

Mr. E. B. Conkling, Principal of Painesville Academy, Cal., who spent a day in this village last week, brought us several specimens of the products of the mines of that region. One of pure gold, another of gold bearing quartz, and a third of silver ore. Painesville, one of the early mining fields, is now a city and enjoys the presence of this now flourishing academy, with an attendance of over 100 pupils, and a corps of eight teachers. The institution is an enviable reputation.

Sunday last was a somewhat noted day at the Harbor for drunkenness and disorder, and the feature of the day was not confined to its own citizens, as some of the young men of the village, had evidently been overtaken with something besides spring-water. The opinion is that the Harbor is responsible for furnishing the material, while the village furnished the subjects. Some of those who opposed an assessment, were free to admit that a police force would not do anything to suppress this Sunday rioting.

ICE CREAM AND STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL.—The ladies of the Painesville Church will hold a tea and strawberry festival on the grounds of Mrs. J. P. Robertson, on Wednesday evening June 24th. The grounds will be lighted, music, &c. A good time is anticipated, come and see. The above is handed in by Mrs. CURELAND, who informs us that she is responsible for the refreshment part of the entertainment, which may be taken as a sufficient guaranty for its excellence. The tea must be applied, and that pledge renewed.

SUICIDE.—About noon on Tuesday, Charles Brainard, who was stopping at the Thompson House, asked for a room for a short time, and retired. In a few minutes the report of a pistol was heard, when those going to the room found him shot through the back of the head, alive, but insensible to anything around him. The ball had passed in just back of the ear, penetrating and destroying the brain. At this writing—Tuesday afternoon—he is alive, but the wound is mortal beyond question. He had been laboring under a degree of insanity for several days.—Sent.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.—J. N. McGiffert to H. E. Parsons, rear lot of homestead, \$1,000. H. H. Hall to J. N. McGiffert, three lots on Auburn street—an unoccupied street running from Round Head road to Ann street. Edgar Hall to J. N. McGiffert, two lots on Auburn street. H. H. Hall to W. O. Nettleton, one lot on Griswold street, and one lot on Fred street. Edgar Hall to Gertrude Hepburn, one lot on Auburn street.

The Snybrook cheese factory, as we learn from the Superintendent P. Chamberlain, is doing a thriving business. Its average number of cheese made per day is seventeen and its weight of milk on Saturday last amounted to 7,000 pounds. There has been since the season came in, three sales. The first to Cincinnati parties at 15 cents gross, and two since to New York parties at 14 and 15 gross. This rate of sales will have a tendency to compensate for the lean and lank prices of the farmers, and serve to put our dairy farmers "on their feet."

The Tennesseans, at the Opera House on Tuesday evening, had a very fair house, and the entertainment was enjoyed beyond any thing in the concert line that has been visited. The simple melodies of the plantation hands of the South in the days of slavery, with all the devotional fervor and wildness, freedom and popularity of expression, seemed to take the popular ear and reach the popular heart, and were related to a greater degree than more refined and artistic performances. There were, however, some excellent voices among the new performers, which would command approval anywhere. The applause, and the recalls, were evidence of the appreciation of the audience.

NATIVE INNOCENCE.—One of the men belonging to the Sch. Helen Pratt, tells a pretty good story of the simplicity of a person from the woods back of Ashabula who came to the harbor at that place to a real "live taking." The man was wearing the "live taking" of a cargo of coal, when the two worthies made their appearance and commenced scanning the vessel and its wares. "How old do you suppose that young one is?" said the greener of the two, pointing to the coal. "O, that's about as old as the old one, I calculate," said the other.

"You don't say? I saw I thought it was only a yearling, but how long will it take for the little one to grow as big as its mother Helen, tell me that." The answer is not recorded.

These parties were Penitents, and belonged just east of the line. A QUESTION.—A fine young elm in front of the Congregational church has suddenly withered, and all appearance died. In searching for a cause, the presence of an ant hill about the base of the trunk, was first thought to be a solution of the difficulty. While preparing to meet this evil, it was further discovered that a leak in the gas pipe had saturated the ground and the roots with the subtle fluid, and then the conclusion took this direction. In admitting the last opinion, the question arises, why does not the maple tree by, equally exposed to the fluid, show no signs of languishing? It becomes a very interesting question in this connection, if the gas is injurious to the trees, as we believe it is, how is it found in some instances on record, how is it found to be affected by the pipes running through it, in case of leak? This may become an important question if the trees of that beautiful spot are exposed to the liability of injury and destruction.

