THE TELEGRAPH.

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TRAVELER'S GUIDE.

ASHTABULA, YOUNGSTOWN & PITTSBURGH R. R.
Leave Ashtabula 7:23 a. m., 2:52 p. m.
Arrive at Ashtabula, 1:24 p. m., 8:25 p. m.

LAKE SHORE & MICHIGAN SOUTHERN RAILWAY.
West—leave Ashtabula, 2:55 A. M., 5:44 A. M., 6:40 A. M. 11:23 A. M., 5:24 P. M.
East—leave Ashtabula, 9:05 A. M., 1:31 P. M, :24P. M., 11:36 P. M.

FRANKLIN DIVISION—L. S. & M. S. RY.
Leave Ashtabula for Oil City, 9:00 P. M., for Jefferson 7.10 P. M.
Arrives at Ashtabula from Jefferson, 6:40, from Oil City 11:23 A. M.

YOUNGSTOWN DIVISION—L. S. & M. S.
Leave Ashtabula, 4:30 A. M. 10:00 A. M. Arrive 11:10 A.M. 9:30 P. M.

LOCAL NEWS.

PASSENGER TRAVEL on the railroads is very light.

A Fancy Ball comes off at the Orwell House, on the evening of the 19th inst.

The religious daily evening meetings at the Methodist Church, are still continued.

FAMILIES living on the lower part of Main Street, complain of sneak-thieves robbing their clothes lines.

Nearly 50,000 envelopes have been sold at the *Telegraph* office during the past two months, and still the demand continues.

AN EVIL REMEDIED.—Trains on the Oil City road do not exceed a speed of six miles an hour now, while passing through the corporation.

Send in your orders for envelopes *now*, while our stock is large and fresh. We sell them printed or plain at prices before unheard of in this locality.

People generally complain of hard times, but we never knew of so many dances being held in Ashtabula county, as during the present season.

GEO. WILLIARD, it will be seen makes his own announcement of coming to the front, and taking possession of his new store. It is a rather elegant affair.

Contractor M'Kenzie's house is at last completed, and the furnishing is going on, which is on a scale in harmony with the taste and design of the building.

SIX WEEKS MORE OF WINTER.—The ground-hog came out of his winter quarters last Tuesday—the 2nd of February—saw his shadow, and returned to his nest to spend the balance of the Winter.

NEW PHOTOGRAPHIC GALLERY.—The rooms in Tyler's block formerly occupied by J. E. Smith are again to be used as a photographic gallery, by Messrs. Phelps & Puffer. See local in another column.

That whistle on Tinker & Gregory's shop beats all the whistles yet out. Its tone is a sort of a conglomate. Like the fuddled memory of one of Shakespeare's heroes, it run over lots of things, but holds nothing distinctly.

By advancement of Miss Emma Warmington as teacher in the B. Grammar department of the public schools, to take the place of Miss Caddy Robertson resigned, Miss Ella M'Clanning goes to the vacancy of Miss Warmington.

THE OIL PAINTING of Ashtabula Harbor that has attracted so much attention during the past two weeks was disposed of by raffle last Tuesday evening. Thirty eight tickets at $2 each were disposed of; Geo. D. Zeile jr. was the lucky man.

A jealous husband over in Conneaut, watched and caught his wife in a liason with another woman's husband. A pair of divorces are said to be in prospect, and a new deal of hearts. They are some on conjugal arrangements, over there.

This, Thursday, evening as we go to press, three dances are being held in town—Neptune Hose Co., at Haskell's Hall; Smith's Band, at Smith's Opera House, and Lake Erie Fire Co., at their new engine house at the L. S. & M. S. depot.

DANCING SCHOOL.—The effort to organize a dancing school here has been quite successful—about sixty names having been secured. Prof. Mayer of Cleveland, has been engaged as the teacher. The class meets at Haskell's Hall, next Tuesday evening.

MR. ASA LAMB has been elected assistant superintendent of the Brick Church Sabbath School.—*Sentinel.*

It's a comfort to know that any of those fellows about the court house are coming under the influence of the gospel—Lamb, perhaps, stands in the least need of it.

HENRY W. LAKDON, one of the East Village model farmers, droye into town on Monday last, a pair of two-year old steers, whose combined weight was 2,850 pounds. They were intended for Cooper's market. The customers of that establishment will probably not complain at that kind of pabulum.

A Saybrook girl, the other night, brought down a very easy and generous lover, by telling him that she had occasion to believe he was peddling out her kisses among his other lady friends. He promised well for the future, but was advised to cover his tracks better than before, or she should go for him!

THE FISK HOUSE.—A Pittsburgh gentleman, after spending two or three days at the Fisk House, was so much pleased that he felt constrained to tell us, as we occupied adjoining seats on the A., Y. & P., that it was one of the most homelike, cleanly, orderly and satisfactory houses he had found in Northern Ohio.

