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LOCAL MATTERS.

CITY DIRECTORY.

Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad.

TRAINS LEAVE OTTAWA STATION:

GOING EAST.		GOING WEST.	
Peru Accom'n.....	5:50 A M	Night Express.....	2:55 A M
Day Express.....	11:31 A M	Day Express.....	1:40 P M
Night Express.....	2:08 A M	Peru Accom'n.....	8:38 P M

Through tickets to all principal points east for sale at this office.

F. TAVENER, Agent.

Ottawa, Nov. 25th, 1868.

Ottawa Post Office.

CLOSING AND ARRIVAL OF MAILS:

	Closes.	Arrives.
Western.....	1:00 M	1:10 P M
Eastern.....	12:00 P M	1:10 P M
Farm Ridge, Tuesday, Thurs. & Saturday	2:00 P M	12:00 M
Wellington, Monday, Thurs. and Sat...	1:00 P M	2:00 P M
Mendota, arrives Tuesdays and Fridays,		4:00 P M
Mendota, leaves Wednes. & Saturdays..	8:00 A M	
Eagle.....	1:30 P M	12.00 M

Office opens at 7½ A M, and closes at 7 P M.

Nov. 30 1867. J. W. DOW, Post Master.

Temperance Orders.

MONITOR DIVISION No. 566 S. OF T.: Meet every Monday evening at their hall, in Cheever's Block, east side of Court House. W. F. Whitmore, W. P. N. Perley, R. S.

I. O. G. T., OTTAWA LODGE No. 535: Meets every Friday evening in their hall, Cheever's New Block. Oliver Cornell, W. R. S. J. G. Baldwin, W. C. T.

RADIANT TEMPLE OF COLD WATER: Meets every Saturday evening.

T. OF H. LIVE OAK TEMPLE No. 5 (subinordate): Meets every Tuesday evening at their new hall, in Cheever's Block. A. L. Wood, W. C. T. Geo. H. Hunter, W. R.

Minnehaha Social Temple No. 6, meets in the New Hall in Cheever's Block every Thursday evening. Miss Ella Grow, S. P. T.; Geo. H. Hunter, B. P. T.; Mrs. Thos. Ready, S. R.; A. L. Wood, B. R.

I. O. O. F.

OTTAWA LODGE No. 41: Meets every Thursday evening.

Lessing Lodge No. 526, (German Lodge,) meets every Wednesday evening at their Lodge-Room in Cook & Glover's block.

Daughters of Rebecca: Meet on the first Tuesday evening of each month.

OTTAWA ENCAMPMENT No. 33: Meets on the second and ourth Tuesday evening.

Ottawa Academy Natural Sciences.

Meets first Thurday in each month, in Dr. J. Paul's building. Donations of birds, insects and petrifactions solicited. J. Paul, President. W. W. Calkins, Secretary.

G. A. R.

HEAD QUARTERS G. A. R., Ottawa Ills., April 7, 1868—General Orders No 10.—The Encampment will hereafter assemble on Monday evening each week instead of Wednesday evening, as heretefore. By order of Post Commander.

Agents.

ALEX. VAUGHEY, Esq., is our authorized agent at Seneca, Ill., to receive pay for old or new subscriptions to the Free Trader and contract for job printing, &c. All orders sent through him receive prompt attention.

J. I. MONTGOMERY, Esq., is our authorized Agent at Leland, in this county, to receipt for subscriptions to the Free Trader, advertising, &c.

M. C. DONAGHHO, Esq., is our authorized agent to receipt for subscriptions to the FREE TRADER, for advertisements, &c., at the town of Streator in this county.

J. W. BROWNE, Esq., is our authorized agent at Earlville in this county, to receipt for subscriptions to and advertisement in the Free Trader.

Lecture.

The lecture of Dr. I. I. Hays, the arctic explorer, which had to be postponed two weeks ago, will be delivered at the Baptist Church in this city on Monday evening next, Jan. 4th. Subject: "Arstic Life and Scenery." Doors open at 7 o'clock; lecture commences at 8. Admittance 50 cts. The proceeds to go into the treasury of the Young Men's Christian Association, under whose auspices the lecture is delivered.

