

MONTROSE NEWSPAPER OF LONG AGO

THE "GAZETTE," PUBLISHED HERE IN THE YEAR 1823

Quaint Customs that Prevailed in the Days of Our Grandfathers Faithfully Chronicled by Ye Editor of the Old-Timer

AWARDS MADE AT THE FAIR HELD 75 YEARS AGO

Tattered Copy of the Sheet, Yellow from Age, Sent to the Editor of the "Democrat," who Prizes It Highly

We are indebted to Mr. W. B. McCabe of Walton, N. Y., for a copy of the Montrose "Gazette," of date March 15, 1823. The "Gazette" was a predecessor of the "Democrat." It was edited by James Catlin, and the number sent us by Mr. McCabe is of four pages of five columns each. The sheet being 75 years old is somewhat discolored by age, yet the advertisements (as well as the reading matter) are interesting.

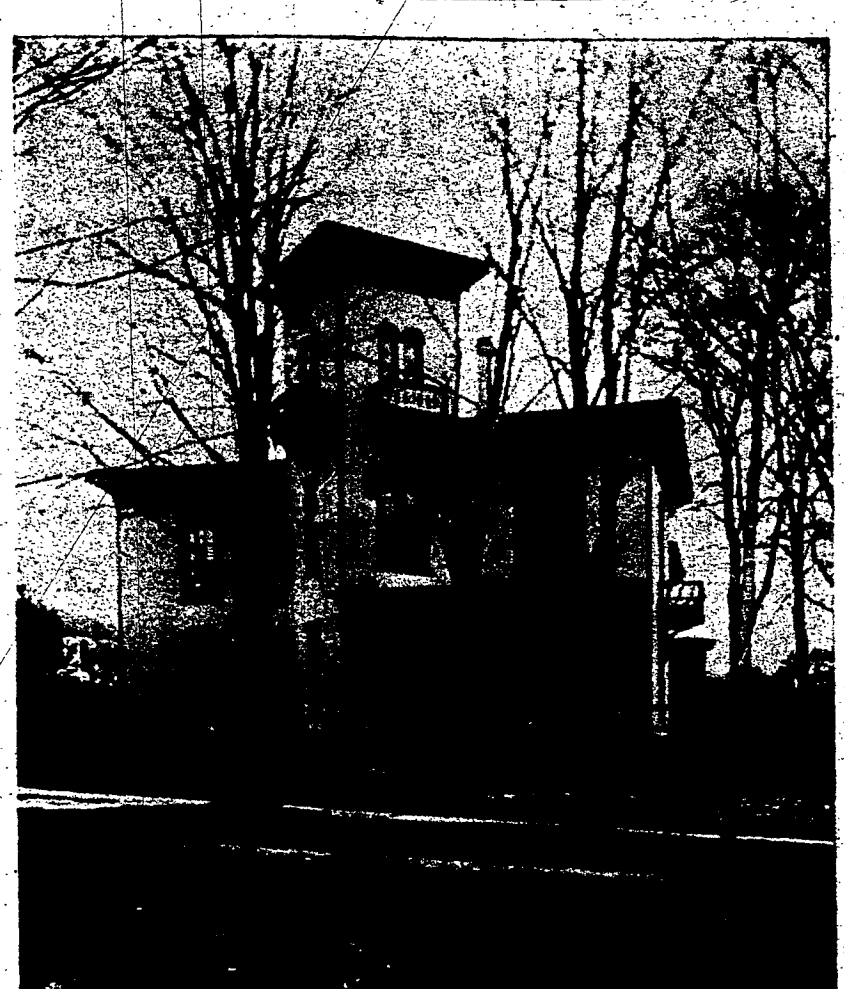
mill at Heart Lake, "having water sufficient to carry the mill at all seasons of the year." B. Sayre gives notice that he "has just received a stock of new goods, including about 1,000 gallons of whiskey (in jug)." A column is devoted to the financial statement and awards of premiums of the agricultural society, for the years 1821-2 and signed: "Myron Kason, Treasurer, Lathrop and Bela Jones, auditors." There was a balance of \$42 in the hands of the treasurer and the list of premiums awarded is very interesting. Among others Jonah Brewster was awarded \$3 for the greatest quantity of harvesting without spirits; Miss Rice, \$2 for a grass bonnet; Sylvanus Hatch, \$5 for best breeding mare; Jesse A. Birchard, \$5 for best bull; Benjamin Hayden, \$5 for best cow; Zebulon Deans, \$5 for best pig; Daniel Lathrop, \$4 for crop of wheat; Frederick Bailey, \$3 for greatest quantity of cheese; William Ross, \$5 for best acre of wheat; David Post, \$5 for best quarter acre of rutabagas; Jacob P. Dunn, \$4 for best mare; Arche Marsh, \$5 for best bull; John Griffin, \$5 for best cow; Charles Perigo, \$5 for best yoke of oxen; Robert H. Rose, \$5 for best ram; Putnam Catlin, \$5 for best ewe; William Ward \$5 for best b. ag; Robert Edred, e. \$3 for best cheese; Peter Herkimer, \$5 for largest quantity of maple sugar; Erastus Catlin, \$5 for best wolen cloth; John Kingsley, \$4 for second best wolen cloth; Samuel Weston, \$5 for best specimen of linen; Sylvanus S. Mulford, \$5 for best piece of carpeting; James Dean, \$3 for second best piece of carpeting; Jesse Sherman, \$4 for best plow; Dakon Tiffany, \$5 for best quantity of stone fencing; Miss Emaline Chapman, \$2 for a straw bonnet; William C. Turrell, \$5 for hair cloth; Sylvanus Hatch, \$5 for best breeding mare; Jesse A. Birchard, \$5 for best bull; Almon H. Read, \$4 for best cow; Benjamin Hayden, \$5 for best oxen; Arche Marsh, \$3 for best boar; Zebulon Deans, \$3 for best sow; David Turrell, \$4 for best crop of corn; Daniel Lathrop, \$4 for best crop of wheat; William C. Turrell, \$4 for best potatoe; Frederick Bailey, \$4 for the greatest quantity of cheese; Thomas Parke, \$4 for best quality of cheese; Allen Upton, \$4 for greatest quantity of butter;