THE STORE ROOM in Redhead's new building is expected to be occupied this week, by Mr. Chas. Hastings, from Waterloo, Iowa, who will put in a large stock of boots and shoes. This room is a large one, well lighted, and fitted up especially for a boot and shoe store. We welcome Mr. Hastings, and wish him success.

The blast furnace business is assuming a more gloomy aspect, says the Mahoning *Register*. Eight of the furnaces in this Valley are out of blast, while it is estimated that about one-half the furnaces from New Castle to Sharon, in the Shenango Valley, are out of blast, and many of those blowing will go out of blast about the first of next month.

ROBERTSON & BRO., it has been seen by the *Telegraph* supplement of last week, and the posters scattered about the county, have begun a sixty-days' sale of stock at very reduced prices, for cash. Their stock is large and varied, and embraces besides the stout and staple qualities of pedal gear, the choicest and most elegant and fashionable.

John Swinton, at Dobb's Crossing, Ia., in renewing his subscription by letter, says he could no more think of living and keeping house without the *Telegraph*, than he could without a shirt, or baby crib. A failure of a single number lately, produced lammentation and mourning, for a whole week; until the arrival of the next number. On pain of putting out the light of the household—of producing disorder and desolation, he adjures us to be careful and not miss another No.

ANOTHER ROLLER BROKEN.—About 8 o'clock last Tuesday night, another sheet roller was broken at the rolling mill. The company fortunately had an extra one on hand which was soon put in place, causing only a few hours suspension of work. This is the third roller that has broken since the mill has been in operation. The cause of this trouble has not as yet been satisfactorily accounted for.

The fear of some of our neighboring towns, that the enterprises that are going on in Ashtabula will not be successful, financially, were shown up in last week's *Sentinel*. The editor of that sheet, has taken the trouble to make an estimate of what the running expenses would be of our proposed s reet railroad, the number of nickels necessary to pay the expenses, etc. He is about as much of a success in this business as in purchasing European double cylinder presses.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.—Letters have been received from Rose Vale, Clay Co., Kansas, acknowledging the receipt of the box of clothing, &c., sent from our friends at the Harbor. The grateful expressions that pervade the letters, and the tales of the eagerness and happiness with which they were distributed and made to subserve their object and end, of securing comfort to the destitute, will no doubt be felt as ample return for the efforts, and even self-denial, if any were endured, of the humane and generous donors.

The condition of our streets for the last few days has been favorable for taking astronomical observations. The facility and suddenness of adopting an easy posture of body for that purpose, however, has not always been the pleasantest part of the operation. Heels fly skyward with an involuntary celerity, and the other extremity comes down with a thud that surrounds it with a constellation of flashing luminaries. Some grinning, and rubbing of different portions of the body has been observable, and perhaps some rather strong adjurations intoned, but we do not hear of any broken limbs.

THE WILKINSONS.—Our Saybrook correspondent notices the death of Mr Thomas Wilkinson of that town. This death makes the second of the brothers, who settled in the same town. They came from England, and brought up families, accumulated comfortably properties, presided over large and well cultivated farms, and all were citizens of worth and sterling integrity. Their names were—Henry, Thomas and Richard—the last the only survivor. They were all patrons of the *Telegraph* office and our business intercourse with them has been of a very pleasant character.

Our county cotemporaries are a grunting, discontented set of fellows. They are not satisfied with anything we can do for them. They speak contemptuously of our "city;" our "rolling mill" is a jest; our "horse-railway" is a failure in advance; our harbor is only a damp place, where catfish wallow and wiggle; our uniformed police is an affectation; our gas and lighted streets does not suit them. The *Telegraph* even, is obnoxious to all sorts of flings and criticisms, and we conclude they will have a new source of discomfort and aggravation from the soundings and surveys that have begun with a squint at that "Harbor of Refuge." They are indeed hard to suit, and have our heartiest sympathies and commiserations.

A COMPARISON.—The Painesville *Telegraph* publishes a report of the business done at that station during the year 1874, which shows the total amount of freight shipped on the L. S. & M. S. Ry, to be as follows:

Number of lbs, Painesville,	11,871,591	
do Ashtabula,	18,612,880	
Difference,		6,741,289
Revenue—Painesville,	$14,114 74	
do Ashtabula,	16,885 45	
Difference		$2,720 71
Freight forwarded, Paines.,	11,871,591	
do received "	29,826,802	
Total		41,694,39
Freight forw'd, Ashtabula,	18,612,880	
do Received, "	196,725,975	
Total,		215,338,855
Difference,		173,644,469
Rec'ts, tickets, Painesville,	$39,481 65	
do extra baggage,	170 97	
Total,		$39,652 62
Rec'ts, tickets, Ashtabula,	$37,619 75	
do extra baggage,	178 45	
Total,		$37,798 20
Difference,		$1,854 42

We give the items making up the total of freights forwarded from this place, that our reader may see how it is distributed as to commodities and products, foreign or domestic:

	Pounds.
Bituminous Coal,	2,807,435
Stone and Sand,	195,010
Lime,	196,917
Gypsum,	13,881
Iron,	108,464
Lumber, Shingles and Lath,	5,093,597
Petroleum,	81,910
Live Stock,	1,171,000
Flour,	1,651,808
Grain,	954,345
Vegetables,	172,864
Other Agricultural Products and Fruits,	107,665
Provisions,	1,366,016
Manufactures,	1,648,569
Merchandise,	947,418
Miscellaneous,	2,740,218
Total,	18,612,880

Another Rolling Mill.

