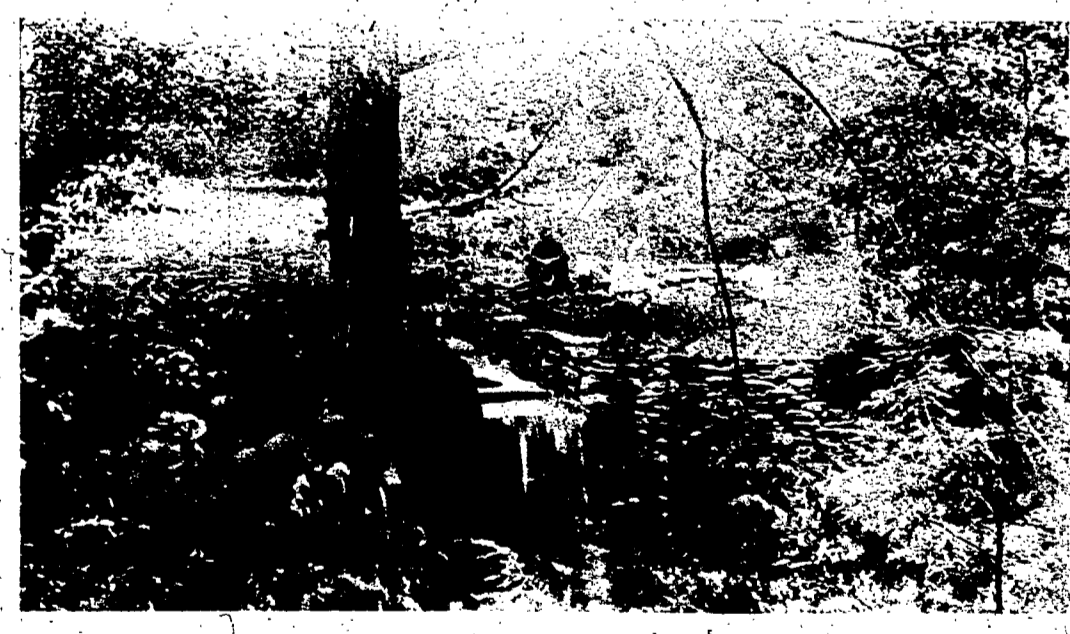
Business these days is a matter of so many diverse interests that it is difficult for the average person to know much about the details of the towns and villages in the county and he or she is therefore guided in a measure by the advertising done by the respective business establishments. A number of reading notices and display advertisements appear in this issue, and these tell the story of the more populous centers in that respect in a manner that could not be improved upon. Read and study these public announcements; they mirror the current affairs in a way that cannot fail to give one a correct understanding of existing conditions. They have been carefully selected as leaders. These advertisements will be found full of interest to every person and we invite you to peruse them carefully and to communicate with or call on every advertiser whose proposition or announcement appeals to you.



THE CREEK ABOVE HOP BOTTOM (FOSTER).



AUBURN STREET, AUBURN.



OUTLET LAUREL LAKE.

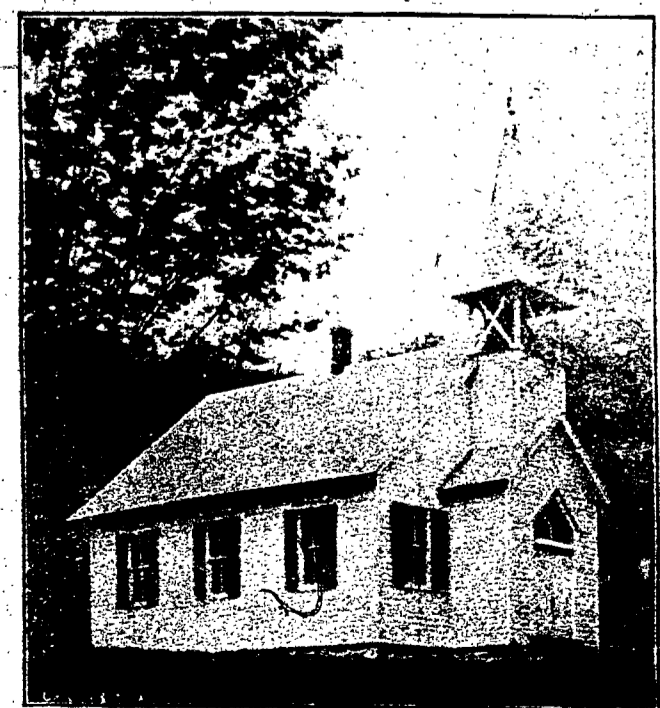


BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF ALFORD.

office until August 1908, when F. A. Davies was appointed to succeed him. It will be seen from the above that the old saying as to officials, "few die and none resign" held good for a long series of years in this instance, for each of Mr. Courtright's predecessors lived to a ripe old age after retiring and none resigned. From Squire Raynsford's induction into office until the close of Mr. Courtright's term in 1908 was nearly a century, and only four men held the office, one of whom for 37 years, two for 28 years and one for 3 years.

Harmless Amusements Urged.

Entertainment—good, wholesome indoor and outside entertainment—should be provided by the wise heads in every neighborhood and village in our agricultural regions. That is one of the best means known for keeping the boys and girls on the farm and preventing restlessness and a tendency of the young people to flock to the cities and towns. Proper entertainment will also go far toward solving the problem of



METHODIST CHURCH, ALFORD, PA.



Augustus H. Knoll

THE trite but true saying that sense makes the heart glad is exemplified in the universal esteem in which Augustus H. Knoll, now a prominent and leading business man of Buffalo, N. Y., is held here in Montrose, his beloved native place. Although, as previously stated, he is now one of Buffalo's substantial



SCENE ON THE FAIR GROUNDS, HARFORD.