

IMPROVING.—Our old friend Dr. Del McClary, from his earliest infancy has ever been climbing upward. He has had a hard row to hoe, but by untiring energy and perseverance, he has built up for himself a ride that he may well be proud of.

SUICIDE.—Thomas Phillips, aged about fifty, an old resident of Wirt, was found on Friday morning last hanging by his neck dead. It is supposed that he was deranged from an injury he received last fall. He was buried on Saturday, leaving a wife and several children. Mr. Phillips was a good citizen and respected by all.

ALFRED UNIVERSITY.—The fall term of this institution will open on Wednesday, September 1st. It is useless for us to say anything to the public in regard to the standing of the school. It is conceded by all that it is not its equal in the State. It has attached to it a mechanical department, which is fully organized, to be managed by Prof. W. A. Rogers. In fact every department has experienced teachers at its head. Notice advertisement in another column.

ONE of the striking features of some of our respectable young gentlemen is the peculiarities which they have in attending church, especially Sunday evenings, they seem to attract more attention than the pastor, and the church-going community are becoming pretty generally acquainted with some of them. Those who wish to inform themselves what these peculiarities are will only have to attend most any of the evening services. We would advise mothers to go with their children to church a few times, that they may also become acquainted with their peculiarities, that they may profit thereby. A word to the wise is sufficient.

CUBA.—We received a communication this week from Cuba, which we are sorry to say, we cannot give in full on account of the lateness of the hour. Our correspondent says that Cuba is growing fast. Among the improvements we notice the following:

A new brick building for the use of the National Bank, which is one of the finest structures in town. Dick Charles is putting up a building for his harness shop. H. A. Mead is erecting a fine brick building for the accommodation of the hardware trade. They are building a foundation to a brick church, that when done will be splendid.

FINEST HOME LODGE No. 567, I. O. of G. T. At a public meeting for the installation of officers for this lodge, held in their hall on Friday evening, August 8, the following officers were duly installed to serve the present term:

- W. C. T.—B. Phinney.
W. V. T.—Miss Emma Austin.
W. S.—Pete Swink.
W. A. S.—Mrs. Dr. Baker.
R. H. S.—Miss Dr. McClary.
L. H. S.—Miss Roxey Bradley.
W. F. S.—N. Crandall.
W. T.—Jos. Shant.
W. M.—Jessie Snyder.
A. M.—Bliss Kennedy.
Chap.—Rev. F. Shearer.
E. G.—Libby Swink.
O. G.—Emory Hand.

After the installation the Rev. Mr. Russell delivered a very able and instructive address upon the power of the spirit, and showed very conclusively that many are controlled by it to such an extent that it is quite beyond their control. He also exhibited several engravings, representing the human in a healthy condition and how it becomes diseased by the exercise of evil influences. The engravings will show and impress upon you that we have more of them.

IMMENSE REDUCTION IN PIANOS.—The Chickering Pianos, which took the "Grand Gold Medal" at the Paris Exhibition, and the still higher recompense, "The Cross of the Legion of Honor," are now selling at greatly reduced prices, the discount system being abolished. L. B. Powell, 116 Penn avenue, Scranton, Pa., is their wholesale agent for a large portion of the States of Pennsylvania and New York. Send to his address for the new circulars and price lists, containing full explanations, which will be furnished free upon application. Mr. Powell is also wholesale agent for the celebrated Mason and Hamlin Organs, and dealer in all kinds of Musical Merchandise.

BUSINESS INTEGRITY.—It is a subject of every day remark that there are but few business men that transact business upon strictly just and honorable principles. In too many instances men are educated to conduct business with reference to what they can make to-day, and but little attention is paid to anything but over recommending goods. There is not heed enough paid to impressing facts and truths upon the minds of customers, so that the customers of to-day may become customers for time to come—so that goods may not only give satisfaction at time of purchase but insure to the seller a good customer for years to come. He that would succeed must invariably follow this rule, or the merchant of to-day will soon be numbered among those that once were.

Would you trade from year to year with reliable firms, if you choose those that commenced business years ago with but small capital, and have by industry, economy and strict attention to business, become so settled in business that they are now among the solid business men of the times. Choose those that have ever been noted for their punctuality; those that have always paid 100 cents on a dollar. There is one firm in this place that we can point to and especially recommend to the trade of this section. Mr. C. H. Simmons, of our Regulators, commenced business in 1862, with poor health and but small capital, but with a determination to succeed on just principles, and to-day Mr. Simmons is one of the largest four importers, also carries on one of the largest wholesale groceries on the Erie Railway, as well as dry goods.

This enterprising business man never hesitates to work himself at an honest trade, assuming, making but little pretensions but always open for an honorable exchange with all customers, and Wells-ville may well be proud of such business men, and ever encourage those commencing business to take pains and try and follow after, and willingly will we recommend them to their patrons.

ANDOVER CORRESPONDENCE.