Charles Perigo, \$5 for best loaf of bread; Peter Herkimer, \$4 for greatest quantity of maple sugar; Isaac Smith, \$3 for best quality of maple sugar; Joseph Butterfield, \$5 for greatest quantity of stone wall; Samuel Weston, \$5 for greatest quantity of flax; W. C. Turrell, \$4 for greatest quantity of domestic manufacture in one family in one year; Mary Packer, \$3 for best half dozen worsted stockings; Eunice Parks, \$3 for best yarn stockings; Ruth Duer, \$3 for best covered; Mary Packer, \$3 for best quality of linen; Harriet and Mary Crocker, \$2 for second best linen; Sophia Rice, \$2 for American Leghorn hat; Elisha Mack, \$2 for best fanning mill. Of the three men who signed the auditors' report above, Myron Kason was the grandfather of ex-Prothonotary Myron Kason and a man prominent in the affairs of his day. Ex-Representative Bela Jones came to Montrose from Connecticut in the early days and built, at the foot of Jones Lake, the first grist mill and carding machine in this region, bringing the machinery from Newburg, N. Y. through the woods. He was the grandfather of W. C. Crusser. Spencer Lathrop was the eldest son of Ezekiel Lathrop, one of the earliest settlers at Lathrop lakes (now Elk Lake). He was an uncle of D. D. Lathrop of Montrose. News from Venezuela, via Norfolk, 40 days old, is played up on the first page. Civil war was raging in Brazil. New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina were planning or executing schemes of internal improvements by roads and canals. Navigation of the Susquehanna was provided for by a bill in congress. John Andrew Shulze had just been nominated to be the "democratic-republican" governor of Pennsylvania. William Crawford about to be hanged at Washington, Pa., for an atrocious murder when asked by the attending clergyman to confess his sins, drank a glass of beer and declined the ministerial offices by replying, "Mind your own business, I am a blowin' a blowin' horn of myself." and was launched into eternity. All in all it is a quaint old publication, but no doubt a true reflex of the times in which it was published here in Montrose.

