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DENTIST.  
OFFICE on East Market Street, Lewistown,  
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Store. P. S. Dr. Locke will be at his office  
the first Monday of each month to spend the  
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HAVING permanently located in Lewis-  
town, offers his professional services to  
the citizens of town and country. Office  
West Market St., opposite Eisenbise's Hotel.  
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Lewistown, July 12, 1860--tf

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Has permanently located at Millroy,  
and is prepared to practice all the branches  
of his Profession. Office at Swine-  
hart's Hotel. my31

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**CIGARS, TOBACCO, SNUFF,**  
&c., &c.,  
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Orders promptly attended to. je16

**GEO. W. ELDER,**  
Attorney at Law,  
Office Market Square, Lewistown, will at-  
tend business in Mifflin, Centre and Hunting-  
don counties. my26

**NOLTE'S BREWERY,**  
Seigrist's Old Stand,  
Near the Canal Bridge, Lewistown, Pa.  
Strong Beer, Lager Beer, Lindenberger  
and Switzer Cheese—all of the best quality  
constantly on hand, for sale wholesale or re-  
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Yeast to be had daily during summer.  
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GEO. F. McFARLAND, Principal & Proprietor.  
JACOB MILLER, Prof. of Mathematics, &c.  
Miss ANNIE S. CRIST, Teacher of Music, &c.  
The next session of this Institution com-  
mences on the 26th of July, to continue 22  
weeks. Students admitted at any time.  
**A Normal Department**  
will be formed which will afford Teachers the  
best opportunity of preparing for fall examina-  
tions.  
A NEW APPARATUS has been purchased,  
Lecturers engaged, &c.  
TERMS—Boarding, Room and Tuition, per  
session, \$55 to \$60. Tuition alone at usual rates.  
Circulars sent free on application.

**SILVER PLATED WARE,**  
BY HARVEY FILLER,  
No. 1222 Market Street, Philadelphia,  
MANUFACTURER OF  
Fine Nickel Silver, and Silver Plated of Forks,  
Spoons, Ladles, Butter Knives, Castors,  
Tea Sets, Urns, Kettles, Waiters, But-  
ter Dishes, Ice Pickers, Cake  
Baskets, Communion Ware,  
Cups, Mugs, Goblets, &c.  
With a general assortment, comprising new but the  
best quality, made of the best materials and heavily pla-  
ted, constituting them a serviceable and durable article  
for Hotels, Steamboats and Private Families.  
Old Ware re-plated in the best manner. feb23-1y

**WILLIAM LIND,**  
has now open  
**A NEW STOCK**  
OF  
**Cloths, Cassimeres**  
AND  
**VESTINGS,**  
which will be made up to order in the lat-  
est and most fashionable styles. ap19

**New Fall and Winter Goods.**  
R. F. ELLIS, of the late firm of McCoy  
& Ellis, has just returned from the city  
with a choice assortment of

**Dry Goods and Groceries,**  
selected with care and purchased for cash,  
which are offered to the public at a small ad-  
vance on cost. The stock of Dry Goods em-  
braces all descriptions of

**Fall and Winter Goods**  
suitable for Ladies, Gentlemen and Children,  
with many new patterns. His  
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comprise Choice Sugars, Molasses, Java, Rio  
and Laguayra Coffee, superior Teas, &c. Also,  
Boots and Shoes, Queensware, and all other  
articles usually found in stores—all which the  
customers of the late firm and the public  
in general are invited to examine.  
R. F. ELLIS.

Country Produce received as usual and the  
full market price allowed therefor.  
Lewistown, October 25, 1860.

**NAILS, Spikes, &c.**—A large and full as-  
sortment of Duncannon Nails and Spikes.  
Also a full assortment of Tacks, Screws, &c.  
For sale by  
**JOHN KENNEDY & CO.**  
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**FRESH Raisins, Dried Fruit, Nuts, Can-  
dies and Fancy Candy Toys** at wholesale  
to country stores and confectioneries can be  
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prices, for cash.

