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The only one-price Clothing store in Wellsville.  
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**ONLY TWO BETTER WELLS**  
In the Bradford and Allegany Fields Than the Mutual Company's Last Well.

The Oil City Derrick gives in its issue of January 2d a report of the production of every oil well in the Bradford and Allegany fields. In this report the Mutual Company's last well, on the farm of Wm. Hunt, near this village, is set down as a ten barrel well. There are only two better wells than this in the territory mentioned. These are the Empire Gas Co.'s well on lot 50, town of Alma, which is reported a twelve barrel well, and the South Penn. Oil Co.'s well on Indian Creek (Bradford field) which is also a twelve barrel well. There is only one other well in the Allegany field as good as the Mutual Co.'s well. This is Scott & Fuller's well on lot 19, Alma, a ten barrel well. In the Bradford field only three other wells are reported as ten barrel wells.

The majority of the wells reported, in both the Bradford and Allegany fields, run from three to eight barrels each. The Mutual Company's well on Mr. Hunt's farm holds up in production much better than was expected, the production for the past month having been very uniform, and the well produces as much oil to day as it has at any time, excepting, perhaps, the first few days after it was shot, when it flowed twenty-five barrels daily, settling down in a short time to its present production. At the present price of oil, ten barrel territory is worth looking after, and the outlook for considerable activity in oil in this vicinity is very flattering.

**Last Week's Court.**  
At the term of Supreme Court held in Belmont last week the case of Emma Davis against Dr. F. E. Comstock, for malpractice, was tried. O. A. Fuller of Wellsville was the plaintiff's attorney, and Van Fleet & Phillips of Andover and C. A. Dolson of Hornellsville represented the defendant. The case did not go to the jury, the court directing a verdict of no cause of action.

The same result followed in the case of John Davis vs. Dr. Comstock for damages. The two cases mentioned above have created considerable interest in this place, and the result cannot be otherwise than highly gratifying to Dr. Comstock. His treatment of Mrs. Davis' case was sustained by eminent physicians from Buffalo and Hornellsville, and the plaintiff was shown to have no grounds whatever for bringing an action for malpractice.

The case of Amanda Curtis against the village of Belmont, for damages resulted in a verdict of "no cause." The plaintiff claimed to have been injured by falling on a defective sidewalk, and the suit was brought to recover for the accident.

An absolute divorce was granted Clara Perry from her husband, Wm. Perry.

Leslie Warren was indicted for burglary. He was arraigned, plead guilty, and was sentenced to the Buffalo penitentiary for one year and seven months. Mark Houghtling was indicted for attempting to blow up buildings with dynamite at Andover. He will doubtless be tried at the February court.

Frank Barrett was indicted for burglarizing the Andover depot. His trial will also probably come off in February.

Thomas Kelley was indicted for burglary and held for trial.

Green Cornelius was indicted for receiving stolen property, and gave bail for appearance at the next court, for trial.

Those having accounts with me are requested to call and make settlement in some way at once. The change of firm renders this necessary and a ready response will greatly oblige. Yours, W. H. PHILLIPS.

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**Good News.**  
No other medicine in the world was ever given such a test of its curative qualities as Otto's Cure. Thousands of bottles of this great German remedy are being distributed every day by druggists in this country, to those afflicted with consumption, asthma, croup, severe coughs, pneumonia and all throat and lung diseases, giving the people proof that Otto's Cure will cure them, and that it is the grandest triumph of medical science. Sold only by J. A. Burrows, Andover. Samples free. Large bottles 25 and 50 cents.

**A Chain of Letters.**

A day or two ago we were shown a letter which stated that a medical institution has offered to treat, free of charge, Miss Edna R. Brown, of Kanestville, Ill., who has been a cripple for some years, if she would collect one billion canceled postage stamps. She began collecting the stamps by writing three letters to three different persons. Each of these three persons is asked to write three letters, and the recipient of each letter is asked to write three more, and so on until the "chain" shall be composed of 50 links. Each person receiving a letter is to send 10 canceled stamps to Miss Brown, in addition to writing the three letters mentioned above.

A person wishing to work a sum in geometrical progression will find some very interesting, not to say astonishing facts, if he follows out the chain to the fiftieth link. He will find that if the chain remains unbroken, and Miss Brown receives all the stamps contemplated in the scheme, she will receive enough canceled postage stamps to pay for curing all the cripples from Adam to judgment day, at the rate of one billion stamps per cripple. For convenience in figuring let us take the forty-ninth link, which will be composed of 239,299,329,389,949,829,590,083 persons. This, bear in mind, is only one link in the chain of letters which Miss Brown will receive, the first link being composed of three letters, the second link of nine, the third of 27, and so on. If we estimate the weight of each letter at one-half ounce, we find that a car carrying 25,000 lbs. will convey 800,000 letters. At 25 cars per train it would take 17,947,449,704,246,237 trains to convey Miss Brown's mail. This number is beyond comprehension, and it is only when we ascertain that if railroad trains were selling at the rate of 1,000,000 trains for one cent it would take \$179,474,497,042 to pay for all the trains, that we can form any sort of idea of the magnitude of this enterprise.

