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LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Churches and Societies.

M. E. CHURCH—Rev. D. D. Cook, Pastor. Services every Sunday at 10½ a.m. and 7 p.m.—Sabbath School at 12 M. Prayer meeting each Thursday evening at 7 o'clock.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—Rev. E. F. Shaver, Pastor. Services every Sunday at 10½ a. m. and every other week at 7 p.m. Sabbath School at 12 m. Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening at 7½ o'clock.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Rev. G. B. Watting, Pastor. Services, Sunday at 10½ a.m. and 7 p.m., Sabbath School, 12 M. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7½ o'clock.

SEVENTH-DAY BAPTIST—Rev. T. R. Williams pastor. Services Saturday at 11 A.M. Conference meeting immediately after services.

ST. ANN'S CHURCH—Father Hinchliffe, Pastor. Services Sunday at 10 A.M. Sabbath School at 10 o'clock A.M.

Andover Lodge, No. 326, F. & A. M., meets at Masonic Hall on the 1st & 3d Mondays of each month at 4 o'clock P.M.

JOHN STRAWN, W. M.

GEO. A. GERRY, Sec.

FIRST STATE LODGE, No. 807, I. O. of G. T., meets every Monday evening, in Good Templar's Hall, Loughrey Building.

J. MASON, W. C. T.

MARIE BUNDY, Sec'y.

We are glad to notice Ed. Bundy out upon our streets again, and looking as well as he does.

Bailey's Circus passed through this place earley this morning en route for Hornellsville.

We shall publish in our next issue a report of the Anniversary Exercises at Alfred University this week.

Our readers will find upon the first page a correspondence from J. M. B., on the Teachers' Association of last year.

The Baptist Society of this place have raised a sufficient sum of money to repair their church and the work will be commenced at once.

The brick layers on the M. E. Church are having a few days of rest on account of running out of bricks. This is to last only a few days however.

Jackson Hunt has returned from Chicago for a short time, where he has been engaged in the manufacture and sale of a patent egg carrier.

Cole & Frisbey has received another supply of those beautiful prints, which they are selling at a low figure. Now is the time to make your selections.

This is the way the editor of the Olean Times states it: "One dollar and ten cents for a sucumber; ten cents for the cucumber and a dollar for the doctor."

The new Masonic Hall at Dansville was formally dedicated on Wednesday of last week. The dedicatory address was delivered by Grand Master, John W. Lewis, 33d.

On Monday, an old man, unknown to us, while driving a horse, was tipped over on the corner near Bradley's. The only damage done was the scratching of his face upon the stones.

Jas. Shaut has purchased a lot of W. B. Clark, adjoining his property on the east, and has built a new fence in the front. Mr. Shaut intends building a fine residence on the same, soon.

Norm. Brainard met with a slight accident on Saturday last, while coming down stairs at his house; he slipped and fell, striking at the foot of the stairs upon his hand in such a manner as to badly bruise the wrist and cords.

Last week we omitted to notice a call from Mr. VanGelder, general manager of the Southern Tier Leader office at Elmira. Mr. VanGelder is a perfect gentleman in every sense of the word, and we shall at all times be pleased to receive a call from him at our office.

It is reported that Rev. Fred Beecher, of Wellsville, delivered a temperance lecture at the M. E. Church at that place, in which he waged war against the women's movement. That is nothing more or less than the Beecher of it, anything for notoriety with them.

The editor of the Cuba Herald seems to have an idea that grass grows on our streets. If you will come to Andover, Mr. Editor, and remain one day, the idea of grass growing in our streets will banish from you forever. Trade here was never better than it is this spring.

Andover Union Graded School, will give an entertainment at Ellis' Hall, on Thursday evening, July 7th. The entertainment will consist of a Drama, Recitations, Readings, Singing, &c.—Remember that this is all home talent and should be well patronized. Turn out.