Specimen Handsome Residences and Historical Homesteads in Montrose



RESIDENCE OF MRS. BRUCE STEWART (FORMERLY OF CLARKSVILLE, TENN.) SOUTH MAIN STREET.



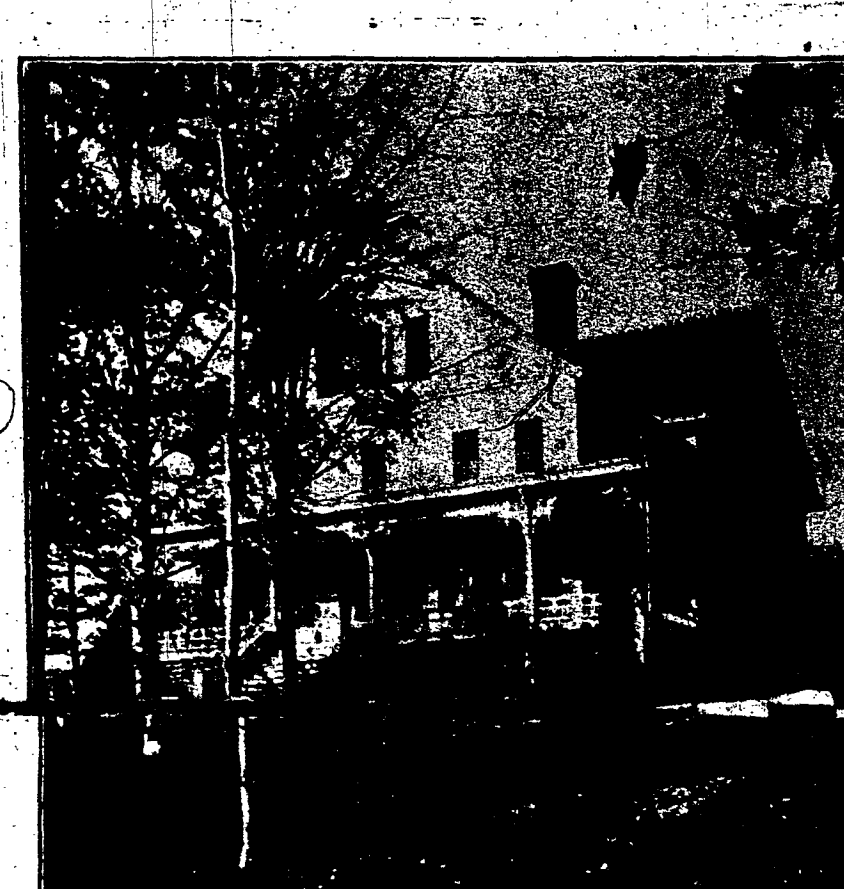
RESIDENCE OF MISS LOUISE JESSUP, MONUMENT SQUARE.



LEHIGH VALLEY DEPOT, MONTROSE.



RESIDENCE OF F. W. HART, POST STREET AND GROW AVE.



RESIDENCE OF MRS. WILLIAM M. POST, MILL STREET.