75 cents per gallon for best Coal Oil, at  
F. G. FRANCIS'S

## THE GAZETTE

**The Patriot Wool and the Traitor Floyd.**  
Among the articles laid over last week  
for want of room, was the correspondence  
between Mr. Floyd, late Secretary of War,  
and Mr. Buchanan, the latter having ac-  
cepted the former's resignation with a tart-  
ness far more becoming a President than  
his sorrowful parting with Cobb. This  
correspondence reveals the fact that Mr.  
Buchanan had been induced to tamper with  
the Southern Tories engaged in the disun-  
ion scheme, and it may yet be well with  
him if he awakes from his lethargy in time  
to avoid a civil war. No man of com-  
mon sense now doubts that if the three  
forts in Charleston harbor had been garris-  
oned, even with a few companies in each,  
the rebellion in South Carolina would have  
resulted as harmlessly as it did in 1832.—  
But traitorous counsels prevailed, and up  
to a very recent period, the four great de-  
partments of the government, which con-  
trol its patronage and direct its most impor-  
tant operations, the War, Navy, Treasury,  
and Interior Departments, have been com-  
pletely under the control of men who fully  
sympathized with the disunion movement,  
and did all in their power to aid it. It  
cannot be doubted now that Howell Cobb  
and Secretary Floyd have done all they  
could to help the secessionists—indeed they  
would rather glory in than deny their af-  
filiation with them. Mr. Thompson, Sec-  
retary of the Interior, has also warmly fa-  
vored their movement, and will probably  
leave the cabinet, if Mr. Buchanan sus-  
tains Major Anderson, as soon as the cir-  
cumstances connected with the abstraction  
of the Indian trust funds are investigated.  
Mr. Thomas, the new Secretary of the Treas-  
ury, fully sympathizes with Mr. Thompson.  
Mr. Toucy has made such a disposition of  
the naval forces as to render them as use-  
less and unavailable as possible in any sud-  
den emergency upon our coast which may  
arise. No government, says the Press, was  
ever more completely betrayed in the hands  
of its foes. A parallel for such treachery  
can only be found in some of the plots and  
counterplots of ancient Rome or the in-  
trigues of military leaders and political as-  
pirants in France during her revolutionary  
struggles.

**POSITION OF GEN. JOHN E. WOOL.**  
In strong contrast with the traitorous  
epistle above, we give an extract from a  
letter of Gen. John E. Wool, a democrat  
more than once spoken of for President, to  
Mr. Cass, dated Troy, Dec. 6, 1860.  
"South Carolina says she intends to leave  
the Union. Her Representatives in Congress  
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**SECRETARY FLOYD TO THE PRESIDENT.**  
WAR DEPARTMENT, Dec. 29, 1860.  
SIR: On the morning of the 27th inst., I  
read the following paper to you in the  
presence of the Cabinet:  
COUNSEL CHAMBER, EXECUTIVE MANSION.  
SIR: It is evident now from the action of  
the Commander of Fort Moultrie, that the  
solemn pledges of the Government have been  
violated by Major Anderson. In my judg-  
ment but one remedy is now left us by which  
to vindicate our honor and prevent civil war.  
It is in vain now to hope for confidence on  
the part of the people of South Carolina in  
any further pledges as to the action of the mil-  
itary. One remedy is left, and that is to  
draw the garrison from the harbor of Char-  
leston altogether. I hope the President will  
allow me to make that order at once. This  
order, in my judgment, can alone prevent  
bloodshed and civil war.  
(Signed,) JOHN B. FLOYD,  
Secretary of War.

I then considered the honor of the Admin-  
istration pledged to maintain the troops in  
the position they occupied, for such had been  
the assurances given to the gentlemen of  
South Carolina, who had a right to speak for  
the South Carolina, on the other hand,  
gave reciprocal pledges that no force should  
be brought by them against the troops or  
against the property of the United States.—  
The sole object of both parties in these recip-  
rocal pledges was to prevent a collision and  
the effusion of blood, in the hope that some  
means might be found for a peaceful accom-  
modation of the existing troubles, the two  
houses of Congress having both raised Com-  
mittees looking to that object.  
Thus affairs stood till the action of Major  
Anderson, taken unfortunately while the Com-  
missioners were on their way to this Capitol  
on a peaceful mission looking to the avoid-  
ance of bloodshed, has complicated matters  
in the existing manner. Our refusal or even  
delay to place affairs back as they stood un-  
der our agreement, invites a collision, and  
must inevitably inaugurate civil war. I can-  
not consent to be the agent of such calamity.  
I deeply regret that I feel myself under the  
necessity of tendering to you my resignation  
as Secretary of War, because I can no longer  
hold it under my convictions of patriot-  
ism, nor with honor, subjected as I am to a  
violation of solemn pledges and pledged  
faith. With the highest personal regard,  
I am most truly yours,  
JOHN B. FLOYD.