The Elmira Gazette is soon to change hands. P. A. DeVoe and Sam C. Taber are to take full control of the establishment, Mr. Taber will be managing editor and Mr. DeVoe general business manager. Both of these gentlemen have formerly been connected with the Advertiser of that city.

Several Congressional candidates are spying around in Allegany county, each one claims to produce reasons why they should be chosen over such a man. How much better the District could be served by me, than that man, and then you know I always take care of my friends. A string of talk a mile long is indged in. Talk about mad Dogs etc.

Statistics show that the 136th New York Volunteers (1st N. Y. Dragoons) participated in 48 engagements, captured 1,883 prisoners, 19 pieces of artillery, 21 colours, 240 artillery horses, 40 army wagons and ambulances, 100 animals of draught and 4 battle-flags. We think this is a noble record. Four of its officers and 155 enlisted men were killed in battle, 24 officers and 394 men wounded in battle, and one officer and 60 men died of disease.

The Elmira Advertiser in commenting upon the commencement exercises of that school in that city, pays a well deserved tribute to Prof. A. H Lewis, and the School under his training has achieved a flattering success. At the close of the exercise the pupils present, ed a beautiful Silver Castor to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis as a token of kindness. We noticed with Prof. A. H. Lewis and Lady at the head of it can but prosper, as the citizens of Andover one and well vouch for.

A gentleman in a neighboring town found it out in this way: He had reason to suspect that some person was in the habit of peeping through the key hole of his office door, what he obtained a syringe and filled it with strong pepper-sauce. About the time he thought the individual was at the door, he discharged the pungent mixture through the key-hole, and opened his business. Rendered keen in the evening, he is still seen no more to build a bridge over that stone months hence, and we hope that when they do so sometime the

Counterfeits are said to be afloat, including tens on the First National Bank of Lockport; twenties on the First National Bank of Plainfield, New Jersey; tens on the Central National Bank of Rome; tens on the Penn City National Bank, Rochester; twos on the Westchester County National Bank, Peekskill; and twos on the City National Bank, of Poughkeepsie.

Porter & Barney have on hand a large stock of the Ithaca Horse Rake, improved, also Wisner's Ohio Rake. Either of these Rakes are superior to any others manufactured. They are also agents for David Rawson's Mowing Machine. Call and examine their stock of haying tools, the best in the county, and their prices the cheapest.

We find the following in the Addison Advertiser which pays quite a compliment to Capt Sanford. "It is with regret that we are compelled to announce that Capt. H. W. Sanford has changed our village, and take up his permanent abode in Andover, Allegany Co., N. Y., where he will devote his whole time to the practice of law. The Captain is a live, energetic citizen, and will gain the success which push and energy always win."

The Allegany county Baptist Sunday School Convention, met at this place on Tuesday of last week at the Baptist Church. They organized in the afternoon, by the election of Deacon Russell of Wellsville as President, and C. M. Bruce of Cuba as Clerk. There were upwards of one hundred present. At the evening session, the Sabbath School scholars of this school furnished some fine exercises which were well received by those present. The whole session was one of general interest, and could but result in a general benefit to those attending.

The Allegany County Sunday School Convention will be held in Friendship, commencing on Tuesday July 14th and continuing through Wednesday. Arrangements have been made which insures the attendance of Mr. Philip Phillips and Rev. George A. Peltz.—It is earnestly hoped that a full attendance on the part of the Sunday School workers of the county will be had.

With Philip Phillips to conduct the singing, and Dr. Pelts to conduct the devotion it can but be profitable as well as entertaining.

On the following morning, (Wednesday,) the County Baptist Association convened and organized by electing Rev. C. M. Bruce Moderator, and Rev. I. C. Seely of Cuba Clerk. The opening discourse was delivered by Rev. C. M. Bruce. This days session was devoted to the reading of reports and their discussion. The reports showed a healthy growth of the society throughout the county.

On Thursday, sermons were preached by Rev. J. J. White of Friendship, and Rev. D. VanAlstin of Hornellsville, and another business Session was held.