And wouldn't the postmaster at Kanestville have a picnic! Instead of discussing the question of how many stamps were required to cure a cripple, we would need to ascertain the number required for curing lunatics. Of course from the nature of things, Miss Brown will never receive the number of letters called for by her scheme. But we find this letter writing has quite a start in this vicinity, and not only here but elsewhere. The letter shown us here came from an adjoining town, and we have heard from them at Buffalo and other places.

Of course we hope Miss Brown will receive her billion stamps, and that she will be cured, but we couldn't resist the temptation of calling the attention of our readers to the fact that if her chain of letters remained unbroken it would "swamp" the universe and keep everybody busy writing letters for several hundred years to come.

We have seen this same scheme tried before, in fact it is of frequent occurrence. And the worst of it is that generally the persons receiving letters are asked to send ten cents for some charitable purpose, instead of to collect stamps. If only a small proportion of the recipients were to comply with the request to send one dime, it would make a millionaire of somebody in a short time, and no person would know whether the money had been worthily bestowed or not.

**Fraternal Alliance Officers.**

The following officers of State Line Assembly, No 220, of the International Fraternal Alliance, located at Spring Mills, were elected for 1895:  
Ex-Speaker.....Wm. M. Cobb  
Speaker.....C. H. Austin  
Vice Speaker.....Thos. Smith  
Clerk.....J. L. Hubbard  
Treasurer.....R. D. Beebe  
Serg't at Arms.....W. J. Clark  
Door Keeper.....Albert Robbins  
Trustees, John Horton, H. L. Smith, W. M. Cobb.

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**INDEPENDENCE NEWS.**

Sunday was a "shiver-de-freeze," and no mistake.  
The sleighing is very fair at present writing.

During several weeks past a considerable amount of baled hay has been shipped from this vicinity.

The weather is too cold for items to "rain down," but when they "blow over" I generally "freeze to them."

Misses Julia Harry and Carrie Clark attended teachers' examination at Wellsville last week.

Our merchants are doing a fair business in spite of the hard times, as they are determined to "live and let live."

It is reported that there was a good attendance during the week of prayer, and it is generally hoped much good was accomplished.

The collector of taxes having finished his rounds, will hereafter receive taxes at his residence in the village of Whitesville, at one per cent.

Elder Madison Harry attended the Sabbath School convention held at Alfred Station Sunday evening and Monday, this week.

Mr. W. S. Ault is over from Austin, Pa., for a day or two, and reports a melancholy state of affairs as existing in that place among working men who wander from one lumber camp to another, pitiously begging for work to support their destitute and almost famishing families. It is heartrending when they are met with the reply, "No work, and no money to pay for work!" The good Lord only knows what the poor fellows, who are able and willing to work, will do between now and the time new jobs are offered in the spring.  
GUMPTION.

**The Columbian Society.**

The Columbian Society has lately been increased by many new members, and at the semi-annual election the program consisted of responses to roll call by quotations from Shakespeare; Recitation, Clayton Green; Solo, Ellen Young; Original poem, Nora Livermore; Reading, Anna Brundage; Violin Solo, Clayton Cunningham; Conversation, Angie Barney and Geo. Cochran. There were 26 present and the meeting was interesting and profitable.  
ANGIE BARNEY, Sec'y.  
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**J. L. Liberman,**

The regular visiting Optician, of Penn Yan, N. Y., will be at the American House, Andover, Feb. 5th to 9th, inclusive. All parties wishing to have good glasses fitted to their eyes don't fail to call and have your eyes examined free of charge. The best of reference can be had from the best and most responsible people in Andover that I have fitted in the past three years on my visits in Andover. It will pay you to deal with me, as I come regularly and will guarantee you satisfaction. Beware of peddlers going around from house to house and around in the country using my name. I have no agents or peddlers.  
Thanking you for past favors,  
Most Respectfully,  
J. L. LIBERMAN,  
Regular visiting Optician, Penn Yan, N. Y.

**E. F. Wiles, Dentist.**  
Will be at the residence of S. P. Robinson in this village, three days beginning Monday, Jan. 21, prepared to do all kinds of dental work.

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