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PLATTSBURGH, CLINTON CO., N. Y., SATURDAY MORNING, JUNE 20, 1874.

Vicinity News Items.

—The Troy Times at Saratoga.—The [illegible] at Saratoga about the [illegible] the association [illegible] a steamer from the [illegible] above the Columbia crossing [illegible] at the other crossing [illegible] Lake [illegible]

[illegible] Mills, saws out and [illegible] for the quarter July 5; [illegible] Burgh's mine mail, three [illegible] June 26.

Columbian at Union Mills, saws out and [illegible] for boats; June 26.

Harry Lee's, Saratoga, saws out, four boats; July 1.

Protection at John Hagin's, fifteen men, three boats; June 25.

Trinity at James Riley's, eight men, three boats; July 1.

Wesleyan at Washington Abell's, fourteen men, three boats; June 27.

Williams at Henry Moore's, nine men, two boats; July 2.

Yale at Henry Myers', eighteen men, six boats; June 28.

ENLARGING THE CHAMPLAIN CANAL.—Just south of Whitehall the work of dredging the canal to enlarge it is going on. About thirty rods in length were done in the work. Over three thousand yards of earth were removed. There is an average depth of eight feet and six inches. The earth has been removed eighteen feet in width on the surface. The width required is fifty-eight feet surface.

KILLED BY DOGS.—Hiram and Erastus Cushman, of Georgia, had from forty to fifty sheep killed by dogs a few days ago.

—The town authorities of South Hero, Vt., have leased a house of Captain Warren Corbin to be used as a poor house, and the Martell family have already become its inmates.

—The water which has covered the Sand Bar Bridge from Grand Isle to the mainland for some time has gone down, and the crossing is now easy and perfectly safe.

—The St. Johnsbury *Caledonian* says that crime is alarmingly on the increase in Vermont, and is at loss to account for it, since the increase of population is very slight, and it is not chargeable to an increased proportion of the foreign element, for many of the worst offences are committed by native citizens.

PROGRESS ON THE P. & O.—A small force is kept diligently at work finishing up the grading on the Portland and Ogdensburg between Hyde Park and Swanton. Of the thirty-eight miles between the iron laid in these two towns, thirty miles are graded and ready for the rails. The road will probably be finished and trains running to Johnson about the first of August, and it is hoped through to Swanton this year.

—If a reservoir should burst up in Vermont and carry away ten or a dozen Republican candidates for Governor, there would still be enough left for three or four more similar disasters.—*Boston Post.*

—The tannery, at Stowe, Vt., does a business of $50,000 a year.

—Brattleboro, Vt., has a prodigy in the person of Robert Hardy, Jun., who rivals Nast as a caricaturist, although he has never taken a lesson in the art of drawing.

—Doring's Band of 25 pieces has been engaged to play at the Saratoga regatta.

—Watkins' Glen was visited by 70,000 persons last year.

—Among the items in the civil appropriation bill before Congress is one of $375,000 for continuing the survey of the Atlantic coast and Lake Champlain.

—The prosecution of unlicensed liquor dealers in Whitehall has been commenced in the name of the town Overseer of the Poor.

—The Lake George Manufacturing Co. has determined to increase its capital stock to $150,000.

—Hon. A. B. Waldo, senior member of the law firm of Waldo, Tobey & Grover, of Port Henry, while attending Court, last Thursday, was prostrated with a severe attack of erysipelas in the head, and now lies in a critical condition. Doctors Hale, of this place, and Nichols, of Port Henry, are in attendance, and Dr. Woodward, of Brandon, Vt., is expected this evening.—*Elizabethtown Post*, June 11.

BASE BALL TOURNAMENT.—The second annual Tournament under the auspices of the Watertown Base Ball Association, will open in Watertown June 29th, 1874. The following cash prizes are open to all amateur clubs in the United States and Canada:

To First-Class Clubs, $500 to first; $200 to second.

To Second-Class Clubs, $150 to first, $100 to second, $50 to third.

An entrance fee of $10 will be required from first-class clubs, and $5 from second-class. This fee will be refunded on the appearance of the club. The Railroads leading into Watertown will carry at half fare, and every exertion will be used to make the stay of clubs pleasant. The hotels will entertain clubs at prices ranging from $1.25 to $2 per diem. Further particulars will be made known on application to C. B. Fowler, Secretary, Lock Box 173, Watertown, N. Y.

—Eight farmers, living within two miles of one another, in Fletcher, Vt., made from 5,000 trees, an aggregate sum of 12,000 pounds or fifteen and one-half tons of maple sugar the past season; and it was not much of a season for sugar either.