There was present from the different localities Rev. Husted, of Fredonia, representing the Hamilton College, Rev. D. C. Litchfield, of the Publication Society, and Rev. J. R. Merriman, of the Home Mission Society, and some one or two others who we are unable to furnish their names, were present and presented the wants of their societies. The Association adjourned on Thursday evening, admitting that they had all been benefited by the gathering. The next annual session will be held at Wellsville.

Michael Sweeney, a boy about 12 years old, residing at West Salamanca, was quite seriously injured by the cars last Saturday afternoon. He had jump on on a freight train for the purpose of riding up to this village, and when nearly here started to get off. While climbing down from the top of the cars, he in some manner got caught between the bumpers, and a large piece of flesh was torn from one of his legs. He was otherwise badly bruised, and one or two bones were broken. Dr. Day attended his wounds, and he is now rapidly improving. It does seem as though boys might find better amusement than catching on the cars while in motion, but it appears to be a universal, deep-seated failing with a large majority of the young Americus, and we don't know as fire or water can prevent them from indulging in this dangerous kind of fun. A liberal application of birch switches, applied a few times by their parents, would, we are thinging, be the means of eradicating, in a large degree, this strange propensity. At least it would do no hurt to "try it on."—Cattaraugus Republican.

A List of Letters

List of letters remaining uncalled for in the P. O. at Andover N. Y., for the month ending June 30th 1874:

John L. Brannon, Anna Baker, Miss Margaret Barr, Leonard A. Bowers, D. C. Collins, Jeremiah Halbert, O. J. Miller, H. M. Olmstead, Chas H. Shute.

Persons calling for any of the above letters will please say advertised.

GEORGE A. GREEN, P. M.

Base Ball.

The Angelica base ball boys came to this village Saturday morning last to play a friendly game of base ball with our newly organized club. Our boys had only met for practice once before this, and of course made poor work of it, and were badly beaten. We don't think however, the Angelica boys will brag over so "soft a thing." They have some good players in their club. We understand our boys are to return the visit soon.—[Cat aragus Times.

Burglary.

On Sunday night some villain or villains got into the store of Frank Delly, through the cellar, and stole four dollars in money and eight loaves of bread. No track of the thieves. It would be well if people would be a little more careful in fastening their windows and doors in such a way that they could not be opened very handy from the outside. A common lock upon a door amounts to nothing. A good bolt upon the inside is worth a dozen locks. The county is full of thieves that need a little looking after.

The Bridge.

No move has yet been made by our Commissioners in regard to the repairing of the Main Street bridge over Dyke's creek. It may be that they are waiting to let the job of the one near the railroad at the same time, at all events it should be condemned and and torn down for it is no safe. One failing outside our people should not be compelled to drive through that creek at hazard in the future. Now is the time to work it will be done as it should be, with good stone abutments built up. It is the general wish of the people here that we have a good bridge and let our Commissioners govern themselves accordingly.

Crops.

The crops throughout this section are looking exceedingly promising, and unless a drouth should set in just at present the probabilities are that we we will have one of the most promising seasons for farm crops we have seen for many a year. In noticing two crops in and about Andover, we have never seen better. Mr. Cobb, just west of this village, has as fine a piece of wheat as we have ever seen. On the road between here and Alfred, corn and potatoes and grain of all kinds looks well. the meadows are good, and the farmers generally feel pretty good natured.

Strawberry and Ice Cream Festival.

The ladies of the Baptist Society will give a Strawberry and Ice Cream Festival and Pound Party at Ellis' Hall Tuesday evening July 7th. Each person attending is requested to bring one pound of any artiel they wish, which will be received at the door, and sold at auction to the highest bidder during the evenings entirtainment. "Strawberry Short Cake will be served, and all can be furnished with Lemonade drawn from the well by a young lady representing "Rebecca of O.d." A Gypsey Tent and Photograph Gallery and an Egyptian Sphinx will be enacted during the evening. All are invited to attend.

The Potato Bug.