To His Excellency the President of the United  
States.  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 31, 1860.  
MY DEAR SIR: I have received and ac-  
cepted your resignation of the office of Secretary  
of War, and not wishing to impose upon you  
the task of performing its mere routine du-  
ties, which you have so kindly offered to do,  
I have authorized Postmaster General Holt  
to administer the affairs of the Department  
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Yours, very respectfully,  
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**COMMUNICATIONS.**  
**PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIFTH AN-  
NUAL TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.**  
LIST OF MEMBERS PRESENT.  
Lewistown—Mary E. Shaw, Jane A. Kerr,  
Mary E. Stewart, Kate E. Stauber, Josephine  
Atkinson, Mary Miller, Martha Stoner, Indi-  
ana Elbert, Lizzie McEwen, Tillie Ochs, Az-  
ariah Smith, P. P. Butts, Joseph Gray, Jr.,  
Charles Newman, Joseph S. Waream, M. J.  
Smith, J. A. McKee, John Clark, William  
W. Evans.  
Armagh—J. M. Bell, Hiram McClanahan,  
A. G. Dickey.  
Bratton—Rebecca Fritz, Thos. McCord.  
Brown—Rachel Zook, Robert Sterrett.  
Derry—Robert Keefer, M. Mohler.  
Granville—Annie W. Creswell, G. W.  
Soul, G. B. Penepecker, W. S. Wilson, G. S.  
Myers.  
Meno—Leah Hooley.  
Oliver—G. H. Swigart, W. L. Owens, Geo.  
F. Davenport, Jacob R. Elliott.  
Union—Salome Zook, J. K. Hartzler, D. H.  
Zook, W. C. Gardner, W. K. Stroup, John  
Fry.  
Wayne—J. N. Postlethwait, Elias Pene-  
pecker, A. W. Decker.  
McVeytown—Elizabeth Leattor, G. Han-  
walt, S. Z. Sharp.  
Newton Hamilton—Bell Morrison, Eliza-  
beth E. Burkholder, G. B. Dunmire.  
Blair County—Mary McCord.  
According to announcement the Associa-  
tion met at Lewistown, December 27, 1860,  
in the Town Hall, at three o'clock P. M., the  
President, W. K. Stroup, in the chair, and  
was opened by him with a brief address on  
the value of such meetings as these, and the  
necessity of individual and united effort in  
order to make the exercises profitable and inter-  
esting.  
Y. W. Johnston, Secretary of the Associa-  
tion, having resigned, and both Vice Presi-  
dents being absent, the President appointed  
Wm. W. Evans Secretary, and Kate E. Stauber  
and S. Z. Sharp Vice Presidents.  
Owing to the severe illness of Robert H.  
McCord, W. S. Wilson was appointed to fill  
his place on the Executive Committee.  
The minutes of the last annual meeting  
having been read, new members were receiv-  
ed. Miss Mary E. Shaw was appointed Critic  
for the day. The time for holding the ses-  
sions was fixed as follows: Morning session  
from 9 to 12 o'clock; afternoon from 1 to 4  
o'clock; evening to commence at 6 o'clock.  
Mr. John Clark was requested to conduct the  
musical exercises of the Association.  
The question, Resolved, That the power  
and duty of elevating the standard of Educa-  
tion in community, belong principally to the  
teachers of common schools, was discussed  
by Messrs. Azariah Smith, S. Z. Sharp, D. H.  
Zook, and A. G. Dickey. The Executive  
Committee announced the order of exercises  
for the evening. The hour for adjournment  
having arrived, the Association adjourned.  
EVENING SESSION.  
Association was opened with prayer by Mr.  
J. M. Bell. Music by the teachers. The  
roll was called, and minutes of the previous  
meeting read and corrected. Mr. S. Z. Sharp  
then delivered a very interesting lecture on  
Geology. An essay was read by W. S. Wil-  
son. Subject—"Evils of irregular attend-  
ance of pupils at school." Music by teach-  
ers, which was followed by the reading of an  
essay by Miss Salome Zook. Subject—"A  
teacher's position." A Manuscript Paper  
was then read by Miss Mary Stewart and J.  
K. Hartzler, editors. The question, "How  
can whispering in school best be prevented,  
or properly controlled," was discussed by  
Messrs. J. K. Hartzler, G. H. Swigart, J. M.  
Bell, H. McClanahan, A. G. Dickey, S. Z.  
Sharp, W. W. Evans, W. K. Stroup, and  
Miss Kate E. Stauber. The further discus-  
sion of the question was postponed. On mo-  
tion, the President was requested to appoint  
four Committees—one on finances, one on res-  
olutions, one on nominating officers for the  
ensuing year, and one on procuring new mem-  
bers. The President appointed as Committee  
on finance, A. G. Dickey, H. McClanahan,  
and Mary Miller, and as Committee on pro-  
curing new members, Mary McCord and J.  
N. Postlethwait. On motion Association ad-  
journed.  
SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.  
The Association met at the appointed hour,  
and was opened with prayer by Mr. M. J.  
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was called and the minutes of the previous  
session read and approved. Miss Shaw,  
Critic for yesterday, made report, and Miss  
Lizzie McEwen appointed Critic for the day.  
The President announced as Committee on  
resolutions, Salome Zook, Beckie Fritz, and  
J. M. Bell; as Committee on nominations, D.  
H. Zook, Bell Morrison, and Mary S. Shaw,  
after which was an exercise in Grammar, dur-  
ing which Messrs. A. G. Dickey, M. J. Smith,  
and S. Z. Sharp explained their methods of  
teaching the analysis of Sentences. There  
was much discussion on the subject, and the  
exercise very profitable. Association ad-  
journed.  
AFTERNOON SESSION.  
Met at the hour, President in the chair.  
Music by the teachers. Minutes of the morn-  
ing session on their reading were approved.  
An exercise in Arithmetic was engaged in by  
Messrs. M. J. Smith, S. Z. Sharp, A. G. Dickey,  
J. K. Hartzler, W. S. Wilson, W. K. Stroup,  
Chas. Newman, C. B. Dunmire, and  
Miss Mary McCord. During this exercise  
different methods of teaching the primary  
principles were fully illustrated and exam-  
ined; also the manner of conducting recitations,  
and black-board exercises. Reces. Music  
by teachers. The question, Resolved, "That  
the power and duty of elevating the standard  
of Education in community belong principal-  
ly to teachers of common schools," which was  
discussed yesterday afternoon, was taken up,  
and a discussion on it was engaged in by  
Messrs. J. K. Hartzler, G. W. Soul, W. Owens,  
J. M. Postlethwait, D. H. Zook, W. S.  
Wilson, and W. K. Stroup, after which Hon.  
Thos. H. Burrows, State Superintendent, ad-  
dressed the teachers for a few moments. The  
Executive Committee announced the exercises  
for the evening. Association adjourned.  
EVENING SESSION.  
The Association was opened with prayer

