The Odessa Herald.

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LOCAL TRAIN TABLE—Stages leave Odessa daily for Delaware Railway Middletown, Smyrna and points as follows:—A. M., 6.00, 8.15, 10.30; P. M., 6.45, and 4.15. Delaware City, Saturday at 6 a. m.

Steamer "ELLA" leaves Odessa for Rock Street Wharf Philadelphia, semi-weekly. For time of departure see advertisement.

MAILS CLOSE—A. M., 6.50 and 10.25; P. M., 4.05.
MAILS ARRIVE—A. M., 10.25; P. M., 12.25 and 8.25.

LOCAL CHURCH DIRECTORY—Methodist, Rev. R. C. Jones, pastor. Preaching every Sabbath at 10.30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Prayer services every Friday evening. Young people's prayer meeting every Sabbath evening at 6 o'clock. Sabbath-school at 2 p. m. Class meetings Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings, and Sabbath mornings.

Presbyterian—Preaching every Sabbath at 10.30 a. m. Sabbath school at 9 a. m. Prayer meeting every Friday evening at 7.30.

Zion A. M. E. church, Rev. Charles Horsey, pastor. Preaching every Sabbath at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sabbath school at 2 p. m.

SOCIETY MEETINGS—Colonel Andrews Post, No. 14, G. A. R., meets every Wednesday evening over Morgan's store. Sons of Veterans, Thursday evening, same place. Appoquinimink Tribe, No. 24, Improved Order of Red Men, Tuesday evening, same place.

Saturday, November 3, 1888.

Home Affairs.

How do you like us?

Some think there is ample room for another tomatoe factory here.

Agitate! agitate!! agitate!!! Every good enterprise comes by agitation.

A Christian Endeavor Society is soon to be formed in the M. E. Church.

We need a watchmaker and a board yard, and lots of other enterprises in Odessa.

The Clio's cargoes consists now chiefly of live stock, potatoes and canned goods.

Perfection must not be expected in this issue. We have hardly got com menced yet.

The steam barge Ella from Philadelphia, is unloading 150 tons of coal for F. B. Watkins.

We specially request every friend to this paper to see their neighbors and solicit their subscriptions. Help us friends, to swell the list.

R. H. Armstrong sold, on Monday, his frame house, situated on High street to Francis Dugan for $1000.

Odessa has great resources and a bright future before her. She is just beginning to wake up to her privileges.

We have met with a cordial reception at the hands of our Odessa friends. We shall endeavor to reciprocate their kindness.

Mr. E. N. Moore agent for the Wm. Lee & Sons Company, of Wilmington, is shipping 5000 bushels of wheat on the schooners Thos. J. Clayton and Alaska.

Supt. Herman Bessey addressed the Democratic meeting held at Blackbird on Tuesday evening. This was his first political speech and those who heard it say it was a good one.

The Odessa Loan Association met on Monday evening and the sale of money was quite brisk amounting in all to about $2700. The premium paid ranged 12 to 20 per cent.

There is a town ordinance which requires the paving of side walks. Many of our property holders have been notified thereof but as yet have made no effort.

The Steamer Clio will not leave Odessa next Monday, 5th inst., as per time table; but instead will leave Tuesday at 12 M. Returning leave Philadelphia on Wednesday at 6 p. m.

The catsup made by the Watkins' Packing Company is a prime article and must have a wide sale. Any firm who can catch up (cats-up) to their standard we would like to see a sample of it.

Mine Host of the Odessa Hotel, Mr. Chas. W. Lloyd understands the art of catering to the gastronomical tastes of his boarders. His table is one of the best in the land and the waiters most attentive.

The Fourth Regiment Band of this town is the youngest organization of its kind in the country. It numbers fifteen pieces and is one of the best in the State. They can fill any engagement with credit.

Mrs. A. E. Atherly is pleased to inform the friends of Mrs. H. Foster, that Mrs. M. H. Jones and daughter, who have been reported as deceased from fever, at Jacksonville, have recovered from their severe illness.

The government agent who recently surveyed the Appoquiminimink river for a more direct route to the Delaware, expressed his surprise at the vast amount of heavy tonnage conveyed on its waters during the past year.

Odessa, with all her industrial social, and moral interests, is on the ascending scale. Her bells and whistles betoken a new thrill of life in her veins. A new inspiration has seized her citizens and, Rip Van Winkle like, she goes forth to conquest and to conquer. Long live Odessa!

Referring again to our town industries we suggest that a movement be set afoot looking toward the establishing of an electric light plant here. One of our large factories could furnish the engine power if the dynamo and other paraphanalia is secured. Odessa lighted with electric lights! How does that sound?

