

THE COUNTY.

Monster.

March came in like the lamb, but after twenty-four hours it assumed a lion-like attitude, which it continued to maintain.

The bulk of travel done now outside of the railroads, is mostly by the Foot & Walker line, and as a consequence there is very little travel done.

The all absorbing question now is how will the strike end? Last Monday G. B. Koozick and R. Hillier went out in the vicinity of Ripley to inspect the saw mill of Gibson Bros.

Miss Helen Ewing, of Uniontown, Pa., who has been visiting A. H. Boyd and family for some time, returned to her home last Thursday.

Mr. Richard Kelley, of Devil's Lake, Dak., who has been visiting Wolfe Bros., started on his return trip to the land of blizzards last Monday.

Mrs. Miller is expected home from the southern part of the State, where she has been visiting, about next Thursday.

Hiram Patterson has returned from Pennsylvania. As Hiram is a free trade lawyer, he said he felt lonesome among the high protective tariff fellows.

Grant Hender and mother are expected home from Pennsylvania some time next week.

C. C. Boyer closed his winter term of school at the Hepler school house last Friday. Christ gives general satisfaction as a teacher, and the scholars have made excellent progress under his instruction.

Miss Lizzie Kelley, teacher in the West Lane school, made a flying visit to Grand Ridge, Monday. In her absence her sister Katie wielded the birch.

A. C. Reider has been quite sick for several days with Dutch measles, and quinsy, but at this writing he is convalescing rapidly.

DENNIS.

Utica Vibrations.

Fair Utica, queen of the Valley—Hags roaming through street and alley—Aunt! thou pestiferous swine—Till I behold thee established in wine.

What manner of man possessed of reason, Would voice for aldermen the coming season, Who would not stay this swine invasion—Marring the streets by nasal abreaction?

"No pent up Utica" in mine, is the determined resolve of the hog, that continues to roam the streets of our fair village unimpeded by the mandates of the law, and the stern visage of the alderman, who looks on with a feeling akin to that of a man in the clutch of death, powerless, yet opposed—humiliated, yet rejoicing in his heart that he is one of the "honored"—a representative of the people!

But how is it with the hog? There is a smile of satisfaction hovering over his face reflecting the joy within that no pen could portray in words, though the author was gifted with the powers of seven languages. Editor Wickham has repeatedly notified the owners of swine to keep them out of the public thoroughfares, and Ed. Cundiff caused the notices to be posted in conspicuous places where the hogs could not fail to see them.

John Fitzgerald, the harness man, has repeatedly read the riot act to them; Dick Hallett, the butcher, is lame in both feet in his untiring efforts to keep them kicked from the sidewalk, and yet the hogs will read one of those printed notices and laugh at printer's ink and defy the robes of justice. They are determined to contest their rights, yet Gallagher is on the war-path, and

With his pointed ten-cent faler. One of Hazel's best. He will give the storm, evicting labor. Till the last hog shall rest.

secure from public gaze, anywhere, save on the streets and sidewalks. Utica, with her acknowledged enterprise, her advantages in public schools, her churches and benevolent societies, and last, but not least—the gateway of the summer tourist who is looking for the finest scenery the sun ever shown upon the earth, and the most comfortable accommodations in the State, is being disgraced by the presence of the swine.

Wilson, our poultry man, is still busy picking. He picked a big crop this winter. Wilson & Barber is the new firm that will supply us with fresh meat this summer.

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Seneca.

We are enjoying beautiful May weather for the present, and the young folks are making the most of it.

Our city fathers are holding their meetings in the new village hall, the second floor having been neatly and tastefully furnished for that purpose.

J. Z. Brown, an Ottawa boy, has recently bought out the grocery and dry goods stock of K. Bilharz, and is busily engaged in inventorying same. J. Z. is no slow coach, but a genuine "hustler," and is bound to make his mark in this, the liveliest village on the canal.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians and their many friends are to have a reunion and ball on St. Patrick's eve, March 16. S. S. Willis' orchestra has been engaged to furnish the requisite stimulus for the musical and satirical programme. Songs of the "Green Isle," speeches and recitations by amateurs and artists of culture and experience will form the attractions of the evening until ten o'clock, after which the lovers of Terpsichore can agitate the "light fantastic" until the wee, sma' hours 'o' St. Patrick's Day.

Upwards of 100 miners and laborers are employed by the Platt Coal Co. here, and are daily turning out the black diamonds to their utmost capacity.

Marselles.

There is a rumor afloat that burglars entered Alstone's residence on Tuesday evening, and finding the pickings so lean and barren, left \$15, a suit of clothing and a clean collar in Alstone's bedroom, with a written request that he should remember them in his prayers. The rumor is further substantiated by Alstone's appearance on the street on Wednesday, with a benign cast of countenance, a fresh cigar and the alleged clean collar. Such a combination could only have been brought about by an unprecedented streak of good fortune.