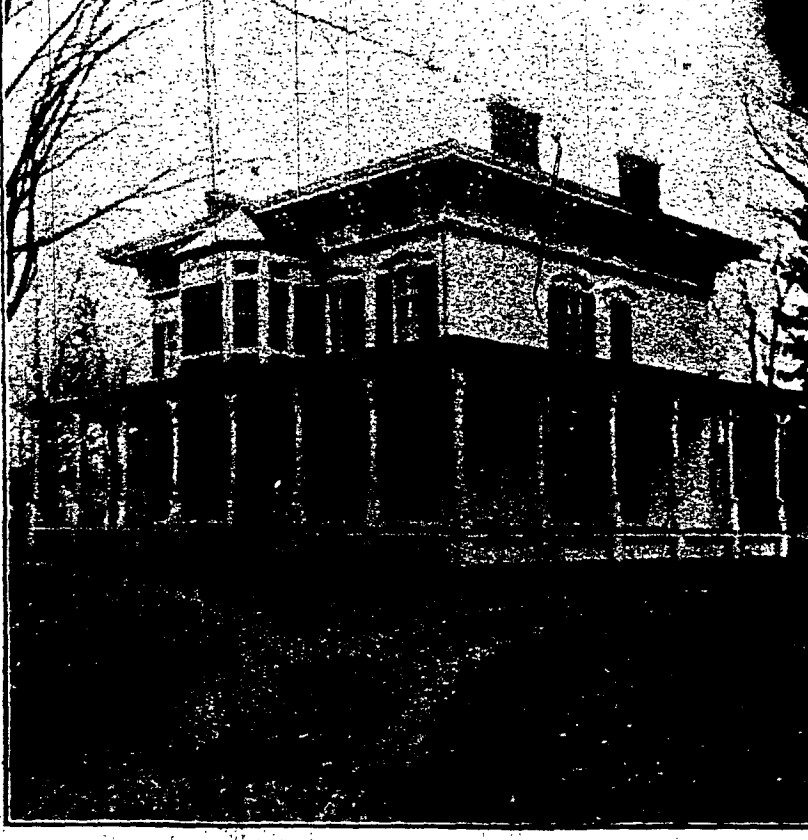
**Lehigh Valley Railroad**  
The branch of the Lehigh Valley railroad running from Montrose to Tunkhannock, which not covering very extensive mileage in Susquehanna county, is of inestimable value to the section that it does penetrate and especially to Montrose. As will be seen from the half-tone engraving printed in this edition, the company maintains a very good table depot in Montrose. It is always neat, clean and comfortable, and while not as large as some of the depots along the company's lines, it is one of the best and most conspicuous buildings in that part of the town in which it is located. Heavy passenger and freight traffic is done over the

branch line from Montrose to Tunkhannock. It runs to and from New York, Buffalo, Rochester and other important centers. The Lehigh Valley passenger train to and from Montrose, passing through such thriving towns as Lynn, Springville and Dick in Susquehanna Co., are a great convenience to local people and also the city people, part of the summer colony owning homes here, and the officials of the company are to be congratulated upon providing a service in keeping with the high standard of excellence such patrons are used to and naturally expect from a system making a specialty of the best in railroading that money can provide. Its officials and employees are noted for their uniform courtesy and attention to