A shirt factory or a knitting establishment would be capital institutions for Odessa. Her river frontage would afford ample facilities for transportation, and enterprises like this would give employment to many who are forced to idleness through the winter season.

Mr. E. N. Moore has in his possession an Indian chopping axe which he found a few days ago near the Appoquinimink river. It is grooved on each side where the inventor fastened the handle with withes. It is quite an interesting relic and reminds one of how the aborigines in their crude forest home prepared what few comforts they enjoyed.

One hasn't to go far to see the need of a railroad into Odessa. The heavily burdened teams which daily pass our office loaded with every kind of merchandise; the fact that our grain agent, Mr. E. N. Moore, in buying up grain from the farmers, has to wait till 5000 bushels are accumulated ere he can ship by boat, while if we had our railroad here he could ship as he wanted to in lesser quantities.—these and many similar facts are but proofs of the assertion—we need a railroad.

Special Notices.

All subscribers who pay cash in advance for this paper will receive it from now until the 1st of January, 1890, (14 months) for $1.00. This offer holds good for ten days only.

The Baker corn cannery just closed packing 17000 cases (408,000 cans) of most excellent corn. This new industry built a very substantial building last summer and furnished it with all the latest appliances for a first class cannery. The sweet corn raised hereabouts this season amounted to 400 acres and those who are competent to judge say it was of the first quality.

The Appoquinimink river, of which our town may justly feel proud of, is a beautiful stream. Her limpid ripples gaily glisten in the sunlight and from our office window presents a scene beautiful to behold. It derives its name from a tribe of Indians who once made this section their happy hunting grounds and, whose spear heads and axes may still occasionally be found.

Mr. Daniel W. Corbit, the Republican nominee for General Assembly is a gentleman in every respect. Born and reared in this town, he is widely known and his character stands unimpeached. He is one of the solid men of the town. If elected he will give grace, dignity and honor to the position. We bespeak for him a liberal support not only from his own party but from the opposite ranks.

Hallow-een was duly observed by the youngsters of this town. Gates were taken from their moorings, wagons were placed upon other than their owner's pavements and inmates of dwellings were startled with the rattle of corn against their doors. A small open top wagon was placed on the pavement in front of the HERALD office. It looked like a free trade wagon and we looked around for a "hoss" but failed to discover any.

There is a bed of excellent quality of brick clay, equal to potter's clay, situated on the west side of the town limits. Inducements should be offered for its development into bricks. Let the enterprising owner look into this matter. A row of brick houses as the result would be a very attractive inducement for settlers. Let the bricks be made, the houses built and the inducements held out for people to come. There is already a demand for small houses.

The M. E. Sunday-school is preparing for a literary and musical entertainment to be held in the Town Hall on the evenings of the 24th and 25th inst. The first evening will be given mainly to an operata entitled "Forest Jubilee." Tabaleaux and music will be prominent and supper and refreshments will follow each evening's entertainment. Proceeds for the benefit of the Sabbath school.

The Port Penn Grange proposes giving two entertainments in their Hall at Biddle's Corner on Thursday and Friday evenings, the 15th and 16th inst., by Professor Yost of Philadelphia. An oyster supper will be served after each performance. The Professor's well known proficiency as a magician places him in the front rank of his profession along with Keller and Wyman. He will bring his excellent "Punch and Judy" show with him.

"Odessa" is of Russian origin and was named after a town situated on the coast of the Black sea in Russia, which is known as a great grain shipping centre. Our town, which was formerly called Cantwell's Bridge, was changed to its present name before the Delaware railroad was built before which time all the grain in this section and beyond Middletown was shipped from this point by water. In those days the firms of Crouch & Davis, Jacob V. Naudain of near here and George Comegys of Smyrna, were heavy shippers.

The distance from Odessa to the mouth of the Appoquinimink river, in its present tortuous route, is about eleven miles. The plan proposed by the recent survey, for which an appropriation was made, is to lessen this distance by about seven miles, making a direct water route to the Delaware of about four miles. With this great artery of life and wealth animating and thrilling our eastern side, and the railroad from the west side, Odessa will clap her hands for joy, and thrift and prosperity will be the order of the day.

From a casual glance at a part of the route of the proposed new railroad we fail to see how it can be made practicable, viz., from the Appoquinimink bridge to the Lord & Polk Chemical Co's., works. To take this route would utterly destroy the plant of the Watkins' Packing Co., and it never pays to build up one interestat the cost of another. During their busiest season this company occupies every foot of their warves. Better cross the creek above the bridge and then cross again below or enter town by some other course.