Parties in Youngstown have opened a correspondence with some of the prominent citizens at the Harbor in regard to erecting a rolling mill at that point, for the manutacture of hoop and bar iron. They promise to furnish $35,000 and ask our citizens to furnish the necessary lands and take stock to the amount of $30,000. They also promise that the mill will give employment to 200 hands, and be worth $75,000.

Painesville is making an effort to have this mill located there, but the Youngstown parties prefer Ashtabula Harbor as it is a better shipping point, either by rail or boat. If our citizens will respond to this offer, which seems to be a fair one, Ashtabula can secure another of those branches of industry that she has been so long working for.

Harbor Items.

Messrs. Hubbard & Hulbert's new store is now enclosed and will be completed at an early day.

The A., Y. & P. Co. are at work driving piles for a new dock on the south side of the new slip.

The L. S. & M. S. Co.'s new docks are being leveled and filled up with dirt taken from the hill just south of the dock.

The work of rebuilding the wood work on the tug *Dexter* is now going on. She will be ready again for business when Spring opens.

ALBERT FIELD has laid out three fine streets and 56 convenient lots, next to John Harmon's land, off from his farm at the harbor. We understand that he is offering them at a very low figure, considering their close proximity to the business of the railroads, docks, &c.

Another party came off at the Lake-Side House, on Thursday evening last, at which some fifty couple were present, and the thing went off with a halo of happiness. Landlord Pease, we are told, gave the best of evidence that he understood his mission, and intended that the Lake-Side should witness the fulfillment of it. Other parties are to follow.

Govt. Officer Shults, charged with the further survey of the harbor, begun that work, off the east pier, on Tuesday morning last. The solid ice of eighteen inches in thickness, became very servicable in facilitating his soundings to any extent and accuracy. Whether there is anything in the winks and quizical leers of some of our harbor *quid nunes* about that "Harbor of Refuge" question, we are not quite able or authorized to say.

Street Railway.

Ed. Tel.—There has been considerable *talk* among our citizens, pro and con, whether a Street Railroad would pay at the present time—commencing at or near the residence of Geo. Nettleton, on Prospect Street, thence along Centre Street to Main, down Main to Lake Street, thence to Lake Shore Depot and Ashtabula Harbor. No one of any intelligence, doubts but that it would be a great benefit to the town, and that it will be a good, paying road sometime. Some claim that the building of it ought to be deferred for another year, while others say build it now while labor, iron, cars, and in fact, everything required for it can be had for almost one-third what it cost a year ago, and what it will in all probability cost one year hence.

At the request of those interested, I have prepared a tabular statement of the probable revenue, and the estimated cost of operating said street railroad the first year, as follows:

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.

I. Prospect st. along Centre to Main. 12 cars each way every day (averaged) making 24 trips, 4 passengers to each car—96 passengers at 5c, $4.80x365 days	$ 1,752 00
II. Main street to Lake Shore Depot. 16 cars each way every day (averaged) making 22 trips, 5 passengers to each car—160 passengers at 5c, $8 00x365 days	2,920 00
III. Lake Shore Depot to Harbor. 12 cars each way every day (averaged) making 26 trips, 5 passengers to each car—130 passengers at 7c, $9.10x365 days	3,321 50
Total	$7,993 50

ESTIMATED OPERATING EXPENSES

1 Superintendent	$ 900	
4 Car Drivers—$50 per month	2,400	
Keeping 5 horses at $156 each	780	
Repairs of cars, turntables, &c.	100	
Repairs of tracks and roads	600	
Damages to horses, cars, &c.	200	
Advertising, Printing, and Stationery	200	$5,180 00
Leaving Balance		$2,813 50

Which would pay the stockholders ten per cent. on their investment the first year.

I consider the estimated receipts quite reasonable, and fully believe that the second year they will be increased over 20 per cent. As for the operating expenses, &c., they are rather high, at least good, efficient and responsible men can be had who will operate the Road for that amount, and even less.

Yours Truly, CANDOR.