—Work on the new Catholic Church at Canton has already been commenced, and will probably not be finished this year. It is to cost $100,000, and will be the finest structure of the kind in town.

—A son of Rev. Mr. Fennel of Glen's Falls, while witnessing a game of base ball at Dartmouth College, a few days ago, was struck in the head with a portion of a club, and badly hurt.

—Sixteen licenses are granted in Fort Edward.

—On Wednesday J. T. Buell, of this village, visited the middle of Lake George to indulge in his favorite practice of fishing. He succeeded in taking from the waters of the Lake a trout that weighed 14 3-4 lbs., another that weighed 5 1-2 lbs. The fish were caught on a small hair line with a spoon. Mr. Buell met with a good deal of opposition from the largest fish, who made desperate efforts to get away after being hooked. After letting his fishship have the entire run of the line for some time, taxing the gentleman's piscatorial knowledge as to how he would bring Mr. Trout in, Mr. Buell succeeded in getting his victim near the side of the boat, when a bullet lodged between the two eyes caused him to give up the ghost and turn up his white sides.—*White hall Times.*

—A meeting of Washington county clergymen has been called at Argyle July 7th, to consult as to the best measures to advance the cause of temperance.

—A young named Rockwood accidently shot a companion named Houghton eight years old with a shot gun in Bennington, Vt., last Sunday morning. The boy died in a few minutes.

—The murderer of Mrs. Frizze at Rutland, Vt., is believed to be John P. Phair. He has been arrested. He has already served one term in Vermont State Prison for larceny having been convicted of that crime when he was only eighteen years old.

Base Ball in Black Brook.

The most lively game of base ball in Clinton county this season, was played in Black Brook one day last week, between the Emerald B. B. C., and the Emmet nine, both of the same town. The Emeralds are employes of the P. S. & I. Co., and the Emmets of J. & J. Rogers' I. Co. The game was a close one from beginning to end, the ninth innings closing with an equal number of runs—22 for each. They were prevented from playing any longer on account of a rain storm, which had commenced while they were playing the last innings. Both nines were ably managed—the Emeralds by Capt. Lee, and the Emmets by Capt. Kennedy. We understand the boys are to try it again some day not far hence, both captains being willing to "fight it out on that line, if it takes all summer."

The Drama.

We were in hopes that the [illegible] high [illegible] and performance by members of the [illegible] Temperance Association [illegible] Hall on Friday evening. However [illegible] the performance of "The Rivals" and "A Game of Love" by [illegible] company of amateurs of the Independent Dramatic Society, which [illegible] Dramatic Society.

In all [illegible] has been tenderly nurtured and cared for, undoubtedly argues well for the intelligence of your village that so much public [illegible] by the people in making this branch of art a prominent feature of the place.

Never having witnessed a performance by the members of the Plattsburgh Dramatic Association we are of course unable to draw comparisons, but if allowed to judge from the masterly acting of R. R. Grant, Esq., a member of that Association, we believe should the P. D. A.'s favor us with their appearance here, they will receive as hearty a welcome as the one accorded to our friends on the evening of the 12th.

The part of *Cobbles*, by Mr. Isham, was excellent. *Thorney*, by Dr. Lyon, was pathetic in the extreme, and were it not that we are addressing the editors of the REPUBLICAN our mite of encomium regarding the ease, grace, grandeur of conception, and *conclusions*, with which the character of *George Grey* was handled, would be more enthusiastic but not the less sincere.

While all participants in the evening's entertainment labored assiduously for the success of the pieces, we are constrained to give to A. W. Lansing, Esq., as *Hezekiah J. Tarbox*, in the farce, the virgin offering of our praise. Hezekiah had been in the army, had returned home, had written the softest and most delicate letters to a young lady of fashion, and completely stolen her heart away. This was the romance of the farce, and formed a prelude to the practical part of it; but when that came, and Tarbox the real made his *debut*, dressed as a volunteer, bent on matrimony, with a charming innocence about him, believing himself the victim of the grandest passion that ever swayed the human soul, while on this chivalric errand the delightful traits of the awkwardness of manner characteristic of the Tarbox family eked out with irresistible humor, and fairly brought the house down.

Many literary men—Dickens, for instance—have been passionately fond of theatricals, and some have excelled in them. Messrs. Lansing and Grant are illustrations of this. The latent material for the heavy tragedy business is unquestionably the property of the REPUBLICAN, while the brightest stars in the firmament of comedy may ere long be outshone by the still rarer talent Mr. Lansing has shown forth in his masterly personification of Hezekiah J. Tarbox.