by the Rev. M. Leithead. The roll was called,  
the members responding with sentiments.  
The minutes of the afternoon session were  
read and corrected. An essay was then read  
by Miss Martha Stoner. Subject—"Human  
Majesty." Miss Mary E. Stewart and Mr.  
J. K. Hartzler, editors of the Manuscript  
Paper, read several interesting articles. The  
Hon. Thos. H. Burrows, State Superintendent,  
delivered a most excellent and interesting  
lecture. He opened with an account of the  
rise and progress of the common school sys-  
tem; and then addressed himself more espe-  
cially to the teachers. He explained the origi-  
nal intent of the School Law in the granting  
of certificates—to grant none except profes-  
sional ones; but the county Superintendents  
believing a lack of teachers entitled to such  
certificates, in convention, adopted the system  
of granting provisional ones, with the con-  
sent of the State Superintendent. He stated  
that after a few years, none except profes-  
sional certificates would be given. He concluded  
his remarks with some earnest appeals to  
ministers and parents, showing their relation  
to the schools, and the position they occupy  
for the right training of the young. On mo-  
tion, the thanks of the Association were ten-  
dered to the speaker for his excellent lecture.  
On motion, Association adjourned to meet  
next morning at 9 o'clock.  
THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.  
Association was opened with prayer by W.  
W. Evans. Roll was called. Mr. A. Smith,  
County Superintendent, then addressed the  
teachers. He spoke of the condition of the  
various schools in the county; how they might  
be improved; what was expected of the teachers;  
and affirmed his intention of raising the stan-  
dard of qualification for certificates higher than  
it has heretofore been. Miss Lizzie McEwen,  
the Critic for yesterday, then made report;  
after which, there was taken up the subject  
of reading, when Mr. Sharp and others showed  
their manner of teaching this branch of  
study. The chairman of the Committee of  
finances reported on the condition of the  
Treasury, and the funds of the Association  
being inadequate to defray the expenses of the  
session, a tax of 10 cents was laid upon each  
member. The Chairman of Committee on  
nominations reported the following officers:  
Pres., A. G. Dickey. For Vice Presidents, J. M.  
Bell, Annie W. Creswell. Secretary, Geo. H.  
Swigart. Treasurer, Martha Stoner. Exec-  
utive Committee, J. K. Hartzler, Mary Mc-  
Cord, W. S. Wilson.  
The Association then proceeded to the elec-  
tion of officers, when all those nominated by  
the Committee for the several offices were  
unanimously elected. It was, on motion, de-  
cided that hereafter the officers elect should  
enter their respective offices at the beginning  
of each annual meeting of the Association;  
The Secretary was instructed to prepare a  
concise statement of the proceedings of the  
Association, and forward it to the editor of  
the Pennsylvania School Journal.  
The Committee on resolutions made report,  
and the following were severally adopted:  
Resolved, That it is the duty of every teacher  
to avail himself of every opportunity to  
acquire a knowledge of the best methods of  
imparting instruction to pupils, and preserv-  
ing good order in school.  
Resolved, That the power and duty of ele-  
vating the standard of education in a commu-  
nity belong principally to the teachers.  
Resolved, That regulations against whisper-  
ing should be adopted in every school;  
that it is the duty of teachers to use their ut-  
most endeavors to give efficiency to those regu-  
lations.  
Resolved, That it is the imperative duty of  
all persons who desire to teach, to qualify  
themselves for the Professional Certificates as  
speedily as possible.  
Resolved, That there ought to be in some  
Academy of this county a Normal Depart-  
ment, for the special benefit of those who  
desire to qualify themselves fully for the duties  
of teachers in the common schools of the  
county.  
Resolved, That the determination of the  
County Superintendent to elevate the grade  
of certificates meets the approbation of the  
teachers present at this Association.  
Resolved, That the Phonetic Method of  
teaching children to read commends itself to  
all who are interested in public schools, and  
we urge the teachers to investigate it.  
Resolved, That a copy of the proceedings of  
this Association be furnished to the county  
papers for publication.  
SALOME ZOOK,  
REBECCA FRITZ, } Committee  
J. M. BELL,  
The minutes of this and the previous ses-  
sion were read and approved. Association  
adjourned sine die.  
WM. W. EVANS, Secretary.