ANDOVER, N. Y., Aug. 10, 1899. SUNDAY SCHOOL CONCERT. Last Sunday I had the pleasure of attending a concert held at the Baptist house, which was a perfect success. The exercises were opened by singing and prayer; then declamation by the smaller children, and singing by the infant class. Next came a dialogue by Nellie and Willie Cobb, which of itself, was well worth hearing. Following this was a dialogue entitled "Song of Doubt and Song of Faith," a capital thing. Next came the paleontologist, giving us the reasons why it was called by different names, also its distance from New York, its boundary, size, and the length of time required to get there. Then we were favored with a piece entitled "The Pilgrim's Song," tune, "The Old Granite State," at the congregation joined in singing the chorus, with as much enthusiasm as in the days of "Auld Lang Syne." Next came a description of the cities as refuge, giving their names locations and typical meaning; Next in order the superintendent called upon two young ladies to "Shout Aloud for Joy." They obliged, and we had as melodious a shouting as can well be made, at least hereabouts, the piece "Bright Jewels," title, "Shout Aloud for Joy." After this came three poetical descriptions, "Christ at the Well of Sychar," a beautiful poem and well spoken. "The Burial of Moses," a poem of unusual interest, which was delivered eloquently. "The Crucifixion of Christ," an interesting poem, giving a vivid view of the Crucifixion. The superintendent remarked that it had been in-

timated that the boys could not speak because they did not. They were undoubtedly lashed and afraid of the girls, or something of the kind, but I think that has all passed away now, as they did credit to themselves last Sunday. All the exercises showed that both superintendent and leader of the singing have been faithfully at work. I think it was one of the best concerts I ever attended, not only interesting but instructive. In closing all the congregation joined in singing "Shall we Gather at the River?" W. C. LIVER.

WELLSVILLE CORRESPONDENCE

SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION. A case of spontaneous combustion occurred one day this week, in the paint shop of W. H. Coats & Son. Mr. O. P. Coats was employed in polishing some furniture with a cotton rag, which was well saturated with linseed oil.

The cloth was thrown down after using, and soon after was discovered to be unnaturally warm. This excited the curiosity of Messrs. Coats, and a closer examination revealed the fact of an increasing heat. The wad of cloth was then rolled up in paper and left to itself. Several citizens were called to witness the strange phenomenon; in about two hours after the discovery the package burst into flames, and consumed Mr. W. H. Coats says he can now readily account for his being burned out several years ago. He feels keenly the fact that he has so long thought that he had enemies who were bitter enough to take this mode of revenge, and having done so once, might do so again. It has been a burden to him, and he now feels glad that it is removed. Possibly a clue is now had to the origin of other fires which have occurred in our village. It is well for us to look after old greasy rags, barrels of ashes, heaps of lime, charcoal, wool, etc., that may be about our premises, as these sometimes produce spontaneous combustion.

It may not be amiss to say that the fire which destroyed a large tannery at Wellsville, Aug. 10, 1899. ANDOVER ADVERTISER.—Since the occurrence of the phenomenon as published in the above article, we have been careful to put the oily rags in the stove. Having had no fire in the stove that has remained there till a few evenings since, on returning from tea I found a very large fire in the stove, so hot that papers and rags lying on the stove were on fire. The fire in the stove was caused by spontaneous combustion of the oily rags in the stove. Respectfully, W. H. COATS.

A SHARP DODGE.—A certain business man in our community received a letter from a stranger in New York proposing to him in a confidential manner to furnish him with counterfeit money, the conditions of which were that he should send to New York five dollars and receive therefor a package of green backs as good as the genuine.

Accompanying the letter was a slip cut from a New York paper which is as follows:—

DANGEROUS COUNTERFEIT. WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—Treasurer Spinner and several Treasury experts to-day examined a ten dollar counterfeit greenback sent here by an unknown person from New York, which was pronounced the best executed counterfeit that ever came under their notice; indeed he was some difference of opinion as to its being a counterfeit, even after its surface had been closely scanned by a powerful microscope. The counterfeit is more finely printed than the genuine, giving it the appearance of one of the best impressions of a large number, but in all other respects it is difficult to distinguish it from a good note, with which the comparison was made. Mr. Spinner renounced it spurious, and that decision settled its status.

Now the dodge is right here—this firm in New York get the five dollars and that is the last you hear of them. There is no legal mode of redress. We warn our readers against all such swindles.

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Passengers are not allowed to stand on the platform, or put their heads out the windows below Rowdyville—the Corporation not wishing to alarm persons who are not patrons of the road.

Persons desiring to leave the road will find the stages of the Temperance Alliance at Drunkard's Curve, and all the stations above, ready to convey them free to any of the villages upon the road. Below Drunkard's Curve, ambulances will be used.

Persons living in the vicinity of this road must "look out for the engine," as no bell is rung or brakemen employed below Drunkard's Curve, and the company disclaim all responsibility for damages.

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Passengers in the sleeping cars, especially stockholders, will be waked up at Screesh Owl Forest, Thunderland, and at the end of the road.

Stages from Tobacco land connect with all Trains.

We have no agent as yet appointed in Andover, but several applications have been made to sell tickets for the above railroad, and the good people of Andover are thankful to the Exercise Commissioners for withholding said agencies, and hope they will continue to do so to the end, and God may bless them. Although we have about five temperance men, and two of the same Good Templars, they all favor the agency on the city. Look out or you will be expelled.

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