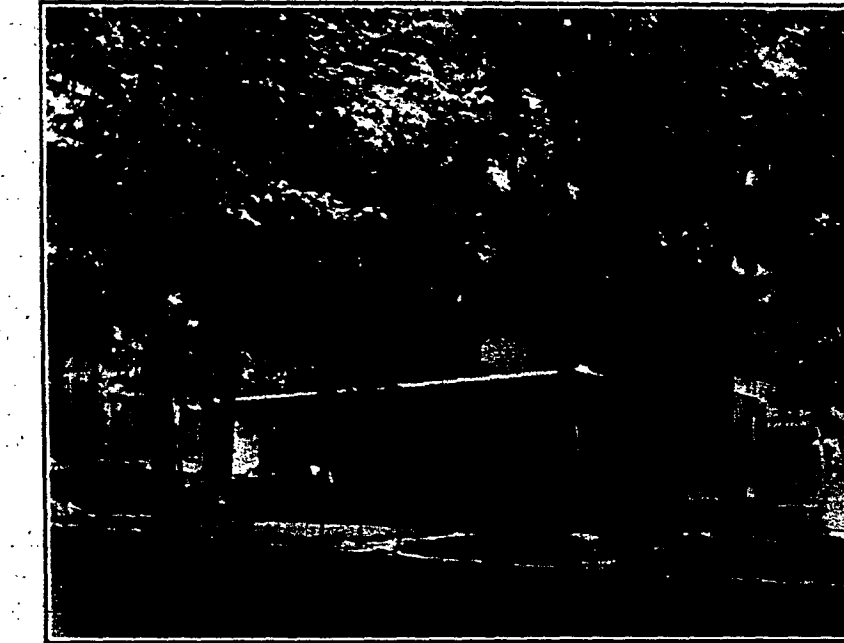
passengers; its cars are always neat, well ballasted, and trains glide over the heavy, smooth steel rails at a fair rate of speed. A large freight traffic is done, particularly in the use of specially constructed refrigerator cars and in the transportation of milk and other dairy products, fruits, etc., which are large industries along the Montrose branch line. The road is of the greatest possible service also to the local merchants and manufacurers in receiving quick freights, as evidenced by the activity at the local depots. The freight and passenger service on this branch are under the jurisdiction of Messrs. R. C. McDowell and George Heller respectively, with headquarters at Wilkes-Barre.



D., L. & W. DEPOT, MONTROSE.



RESIDENCE OF MR. AND MRS. BARRY SEARLE, LAKE AVENUE.



RESIDENCE OF MRS. J. B. MCCOLLUM, CHERRY AND MAPLE STREETS.

**D., L. and W. Railroad**  
The excellent passenger and freight train service of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad has been of the greatest aid toward building up the parts of Susquehanna county through which its lines run, and this is especially true of Montrose. The deviation from Scranton to Binghamton, N. Y., takes in such towns in this county as Foster (Hop Bottom), Kingsley, Alford, New Milford, and Hallstead, on the main line from New York to Buffalo, and Heart Lake and Montrose on the branch from Alford. It is the favorite and popular means of transit for tourists and visitors to reach Montrose, and in the very busy season (when visitors are numerous) traffic over the main line is heavy and animated. In

fact, those residing in Montrose, permanent and transient, owe a debt of gratitude to the "Lackawanna" for the painstaking accomplishments of the management in providing a service commensurate with the requirements of hundreds of well-to-do people who flock here from early summertime reside here during the heated term and make frequent trips to and from New York and other cities. There is also considerable local travel between Scranton and Binghamton, and nothing but the kindest expressions are ever heard concerning the hours and regularity of the service, the comfortable and luxurious coaches, smooth tracks, fast time, etc. The freight service is equally as efficient and praiseworthy. Many readers of this edition of the "Democrat" may be interested in the material advantages offered for settlement and location in this county.

There are numerous opportunities for the location of new manufacturing plants and other industries along the line of the "Lackawanna," whose admirable shipping facilities commend it to all. The company maintains an Industrial Department (A. S. Leary, assistant general freight agent, 90 West street, New York), whose purpose is to assist those seeking locations, and specific information concerning not only advantageous locations in Susquehanna county, but other sections along the company's lines will no doubt be furnished on application. The passenger service for this territory is under the immediate supervision of M. L. Smith, Scranton. Mr. Smith is well and favorably known in Montrose, and his personal popularity is co-equal with that of the splendid railway system he represents in the capacity of division passenger agent.