Lectures on the Animal Kingdom

Under the auspices of the Ottawa Academy of Natural Science, a series of five lectures will be delivered at Kneussl's Hall, in this city, commencing next Monday evening, on the "Animal Kingdom," by Prof. Adrian J. EBELL. The lecture will be illustrated by the aid of a magnesium light and screen miscroscope, magnifying objects over 100,000 times. The lectures promise to be the most interesting ever delivered in the city Tickets for the course $2. Single tickets 50 cts.; children 25 cts.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—The building erected by Mr. Armour, at the south end of his lot on Clinton street, between Main and Madison, for the use of the Presbyterian denomination, is so nearly completed that it will be ready for occupancy by one week from to-morrow. The presbytery of Chicago have made this point a mission, and sent the Rev. S. Y. Hayes to conduct it. The purpose is to open a Sunday school at once, and to have regular morning and evening sevices every Sunday. All presbyterians in the community, and all persons of tendencies that way, are urged to lend the mission a helping hand.

Tax Receipts.

Town collectors are informed that we have just printed and now for sale at our counter, any quantity of Tax Receipts. Orders promptly attended to and sent by mail to any part of the county.

We received by mail late yesterday a communication from Seneca in response to one from the same place published a week ago. On account of its length we are compelled to defer its publication to next week.

WEATHER.—The old year went out on Thursday night with a fierce growl, and the new year, like all babies, came into the world shedding tears. Yesterday the rain changed into a slight snow fall, the rain first being converted into sleet. Together they have made quite passable sleighing.

Best oysters in this or any other market. Every body says so. "Diamonds is trumps" at J. L. Piergue's, 123 Main st.

Thomas and Jeremiah at J. L. Piergue's, is hunki dori.

A large stock of Men's Buffalo lined Balmorals add Rubber articles, just recieved by Child & Cro's.

Men's, Boys', Youth's. Ladies', Misses and Children's Rubber Boots, for sale by Child & Bro's.

SCHOOL BOOKS, all kinds used in the city and country, at OSMAN & HAPEMAN'S.

SWINDLES.—It is astonishing how easily people are humbugged. A week ago a couple of *cheveliers d'industrie* made the outer circuit of our city selling a certain all-healing-salve, worth a few cents a box at a dollar a box, promising the purchaser, whose name was taken and a ticket given, a prize worth from $10 to $50 in two weeks. Will it be believed, dozens of silly people bought the salve in the honest expectation of receiving the promised prize?

A week or two ago, a couple of scoundrels passed through portions of this county, pretended to buy hogs on foot. They offered enormous prices, and, on making a purchase, would pay $25 down, agreeing to pay the balance on delivery of the hogs at some shipping point. The little joker came in on paying the $25. They would give the farmer a $50 counterfeit bill, and get $25 good money in change.

Dozens of swindlers are perambulating the country, pretending to be agents and solicitors for insurance companies, but whose policies are forgeries.

Recently a fellow was doing the people of the country selling a recipe to make a cheap burning fluid. It was simply to convert honest, safe kerosene into a naptha, as explesive as gun cotton. The rascal ought to be caught and hung.

Festivals.

The children of the Sunday Schools of this city were generlly treated during the past week, with the usual festivities so appropriate to the holiday season. Such festivals have a peculiar appropriateness during Christmastide, as the season especially recalls the advent of the Savior as an infant—a circumstance adapted to interest the young. The Sunday Shool connected with Christ Church had their festival in the Grammar School room (Stone's Hall) on Tuesday evening, and was largely attended, not only by the children of the Sunday School, but by parents and friends. There was a Christmas tree, the usual distribution of presents, devotional exercises, a singing, collation, &c.

The Sunday School of the First Congregational Church had their festival on the same evening at the Church. There was also a Christmas Tree, a supper, distribution of presents, &c.

Both occasions were full of delight not only to the children, but the older ones whose privilege it was to be present.

"CHASING THE WILD DEER," &c.—It may be very grand and very poetical, and all that sort o' thing, among the mountains of Scotland, or even over hedge and ditch and the wide barren heath in England, or the broad, open prairies of the Great West, to chase with hound, and horse and a general demaition hullabalo, the fleet and sturdy untamed wild deer and roe, or antelope and buffalo, but in our humble estimation the poetry of the thing depreciates immensely—in fact vanishes entirely, when, as on New Year near this city, the chase dwindles down to starting a pack of 20 to 40 fierce greyhounds, and as many little less fierce, considerate or merciful hunters on horseback, after a poor, little pet deer. And that is called sport! We suggest a careful reading of Mrs, Stowe's essay on Cruelty to Animals; or that touching ditty, "Mary had a little lamb." The end of the affair was worthy of the beginning. The deer, frightened by the hounds, ran a little way, jumped a fence, and broke two legs. And so ended the "sport!"

