

Post Office Notice.

ON AND AFTER MONDAY, November 15th, 1863, the mails will close at this office as follows...

RAILROADS

OSWEGO & SYRACUSE RAILROAD.

Winter Arrangements. On and after Monday, Nov. 22d, 1863, the trains will run as follows...

1863 Winter Arrangement. 1864

ON AND AFTER MONDAY, Nov. 16th, 1863, and until further notice, Passenger Trains will run in this route as follows...

SYRACUSE, Hinghamton & New York Railroad.

CHEAPEST, SHORTEST & QUICKEST ROUTE TO PHILADELPHIA, BALTIMORE, and WASHINGTON.

THROUGH FARES FROM BALTIMORE, \$10.00; PHILADELPHIA, \$25.00; NEW YORK, \$40.00.

ON AND AFTER MONDAY, Nov. 16, 1863, the trains will run as follows...

NO PAIN! NO DANGER! NITROUS OXIDE GAS IN DENTAL OPERATIONS.

Dr. A. S. SMITH, Surgeon and Mechanical Dentist, Oswego Block, East Oswego.

BEADLE'S Celebrated Skirt! THE PRIDE OF THE WORLD!

Our Corsets. Are superior to all others for elegance of style, and have the sanction of the most eminent Physicians...

DR. H. S. NASH, DENTAL-SURGEON, Rooms in Music Hall, Block.

DR. N. W. VAN WAGEN, the pupil and assistant of Dr. A. Wood, of Syracuse, N. Y., has been appointed...

50 BELL-OAT MEAL. For sale, low by DUNN & CUMMINGS.

HAND SLEEVES—Suitable for Holiday Presents, just received at the Hardware Store of J. M. COLLIER & CO.

Business Directory.

DELOS GARY, COUNSELLOR AT LAW, has resided practice at his old office, No. 2, (second floor), Hungerford Block, Jan 21st.

PATRICK CORBETT, ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW, No. 1 Malcolm Block, SYRACUSE, N. Y.

C. H. BUTLER, DRUGGIST, Successor to Chamber & Butler, 134 West First Street, Oswego.

DUNN & CUMMINGS, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS IN Domestic and Foreign Groceries, No. 129 West First Street.

G. D. McMANUS, M. D., Homeopathic Physician & Surgeon, Office and Residence, No. 24 East Ontario Street.

D. B. NORTROP, DRUGGIST AND APOTHECARY, (Successor to Northrop & Butler), Dealer in Drugs, Medicines, Paints, Oils, Dye Stuffs, Fancy Articles, Havana Cigars, Korosno Oil and Lamp, &c., &c.

W. W. BROTHERS & SON, COAL DEALERS, Office & Dock foot of West Schuyler-street, Oswego.

A. G. OOK, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALER IN ALL KINDS OF COAL, Best quality of Coal, of all kinds, for family use, delivered to any part of the city, at the lowest rate.

Trunks! Trunks! MANUFACTURERS to order, and a great variety on hand for sale. ALL TRUNKS REPAIRED on short notice at BUCKHOOT & BARNES.

DRS. E. A. & F. W. POTTER, Removed to No. 232 WEST FIRST STREET, two doors north of the Post Office.

RANDALL & FONDA, MANUFACTURERS OF CHOICE FAMILY FLOUR, Bolated Oat Meal, Feed, &c., AT THE UNION MILLS, OSWEGO, N. Y.

Pensions, Bounty, Back-Pay, Allowances. OVER 50 years' experience in this business, enables the undersigned to promise success in all cases, where success is attainable.

HOOP SKIRT MANIA! LATEST FROM PARIS! THE EMPRESS EUGENIE ADOPTS BLOOMFIELD & MESSENGER'S HOOP SKIRT!

GREAT EXCITEMENT AMONGST THE LADIES OF OSWEGO CITY AND COUNTY. THE STORE OF BLOOMFIELD & MESSENGER, OROWED WITH THE ELITE.

Hoop Skirts, Corsets, and HOOP SKIRT SUPPORTERS. BEADLE'S Celebrated Skirt! THE PRIDE OF THE WORLD!

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The only Healthy Corsets Offered. They do away with all the inconveniences of the common Corset, and are CHEAPER.

THE HOOP SKIRT SUPPORTER is one of the greatest improvements of the age, and relieves the ladies from all the difficulties that Hoop Skirts impose.

