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MONTAGUE.

Mr. Editor: Last week was for us a very busy one, so please excuse us for not sending any letter.

Brother Warrer of Layton, visited the Brickhouse Saturday on business.

A good way to keep a secret: Tell it to everybody and caution them to say nothing about it.

Our constable had quite a trip last week—on a fools erraud. He also spent several days at Newton on private business.

David Case and family, of Port Jervis, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Y. Hornbeck.

It is rumored that G. Y. Hornbeck will take up his residence in Port Jervis after April 1st, he having rented his farm to his son-in law Corey Bell.

When a man points a gun or revolver at you in fun knock him down first and then inquire if the shooting iron is loaded or not. If that had been done one would have learned a lesson over here a few days ago.

Are we going to have a minister for the Reformed church here or not? By the scraps of talk we hear and the different opinions we hear expressed the chances are that the possibilities of having regular services are rather small. I might say a little more but refrain until I hear what success the subscription paper meets with.

Newspapers are so cheap now that it does not look possible that borrowing should be indulged in.

The celebrated Hursh-Kintner trial took a large percentage of the male population of Sandyston to Newton last week.

Why some overly smart chaps wish to annoy our genial bridge tender is more then I can understand. Those boys who ran their horses over Saturday night are known and no doubt will have a chance to pay their toll.

Randolph attended a shoot and we hear he hit something.

The agony seems to be over.

I hear the Liars Club is gone out of commission, and the N. K. has opposition way up in Pike; and inasmuch as the Montague N. K. does not want to get mixed he has concluded to go out of commission too.

George Clark who made such a good run for Freeholder on the republican ticket 3 years ago only being defeated by a few votes by Jas. A. Rundle is I understand again a candidate for the same office, George is a whole souled fellow, a business man and a gentleman and the people of Montague will make no mistake if they elect him.

Some of the roads over here need the attention of their respective overseers.

Montagues Tsp. committee held its last meeting Tuesday afternoon. The following figures will show about how the town is run: Amount of duplicate assessed $4228.16; Paid county collector $1799.53; roads $1194.16.

It took about $112.00 to pay the scalp bills. The assessors bill is over seventy four and the collectors bill about eighty dollars. The amount of uncollected tax is about $340.00 The notes outstanding against the town amounts to $680. besides interest.

The following are the estimates made for the coming year: For roads $1200.; town $500.; county $100.

PETE.

LEDGEDALE.

Quite a number of teams are drawing bark to Lake Ariel.

Charles Frisbie is drawing lumber to Laanna, Pike Co.

There were 49 in attendance at Sunday School Feb. 11th 1900.

Messrs Gillett and Simons filled their ice house last week.

Ladies Aid of Simonstown met at Mrs Crockers Thursday Feb 8th very few out on account of storm.

They met at Mrs. I. K. Killams Jan. 25th 1900. A large turn out.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fowler Jan 25th a daughter. And to Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bartleson Feb. 8th a daughter.

WOODTOWN.

Did you get any venison?

We are sorry to learn of Miss Sadie Wells' illness.

John Wood has got out six hundred ties. Thomas Bradford three hundred. Now for an old fashioned snowstorm.

Speaking of Railroad ties, there seems to be an opinion about here that the Erie people won't accept red oak. Neighboring farmers, however, evidently think otherwise.

Bradner Wood, who has lived his four score years, and lived them well, frequently walks a mile or more when the roads are good. Mr. Wood is universally respected, and has a host of friends.

SANDYSTON IN GENERAL.

On Saturday last it was my pleasure to inspect the ample buildings of ex-Freeholder Joseph C. Warner near Hainesville Before building Joe thought out just how he wanted them and no pains or expense have been spared to carry out his ideas. They are the most conveniently arranged set of farm buildings I know of.

Beware of the dog is a good motto when passing a residence near the Brick House. That dog has bitten several I am told and on Saturday he seemed determined to dissect a portion of my physical being. But stones are a knock down argument, and only by their use did I prevent the dog from carrying out his purpose. Somebody may accidentally shoot that dog.

It is getting time to hear of vendues And the first one I hear of in this vicinity will be that of Mrs. Margaret Coss near Bevans on Feb. 28. Having rented her farm she will sell stock, farm implements, and so forth.

Hardyston township this county is experimenting in the building of stretches of McAdam roads, and while it is considered a good thing, why not have the main road up the valley Macadamized We have lots of material and poor roads to put it on but there is some expense attending the work and just as soon as people elect a raise in taxes, although eventually it will benefit them, they will jump on the project with both feet and tell everybody else to do the same No such roads here.

The singing school at Layton is progressing finely and hereafter if outsiders wish to hear the delightful music made by the class just shell out 15 cents, in coin, to the doorkeeper, otherwise you can go somewhere else Parents of pupils are welcomed free of charge.

Frank Rosenkrans our hustling merchant and Asst Post Master is seriously ill and has been confined to his room for the past week. All miss Franks sunny face and genial ways and hope he will soon be around again

Mr Ernest Brown will move onto the farm of Evan Bevans, in a few days, and run the farm the coming year.

We have two school holidays in this month in Jersey and it is a wonder that our Solons at Trenton have not put in another big gun. We have eight or ten now and later on we shall have more, then cut down the hours of teaching, and the poor down-trodden teacher will have a picnic providing there are enough holidays. Almost all countries have a National holiday, but this country fails to provide one legally, not even July 4th.

Sandyston has three hotels, and some say four, but I can only count three bona fide hostelries, and yet, I may be mistaken. Some are willing to vote to license two or three more so long as the township gets the license money, as they do now. Does any one stop to think who pays the bill in the end Why the dear people to be sure.