These gentlemen could do justice to Shakspeare. Is it too much to suggest a performance of Hamlet. There is the melancholy Dane and the Ghost, not to speak of the Grave-digger. In Othello, Julius Cæsar, (what a glorious cast could be made for the burly Brutus, and Cassius, with his "lean and hungry" look) Richard the Third and King Lear, there abound bits of tragedy and farce that require the nicest conception, which are usually "mouthed" when not treated in a literary light. Then Timon of Athens and King John are good, Romeo and the Apothecary or Juliet, Much Ado About Nothing, Winter's Tale, Midsummer Night's Dream, and the Henrys with Falstaff in his side-splitting fun!

We have only to regret that notwithstanding the persistent efforts of your local press, (a seeming inconsistency, and it pains me to mention it,) your amateur actors will indulge in profanity, "*Tarnation*," for instance, is a vile word, and Tarbox never should have used it. Modern morals demand something more chaste.

FAIRFAX.

Ausable Forks Items.

—The Ausable Forks Cornet Band, under the leadership of Mr. W. W. White of this place who is a jeweler by trade and a musician by nature, made their appearance on our street a few evenings since and dispensed music to a large number of our citizens who were much surprised at the perfect manner in which they performed some fine music. We are much pleased with their performance and will say: Long life to the Ausable Forks Cornet Band.

—We are sorry to say that F. M. Bull has broken up his fancy team, by selling one of the span. We like to see fancy pleasure teams on our streets, and dislike to have any of them broken up, but I suppose Bull knows his own business best, and we must submit.

—Our business men here are complaining of hard times some, but have not as yet troubled their workmen.

—James Rogers, Jr., is away from home at present, and Madame Rumor says that when he returns some body is coming home with him, and that they are to occupy that nice house that is now being finished on the site of the Dr. D'Avignon house.

—If there any artists about, that have not as much to do as they desire, we think they had better come up here and take some pictures of our scenery. I am sure the views would sell like hot cakes.

—Leander Sheffield broke his leg last Thursday by falling with a staging on which he was painting A. & P. Lawrence's meat market. I wish our mechanics would be more careful about going on to insecure stagings to do work. We have too many accidents of this kind. Three minutes labor making a staging secure would have saved much pain and expense and probably three month's time to Mr. Sheffield.

A RESIDENT.

Peru Pickings.

—Doctor F. H. Cole was called to Montreal last week to see a sick lady, and found her in a bad condition, but left her quite comfortable with a fair prospect of her recovery.

—Dr. Stephen Cole had a cancer taken out of the side of his nose last Sunday and stood the operation like a hero, notwithstanding he has seen eighty-six years. The operation was performed by Dr. Talmage of Keeseville.

—N. Lapham & Sons had their dry-house burned one night this week. Loss three or four hundred dollars. This building was where they dipped their shingles in bituminous or coal tar. No insurance on the building.

—Mr. George Pilling is keeping a very good hotel in this place. I give you this item for the especial benefit of members of the Press, for it is not long since I saw a poor knight of the quill from Plattsburgh eating dry crackers in this place.

—I meant to have told you something of my adventures after leaving your office, but fate and the elements were against me. I did think I would tell of my misfortune on the Mead Pond; but as I do not think the man is accountable who took the boat, I forbear. My last night out was at A. Meader's; he keeps a first rate hotel, is a very affable gentleman and well calculated to run such an institution.

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THE Fourth of July will be appropriately observed at Cadyville. The exercises will commence with solemn mass in the morning at 9 o'clock, after which the congregation will adjourn to the beautiful grove near the church, where will be provided refreshments of every variety. An Irish and Highland Piper and the Chasy Band will furnish the music. Proceeds for St. James' Church.

Sun new time table of Champlain Transportation Company.

Ministerial Association.

The first meeting of the Conference year, of the Plattsburgh District M. E. Ministerial Association, was held at the M. E. Church at Plattsburgh, June 9th, 1874. The opening religious services were conducted by Rev. W. J. Sands of Willsboro, Rev. M. White of Chazy was elected President, and Rev. W. L. Smith of Crown Point, Secretary.

A large number of the ministers from different parts of of the District were present, most of whom responded to the call of the President with articles on the subjects assigned them by the Committee.

Many of the essays elicited warm and extended discussion. Especially was this true of the essay of Rev. M. B. Mead of Plattsburgh, on "Professional courtesies among Ministers"; J. W. Thompson of Peru, and W. L. Smith of Crown Point, on "Preaching demanded by the times"; Wm. P. Bolton on "Sunday School Literature."