The potato bug, it may be said, has fully begun its work of destruction.—The numbers are fast increasing, that is, the second installment of them, but in most instances they are being pretty closely followed with Paris Green and Plaster, which is the only thing that seems to render any good whatever.—This, when used in the proportion of about one-twentieth part Paris Green, does the work. We have heard of one or two cases where they have used the Paris Green to such an extent that it killed the vines, but it used as above there is no danger to come from it.

Runaway.

On Tuesday evening, R. H. Boardman, of Rushford, agent for a Buffalo liquor house, and pretty well known in Allegany and adjoining counties, in company with Ching Hunt, our worthy landlord, with a team belonging to Mr. Boardman attached to a covered buggy, while coming down the McGraw hill, and passing one of those break-waters in the road the breast strap to the harness broke, which started the team.—Mr. B., seeing that he was unable to hold them, aimed them into the side hill, owing to one of the wheels which upset them, and the team commenced to run faster, Rob. hanging to them until the reins gave out and they were loose from the buggy. Mr. Boardman and Ching Hunt were both somewhat bruised and marked up, but on the whole it was a very lucky escape. The buggy was badly broken up, the horses but little hurt. Mr. B. has some idea of starting a civil damage suit.

Andover Lodge F. & A. M.

Again has the angel of the darkening entered our Lodge bearing the summons imperative—in obedience thereto, our Worthy Brother, Amos Preston, departed June 20th, A. L. 5874, for the Infinite Lodge where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides. Farewell Brother, ever faithful and true, we shall miss thee. He was a kind husband, an affectionate father, a good citizen, and a true Mason. Language fails and words are impotent to express our sorrow, but in our hearts his memory will remain fresh and green; therefore, as a token of our esteem, be it

Resolved, That the jewels of this Lodge be draped in the emblems of mourning for 30 days.

Resolved, That we sympathize with his family and friends in this, their bereavement.

Resolved, That the foregoing be printed in the ANDOVER ADVERTISER & FREE PRESS, and that a copy be filed in the archives of the Lodge as a perpetual record.

Fatal Accident.

A strange and fatal accident occurred at the Engine House, in this village, Tuesday evening, which resulted in the death of Mr. John Woolsey. Phœnix Fire Company were drilling in the use of their engine with about thirty men on the brakes. Every effort was being put forth in order to try the full capacity of the engine, and the brakes were moving up and down at a rapid rate. At this time, Mr. Woolsey's foot slipped, and as he attempted to recover his equilibrium, he lost his hold and fell across the brake. The upward motion of the brake threw him up, and as he fell back he was met by the brake and again tossed up. Four times was he thus hit before the motion of the enging could be stopped. He was picked up by his comrads, but did not feel so badly injured but that he thought he could walk home. He was immediately taken home in a carriage. Dr. R. B. Brown was summoned and arrived while they were helping Mr. W. into the house. The doctor pronounced his wounds fatal, and merely endeavored to make his last moments as comfortable as possible. He died in about fifteen minutes after reaching home. A diagnosis of the case showed that several ribs had been broken from the back bone, and that an internal blood vessel had been ruptured. The latter was the probable cause of his death. He was in the 50th year of his age.—[Addison Advertiser.

Arrested.

On Thursday night of last week a set of wheels and axles for a platform spring wagon and a can of varnish with several cans of paint, was taken from the wagon shop of Lee & Jones. All day Friday a general search was kept up by several parties, to get some trace if possible of the missing articles, which resulted in suspicion upon one Julius Updike, son of Benjamin Updike. On Saturday morning a warrant was placed in the hands of officer Bahrm, when he in company with several others went to the farm of B. Updike where his son and wife lives, and made a search. Very soon after entering the house the can of varnish was discovered, when the young man at once "owned the coin" and told the office where he would find the balance of the articles, and went and showed them where they were. Here they also found a pair of platform springs which were taken from the same place last fall. The only explanation that Updike made was that he wanted them as he was getting up a platform spring wagon, the box and all the other wood work he had made himself and now everything was in readiness. Officer Bahrm arrested Julius and George Updyke and brought them to the village, where they were taken before Justice Prest, when Julius plead guilty to the charge of grand larceny, there being no evidence against George he was discharged. Julius was held in the sum of $500 bail to appear at the next grand jury.