The young folks of this valley got up a surprise party at the residence of Miss Josie Layton, near Bevans, and from the reports I hear, all had a good time. The attendance was very large.

I hear that Edgar Van Etten, formerly a resident of Hainesville, has been promoted to be General Manager of the New York Central R. R. with headquarters at Grand Central Station N. Y. city. Mr. Van Etten served through the war in Co. B 2nd N. J. Infantry and rose to the rank of Lieutenant. The regiment was engaged in all the bloody battles of the Army of the Potomac Eds many friends are glad to hear of his promotion. I don't hear of any other Sussex boys managing railroads but a goodly number of them are holding down one end or the other of a trolley car in Newark and that is as high as they will ever get in management.

MATAMORAS.

About fifty guests attended a very pleasant party at the home of Frank Corwin last Thursday evening.

Miss Edyth Crane celebrated her birthday Tuesday evening with a party at which about twenty-five of her young friends were present. Refreshments, games and music occupied a most enjoyable period.

Miss Augusta Koerner, at present visiting in Dayton Ohio, attended the wedding anniversary of Peter Kiel and wife at which over a hundred guests were present. She also witnessed the large fire at Dayton Thursday.

The cake sale of the ladies' of Epworth church last Friday was very successful.

Mrs. E. Shay and son Orin are visiting in Newark N. J. and will also visit in New York before returning home.

The Christian Society of Hope church held its monthly meeting Thursday at the home of J. C. Prescott.

The ladies' C. U. of Hope church held a reunion Thursday afternoon at the parsonage.

James Van Dyne, of Waldwick has sold his residence on Main St. to Mr. Dubois.

E. M. Kimball has introduced a gasoline lamp in the village and has one on exhibition at his residence.

Frank Blackely and wife, of Brooklyn N. Y. are the guests of F. J. Ketcham and wife Mrs. Blakely's parents.

Miss Bertie Lemen, of Garfield N. J., who has been spending a week with her grandmother Mrs. Wood returned home Saturday.

Mrs. Nellie Westfall accompanied by Miss Alice Quick recently spent a couple of days with her sister Mrs. T. McKeely at Newburgh N. Y.

The flag floated from the school building Monday in honor of Lincolns birthday.

Robert Danley and Miss Laura Perry both of Matamoras were married at the Baptist parsonage Sunday by Rev. T. Sanford We extend to this very worthy young couple congratulations and wish them a long and happy wedded life. S.

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DOG A DETECTIVE.

Animal Belonging to the Police at Shanghai Gave Valuable Aid.

There has just died in the central police station in Shanghai perhaps one of the most faithful and intelligent animals of the dumb creation, and one which was truly regarded by the Shanghai police as the "policemen's dog," a mute but sagacious companion, whose death has been regretted by the whole force. Nigger at his death was 25 years old, eleven of which he had served in the Shanghai police force. His record in the service shows that he has actually been in both the public and the secret departments of the police, and had been the means of effecting the arrest of many notorious criminals. Nigger, remarks the China Gazette, was a personality in the force, petted as much by the superintendent as he was by constables, both European and native. He was moreover, part and parcel of them, for he visited them on their usual beats, was patted, and with a gentle tail wag traveled onward to meet the next officer. The dog, too, became a general favorite, because he used to remain out on "night duty," and never considered that his patrol was up till the morning round was finished. When he was on night duty he used to enter the station at 3 o'clock to get his coffee. After that Nigger would trot out again and continue his round till morning. An inspector of the police force, speaking of the death of the dog, states that he was as good as a detective, and that on many occasions Nigger had been the means of arresting lawbreakers in cases where the police had failed.

Several notable instances are recorded. It is well known that Nigger secured the arrest of a criminal who escaped from the Hong-Kew police station. The convict was in for a term of years, and his escape from the station was apparently unperceived until Nigger took up the chase. The dog pursued the man for two miles, the while biting him on the heels. The runaway dropped and the police came upon him. One of the most remarkable instances of canine fidelity perhaps in modern times was this: About three months ago two European police officers were going up the Nanking road at about midnight. Nigger, who had been with them, was missed. A few minutes afterward the animal made its reappearance, when it began pawing at the legs of its master. Sergeant Madsen, who knew then there was something wrong. Both officers proceeded to ascertain post, piloted by Nigger, who at once put his front paws against the door of a house and returned to scratch his master. The dog again went to the door and actually by his front paws burst it open, and then it was that the officers discovered a criminal who was on private property for the supposed purpose of committing a felony and who was subsequently convicted and sentenced to three months' hard labor.

These are among the many acts which made Nigger's name famous in Shanghai, not only among the members of the police force, but among many private residents who knew him by his reputation. The Shanghai police force is inconsolable. The funeral was attended by six constables and a sergeant.—Pall Mall Gazette.

Courting Oom Paul's Nieces.

The Boer girl of the country districts of the South African Republic "is able to go to town only once or twice a year, and then it is to attend the Nachtmaal, or communion, which is the chief festival of these deeply religious people," writes Howard C. Hillegas, of "The Boer Girl of South Africa," in the January Ladies' Home Journal. "The journey to the town is made in ox-teams, and may require a week's or a month's time, but it is always an epoch in a Boer girl's life, especially if she is about sixteen, when she is supposed to have attained the matrimonial age. Then some tall, robust Boer youth, whom she has met at former Nachtmaals, may summon enough courage to ask her whether he may call at her home and have an 'op-sitting,' which is a sort of ultimatum before an ultimatum. If she consent the young Boer will shortly afterward ride on horseback many miles across the plain to the girl's home, and will prove that he is worthy of her love by 'sitting-up' and talking with her from sundown until break of day. For two young Boers to arrive at this period of courtship is equivalent to announcing the engagement, and then the prospective bride begins preparation for the wedding."

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