The Democratic mass meeting held in the Town Hall on Wednesday evening was a success judging from a Democratic standpoint. The first speaker Mr. L. C. Vandegrift, though a promising young speaker, was hardly as solid in his arguments as his aged and venerable peer, the Governor. The second speaker, the Hon. B. T. Biggs surpassed himself in eloquence and vim, and the fact that it had been thirty years since he had addressed an Odessa audience almost carried him away in flights of oratory. His arguments on the tariff were principally on the same strain as those advanced some time ago by the Hon. Mr. Vance, of N. C., in the Wilmington Opera House, viz., that the commodities we pay the least for and are the most necessary for the comfort of the poor man are taxed the greatest, while the rich man's costly goods have the least duty upon them. The hall was very elaborately and tastefully decorated, and the Odessa band boys discoursed the sweetest music. Following the meeting was a sumptuous repast given by the committee having the meeting in hand, in the dining room hall of the Odessa Hotel. The speakers and many men of note, including a few editors, regaled themselves with turkey, duck and oysters. Two very pretty bouquets were presented to Mrs. C. W. Lloyd, with appropriate remarks.

The Watkins' Packing Company.

The Watkins' Packing Company is another of the great industries of our town, and its influences, financial and otherwise, are felt on every side. The year just closing has been a fair one. There being about 70 per cent. of a pack, amounting to 394,000 cans of tomatoes. The unusual cool and wet weather of September, and the early frosts, curtailed to a considerable degree, the bulk of this article. The company is busy at present working on catsup of which they will, before Christmas, cork about 200,000 bottles. The pea crop this year was unusual light. Heavy shipments of canned tomatoes have been going to Boston recently. For affableness and business-like deportment this firm excels many more presumptous ones we have met in our travels. Mr. Columbus Watkins, the senior member, has a gentlemanly bearing and sufficient business astuteness to maintain the high reputation this firm has already attained, and his two sons, C. Watkins Jr., and John W. Watkins, the remaining members of the firm, reflect in a praiseworthy manner the honest integrity of their father.

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A Great Industry.

HOW THE LORD & POLK CHEMICAL COMPANY GREW FROM A SMALL BEGINNING TO ITS PRESENT ENORMOUS CONDITION.

Among the leading industries of our town we should not fail to notice the extensive Fertilizer and Chemical works of Messrs. Lord & Polk Co., situated on the Appoquinimink river, just below our town. Although young in years (it having started about ten years ago) it has steadily grown, and to-day is the leading factory of this kind on the Peninsula, and ranks among the largest of the county.

Starting in a very small way and doing but a local trade for the first few years, they have now quite a large patronage in Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Virginia, North and South Carolina, and even as far South as Florida. Its goods were selected from among some twenty other makers by a committee appointed by the Japan Government who visited this country two years ago to look into the manufactering industries of our nation, and a portion of a cargo was loaded and shipped by them to their native home. This we think speaks well for an enterprise so young. The goods manufactured and sold by this company enjoy the highest reputation wherever used, and the steadily increasing demand for them affords sufficient evidence of their good quality. Only the latest improved machinery and appliances known to the trade are used in the manufacturing and preparing of the goods made by this company, and nothing but the best and most carefully selected materials are used in the manipulation selected with especial reference to the particular crop for which they are intended, and compounded in the proportions their years of experience have proven to be the best to produce the most satisfactory results.

Several patents have been in the past five years secured for improved machinery, and which is used to-day exclusively by this company, thus enabling them to keep fully abreast with any of their competitors.

From a conversation had some days ago with a representative of the Company we learned that their trade had increased each year and that the present year they had hauled over 20,000 tons of fertilizers and materials, and 6000 to 8000 tons of acid was manufactured during the past season, all of which was used by them in the manufacturing of their goods.

The factories are kept running the entire year with the exception of a short time at the end of each season which is devoted to repairs. During the season just closed they were compelled to run their factory both night and day and their pay roll contained over 100 names. One of our leading merchants informed us that he could tell exactly when the works were closed for repairs as his sales fell off over 50 per cent.

The Company should have the good will of every one in our town and the patronage of each and every one of our farmers, as wages paid out weekly to their men runs up high in the hundreds, and undoubtedly finds its way into the pocket of the whole community directly or indirectly. Every one should be more or less interested in the welfare of not only this but of every and all enterprises that go to make up our town.

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Build Up Odessa.

Odessa, up to 1852, and for some years afterwards, was a very thrifty town, and more business was done here than any town of its size in the State of Delaware. I am told that hundreds of thousands of bushels of wheat, corn and oats were hauled here by wagons, for sale and shipment; some of it having been hauled from beyond Warwick and other parts of Maryland and Delaware; coming right through Middletown (as in 1852 there was no railroad completed to Middletown and it was a small village).