**EDUCATIONAL.**  
Edited by A. SMITH, County Superintendent.  
For the Educational Column.  
**AFTER SCHOOL.**  
In my schoolroom, old and dim,  
With its dark and time-worn walls,  
On at eve, while worn and weary  
With the weight of care and toil,  
Memory, from her silent chambers,  
Gently beckons my spirit's gaze,  
Inward to the hidden record,  
Kept of all life's changing ways.  
As I turn my inward vision  
To the newly-written leaf,  
Filled with varied forms of fancy—  
Some of joy, and some of grief,  
Then I see, again before me,  
Sorrowful spirits, fair and bright—  
Childhood's features, wreathed in sunshine,  
Beaming with their pure smile-light.  
Happy voices, joyous laughter,  
Ringing upon my listening ear;  
Loving words, and deeds of kindness,  
Come, like balm, my heart to cheer.  
And I raise my heart still swelling,  
Full of grateful praise above,  
That the dear good Father sends us  
Childhood's smiles of light and love.

**A Word on Certificates.**  
Experience proves what common sense  
readily admits, that a good teacher will  
have a good school, whatever the charac-  
ter or qualifications of those who have  
taught before him. He may not, it is true,  
be able to have advanced scholars, but he  
will have order, system, and all circumstan-  
ces that favor progress in the schoolroom.  
Of course the action of directors and of  
parents is quite important; but when a  
good teacher makes a request, it is very  
likely to be granted; he inspires confidence  
by his evident intelligence, and secures co-  
operation that would be denied to a poor  
teacher. Let this fact be universally known  
by teachers, and let it be seriously consid-  
ered; the good teacher has a good school.  
To render a teacher good, two things are  
all-important; namely, sufficient knowledge  
and skill in imparting instruction and con-  
trolling a school. The first of these, suffi-  
cient knowledge, namely, the Professional  
Certificate? That he is diligently avail-  
ing himself of all opportunities to increase  
his knowledge; that he is studying those  
branches in which he is deficient; that he  
is active and interested in District Associa-  
tions.  
Are all those teachers in the county who  
hold Professional Certificates, thus seeking  
to improve and qualify themselves for any  
common school, so that their fitness as  
teachers shall be unquestionable?  
Directors and parents have a right to  
claim that you be fully qualified before you  
assume to instruct. The law of this State  
requires it. What, then, is your duty?  
It is part of my official duty to see that  
no persons teach without sufficient knowl-  
edge. So, as a natural consequence, it is  
wholly proper for me to urge teachers to  
secure full, unquestionable qualifications  
for their duties; both knowledge and skill  
in teaching.  
I propose to hold a public Examination  
some time in the coming Spring, after the  
schools are closed, of those who are dis-  
posed then to apply for the Professional Cer-  
tificate. Early notice of my intention is  
given to afford applicants time to review  
what they think needs reviewing, and to  
study whatever they know is wanting. It  
is expected that applicants will at that time  
present an essay on some educational topic,  
partly to show their habit of thought, part-  
ly to evince their proficiency in practical  
grammar.  
It should be understood that Professional  
Certificates will be given to them, and  
only to those, who on examination shall  
prove their fitness for it. A word to the  
wise is sufficient; to those who are not  
wise, something else remains to be said  
hereafter.  
AZARIAH SMITH.