THE CEMETERY is feeling and showing the benign influences of the efforts of the ladies for its improvement. Prop. Bruce, with a good assistance in the person of Pat Barrett, and a force of three or four helpers, all under the direction of Mrs. Judge Parsons, representing the ladies, are doing a commendable work, and transforming the place from an appearance of neglect, to one of tidiness and taste. The indications are, that the natural attractiveness of the cemetery grounds will be made more pleasing by judicious lopping, pruning, grading, and gravelling. The trees which have been planted, have been well done and make an appropriate background for the better. Still better, however, we think it would be, to cut out entirely some of the poorer specimens of the trees where they stand too thick for beauty, and fill the ground unobscured with their roots. Fewer trees, with more room for spreading tops, would be a better arrangement. The trimming of the evergreens is generally good, but here and there a bad failure is apparent. For instance, a Norway Spruce on the lot of the writer, beautiful in symmetry, though perhaps rather large for its position, has been pretty much destroyed. Its hideousness, demands its speedy removal. It would seem, in cases of this kind, where the trimmer is at his wit's end, before taking radical measures, that the proprietor's preferences might be consulted with great propriety. We would not however, obstruct the work for the loss of a single tree, and bid the workers go ahead with our hearty encouragement.

Our Schools.

Mr. Editor—There is an impression abroad in the community, that there was an invidious distinction made between the last and preceding graduating classes of the High School. That they were denied public graduating exercises on the plea of economy, &c. Now, there was a regulation for the government of the Board in all such matters, something like this—"I cannot give the exact phraseology—"Every class having finished the prescribed course of study in the High School, shall be entitled to public graduating exercises and diplomas." Has that been repealed? If not, how do the Board get around the matter so easily? I doubt whether the matter so easily. In the borough would have objected to their portion of the tax for the bills sent me required for fully carrying out the usual programme to which this class was entitled as well as others preceding.

Can the Board afford to deal with a class, after having labored faithfully to effect their part of the contract? Its effect and influence not only on them, but upon the entire school, is only evil. Again, will it not be a source of our best teachers to leave, merely because they will a larger salary, to which they are entitled by their talents and fitness, and fill their places with new and perhaps inferior teachers? Will it pay to allow the schools to retrograde for the sake of a few paltry dollars? If so, bitter will be the fruits and sorrowful the experience. Spare no pains to get the best talent, even at advanced salaries, and thus make the schools, not to the churches the pride of the city. Any other course will prove in the end, "penury wise and pound foolish." A word to the wise is sufficient.

The matters alluded to in the foregoing article, we are not informed upon, and are, therefore, unable to say whether the criticisms are just or otherwise. We give it a place under the supposition that the Board is fully competent to meet it, by an authoritative statement of the facts and their bearings in the premises.

Our Milewalks.

Mr. Editor—Will you please call the attention of our Honorable Council to that abominable sidewalk on Centre St., just west of Park street, north side? For nearly a year it has been a nuisance. It is dangerous to limb to walk upon it in daylight, and how much more so at night! It is used as much as any other street in town except Main street, and the party who caused it to be put in, is a new one should be compelled to put it in a new one.

CRITICISM.—The Painesville Telegraph of last week, in an article on the railroad, says, Contractor Darragh has already transferred a large part of his construction force to the line between Niles and Youngstown, and an early completion of all unfinished work between those points may be confidently expected. Track laying between Painesville and Richmond, which has been somewhat delayed for lack of ties, has been renewed, and will be completed during the week. The directors have now under consideration the laying of a track on the east side of the River to Fairport. Several routes are being considered, but the exact line has not yet been determined. The line will, however, cross the river at some point a few rods west of the new plank road or county bridge, so as to strike either the island or a point near the brick kiln, and follow on the line of the old Painesville and Fairport railroad to the harbor.

CITY vs. COUNTY NEWSPAPERS.—We object to the course pursued by the Ashabula correspondent of the Cleveland Herald. In the issue of that paper in June 4th we find no less than four articles under the heading of "Our Own Correspondents," that had previously appeared in the columns of the Reporter, though somewhat differently worded. Of course the Cleveland Herald gets its information from its own correspondent, but where does its correspondent get his information from? It looks to a man up the line, through these items, which were obtained by clippings from our own County Newspapers. If so, is it any more honorable to publish these clippings, than to publish the paper from which taken, than it is without giving credit to the paper from which they were taken? We can stand the pressure of the city papers using their influence against the free circulation of newspapers in the county where published, in order to help increase their circulation, but when it comes to having our local news clipped by correspondents, that news sent to the papers, agents sent out to tell our patrons that they can furnish more local news and more reading for the money than county papers, we throw up the sponge.—Reporter.