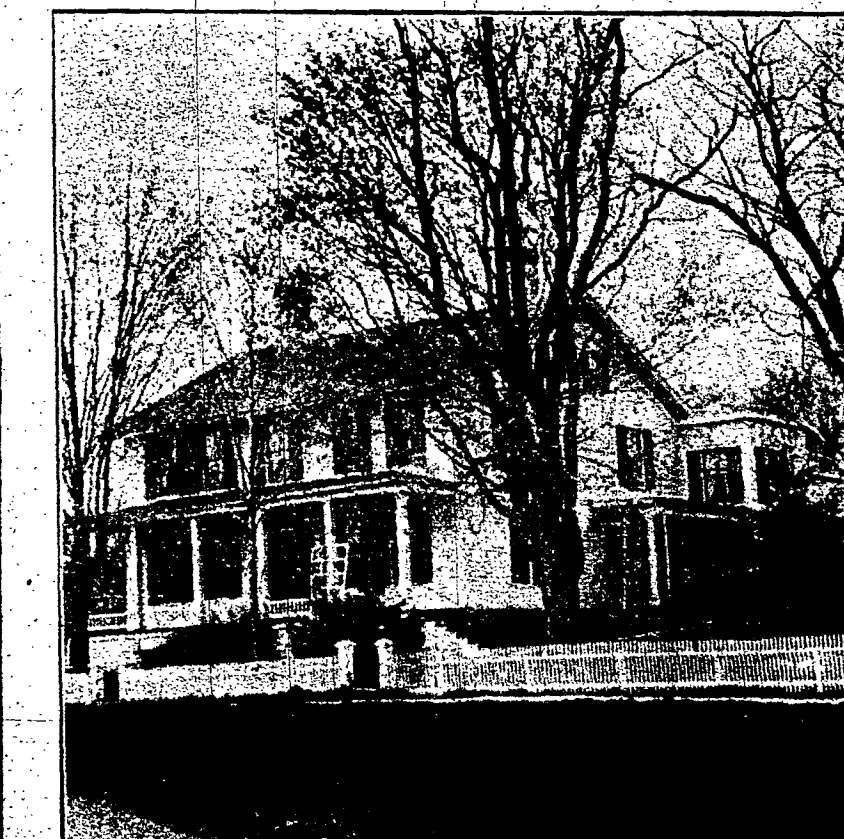
**Miss Louise Jessup's Beautiful Montrose Residence**  
AMONG the best known and most highly honored names in Susquehanna county history is that of Jessup. In its early years William Jessup, the elder, was one of the leading lawyers of Montrose. He established a home on the east side of "The Green," now Monument Square, and near it a little one-story office, painted white, which still remains as a well-remembered landmark. When his son, William H. Jessup, became of proper age he took up the study of law, was admitted to the bar, and entered into practice with his father for many years afterwards, becoming one of the famous lawyers not only of Susquehanna county but of

Northeastern Pennsylvania. In the meantime he had built adjacent to the Jessup homestead on the same side of Monument Square one of the most beautiful homes in Montrose, it having been among the first brick residences erected here. He laid out spacious grounds, which were always kept in the best of order, and here he and his estimable wife reared a family of six children, four of whom survive, namely: William H. Jessup, attorney in Scranton; Mrs. Albert Lieserling of Upper Lehigh, Pa.; Mrs. William Woodin of New York; and Miss Louise Jessup of Montrose, who now maintains her father's old home in the same well-kept condition as during his life time. While she is away part of the year visiting friends, yet Montrose is her permanent residence, and she ever takes a lively interest in her native town and its

welfare. It is therefore a matter of extreme pleasure, to our citizens that she remains here to maintain the Jessup home and keep open the beautiful house as a reminder of her honored father, who was prominent as a lawyer, dignified and impartial as a judge during his incumbency of the bench, and a citizen who is remembered for his many good traits of character as well as success in the law, which was so great as to bring him clients not only from this county alone but from neighboring counties, and to such an extent that he found it necessary at one time to open an office in Scranton, where he enjoyed a large practice and handled many important cases involving large amounts of property, for corporations and big individual operators in various activities. We herewith present a picture of the Jessup residence.



THE OLD JESSUP HOMESTEAD, MONUMENT SQUARE (NOW MRS. WOODIN'S)



THE OLD DAVID POST HOMESTEAD, (NOW OWNED BY W. M. BEST,) SOUTH MAIN ST.