SOME CAT.—One day last week, Mr. R. J. Waite, of South Ridge, shot a wild cat, of the Thomas persuasion, and black as Julius Cæsar, whose dead weight was 35 pounds. It was the same cat that has made the night melodious in the vicinity of Hatch's Corners by calling for "Mariah!" *Reporter.*

We didn't suppose that 35 pounds was a very extravagant weight for some of the Toms about Conneaut.

Spelling Sociable.

The sociable and spelling contest of Tuesday evening, at the Opera House, met very fully the expectations of its friends and projectors. A quite general interest was felt, and the gathering was accordingly large—probably not less than 250 or 300, and the one thought—that of the contest—seemed to show itself in expression of face and feature. About 9 o'clock the sides were arranged, embracing some score or more on a side, and then more than an hour was spent in the orthographical amusements. The words were given out by Mr. G. W. Waite. They were for the most part, those of common use, and properly within the range of fairness for the occasion. The progress developed the fact that the contestants had not mistaken their own ability. The class showed a collection of superior spellers. It was the remark of Superintendent Wilson, as we learn, that he had hardly seen their equal. As each failed, he or she left the class, and the interest deepened as the ranks were thinned out and the numbers became "small by degrees and beautifully less." This process was continued, until Mrs. M. G. DICK, was left alone, having spelled down the class, and was pronounced by the referee—JUDGE CADWELL, of Cleveland, who happened to be present—the best speller of the the evening, and as such, entitled to the award of the prize—a copy of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary.

Upon this announcement, Mr. DICK on behalf of his lady, stated to the company, that the prize would be competed for again at the same place, on Tuesday evening the 9th inst. Upon this announcement, Mr. L. W. SMITH, added another, that the use of the house would be donated to the ladies, for the occasion. The spelling over, refreshments were the next thing in order, and notwithstanding the large number present, the supply, of rich and carefully prepared edibles, was sufficient for all and to spare. The avails—something over $50—go for the benefit of the Sabbath School.

The next occasion will probably be attended with undiminished numbers and no flagging of interest, the avails of which will also be devoted to the Sunday school.

Reading Room.

The meeting called by the ladies of Ashtabula to decide the question of the Public Reading room, was held on Monday afternoon at the Presb't. Chapel.—There were about thirty ladies in attendance. Mrs. B. Nellis was called to the chair. It was decided that such an institution should be established, which brought up the question as to the best means of raising the money, whether by subscription or festival. The latter was decided upon, and Mrs. Geo. Field was unanimously chosen president. She was given the privilege of choosing her own immediate aids. Miss. Maria Conklin was chosen Treasurer; Carrie Parsons, Secretary. It was also voted to have a comm. of five gentlemen to aid the ladies which resulted in the choice of Mr. A. D. Strong, J. K. Stebbins, C. S. Robertson, E. W. Savage, and A. B. Bixby.

TABLE COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Wilson, Miss Jennie Homan, Miss V. Benham, } Methodist.
Mrs. Ed. Fisk, Mrs. J. M. Faulkner, Mrs. Dr. Wallace, } Presbyterian.
Miss G. Homan, Mrs. Dr. Fricker, Mrs. J. Collins, } Episcopal.
Mrs. Mary C. Case, Mrs. Nellis, Mrs. Bugbee, } Congregational.
Miss K. Morrison, Miss M. Morrison, Miss M. Sykes, } Baptist.

SOLICITING COMMITTEE.

Miss Etta Jennings, Miss Ella Abeel, } Methodist.
Miss Emma Hall, Miss Ella Willard, } Congregational.
Miss Sarah Crosby, Miss Maggie Faulkner, } Presbyterian
Miss Nellie Hubbard, Miss Nannie Moore, } Episcopal
Miss Mary Morrison, Miss Ida Sweet, } Baptist.

COMMITTEE ON AMUSEMENTS.

Mrs. Samuel Parsons, Miss Carrie Parsons, Mrs. Wilson, Miss Kate Morrison, Mrs. Blyth.

All the Committees are earnestly requested to meet at the Presb't. chapel, Saturday P. M. February 6th, at three o'clock.

Personal.

Hon. Darius Cadwell of Cleveland, formerly of Jefferson, was in town last Tuesday, and made us a call of courtesy.

SUPT. WILSON becomes a member of the Board of School Examiners—village—to supply the place made vacant by the removal of Rev. Mr. Morton.

ASHTABULA COUNTY NEWS.

The County Commissioners now meet at the Auditor's office, Jefferson, on the third Monday of January, April, July and October, in addition to the regular sessions on the first Monday of March, June, September and December. This will make the meetings on the days following of the year: January 18th, March 1st, April 19th, June 7th, July 19th, September 6th, October 18th and December 6th. *Times.*

There is more inquiry in real estate in Geneva at present than there has been since 1870. The low figures at which property is held here should lead to inquiry, as it does. It is the opinion of the best informed that from this time on property in Geneva is sure to advance. The time to buy is now. *Ibid.*

It must be so. It is so. Ashtabula *is* a city. That Rolling Mill settles the question beyond a peradventure. Subtract the sum total of the place from the Rolling Mill, and the city remains. *Ibid.*

Jist so! But suppose you continue your ciphering, and just tell us what is left of Geneva, after subtracting the Tool Factory from it—always excepting, of course, TOM TULLER's hotel. We are sorry on your account to say, that that Rolling Mill that bothered some of our cotemporaries so, is not in the "city!"