THE OTTAWA HOUSE—Our excellent friend Col. HARVEY DAY, of the Ottawa House, who has been enjoying a pleasant visit of a month or two among his friends in Pennsylvania, returned home on Thursday, looking as hail and fresh as a "like-ly youth of twenty-one." The Colonel finds that the Ottawa House, which he thought he had left in the very best hands, has failed to maintain during his absence its former high reputation, and the first business he will address himself to will be to bring it up to the highest standard of hotel perfection. Col. Day, as a caterer and provider, and a social, cheerful, jelly landlord, has few equals in the country, and now that he is himself again, the guests of the "Ottawa" will have a gay and festive season. The announcement of his return home will be joyful news to his friends, who will not fail to crowd around him as of yore. By the way—his first want, the Colonel tells us, to enable him to start right again, is half a dozen of good waiter girls.

One hundred and five large oysters in each can of the Diamond brand, for sale by Lon Piergue, Lon is the only dealer in the genuine Diamond in the city. Think of it—105!

POLICE business furnishes but two small items this week. John Terry—everybody knows John and his failing, was on a big bender the other day, and rather noisy. So marshal Harris took him before the police magistrate who charged $10 him for his fun.

A few days afterwards—on Wednesday, to be particular—Jacob Huss got into a dispute with Freddy, in the store of Adams & March, and taking off his coat, was about to pitch in, when constable Carpenter gently laid his hand on his shoulder and advised him to be quiet. Jacob couldn't see it. Then the constable took him before Judge Leavens, who fined him $3 and costs. That opened his eyes and he saw clearly.

A choice lot of New York Apples, Spitzenbergs, Greenings, Pippins, Russets, Baldwins and Bellflowers, at Baldwin's.

A great variety of goods suitable for Holiday presents, at Osman & Hapeman's.

PERSONALS.—Herman Silver, late Circuit Clerk, being released from the cares of office, left for New York on Tuesday.—Mr. Parker, editor and Proprietor of the Kankakee *Gazette* for the past twelve years; and Mr. W. A. Ballard, editor of the Cedar Rapids, Iowa, *Western World*, honored us with a call during the week. The latter gentleman is looking up a location to start a republican paper somewhere in Illinois.—J. E. Porter, of the Eagle Works, says the *Republican*, distributed fat turkeys and oysters among his employees on Christmas. *We* are employees of his, having done some printing for him lately, but saw nary turkey.—Col. W. L. Gibson has sold his property in this city, or rather exchanged it with Mr. Marcher, of Onarga, for a fine hotel property at that place, whither he will move immediately, and enter into the hotel and grain business. The people of Onarga will find the Colonel all right every time. Onarga, as most of our readers doubtless know, is a flourishing and beautiful young city on the Chicago branch of the Illinois Central R. R., four miles south of Gilman, the crossing place of the Toledo, Peoria & Warsaw R. R.

The exit of the old year was celebrated by a delightful gathering at the residence of the Hon Wm. Reddick, on Thursday evening. It was an impromptu affair, gotten up for the special entertainment of the members of the St. Columba Band, and a few invited guests. The band boys of course couldn't think of enjoying themselves without the presence and participation of their sweethearts. There was music, vocal and instrumental, in abundance, and a splendid feast of good things. The enjoyments were kept up until "way ayont the twal."

MASONIC.—At the regular communication of Marseilles Lodge, No. 417, A. F. and A. Masons, held at their hall on Saturday evening, Dec. 19, the following officers were duly elected for the coming year:

John Lamb, Worshipful master;
Wm. E. Prichard, Senior Warden;
P. A. Smith, Junior Warden:
D. H. Slagle, Treasurer;
A. T. Ferguson, Secretary;
John Ferguson, Tyler.—*Gazette.*

WINTER EMPLOYMENT.—A fine magic lantern apparatus, with views especially for Sunday School exhibitions, can be purchased at a reasonable price. Any one can learn to operate it in an hour. A young man can invest about one hundred and fifty dollars in this, and make handsome profits by exhibitions in schools. Expenses light. Address, (soon) A. ST. CLAIR, box 1021, Chicago.

IN THE BOOT AND SHOE LINE.—Among the novelties at the big store of Child & Bro. are Box Toe Boots for gentlemen, Gipsy Boots for ladies, a new style of French Kid Slippers, Velvet Slippers, Children's Fancy Button Boots, and a hundred other beauties and novelties with which all classes cannot fail to be delighted. Since the holiday rush is over, we wouldn't wonder if there was quite an important reduction in prices at that establishment.