**COMMUNICATIONS.**  
**PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIFTH AN-  
NUAL TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.**  
LIST OF MEMBERS PRESENT.  
Lewistown—Mary E. Shaw, Jane A. Kerr,  
Mary E. Stewart, Kate E. Stauber, Josephine  
Atkinson, Mary Miller, Martha Stoner, Indi-  
ana Elbert, Lizzie McEwen, Tillie Ochs, Az-  
ariah Smith, P. P. Butts, Joseph Gray, Jr.,  
Charles Newman, Joseph S. Waream, M. J.  
Smith, J. A. McKee, John Clark, William  
W. Evans.  
Armagh—J. M. Bell, Hiram McClanahan,  
A. G. Dickey.  
Bratton—Rebecca Fritz, Thos. McCord.  
Brown—Rachel Zook, Robert Sterrett.  
Derry—Robert Keefer, M. Mohler.  
Granville—Annie W. Creswell, G. W.  
Soul, G. B. Penepecker, W. S. Wilson, G. S.  
Myers.  
Meno—Leah Hooley.  
Oliver—G. H. Swigart, W. L. Owens, Geo.  
F. Davenport, Jacob R. Elliott.  
Union—Salome Zook, J. K. Hartzler, D. H.  
Zook, W. C. Gardner, W. K. Stroup, John  
Fry.  
Wayne—J. N. Postlethwait, Elias Pene-  
pecker, A. W. Decker.  
McVeytown—Elizabeth Leattor, G. Han-  
walt, S. Z. Sharp.  
Newton Hamilton—Bell Morrison, Eliza-  
beth E. Burkholder, G. B. Dunmire.  
Blair County—Mary McCord.  
According to announcement the Associa-  
tion met at Lewistown, December 27, 1860,  
in the Town Hall, at three o'clock P. M., the  
President, W. K. Stroup, in the chair, and  
was opened by him with a brief address on  
the value of such meetings as these, and the  
necessity of individual and united effort in  
order to make the exercises profitable and inter-  
esting.  
Y. W. Johnston, Secretary of the Associa-  
tion, having resigned, and both Vice Presi-  
dents being absent, the President appointed  
Wm. W. Evans Secretary, and Kate E. Stauber  
and S. Z. Sharp Vice Presidents.  
Owing to the severe illness of Robert H.  
McCord, W. S. Wilson was appointed to fill  
his place on the Executive Committee.  
The minutes of the last annual meeting  
having been read, new members were receiv-  
ed. Miss Mary E. Shaw was appointed Critic  
for the day. The time for holding the ses-  
sions was fixed as follows: Morning session  
from 9 to 12 o'clock; afternoon from 1 to 4  
o'clock; evening to commence at 6 o'clock.  
Mr. John Clark was requested to conduct the  
musical exercises of the Association.  
The question, Resolved, That the power  
and duty of elevating the standard of Educa-  
tion in community, belong principally to the  
teachers of common schools, was discussed  
by Messrs. Azariah Smith, S. Z. Sharp, D. H.  
Zook, and A. G. Dickey. The Executive  
Committee announced the order of exercises  
for the evening. The hour for adjournment  
having arrived, the Association adjourned.  
EVENING SESSION.  
Association was opened with prayer by Mr.  
J. M. Bell. Music by the teachers. The  
roll was called, and minutes of the previous  
meeting read and corrected. Mr. S. Z. Sharp  
then delivered a very interesting lecture on  
Geology