PRODUCTS of Ashtabula County Farm, for 1874:

Wheat, bushels	220
Oats, do	376
Corn, do	1,320
Potatoes, do	700
Do Sweet do	25
Beans, do	18
Beets, do	65
Carrots, do	44
Turnips, do	26
Parsnips, do	32
Onions, do	54
Hay, tons	30
Cabbage heads	800
Squashes,	200
Grapes, lbs.	300
Broom Corn lbs	180
Pork raised and killed—	
Hogs, 211, weight lbs.	6,100
Beef, bbls.	18

Stock on farm—horses, 3; milch cows, 16; store hogs, 18.

BROUGHT SUIT.—Mr. H. Hart, a Cleveland salesman, who was ejected from a way freight a short distance west of the station some weeks ago has brought suit against the company for damages. He expects to prove that he was unable to procure a ticket, in which instance it is thought his case to be a good que. *Reporter.*

The Second National Bank of Jefferson has secured the services of ex-Treasurer Fuller as its cashier. Mr. F. showed himself to be not only a competent county officer, but one of the most obliging and popular that has ever filled the place. That he will fill his new position with ability and acceptance, we have very satisfactory assurance. He takes the place heretofore occupied by E. R. Lane.

A series of club parties are held on Thursday evenings of each week, at the Rock Creek House, which are well attended and popular with the young folks. Good music, abundant refreshments and moderate prices, are characteristics of the entertainment.

A chapter meeting and installation of officers, at Rock Creek, last week, took something like a score of F. A. M.s down to that burg, where a pleasant time was had, and something "sustainin" in the way of refreshments enjoyed. Some of the Rock Creek fraternity freely admitted that our Lake Shore Masons are very gentlemanly fellows. A reciprocal invitation was extended by Western Reserve Chapter to the Rock Creek friends to attend one of their meetings, on Wednesday evening of the present week. These kindly attentions are well calculated to strengthen fraternal bonds.

ROME.

The Rome Factory, Thos. Flagg, proprietor, began receiving milk the 6th of April last, and closed on the 24th of Nov.

No. of pounds received,	972,071
Pounds of cheese made,	97,972
Ten dividends were made during the season.	
Amount received,	$12,153 90
Total expenses,	1,884 54
Boxes, boxing and delivering at station, with other incidentals,	494 79
Exchange on drafts,	4 89
Book-keeping.	37 45
Expense for manufacturing	1,347 40
Lbs. of consumed by patrons,	874
Average No. lbs. milk for one of cheese,	9.92
Net per lb. of cheese,	10.48-100
Average selling price	12.4-10

The salesman was L. C. Reeve, whose judicious management gave the best satisfaction. G. C. RODGERS, Clerk.

Rome, Feb. 1, 1875.

Mr. Rogers also gives us the results of a single swarm of bees kept by himself, which shows that the amount of honey in comb, taken, was ninety pounds, leaving a sufficient quantity to carry the swarm through the winter. This amount was made during the past season.

AUSTINBURG.

Mr. Mc'Kenzie, the tailor, has moved his place of business from his old rooms over Birch's drug store to more commodious ones in the brick block over McClure's barbery store.

Mr. McClure has been in his new store since the 1st of January. He has a full stock of hardware and seems to be doing a thorough business.

Mr. Smith is changing his planing-mill into a saw mill and judging from the number of logs that have been drawn into his yard, we think he will not lack custom. The fine run of sleighing we are having makes lumber men both busy and good natured.

A lecture will be delivered this evening at the Congregational Church by S. H. Means of Jefferson.

He speaks before the D. L. S. of which he is an old member.

Austinburg, Feb. 3d, 1875.

SAYBROOK.

We never had better sleighing here in the world than it has been for the last nine days, but last night it rained some, and this morning the fields are pretty bare with April shower and sunshine, and there is a good ice bottom in the roads, yet if it don't turn colder in twenty four hours, our sleighing will be a thing of the past; but while it lasted, a vast amount of work has been done in the shape of hauling saw-logs to the mills, firewood to the woodsheds, to say nothing of a large amount of sleighriding by the young and middle aged, and occasionaly a still older couple jogged along.

Our community were called upon last week Friday to pay the last tribute of respect to the remains of Mr. Thomas Wilkinson, who departed this life at the age of 68 years. Mr. W. had been a resident of this town for many years. Rev. G. Dunmire preached a funeral sermon from a text found in Numbers xxiii, 10.