Burglary at Wellsville.

We take the following statements of the two attempts at burglary in Wellsville, from a correspondence in the Elmira Advertiser: A daring attempt to commit burglary and robbery, and perhaps a more fiendish crime than either, was made in the village at an early hour this morning. Mrs. Martha Johnston, widow of Henry Johnston, resides with her daughter as the corner of Main and Market streets. They are ladies of the highest respectability, and move in the best circles of society. Between twelve and one o'clock in the morning, they were both awakened from sleep by the glimmering of a light in their room, and the sound of stealthy footsteps near their bedside. Mrs. Johnston, who was lying on the front side of the bed, was terribly frightened at seeing a tall man with his face concealed by a black mask, enter her room, and at the same moment her daughter Ellen also caught sight of the unwelcome visitor. The villain, finding that his presence was discovered, immediate grasped Mrs. Johnston roughly by the throat, and attempted to gag her.—Miss Ellen, with rare bravery and presence of mind, drew from under her pillow a single-barrelled pistol, and pleaing it almost against the burglar's breast, pulled the trigger. The pistol was discharged, and the man, releasing his hold of Mrs. Johnston's throat, threw up his arms, staggered back against the door and immediately fled. Miss Johnston followed and sent another ball after him as he made his exit from the window, at which he had turned an entrance. The ladies screamed for the first time, and in a few moments neighbors went to their aid, but the burglars escaped. Three or four gags, made of dirty cloth, saturated with tar, four or five pieces of short rope, and an old felt hat were left by the burglar in the house.

"It never rains but it pours," or words to that effect. On Monday morning, at about half-past one o'clock, Mrs. John Sarsfield, wife of our town collector, was awakened from sleep by the noise of breaking and falling glass. Arousing her husband, an immediate examination of the premises was made, which resulted in finding a broken window, and by the pale light of the moon," two men were seen beating a hasty retreat across the track of the railroad.—Mr. Sarsgeld has been for some days engaged in collecting the special tax which was assessed for the purpose of paying for our new steam fire engine, and the presumption is that the burglars supposed he had a portion of the money in his house. But he is not that kind of a man, and if the villains had succeeded in effecting an entrance, they would only have had their labor for their pains.

Wool.

The time for selling Wool has come and the most of the clips in this section are ready for market, and we are glad to state that as far as we have seen the clips it is in much better condition than last year. There is nothing made in bringing wool to market not washed clean or worthless stuff mixed in order to make a few pounds out of wool buyers.

A good clean, neatly put up lot of wool will always find anxious buyers and the highest price. There is not at present any excitement among the buyers here and the farmers generally seem willing to hold their clips for a time, expecting better price. The highest figures reached here yet is 41 cents per pound. We copy the following from the Wool Circular of June, in which will readily be seen that there is no general demand at present for wool.

"There has been but a moderate enquiry for wool during the past month, and the staple has continued throughout with the quietness of the Woolen Goods Trade. However, with the small stocks Domestic wools have not shown any material change in value, and the lots of old fleeces remaining on the markets have been pretty well closed up. Most of the woolen mills have been running for some time past with but small margins in their supplies, and their resources been confined to Fleece Wools they would probably have been obliged to pay considerable higher prices to obtain the necessary material, but the large arrivals of fine Foreign Wools, have prevented the deficiency which would otherwise have occurred, and there is now offering in the markets a good assortment of these wools at prices relatively as low as domestic. Within the past week there has been a better feeling established in manufactured goods. The recent large sales at auction of woolen fabrics have developed the fact that prices have touched bottom, and ;we believe the sales were very satisfactory to those interested. The advices from the West indicate that the new clip of fideces will be in good condition. Prices are not yet established and we hope that buyers will avoid the excitement which usually prevails at the opening of a new season. With the present prospects we see no reason why wools should rule any higher than last year, and at a higher cost, we think the chances of profit to the operator will be very small. We also think that buyers will consult their interests by shipping their wools forward promptly and having them sold at market rates. Quotations are for common Fleeces 42 to 43; Merinos 45 to 51."

