

From La Salle.

LA SALLE, March 12.—H. D. Brown, 30 years in the dry goods business, was retired.

The La Salle Lyceum has a school and hired M. P. Dwyer as principal next in the line of the school.

Miss Mary McKee, of Streator, was the guest of Mrs. Stuart the early part of the week.

One of the novel sights at a recent funeral was the prominence taken by two candidates for the collectorship.

Wm. La Salle Polander got married, the next thing on the program is for them to have their trousseau taken.

John Early, the young man who ran away recently on the night previous to his marriage, is back in town.

Harry Adams' show last week drew the largest houses of any company at popular prices that ever played to La Salle audiences.

Instead of laying out their surplus wealth in aiding the interests of the city, La Salle business men show in thousands actually on the Board of Trade in Chicago.

Thomas Cassidy, the lively man who was shot by Anton Rossak a few weeks ago, went to Ottawa Wednesday to testify before the grand jury.

Col. Murty Corcoran is the veteran business man of the northwest. He has been constantly engaged in the business here for over 30 years.

The masquerade given by the Turners Monday night was the biggest in the history of the city. A number of valuable prizes were given.

It is thought that at the submitting of the water works question at the next city election it will receive a majority vote.

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From Galloway.

GALLOWAY, March 8.—Warm days and cold nights are very detrimental to winter wheat.

Sadie Elliott Mugg had a severe attack of lung fever, but is convalescent.

Wm. Patterson has been living at the county seat. His wife and family had to do their own moving last week on account of him.

Geo. Felzer, Sr., had his team run off and leave him at the P. O. Saturday. The team went home.

Knilla Cartwright will work his father's farm this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Halley, of Tonica, were visiting at E. Angell's yesterday.

A. M. Patterson, from Pennsylvania, is visiting relatives at Galloway.

Will Nickerson, of Tonica, has been engaged to teach the spring term of school. This will make his third term with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schimpel are snugly located in their new home.

From Ophir.

OPHIR, March 8.—The weather is so uncertain these days that a venture to gamble on it is sure to result in a dead failure.

The fence around the square in Homer is now finished. Entrance is had at each corner by high steps. To Charlie Foster, Jr., and several more, thanks are due in getting the thing completed.

Prof. John Wyle tells me that the teachers' institute at Earl was a complete success. La Salle county can surely be proud of her superintendent.

Free. Bankus has rented the old harness shop for a work shop. As soon as spring opens we will erect a large house for Mr. P. Baker, of West Troy Grove.

Work on Mr. Hapeman's new residence is going on rapidly.

Better lumber can be had at Homer than in La Salle or vicinity, and cheap, too, at that.

John Cuthbertson, Jr., purchased the Goddard estate for \$15 per acre—a cheap farm.

The crossings in Homer are being filled with stones. A thing that should have been done a long time ago.

The Quannell boys have cut down the hedge that enclosed their property—a good job. All hedges are a rank nuisance and should be exterminated.

Mr. P. O'Connor, who owns a fine farm adjoining the town of Homer on the north, is here from Chicago improving the place.

He has himself (although an old man) cut down about ten acres of orchard, making about 50 cords of apple stove wood. Mr. O.C. is an energetic man, and not afraid to soil his hands by honest toil.

Although his finances are such that he would need to do no work at all, he now has a gang of men at work tilling the whole place and otherwise improving it. If our towns had more such men as Mr. O.C., what a good time we would have. Law suits would be unknown and lawyers would starve.

As his home is as good as his note he has no enemies, and all that get to know him esteem him as an honorable man. The photo. of his place will be taken soon. Success to you, may your shadow never grow less, and may you live to see a good ripe age, is the wish of the writer.

Henry Hornberger, who spent his honeymoon at Aurora, has returned.

H. H. McNally recently (after the cold was over) put in new window panes.

After this week a great many school marm and duds will be out of a job.

Mr. Burkhardt has moved onto Fred Zorn's farm.

There is a great demand for young pigs, but there is none to be had.

Fred Russell, at Triumph, is as happy as a clam, all owing to the young man that arrived there at this week weighing 9 pounds. Mother and child are doing well, and the father is likely to live. Success, friend Russell.

Our worthy collector thinks Pedro was hard on him in giving him a good lecture. He insinuates that I did not go to Triumph to pay my taxes. If you, Miller, have brains enough to read plain English get the TRADER and read what I did say and what I can prove. Your race as a collector or public officer for the town of Ophir is run out. You are as dead as the noble party that has fed you on pop for the last twenty years or more. Let's see, friend Miller, does the law not say that you should call every man at his residence or office at least once? With how many have you done so? Your scheme was to appear at sales and claim men for a high tax when you know very well that they would not have money enough with them to pay you. Then they would have the greatest pleasure in hunting as his royal highness, F. Miller, collector of taxes, and when a man got to Triumph to see you, why you as a general thing were not there. This spring we will run H. H. McNally, a good democrat, against you or any other defunct republican; and H. H. will be elected. He is not afraid to do his duty and treat men alike and give receipts that are correct—a thing you have not done with the writer. In conclusion, Mr. Miller, I will say if you don't send mine and father's receipts correct I will make you a little trouble at Ottawa, and pray, don't you forget it. As a man I have no spite or grudge against you; but as a public officer I have and will do all I can against you, as you are not what you should be. Your idea no doubt is that Ophir could not get along without you. We will get you off the notion this spring by sat-

From Ransom.