The next meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society will be held this month at the M. E. church on Friday Feb. 12th at 2 P. M.

Although there is no Temperance organization in this town at present, yet Saybrook will be represented at the Temperance Convention in Ashtabula on Friday of this week by earnest temperance women.

C. L. Johnson and Charles Walker represented Saybrook in the Ohio Dairymen's Association which met in Cleveland last week. J. J.

Saybrook, Feb. 3d, 1875.

KINGSVILLE.

Boys and girls will slide down hill. Sometimes in their headlong sport, they seem to set up a claim of "right of way." The result is sometimes a collision. Last Friday evening, on the hill west of the Corners, N. Kingsville, a son of Mr. H. A. Fowler, some 13 years old, with a girl about the same age, named Sweet, during an interval of singing school, put off for a ride. As the hill is steep, they went Jehu-like. In their course they met a double team and ran between the horses and brought up some how, not described, but unpleasantly and dangerously. The girl received a severe scalp wound, and both received more or less fractures. They were taken to the house of Mr. Clark, near by, and Dr. Kingsley called in. We learn they are doing well.

The hills about the village are generally taken possession of by these young "coasters," which we suppose they will hold while the snow lasts.

Some of our townsmen are taking advantage of the fine condition of the roads and frozen forests and swamps to supply themselves with fuel, down at Denmark. It costs only the chopping—sled-lengths, and hauling.

Quite a large gathering, under the auspices of the Ladies' Missionary Society, connected with the Baptist Church, assembled last evening at the residence of Mrs. Kenny.

This evening, the Masons have a sociable at the residence of Mr. Lyman Webster.

The Choral Union meets at the residence of Mr. J. C. Case, where experience assures a good time.

We notice that Mr. A. C. Peck has secured the old post office and store building opposite the drug store, to use as paint rooms—painting carriages, signs &c.

Mr. Mullett and Mr. Horace Palmer are engaged in getting out carriage bodies and other wood work for facilitating a supply of the demand when times are more pressing.

Mr. Simeon Keith was relieved of his infirmities by death, at the County house on Friday last. He has been a cripple for years, afflicted with spinal weakness. Superintendent Atwater has faithfully performed his duty to the dead as well as the living. G.

Kingsville, Feb. 2, 1875.

JEFFERSON.

Ed. Tel.—It was quite impossible for your "Hub" Correspondent to send you anything from the County Capitol, last week, owing to a pressure of other business which had to be attended to. We humbly beg pardon for the omission, and if in the future we should fail to send you an item each week, you may take it for granted that the time—which is not always our own—is being occupied in attending to other duties. This Jefferson correspondence may not prove advantageous to you in increasing your list of subscribers in this locality, but we are positive that we have converted one—no less than the venerable personage who figured so conspicuously in our last article. We say, he is a new acquisition to your subscription list. We think so, as we saw him last week with a copy of the *Telegraph* in his horny palm, looking, as he said, for the "man that wrote that piece." At last accounts he was still charging around in his war paint, evidently intent upon decorating his person with the scalp of your contributor. The old gentleman will not do any harm at present, except to harrow up the sensitive feelings of an innocent, but mortal homely fellow "who looks like me," and who, we understand, has been, for the past ten days, sitting nervously upon "the ragged edge of dispair," and when not otherwise employed, viciously repeating the familiar verse—

"Oh, wouldn't I like to catch him!
Whoever he might be,
Oh! wouldn't I give him particular fits—
That fellow that looks like me"?

Catching comes before killing, and we await the result with breathless anxiety.

Nothing of much importance or great interest has transpired here of late. Our town is about to make some advancement in the way of building up, during the coming spring and summer. Messrs. Henry Bailey, Geo. Wetherstone and Frank Payne have purchased a lot just south and west of the depot grounds, on Jefferson street, and propose to build a steam flouring mill thereon, which, when completed, will be second to none in Northern Ohio, and will not only be invaluable to the community, but will speak well for the energy and enterprise of the parties concerned. We hope they may reap a rich reward.

We had the pleasure of attending an exhibition at the Union School building, last week. The order of exercises consisted of music, declamations, rehersals and orations, and considering the very short time for preparation, the exercises reflected much credit upon the performers. The house was crowded, and the receipts must have been quite large, and are to be expended in buying an organ for the school.

The spelling school contagion has reached us, and we can now boast of one of these memorable events, which took place last Friday evening. The prize for spelling the company down was awarded to Miss Lucy Curtiss, and consisted of an elegantly bound copy of Tennyson's Poems.

Many of the young people attended a Masquerade Dance, at Union Hall, on the evening of the 29th. Smith's Band furnished the music, and the gay dancers tripped the light fantastic until the small hours.