AT WHOLESALE.—Country dealers and photographers can purchase Oval Frames, Albums, Cases and Stereoscopes at wholesale at Bowman's Gallery, in Ottawa.

INCIDENT.—We met a chap with coat quit seedy; he was not poor, he was not needy; and much upon the thing we pondered, and much and more again we wondered, *why* he wore that coat so seedy, when he was not poor and needy. "Friend," quo' we, "if there's no harm in't, why dost wear that seedy garment?" "For this reason," saith the brother, "that I happen to have no other." "Then," quoth we "you careless spooney, go straightway to Jacob Mooney and for a trifle speedily, he will dress you fit for decent company." And he did and he did it.

It is seldom that we gratuitously use the columns of this paper to "puff" or notice the "thousand one articles for sale by our city dealers." We, however, vary from our rule in the present case, that we may call attention to the establishment known as the Fleur and Feed Emporium, kept by J. Harris, No. 140, Main street. We desire it understood that we do so without any solicitation or premise of benefit from the proprietor or other interested parties. We simply do it as an act of duty towards those who are laboring under various complaints, arising froom poor flour. Having used from a barrel of flour that we purchased of Mr. Harris, we have found it a most valuable auxiliery to our larder

New Sugar Cured Hams and Beef at Baldwin's, La Salle street.

AT STOUT'S.—Have the ladies examined those "Norwich Moulded Collars" at Stout's? They are not only the height of "style," but exquisitely beautiful and becoming. Every body is having them.

The handsomest slippers in the city, and the best overshoes, at Jos. Megaffin's boot and shoe store, corner of the alley, west of Court House.

OYSTER SOUP, every day, from 10 o'clock A. M. till 5 o'clock P. M., at 10 cents a dish, at Cross & Reigart's.

Those heavy Boots at reduced prices, at Child & Bro's.

A choice lot of Michigan White Winter Wheat flour, by the barrel, at Baldwin's.

FREE TRADER COUNTING HOUSE ALMANAC.

COUNTY JAIL.—The only committal to the county jail during the past week was an act of mercy. An unfortunate poor old man, suffering under an attack of delirium tremens, was found by Sheriff Good on the street in such condition that unless housed and cared for immediately, he must perish. So he gave him the best shelter he could in the county jail. The man is improving in health and condition so that he will doubtless in a few days be able to take care of himself again.

REDDICK & GILLEN, now that the holidays are past and the rush for winter goods is ever, are just "slaughtering" their remaining stock of cloakings, shawls, winter dress goods, plain and fancy silks, &c. It pays better to sell such goods at much less than cost, than to hold them over and run the risk of the market a year hence in unsettled times like the present.

DR. KNAPP, formerly of New York, who has visited Ottawa regularly tho past twelve years, and effected many wonderful cures of old Chronic diseases, Cancers, and diseases of the Eye and Ear, which have been pronounced incurable by the medical profession generally, can be consulted at the Clifton House, Tuesday, January 12th, 1869, as will be seen by his card in another column. Consultation Free.

Ottawa, Ill., Dec. 29th, 1868.

Messrs. Editors, Free Trader:—Permit me, through the colnmns of your widely circulated journal, to say, in behalf of the ladies of the M. E. Church of Ottawa, that the Annual Oyster festival recently given by the above named ladies, at the Park House, was a grand success. They were handsomly repaid for their trouble by a liberal public, and were happy to remark that the large company seemed to enjoy themselves finely, and did ample justice to the provisions furnished for them. But especiel thanks are due Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, for the use of their roomy, and convenient hotel. J.,

On behalf of the Committee.

Public Schools.

Following is an abstract of the Superintendent s report for the school month ending Dec. 24, 1868:

		No. of pupils at end of month.	No. of pupils neither absent nor tardy.	No. of cases of tardiness.	Percent. of attendance.
irst Ward School—	Miss Delano, Prin.	26	3	49	82.7
" "	same room Dec. 1867.	34	3	66	87.9
" "	Miss F A Allen,	31	2	84	75.6
	same room Dec. 1867.	47	5	59	81.2
Second Ward School—	Miss Reed, Prin.	41	23	16	95.9
	same room Dec. 1867,	40	14	45	96.4
" "	Miss Mise,	44	19	80	95
	same room Dec. 1867,	36	10	36	93.1
Third Ward School—	Miss Willard,	48	16	58	94.4
	same room Dec. 1867,	30	4	37	91.8
" "	Miss Case,	37	12	29	96.2
	same room Dec. 1867,	57	4	42	96.2
" "	Miss Dimock,	26	8	50	95
	same room Dec. 1867,	85	2	119	94
" "	Miss Titlow,	56	16	85	96.6
	same room Dec. 1867,	48	12	103	92.9
" "	Miss Lambert,	37	8	63	93
	same room Dec. 1867,	50	12	85	95
" "	Miss Nelson,	44	6	113	94
	same room Dec. 1867,	36	7	65	92
Fourth Ward School—	Miss Potter, Prin.,	30	6	19	95.1
	same room Dec. 1868,	51	12	46	92.5
" "	Miss Green,	29	9	23	94.8
	same room Dec. 1867,	33	6	24	88
" "	Miss Bailey,	43	8	60	92.2
	same room Dec. 1867,	36	6	90	91
" "	Miss Hopper,	29	4	26	93.6
	same room Dec. 1867,	41	12	40	90
" "	Miss Rochel,	25	4	20	93.6
	same room Dec. 1867,	No school in 1867.			
Fifth Ward School—	Wm Jenkins, Prin.	42	29	15	98.2
	same room Dec. 1867,	35	7	51	86.8
" "	Miss Smith,	48	22	18	97.6
	same room Dec. 1867	31	2	53	90
" "	Miss McInhill,	49	23	28	96.9
	same room Dec. 1867	54	13	39	86.4
" "	Miss Hickling,	42	16	52	94.8
	same room Dec. 1867,	41	8	52	87.8
" "	Miss McCabe,	39	7	42	94.3
	same room Dec. 1867,	38	5	50	90.3
" "	Miss Dudgeon,	42	6	82	93.1
	same room Dec. 1867,	56	16	28	92.9
Sixth Ward School—	H. T. Gilbert, Prin.	20	1	119	87
	same room Dec. 1867,	37	16	23	94.8
" "	Miss Gillen,	47	20	39	97.2
	same room Dec. 1867,	55	10	36	94.5
" "	Miss Farrell,	55	13	56	94.3
	same room Dec. 1867,	No school in 1867.			
Seventh Ward School—	S. E. Beede, Prin.	38	18	48	96.8
	same room Dec. 1867,	32	5	84	86.3
" "	Miss Eichelberger,	32	16	25	96.4
	same room Dec. 1867,	43	10	92	86
" "	Miss Worthingham,	50	24	42	95
	same room Dec. 1867,	48	12	73	92

	Dec. 1868.	Dec. 1867
Total number of pupils at beginning of month,	1129	1127
" " " " end " "	1045	1044
" " " " admitted,	22	14
" " " " neither absent or tardy,	335	208
" " " cases of tardiness,	1286	1439
" " " minutes lost by tardiness,	14881	20495
" " " hours lost by absence,	6161	8808½
Average per cent. of attendance,	93.6	90.8

Swarthout's Salve is getting a run almost unequaled by anything else of the kind since the days of the great Dr. Jaynes. It cures everything he advertises it for. Try it and see. Rheumatism has to give up the field before it. For sale in Ottawa by J. G. Baldwin.

CARRIER'S ANNUAL ADDRESS.

AGAIN the whirligig of time
Brings 'round the Newsboy's annual rhyme.
Old Sixty-eight is dead. He died
At twelve last night. No doctor tried
His skill to lengthen out his day,
And so he gently passed away.
Though brief his reign, 'twas long enough,
For, on the whole, 'twas somewhat rough.
'Tis true, in war's grim blood and thunder,
He must be rated vastly under
His six immediate elder brothers,
As Sixty-one, two and the others.
Yet if in war's grand cut-throat play
He revel'd less, he had a way
Of making folks "pass in their chips"
That Mars tremendously eclipsed.
War's paltry engines, what are they
Beside the Earthquake's dreadful play?