Allegany County Teachers' Association.

The following report of the Allegany County Teachers' Association we take from the Canaseraga Times, furnished by a correspondent to that paper. The Secretary of the Association has failed so far, to furnish any report to the press.

This Association met at the Court House in the village of Angelica, on the 16th inst., and held a session of two days.

The weather of both days was very fine. The attendance was large, there being 120 members present. It is said that this meeting was full as interesting if not more so than any previous meeting of the Association.

In the afternoon of the first day, Rev. L. S. Crittenden, gave an address of welcome. Miss Martha R. Fraser, of Franklinville, N. Y., read an Essay.—Select reading by Miss Nettie Seely, of Angelica. Dr. W. H. Harris, of Canaseraga, read a paper upon "the relation of Physiology to the School Room."

Evening Session.—Rev. J. Leech, of Angelica, illustrated the theory of the tides. Rev. F. Rey read an essay upon the "Schools of Germany." Miss Hattie Norton, of West Almond read a select piece. Hon. O. T. Stacy, of Rushford delivered a lecture, subject—"Are the Croakers Right?"

Friday Morning.—Discussion, opened by P. S. Carpenter, of Canaseraga, "Is our present School System a success."

Address by Commissioner W. D. Rennich, of Friendship, Prof. M. B. Crowell, of Belfast, read a paper upon the subject of "Grading our District schools were thoroughly."

Afternoon.—Samuel E. Talcott, of Rushford, gave a demonstration of "How to teach writing." "How to teach reading," by Miss Martha B. Fraser. Dr. Harris was called upon, and gave his method of conducting "Composition Writing," and "teaching grammar."—Discussions upon various topics were had during the session. The Committee upon "places for next meeting," reported in favor of Canaseraga. Rev. L. S. Critteuden conducted the devotional exercises during the session, and Young's Orchestra furnished some fine instrumental music, and several pieces were sung by Misses Root, Robbins, Bliss, Frazer, Mrs. and Dr. Harris, and Dr. Peckham.

Throughout, the session was a very pleasant one, and cannot fail to be of profit to all the members. The parts were well sustained by those to whom they were assigned. The good feeling and interest manifested speaks well for the good condition in which our schools are in, and much praise is due to Commissioner Smith for the untiring zeal which he has exhibited. The thanks of the Association were very properly tendered to the citizens of Angelica for their cordibility in entertaining its members "free for nothing."

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It is strange how everybody takes to mowing now a days, and that too, just before Conventions &c. Some practice in their door-yards and others who have no door-yards along theside walks. We do not wish Capt. Sanford to understand by this that we allude to him, ah no, not all, for the Capt. says that he is not going to run for any office just now, but that he always had a terrible liking for Butter milk and the hay field, (the latter we suppos some ways off,) and ever since a little boy sympatized with the Granger movement. We were riding out the other day with a politician, and we noticed in particular every time he came where a farmer was at work, how he wished that he had the time he would come and work one week for his board, he loved it so well, and had always been brough up to that kind of work, and while traveling along he discovered in a tree on the side of the road a sythe, and with the innocence of a new born infant, asked us what kind of an instrument that was. We will not mention any name for he might accidentally name some candidate for offie this fall.

We would call the attention of our readers to the new advertisement of L. D. Cobb. Mr. Cobb has a large and well selected stock of Dry Goods, and Groceries. also Ready Made Clothing. Call and examine his stock.

We are sorry to learn that Chester Howard, the gentlemanly clerk at Cole & Frisby's is about leaving town. He has purchased a one half interest in a Dry Dood and Grocery Store at Lawrenceville, Pa. Much as we regret his leaving town we wish him much success in his new undertaking.

LOCAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Base Ball.

ALFRED, June 29th, 1874.

MESSRS. BARNARD & GALATIAN.—The following is the score of the game of base ball played on Monday, between the Alfred Nine and the first Nine of Purdy Creek:

Alfred Nine.					Purdy Creek Nine.				
Stringham, c	6	3d.			C. Henry, c	0	4		
Lewis, p	0	1			Mathews, p	3	3		
F. Chase, ss	0	1			C. Hendee, ss	4	4		
Thomas, 1b	6	5			Alma, 1b	4	3		
Rockell, 2b	8	4			Chas Hendee 2b	3	3		
E Chase, 3b	4	2			J Mathews, 3b	3	3		
Riley, rf	10	2			Donaldson, rf	2	4		
Bellamy, cf	0	1			Alma, cf	3	4		
King, lf	8	3			Sage, lf	2	4		
Total.	75	27			Total.		27		37
Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Alfred,	0	5	2	10	3	2	5	0	0
Purdy Creek,	3	7	3	2	5	2	1	5	1

Umpire—Ed. N. Green. Scorers—W. A. Rose and A. Amidon. Time of game, two hours, and forty-five minutes.

Elmira Correspondence.

News items seem to be getting rather scarce owing in a great measure, doubtless, to the people attending to their own affairs rather than that of others.

The most sacrilligious man we know of is one who chews ten cents worth of tobacco in church every Sunday, and expectorates the consequences down the register in the aisle.

Commencement has commenced and finished at our Female College Flowers, blooming damsels, essays, music, song, &c., were in abundance and have subsided. Each happy event occurred last week. On Sunday evening Rev. Dr. Cowles, President of the College, preached a very able Baccalaureate sermon in the Chapel, which was listened to with much interest by a large and appreciative audience. On Monday and Tuesday evenings took place the public entertainments of the Literary Societies of the College. The music, vocal and instrumental, were superb, the essays and recitations well written and finely delivered. Although ordinarily opposed to the doctrine of Capital Punishment as a "relic of barbarism," yet while listening to these very happy and pleasing entertainments of the young ladies, we were inclined to repeat the words of the poet:

"Old master Brown brought his scrubs down,
His face was angry and red;
Anthony Blair, go set you there
Among the girls," he said.

So Anthony Blair, with mortified air,
And his head hung down on his breast,
Went right away and sat all day
By the girl who looked the best."

Who that young lady was, described in the last line of poetry above, would puzzle a dozen Lord Chesterfields to determine; but if I were to really decide the difficult question, I should trace(y) my steps to the beautiful land of Havana, "a land flowing with milk and honey." Perhaps this might be termed "Uncle Ben's choice." On Wednesday evening, Rev. Dr. Jeffray, of Brooklyn, delivered the Annual Address before the College and Literary Societies. He chose for his theme the importance of young ladies cultivating a graceful and finished conversation. Talleyrand is reported as having said that conversation is one of the l[illegible] modern times the art of conversation is encountering serious difficulty. We are living in a busy age when people have too much say in order to say it well. We have given way to the telegraph, newspapers, magazines, and novels. Those agencies have in a great measure superseded conversation, yet there are golden opportunities for the exercise of this graceful art. The various religious discussions, scientific inquiries, labor questions, &c., all furnish rich topics of conversation. People of the day find time to play croquet, dress, dance, attend theatres and fashionable parties, but little or no time can be devoted to conversation, and if undertaken it is about as sensible as the twaddle of the clown in the circus ring, or the foot-light drivel of the comic actor upon the stage. Silence, no doubt, has its advantages, many time, as a rebuke to insolent conduct, and is also sometimes a shield for stupidity and ignorance.—Talke though bordering on the frivolous if free from slander and back-biting, is stupidity and taciturnity. No true parson of culture will monopolize all the time in conversation. In conversation each person should have a chance to participate, and what one may say ought to elicit a response from another. Speech is that which distinguishes us from the brute creation and shows our kinship with the angels. We give expression to all our feelings and emotions by speech. Our capacity to converse is a natural endowment improved by cultivation, while to acquire knowledge and to impart it to others requires deep study. There is a popular error that we should not take our business outside our offices and places of business and not talk about matters outside our business. This is error; we should converse freely with those of other business, as we thereby add greatly to our stock of general knowledge. Even a plow-boy may learn us something, a boot-black "shining" our boots may give us a new idea. In traveling, many people sit silently in their seats sluggishly dozing away their time, while others skim over the surface of trashy novels sold by noisy newsboys on the cars. How much more pleasantly and profitably could this time be spent in conversing with one another on different subjects. Conversation is a good relaxation from toil and labor, it is the only thing that brings into active play all of our powers and resources. This is a more correct view of a highly interesting and instructive address, delivered in a plain, unpretending manner, without any attempt at oratorical display. It was full of deep thought, sound practical ideas, and gave universal satisfaction to the large audience present.