Now the grain trade has dwindled down to a few thousand bushels per year and the stores are doing comparatively a small business. If it were not for the tomato cannery of Mr. Watkins, and the fertilizer works, there would hardly be trade enough to support one store.

What is the cause of this decline and fall off in trade? Plainly because the Delaware railroad was not permitted to come to Odessa, but was forced to pass through Middletown. Now that town has a population several times greater than Odessa and still is growing, while Odessa is going backward. How can this be changed for the better?

I know of no better way than to take for example the experience of most of the thrifty towns of the great West. There when they want to boom their town, every one of their citizens rich and poor, all take hold as much as their means will allow and subscribe in the stock of all kinds of manufacturing enterprises, and try to induce railroads, as many of them as possible, to run to or through their town, every one in the town helping by taking stock, or giving land, or in some other way, and by talking their town up. And very often in addition to all the individual subscriptions the town, if incorporated, takes large amounts of stock, and in addition, gives the land for sites for depots and for repair shops, thereby sometimes running their towns deeply in debt; but in a very few years the rapid growth of the town makes the debt that at first was a heavy tax, appear but a small thing in comparison to the large increase in the value of real estate and the buildings erected thereon.

It appears to me that if all the residents of Odessa would co-operate and work together, both by talking up and subscribing to different kinds of manufactories and other enterprises, and each head of a family take stock in the talked of railroad in proportion to each ones ability, by doing so it could certainly be built; but unless the mass of the citizens wake up and do take stock very soon in the railroad, it looks very much as though it will fall through for the third time; as at present it seems to be languishing for want of persons to subscribe for the stock, and I fear it will die out unless all help, for no town can grow very rapidly unless all its citizens become interested in helping it forward.

You have made one very good step forward by not only talking of starting a newspaper, but have actually raised the cash and bought the outfit. Now keep the ball rolling forward, by all helping to build your railroad. Get that built at once. Then go to work to induce more manufacturing enterprises to locate with you and take stock in them and soon you will be astonished at the change that will take place in your town.

These things cannot be done by a few, but all should join in just as far as their means will admit, and all will be agreeably surprised to find not only the town growing rapidly, but their own means of making a living and making money largely increased, for all both rich and poor will feel the benefit of increased trade.

So far as I can learn there seems to be but one person actively engaged in an effort to get the railroad built. He cannot possibly build it alone but must have help in money or work from all the citizens of the town and neighborhood.

The poorest man may not be able to contribute cash, but he can subscribe for one or more shares of stock, to be paid for by such a number of day's work, grading the road, or helping build the depot and office when the railroad is commenced, and in that way the poorest man may have the proud feeling that he did his full part in building the railroad and in that way building up his town and increasing his own chances for making a living in the future.

PROGRESS.

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The chimney of the Odessa Hotel is receiving repairs.

The Town Hall has a much better appearance after two coats of paint.

A Democratic meeting was held at Fieldsboro, near this town, on Thursday evening, Col. E. T. Cooper of Dover, W. P. Biggs of Middletown, and Gove S. Harrington, of this place were the speakers. The Fourth Regiment Band of this place filled the music bill with much credit.

Supt. of public schools, Herman Bessey, and Gove S. Harrington, principal of Odessa public schools both made their maiden political speeches this week. An interesting epoch in their history.

The Fourth Regiment band, of Odessa, will play at the political meeting in Middletown, this (Friday) evening.

Our public schools consist of two departments, Mr. Gove S. Harrington is principal and Miss Maude Cootsman assistant. The total enrollment is now 87, as follows; 39 in department No. 1, and 48 in department No. 2. The total enrollment during the year will probably reach 140. It is evident from the above figures that we are greatly in need of a third department, at least during the latter part of the fall, the winter, and early spring. Within the past fourteen months the board of education has made quite a number of improvements in the school. They have painted the building throughout. They have put in department number 1, new and improved black boards, curtains and a large map of the United States. In department number 2, they have put in a reading chart and also new curtains. They contemplate purchasing a set of physiological charts and a twelve inch globe with latest improvements. There is also connected with the school, the "Corbit" library, which contains about 2500 volumes. This library is a free one for the use of persons living in the district. It is under the management of the board of education, and they will this year, add to it quite a number of new books. The school is very fortunate in possessing such a valuable adjunct.

MARRIAGES.

BURGESS—VANDYKE.—At Odessa, on the 24th ult., by the Rev. R. C. Jones, Frederick H. Burgess, of Bridgeton, N. J., and Mary J. Vandyke, of Odessa.