The warm sunshine of to-day, seems to indicate that the fine sleighing is about to be dissolved, which is a very reasonable excuse for the pleasure seekers to come out in full force, and enjoy the "beautiful snow" while they can. The streets have been filled nearly the whole day with stylish rigs, whose fortunate passengers seemed to bear evidences of much enjoyment and happiness.

Perhaps the merriest group we saw, was a quarto of young ladies, who had chartered Thompson's nobbish turnout for the occasion, and were comfortably seated in the spacious sleigh, quietly advising the young gentleman who held the reins over the coal black steeds, where to drive them, and putting in the balance of the time in being "gay and happy." Doubtless "Candlemas Day," 1875, will be long and agreeably remembered by the party.

The Ladies' Society of the Cong'l Ch., have a sociable at the residence of C. S. Simonds, this week Thursday evening.

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Grand Musical Re-Union.

The twenty-seventh day of February will be a memorial day in Louisville, in more ways than one; on that day we shall have not only the great drawing of the last Library Concert, but also the great Musical treat of Gilmore's renowned orchestra. Gilmore is the peer, if not the superior of Theodore Thomas or of Julian. This is his first visit to the West, and except for the gift concert, there is little probability that our citizens would ever have heard his wonderful performances. In the East the people traveled a hundred miles or more to attend one of his concerts. Remember that only those at least who hold a coupon ticket in the drawing can gain admission to the hall.

OUR NEW YORK LETTER.

Diphtheria—Beecher-Tilton—The Price of Fame—Business—American Manufactures—Cruelty to Children—Liquors—the Weather.

DIPHTHERIA.

Diphtheria has become an epeidemic in New York and Brooklyn, and indeed in many of the Hudson River towns, particularly in Albany. It is claimed that the disease has increased frightfully by the common practice of salting the streets in snowy weather. It appeared in Albany early in the spring of 1858, and in that half of the city which is situated north of State street almost decimated the children between two and seven years. Over 2,000 cases of the disease occurred in the whole city during the first ten months of its prevalence. And 179 deaths are recorded by it. Since that day it has appeared as a local epidemic, and has raged with more or less virulence in all the principal towns and cities in the country. It is fearfully prevalent now in New York and suburban cities and villages, carrying off hundreds per diem. The disease is so virulent in its nature that the physicians find it difficult to treat it successfully.

BEECHER-TILTON.

Well, Frank Moulton is off the stand after weeks of examination and cross-examination. He has surprised his friends and his enemies. The most acute legal talent of the city has been after him all these weary days, traps have been set for him without number, and from first to last he has held squarely to the statements he originally made, and has not deviated a hair's breadth. He has explained in the most frank and candid manner his entire connection with the matter, and has thrown floods of strong light on all the dark places. He has shown himself quite the equal of the lawyers who had him in hand, and has impressed everybody with the idea that he was telling the truth and nothing less.

The trial will probably furnish authorities and precedents for all the divorce cases to come in the country. Such ransacking of judicial decisions on difficult points and so many of these points as occur, make this a trial of special interest in a legal point of view. Thus far two pretty important side lessons have been eloquently enforced by the history of this case, namely, the folly of believing in hearsay, and the uselessness of lying. Much of the scandal that has broken up households, when placed under the searching ray of judicial examination, melts away to impressions, to gossip, to imagination that he has made the worst of things, and taken his own horrors for fact. And this bold and delicate system of lying, which even good men held justifiable to keep scandal from breaking out, proves but an added trouble, that darkens the case for both sides.

The struggle now is whether Tilton shall be allowed to testify in this case, and a vigorous fight is being made over it. I can see no reason why he should not. If he tells the truth, as well; that is what the people want. If he lies he cannot so hide it but that the lynx-eyed lawyers for Beecher will discover it. It strikes me that Beecher is injuring himself by his perpetual objecting and quibbling. If he is innocent he ought to give every one who knows anything about it a chance to tell what he knows. Keeping testimony out of court, may acquit him in a court of law but it will not before the people.

BUSINESS.

The first of February, merchants' faces grew a shade lighter, for the Spring trade opens, which, it is hoped, will revive business from the depression of the last two years. It is very well understood that inflated prices are things of the past, and to do business in future, a man must offer the public something it wants, at the lowest prices, for economy is growing fashionable, and socially a grace is made of a necessity. Merchants are marking goods down unsparingly. A. T. Stewart & Co., whose figures are the thermometer of prices, began their spring campaign by offering the standard twilled wool dress fabrics, which sold last year at $1 a yard, for 30 cents—a difference by which one can measure the tumble in the value of most fabrics. In cotton goods the reduction is equally gratifying to consumers; Lonsdale muslin selling for 12½ cts. and New York Mills, the finest American brands, for 15 cts.

And yet croakers fear that the spirit of Republican institutions is losing its force in this country. In what other one, pray, is a round-threaded, full-bleached, and soft-finished, taking the needle freely, sort of a "biled shirt," within reach of every voter who goes to the polls?

AMERICAN SHOES AND SILKS.