Diphtheria made its appearance in our city last week, taking from the midst of sorrowing friends, little Biddle Ballard, the nine-year old daughter of S. C. Ballard. Richard, a son, was also very ill, thought at this writing his recovery is hoped for.

Prof. J. P. Yoder and H. C. Waddle, and Misses Montgomery, Galloway, Pomroy, Nelson and Plester attended the Teachers' Institute at La Salle, on Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Elizabeth B. Sample, wife of L. R. Sample, died on Tuesday, of paralysis. She was buried in the Ottawa Avenue Cemetery at Ottawa, on Thursday.

Galloway.

Geo. C. Guenther and Fred Kune started out on their respective travels on Monday. Mr. G goes to New Orleans and Fred to Chicago. Mrs. Kune is with Mrs. Guenther on the farm.

Miss Nellie Diehl is visiting at Chas. Halcott's. They spent the day at Samuel Patterson's Tuesday.

Sam. Brierly had a narrow escape from fire one day last week. The fire made its escape from a stovepipe hole and caught fire in the room upstairs. But Mrs. Brierly heard the noise and alarmed her husband and the neighbors, and a great damage was done.

There was a select party at T. J. Patterson's Tuesday evening. All enjoyed themselves immensely. Mr. Patterson has a large house, and he is one of the boys among them and enjoys a little dance as well as ever. We hope to enjoy many such evenings.

Wm. Myers gave us a call this morning and says he will walk to Kangley next time. Mrs. Studebaker has been hauling ties for a switch from the L. V. & N. to Layman's shaft.

Thirty dollars is the standard price offered for coal land in Galloway.

C. O. Long will close his school this week. Miss Mabel Ross, of Ottawa, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Angell.

The section boss on the I. V. & N. got \$89 out of eight of the boys last week for taking his hand car. Afterwards went to Pete Hart for using it previous to that time, and boned Pete for \$21, which he paid and took a receipt for. When Pete went home and told his story to the boys, White told him to go back and threaten the boss that if he did not forfeit the money he would have him arrested for obtaining money under false pretenses. The fellow gave up the money at once, but did not think of the receipt until Pete was nearly home, when he concluded to follow up and get the receipt. But Pete says the thing is settled now and he has the papers to prove it. The car was not locked when he took it, but standing on the track. Hart is building a new house by the shaft, and one car of lumber came and the other was left at Kangley, and Pete took the car to go down and see about it, thinking of no harm.

Meesters, Briggs & Fitzer axe breaking cornstalks. Fall grain looks well.

Carry Hilton will live on the John Clause place and farm Dave Chamberlain's land.

Hon. C. L. Hoffman has been unable to be out of doors all winter.

C. E. Elliot arrived home from Nebraska on Wednesday.

Fred Woodward fed his hounds and three of them died.

L. L. Colwell went to Streator Tuesday after the necessities of life.

Miss Morrison, of Farm Ridge, is teaching the Lock school.

Troy Grove.

This looks a little bit just like spring a little while.

Tom McNally is serving on the jury, etc. Billy Willshay, Jr., who had his eyes operated upon a few days ago, is doing nicely. His optics are now as straight as anyone's could be.

The leap year hop in our burg was a decided success. Sweet's orchestra, from Aurora, furnished the music, and Mr. Mills, our dancing master, did the prompting. A good time was had, and all wish the ladies would have another.

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Later developments tend to the conclusion that the union depot of the Q. will rest on the late Schaefer property.

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EMPIRE 2378

(Mares record, 2:35). Sire of Eminence, 2:27 1/2, 4 years. Mars, 2:36, 4 years.

By Mambrino Fatchers, 38, sire of 15 in 2:30 list. Dan, 2:30, 4 years old. Dan of Favorite Wilkes, 2:25, 2:25 1/2. Daily Spouter can trot in 2:30.

Empire, 2:28, 2:35. Woodwood, 2:30, has trotted in 2:22. Bourbon Wilkes, 2:25, sire of Sterling Wilkes, 2:30, Hamletta, 2:29 1/2.

Sold at the sale of Hambletonian 10. Empire is a bay horse, 17 hands high, weighs 1,200 pounds, and is one of the finest of trotting stock in the State, and is a trotter himself and the sire of trotters. He has a record of 2:31, and is the dam of five that have trotted in from 2:25 to 2:30.

TERMS: 25 cash or note, the season with eight months from time mare gets with foal.

SUZERAIN 5680

(3:02 1/2. A half in 1:30, 2 years). Sire of 5 in the 2:30 list. Dan, 2:30, 4 years old. Dan of Sir Knight, 2:25, 2:25 1/2. Sire, 2:30, trot in 2:28.

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By October 10, 1887, trot in 2:30 and pace in 2:30. SUZERAIN, b. h., foaled Jan. 4, 1884, 15 hands; full brother to Sir Knight, 2:25, at 5 years old.

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DE HAVEN

(Brown and White Horse). Sire of 6 in the 2:30 list. Dan, Black and White Horse, 2:25, 2:25 1/2. By Black and White Horse in southern Wisconsin breeding not traced.

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