On Thursday occurred the Commencement Exercises; conferring of Degrees upon graduates, &c.

The Elmira Female College is one of the most flourishing institutions of the kind in the country, and under the able and judicious management of Dr. Cowles, assisted by a corps of competent assistants, is fast spreading its reputation as one of the leading educational institutions of the land, so much so that ground will soon be broken for an additional building to cost $100,000; the present accommodations not being sufficient.

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Now, Mr. Editor, if you can find room for this, please send a copy (that I may see how I look in print,) to

MRS. J. E. PRAST.

Items in Regard to Butter and Cheese.

How the Best Quality of Cheese is Made.

The editor of the Utica Herald recently visited the celebrated Weeks Factory, the product of which has most of the time taken the lead in the Utica market. We make the following extract from his report:

The cheese is firm and meaty, and more than ordinarily fine-flavored.—The manufacture is very even, and the cheese is as much alike as it could be.—It is plain enough to be seen why this cheese demands top prices.

The factory does not seem to enjoy special advantages of any kind. There is no reason to suppose that the feed is better than that most factoroes have.—Indeed, there is a good deal of swampy pasture in that region. It is claimed that the superiority of the cheese is the result of the careful manufacture.

We made inquiries about the process, and do not see that it differs materially from that of most factories, save that some of the operations are slower. The setting is done at the usual temperature, and the heat carried to 96° or 98°, according to the condition of the milk.—Rennet enough is added to cause coagulation to begin in fifteen or twenty minutes. The cutting is completed in the Cowles, assisted by a corps of competent assistants, is fast spreading its reputation as one of the leading educational institutions of the land, so much so that ground will soon be broken for an additional building to cost $100,000; the present accommodations not being sufficient.

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PERRIN & SMITH.

RENSSELAER, June 26th, 1874.

The Richbury cheese factory made a sale Thursday, June 11th of 86 cheese to H. & W. W. Rice & Co., at 13 cts per lb. and Thursday June 18th to same parties, 97 cheese at 13 cts. and on Tuesday June 23d of 103 cheese to Akerly & Sill at 13 1-4 cents. We are receiving 10,000 lbs. of milk per day, and make 15 cheese weighing about 65 lbs. each.

M. H. CROFOOT.

CUBA, June 29th, 1874.

BARNARD & GALATIAN,—Gentlemen: I send you statement for the number of pounds of milk received, and the number of cheese made daily in our factory, for the week ending June 29 1874.

Date.	Lbs. Milk.	No. Cheese.
Sunday,	23,000	40
Monday,	23,620	43
Tuesday,	23,620	43
Wednesday	23,590	43
Thursday,	23,640	43
Friday,	23,650	43
Saturday,	23,610	43
Total	183,760	298

On Thursday we sold to Akerly & Sill, 305 cheese weighing 16,304 pounds, at 13 1-3 cts. per pound.

A. W. SMITH.

BELVIDERE June 29th 1874.

MESSRS BARNARD & GALATIAN.—Gents: The Genes