Even those who go abroad—and there are not a few who make light of a winter voyage across the ocean—are beginning to appreciate home manufactures, as they deserve. I was surprised to hear a fastidious lady, late from Europe, declare that the shoes made in this country were better than she found either in London or Paris. The shape of American boots was more graceful than the English, which were clumsy-looking unnecessarily broad and square, and short in the ankle, while French shoes, of good make were little, if any, cheaper than in New York.

American silks are steadily gaining a national repute, like that of Irish poplin, always in style and favor for its worth and intrinsic beauty. It is the thing for ladies going abroad to take dresses of American silk with them, partly for the sake of home associations, as the Scotchwoman takes her clan tartan, or the Irishwoman her Limerick lace, but more because no other fabric stands the voyage as well or is as good a hotel toilet, always sufficiently rich and subdued.

Now are these the only manufactures which we have reason to esteem. The late meeting of the American China pottery-makers to take measures for protecting and developing their industries brought to light the fact that the finest clays and china earths were more abundant in this country than in Europe. Already more than half the china in common use is home-made, and a vast improvement we find, this semi-opaque porcelain on the old fashioned stone china and queensware. All the varieties of ornamental ware are made here, such as decorating tiles, majolica, and imitation wedgewood. It ought to be the pride of a good American to hunt out, and do justice to the productions of home art, just as they come up to the desirable standard, and which they are fast doing.

THE PRICE OF BEING ILLUSTRATED.

Would you like to know the price of fame at last quotations? Young readers who envy the fortunate musician or literary man who is brought so far into notice that the public demand to know how he looks, and where he dines, when he was born, and what he has done since he was of age to speak, listen. Whatever pious or useful work you do for the world, short of taking a gunboat fleet, or reaching Wachtel's high C as a tenor, do not expect to find an artist envoy at your bed-room door, beseeching your picture for the illustrated papers. Such was once the case, but the pictorial newspapers have changed all that. If you choose to furnish your imperial photograph, and pay $250 in addition, you may have the pleasure of seeing your face in a full-paged portrait, with the privilege of writing your own history to be added thereto. The managers of public singers and actresses pay for the publication of their pictures as a part of necessary advertising. It is a special vanity with manufacturers to have pictures of their factories and portraits printed side by side though what good a print of long blank looking buildings, coupled with that of a snub-nosed man, with hair brushed into a perpendicular agony, as the genuine crystalline salt works and proprietor, can do the business, is one of these inscrutable mysteries known only to the advertising clerk, who pockets $50 for the operation. Such is life.

CRUELTY TO CHILDREN.

A society has been inaugurated in New York for the prevention of cruelty to children, under the patronage of many prominent and excellent persons. It will protect the child against a brutal father, and try to save it from a life of sin and shame. It will also shield the ill-used wife, and look into cases where the officers of the law have cruelly maltreated a child. It is an excellent and humane idea, and deserves every encouragement, for in this rum-ridden city there is more cruelty to women and children than there is to animals. And the abused wife or child is just as helpless as the abused horse. The child cannot complain, and the wife will not, for she knows that when the law has withdrawn its protection the brute will beat her again for complaining. The society ought to have ample powers and ample funds.

LIQUORS.

You take the morning refresher, the noon day sustainer, or the evening soother, read, and observe what it is you drink.

Last Friday a trial came off in a city court in which a liquor "importer" was defendant. On the trial the following facts came out:

Bourbon or rye whisky is manufactured from high wines, commonly called fusel oil whisky, made to day and drank three days after. It also contains, vinegar, syrup, oil of bourbon, French coloring, bluestone, and other poisonous chemicals. It costs 80 cts. to $1 a gallon, and retails for $5 to $6 a gallon.

Cognac brandy is made from French or Cologne spirits, burnt sugar, oil of cognac, vinegar, bluestone, Jamacia rum, honey, syrup, port wine, French coloring alumn and aloes. It costs $2 a gallon, and retails from $6 to $10 per gallon.

Irish or Scotch whisky is made from Canada high wines, or new distilled whisky, one week old, saltpetre, fine salt, essence of oil of Scotch or Irish whisky, fusel oil, syrup, bluestone.—St. Croix rum, some imported Irish or Scotch whisky for flavor. It costs $1 50, and retails for $6 a gallon.

What sells for the best old Holland gin is made from French spirits, water, oil of juniper, syrup, white wine vinegar, bluestone, New England rye, peach pits, with some imported gin for flavor.

Old Tom gin is made from the same ingredients, but double syrup is added to make it sweeter. It costs $1 25 a gallon, and retails for $5. It is also bottled as a medicine, and sold for the kidney disease.

Jamacia and St. Croix rum is made of double refined high Wines, French coloring, oil of rum, fusel oil, vinegar, bluestone, burnt sugar, molasses syrup, with some imported Jamacia, Cuba, or