Thus in the "killing art" no 'prentice,
The countervailing good he sent us
Is hard to see. In this poor land
Complaints still rise on every hand.
Increase of debt—increased taxation—
Negro sauce and domination;
Kuklux Klans and Lynch law sway
Displace the quiet, good old w

When bloody treason yet was rife,
And rebels sought the nation's life,
'Lay down your arms," our chieftain said;
"Cease to rebel,"—'twas thus he plead—
"Obey the laws and constitution,
And fear no other retribution."
And thus rebellion conquered, died.
Its more obnoxious leaders bled
hem off to foreign lands, no more
o breed contention on our shore.
But was our chieftain's word made good—
The Appomattox bond of blood?
"What!" came from 'way down east the yell—
"What! pardon treason black as hell!
Is this the impotent conclusion
Of all these years of dire confusion?
Have 'powerful preachers' plied their tongues,
And laid themselves out and their lungs;
Have they told Providence what it must do,
Whom to avoid and whom to trust to;
Made prayers much less like petitions
Than overtures and propositions;
And fired the northern heart for slaughter,
Till blood flowed plenteously as water;
And graves were made, full half a million,
And treasure spent, billion on billion;—
And now shall all be thrown away
And gentle Peace again bear sway,
And fall the mighty reformation
For which alone we vexed the nation?
Not if we know ourselves!" So said
Old Wendell, the Appollos—head
And carrier of the watering pot,
To keep his tribe for vengeance hot.
"This we demand"—[illegible] he proceed:
"Not only must each slave be freed
That ever bore the bondsman's chain,
But on the whites be laid each pain
That in the cruel days of yore
Our colored 'man and brother' bore.
Instead of whites—[illegible] mands our cause—
That black men vote and make the laws;
Nor shall your southern white again
Hold office, vote, or meet with men
Of 'loyal' guild on equal grade
Until of that vile land is made
Another model Yankee nation
With equal rights—miscegenation—
School marms and peddlers, pumpkin pies,
Free thinkers, no[illegible] family [illegible]s;
E'en to our dulcet [illegible]eal twang
As shibboleth—each wretch to hang
On failing to say 'Keow' for cow,
'Neow' for now, or 'dew' or 'heow.'"

Thus thundered the Apostle of hate,
And had his voice been that of Fate,
Obedience more abject—profound
By all his tribe he had not found.
And thus it is that though the hand
Still wails for peace on every hand
Malignant hate, predom'nant still,
Repels her sway, its cup to fill.

But 'mid the dismal gloom profound
A ray of hope just flickers down.
Our congress, sore by feuds perplexed
And inward grumblings sadly vexed,
Give hopeful signs of inclination
o grant a milder dispensation.
A trial in the pop'lar forum,
Last fall, they found no hol'day jorum.
From out their chief, so fiercely dumb,
The hopeful utterance was wrung,
"Let us have peace." The people plead
Of further vengeance what the need?
God grant him nerve and wisdom, too,
With stern, fixed purpose to pursue
The way of which his words give cheer,
That peace indeed may crown the year.
And that grim crew, on vengeance bent,
Who 'loyalty' howl with sole intent
To rob with holiness and zeal
Their brethren and the common weal
May to their fitting home be driven,
Contempt's unfathomable haven!

Thus having brought, in my humble lay,
The ship of state in a hopeful way,
Turn we from state and high affairs
A moment to more homelike cares.
Our blessed city, in the main,
Has prosp'rous been, though some complain,
As some forever will, you know,
Our onward march has been too slow.
Too slow, indeed! What can they mean?
Have we not in these twelve months seen
Improvements rise on every hand?
New bridges two—machine shops grand,
Like Gilman, King and Hamilton's,
John Mager's, Stormant's, Foye & Gibson's,
The Glass Works and the New Hotel
That none can in the State excel?
New dwellings, half a thousand 't least,
On all sides, north, south, west and east,
And grand, too—fit for princely lawns,
Like Bushnell's, Griggs', Powell's, Strawn's.
New stores have opened, too, a score
At least? what indications more
Need we that Ottawa prospers still—
That due reward attends our skill?
Then there's the railroad south to Streator
(On paper) none can be completer;
New churches also grandly rise,
(On paper) pointing to the skies
With lofty spires. And in the "Art
Preservative" a forward start
We've made that leaves all else behind,
Steam printing presses driven by wind!
The thought's sublime—its realization
Enough to 'stonish any nation.

Much more my willing pen could write—
Much more in sooth it should indite,
And still come short beyond calc'lation
Of what might well [illegible] occasion,
But well I know you [illegible] ence grave
My stupid lines no [illegible] are crave.
So hoping you may kindly pardon
Th' infliction and not [illegible] too hard on
My effort, I've no more to do here
Than humbly wish you a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Auction every evening, and clothing literally given away, by John Stout, at Thorne & Armstrong's old stand.

A choice lot of Groceries, Turkeys, Chickens Lard, Butter and Eggs, at Baldwin's.

OYSTERS AT COST, at Cross & Reigarts, until the first day of March, 1869.