H. C. Bort, writes to the Cleveland Plain Dealer: "as you will confer a favor directly and indirectly, upon all your numerous readers by adding wood growers not to wind their fleeces with jute or cotton twine, the fuzz of which is so much hated by wool growers, as it proves a serious damage thereto, as all manufacturers of wool testify. You can safely recommend to growers the use of light, smooth hemp or flax twine, which should be well sized."

KINGSVILLE.

Ed. Tel.—Our budget of news this week, is not full, but what we have is at your service: Our cheese factory, under the management of G. W. Morse, is a model of neatness and order, and the patrons can be assured that their interests are subserved. The increase of business over last season is apparent in the use of two vats in one of our last season, turning out some 12 or 13 cheeses daily. The selling is in the hands, principally, of Mr. David Richmond of Sheffield. He has closed out 200 tons for this season, at an average of 15 cents. The Secretary, Mr. Edwin Dibel, ensures full and complete statistics at the close of the season, so that "he who runs, may read" what Kingsville cheese factory is doing.

Yesterday, as Mr. Bonesteel, living in the northeast part of Ashabula Tp., was loading household goods into his wagon, preparatory to moving a Mr. Jones, of Kingsville, his team, usually of exemplary habits, started with about half a load of burrass, bedding, &c., while Mr. B. was in the house. They took the road east and continued their way for some two miles, and as they kept the road got along very well, until the house of Mr. J. Van Sickle was reached. Finding no obstruction in the way of front fence, they dashed into the yard, through and over Mountain Ash and other ornamental trees, fetching up against a locust, without further damage than the breaking of the harness.

June has brought with it the usual summer party. Quite a number congregated upon the shore of the lake, last Saturday at the Whitman place. The afternoon proved more enjoyable than the searching winds of the morning promised, and the occasion was one of more than usual pleasure.

Kingsville, June 16th, 1874.

It is stated on the veracity of an editor, that one of the turkey warts in the Editorial Convention at Salem, N. H., dressed 29 1/2 pounds. It would seem that such a bird as that would produce beef if not brains.

Shearing is over, and some of our exchanges, we notice, quote the price offered by buyers, who begin to come round, at 45 cents.

HARBOR AND MARINE ITEMS.

Port of Ashabula.

ARRIVED. June 13th—Sch. P. W. Gilford, Capt. Van Natta, light. June 13th—Sch. Nimrod, Capt. Wilcox, from Escanaba, with 998 tons ore to A., Y. & P. R. Co. June 14th—Barge Kenosha, Capt. Murdoch, from H. Saginaw, with 400 tons of lumber to J. H. Prouty. June 15th—Scow Florence, Capt. Lockwood, light, from Conquest.

June 16th—Scow Perry White, Capt. Baker, from Escanaba, with 150 tons of limestone to H. Hubbard & Co. June 16th—Sch. Queen of the North, Capt. Jackson, light from Toronto. June 17th—Sch. Sarah, Capt. Moulton, light, from Toronto. June 18th—Sch. Timothy Baker, Capt. Goodwin, light, from Cleveland.

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laid out a large portion of the road work in graveling the track, and now more than half the distance from the west to the east line of the township furnishes a good, hard track for the traveler, which is a great improvement on the six inch sand track, that was wont to be seen in other days. Please locate that Rolling Mill as near the Snybrook line as you can consistently, and then we will finish up the graveling of the main road, right off, and be ready for the next season, as soon as your city folks get upon the track.

Rev. Mr. Hamlin, of Columbus, preached in the M. E. church, last Sabbath morning, from the text—"What think ye of Christ?" In the evening the Rev. Mr. Chapman, of Willoughby, preached the desk, and Mr. Hamlin occupied the desk, and Mr. Hamlin preached at the Congregational church.

The Ladies Aid Society contemplate getting up a strawberry festival which the right time comes, which will be as soon as the berries are ripe—which, according to the almanac, will be some time this month.

Notice in the gardens where the Early Rose Potato was planted very early in the season, and carefully tended, they are budding for blossom, and have as rank a growth of stalks as I have seen for years. N. B.—The supply of hogs just now is not large.

OUR NEW YORK LETTER. One Good Dick Woman—What does she with her Money—Doll Times—The Summer Migration—Biddy—The Weather. ONE GOOD RICH WOMAN. We read in Holy Writ that it shall be easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. I presume the right line to women is,