RANSOM, March 11.—J. C. Wagner and Mr. Whitmore are putting in a stock of agricultural implements.

From Utica.

UTICA, March 9.—Everybody is complaining of bad colds; it seems to be epidemic.

Utica has a bran new doctor—Mr. E. J. Beardsley.

Mrs. Mattie Phelps returned home last Friday. She had been visiting in Independence and Kansas City, Mo.

We are glad to hear that the Utica Sewer Pipe Works will resume work in a few days, as soon as some needed repairs can be made to the machinery.

C. B. Clingston will superintend the works, formerly of the Ottawa Pioneer Construction Works. The Cement Works and the Fire Brick Works will also start as soon as the weather will permit. They are all anticipating a busy season.

John M. Holland graced this village with his smiling countenance for a few days this week. It was reported here that he had opened a bank at Wedron, but later reports give it as a sand bank of the finest quality, from which he expects to supply the whole country.

George Reynolds returned to Utica last week. He has been teaching school this winter at Towanda, McLean Co. Now, girls, look out; George is a daisy. He stands six feet and two inches and weighs a ton. We will put Utica against any town of its size in the state for a No. 1 good-looking marriageable young man.

Spike's letter in last week's FREE TRADER has been credited to several newspaper men in Ottawa. It is quite amusing to Spike to hear the favorable comments that were made upon it. They have been trying to find him to present him with a box of cigars. Boys, we don't smoke, and then we never expect any presents for telling the truth.

We noticed an article in last Sunday's Ottawa Journal wherein it implicates two of our most respected young men. No names were called, but sometimes a description is just as plain as speaking a man's name. That is contemptible and utterly without foundation. Such guess work as that is inexcusable on the part of any newspaper, and the author of it could of had no other motive than real unadulterated coarseness.

From Wallace.

WALLACE, March 5.—The weather is almost too fine to continue so until spring opens. Perhaps when we shall most need fine weather we shall be getting winter.

There are quite a number of candidates for road commissioner. Four are now on the track and there is no knowing how many more will show up between this and election day. Those now in the field are Thomas Thompson, Thomas O'Donnell, Joseph B. Roux and James Burke. The office requires a good, honest, upright man, one that will not show partiality to any one person over another, and undoubtedly if Thomas O'Donnell gets elected, which we hope he will, he will do what is right by every one.

James Ford and E. J. Robeson are candidates for supervisor.

We hear that Barnum Flory and Patrick Slingsby are candidates for town clerk.

Jerry Towhey moved on Monday to Odell, where he will make it his future home. Jerry has a host of friends here who wish him success in his new home.

We hear that Thomas Fogarty and Dan Burke are candidates for assessor.

Mossie Tapproux is soon to depart for Nebraska, where he will make it his future home. Mossie is a great favorite among the girls of this vicinity, who will miss him.

Every thing seems to be quiet at the Judge's this week.

Fredie Roux has got home after a three weeks' visit with his brother-in-law in Odell, Ill.

Michl. Femesy's attraction is still towards Ottawa. Too bad to have to go to La Salle now, the roads are bad, and all alone, too.

Mr. W. Kiley, who has been on the sick list all night with a great many others, is progressing slowly.

Tim, Curtin and Michael McGrath have gone to Odell this week, and perhaps we will not see their smiling faces for the next two weeks, for they are just the boys that can "blow in" a good time when they get the chance.

An old pioneer settler of this town, Mrs. Markley, died at her son's residence, Pat's Markley, on Monday evening. The funeral took place Wednesday and was largely attended.

Mrs. and Miss Fogarty were the guests of Mrs. and Miss O'Connell on Tuesday afternoon.

We see that Fredie's Roux is announced as a candidate for J. P.

The new meat market is progressing slowly. If they had a good driver they would do better.

From Waltham.

WALTHAM, March 11.—Vera has it quite moderate at present and spring appears to be approaching. Farmers are all breaking corn stalks and preparing for spring work.

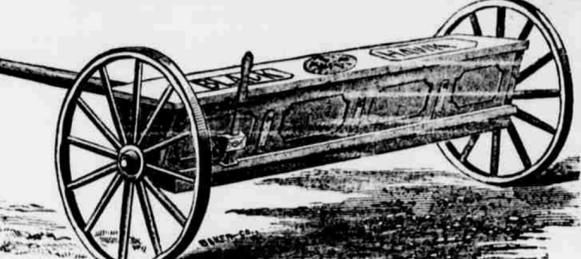
The school in district No. 1 closes this week.

Will Jamison has retired from farming, and has taken an interest with Peter Egan, of Ottawa, buying horses and cattle to ship.

John Duffy returned from his wedding four last Tuesday. He and his bride will reside on the Hardy farm. "Busybody" wishes him and his darling the best of luck and prosperity, and may their future be one of truest happiness and may their trouble, if any, be little ones.

Miss Abbie Narey was in town last Saturday doing some shopping. Come again, Abbie.

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