The essays of Rev. Dr. Witherspoon and Rev. M. White on the "Resurection of the body," and of T. A. Griffin, Presiding Elder of the District,, on "Church Finance," were warmly endorsed, and accepted without criticism.

During the afternoon of the first day, there was a joint meeting of the District Stewards and Preachers to take into consideration the matter of a District Campmeeting; after considerable discussion there was a committee of five appointed, three clergymen and two laymen, to whom the whole matter was referred.

According to appointment Rev. W. L. Smith preached on Tuesday evening.

The Association voted to hold their next meeting at Crown Point, and fixed the time of meeting for the second Tuesday and Wednesday of Oct. (Oct. 12 and 13.)

Among the successes of the meeting was the reception given by Presiding Elder Griffin and lady, to the preachers and their wives at the District Parsonage, on Tuesday evening after the services at the church. About twenty-five persons were present. After singing and social intercourse, we were surprised by the appearance of cake and ice cream. But as Methodist ministers are generally equal to any emergency they turned the surprise into victory by demolishing the intruders, and then retired from the genial family circle of our beloved Elder to bear with us a fragrant recollection of their kind and christian hospitality.

SMITH.

The Reason Why.

The following communication speaks for itself. All we can say is that we did our best to get the article in question from Mr. Sunderland, knowing it was written for the REPUBLICAN, but were unable to do so. We regret that we are unable to republish the account this week, as our paper is already full to overflowing as we receive the communication.

There are two questions involved here. First, did Mr. Sunderland know that he was committing a breach of faith in delivering this communication to the wrong parties; and, secondly, must not the editors of the *Sentinel* have known by the heading, or some other means, that the article was not intended for them?

Messrs. Grant & Bailey:—

Your subscribers in Clinton are sorry that you did not give the full account of the tornado in Canada. I took the minutes, and requested E. Sunderland to hand them to you, but he gave them to the *Sentinel*. He requested had better copy the article, and say that the Tiedo child is not dead, and that Alexander Blackwood and wife are dangerously ill from the effects of being injured by the falling timbers. They did not get out until men rolled the timbers from them. The people of the neighborhood have turned out, and they are rebuilding last. Respectfully, CHERUBUSCO.

Bishop Doane's Appointments.

Bishop Doane's appointments for his Visitation in this neighborhood, are as follows:

Wednesday, July 22, A. M.; St. John's Essex.

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Thursday, July 23, A. M., St. John's Salmon River.

Thursday, July 23, P. M.; Schuyler Falls " " " Evening Reception in Plattsburgh.

Friday, July 24, A. M.; Rand Hill School House.

Friday, July 24, Evening, Trinity Church, Plattsburgh.

It is expected that the little Mission Chapel at Salmon River will be *Consecrated* by the Bishop at this visit.

Plattsburgh Rifle Club.

The permanent organization of this Association was perfected at an adjourned meeting last Saturday evening, at Drs. Howard & Smith's office, by the adoption of a Constitution, and the election of the following officers:

President—B. M. Beckwith, Esq.

Secretary and Treasurer—Dr. S. V. Howard.

Executive Committee—J. D. Wilkinson, Dr. W. H. Smith, J. B. Hagerty.

We understand that the first shooting match will be held July 4th, the prize being a "Gold Champion Badge," the winner to hold it against all challengers for three years, before it becomes his property. Further details will be published soon.

The Fourth of July at Scion's

The congregation of St. [illegible] Church, Scotia, propose [illegible] ing the Fourth of July by [illegible] ing the day on the [illegible] at which dinner and refreshments will be served. The afternoon and evening [illegible] games, [illegible] and [illegible]

Until recently the Catholics of this section have been denied the advantages of a local church, but now, through the [illegible] less on their part, they possess a [illegible] sufficiently large building in which to hold their religious exercises. They have secured the services of Rev. D. A. Lynch, resident priest. The proceeds of the picnic are to be devoted to the [illegible] church. All [illegible] groun[illegible] and [illegible] the [illegible]

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The Pulpit.

[illegible] Church, Peru, [illegible] if possible, [illegible] Sunday, June 14th, [illegible] Rev. Dr. Witherspoon, [illegible] Rev. M. White, of Chazy, [illegible] Rev. W. L. Smith, of Crown Point, [illegible] Rev. M. B. Mead, of Plattsburgh, [illegible] Rev. W. J. Sands, of Willsboro, [illegible] Rev. Mr. Bolton, of Plattsburgh, [illegible] Rev. Mr. Thompson, of Peru, [illegible] Rev. Mr. Griffin, Presiding Elder [illegible] Rev. Mr. Ketchum, of Peru, [illegible] Rev. Mr. Bolton, of Plattsburgh