Cor. West First and Seneca streets, (NEW HOTEL BUILDING.)

P. S. A Lady will always be in attendance to wait on the ladies.

BLOOMFIELD & MESSENGER, Branch Store from Syracuse.

Miscellaneous.

December 3d, 1863.

LADIES, CALL AT COWLES, MILLIS, HART & CO'S, AND LOOK AT BROADCLOTHS AND BEAVERS FOR CLOAKS.

GENTLEMEN, CALL AT COWLES, MILLIS, HART & CO'S, AND LOOK AT Beavers, Broadcloths & Cassimeres FOR OVERCOATS, DRESS COATS & SUITS.

LADIES, CALL AT COWLES, MILLIS, HART & CO'S, AND LOOK AT DRESS GOODS! AND SHAWLS! Extensive variety in Style, Quality and Price.

DR. RUSSELL J. WHITE, Analytical Physician, CAN BE CONSULTED at his OFFICE OSWEGO, Weiland House, Friday 11th P. M., the 5th of February.

DR. L. G. WATSON, Exchange Hotel, Friday, 11th of March. Those affected with diseases of the lungs, disease of the Liver or Kidneys, Inflammations, Gravel, Rheumatism, Asthma, shortness of breath or difficulty of breathing, Dyspepsia, Weakness or Nervous Debility, Loss of Appetite, Constipation, derangement of the Stomach, Bilious Affections, Gravel, Scrofula, Fever Bites, Abscesses, Ulcers, or any chronic or lingering complaint, are invited to call. No charge for consultation.

RELIEF IN TEN MINUTES. BRYAN'S PULMONIC WAFERS. The Original Medicine established in 1827, and first article of the kind ever introduced under the name of "Pulmonic Wafers," in this or any other country.

THE AMERICAN HOT-AIR COOKING STOVE. AGAIN VICTORIOUS. THE AMERICAN HOT-AIR Cooking Stove, manufactured by Messrs. Packard & Co., of Albany, was awarded the FIRST PREMIUM at the State Fair at Binghamton, N. Y., 1862, again at Utica Sept. 15, 1863. Twice this excellent stove has stood the test, and twice has been pronounced by competent judges the best stove in the State, and this decision has been fully sustained by the people in this and adjoining States, as it has received the highest commendations from all sections of the country where it has been introduced.

THE GREAT ENGLISH REMEDY. SIR JAMES CLARKE'S Celebrated Female Pills. This invaluable medicine is infallible in the cure of all those painful and dangerous diseases incident to the female constitution.

WATCHDOG'S HAIR DYE! THE BEST IN THE WORLD. WILLIAM A. BATCHELOR'S celebrated Hair Dye produces a color not to be distinguished from nature, warranted not to injure the hair in the least; removes the ill effect of bad dyes, and invigorates the hair for life.

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DR. E. B. LIGHTHILL,

Of 34, St. Marks Place, New York,

IN COMPLIANCE WITH CONSTANT AND NUMEROUS REQUEST WILL VISIT SYRACUSE, FOR ONE WEEK, COMMENCING MONDAY MORNING, JANUARY 18, AND WILL REMAIN UNTIL SATURDAY EVENING, JAN. 23, AND CAN BE CONSULTED AT THE SYRACUSE HOUSE,

DEAFNESS, CATARRH, AND ALL THE VARIOUS DISEASES OF THE EAR, THROAT AND AIR-PASSAGES.

Dr. Lighthill is induced to make this visit in consideration of numerous applications for treatment from individuals residing in Syracuse and vicinity, who are unable to come to New York, and for whom it is impossible to prescribe with benefit, without a personal examination.

The practice in New York does not suffer any interruption from this visit, as his brother, Dr. A. P. LIGHTHILL, with whom he is associated in practice, is there in constant attendance. Dr. L. desires to have it particularly understood that he cannot visit any other place in this vicinity, and that those who desire to consult him will have to call on him at Syracuse, which city he will re-visit at regular intervals, according to the requirements of the patients under his charge.

Dr. Lighthill's Work, "A Popular Treatise on Deafness, its Causes and Prevention," with illustrations, may be obtained of Carlton, publisher, 413 Broadway, New York, or through any respectable bookseller. Price \$1.

Testimonials. From F. L. OAGWIN, Esq., President City Bank, Joliet, Ill.

DR. L. G. WATSON. Dear Sir—It affords me the greatest satisfaction to be able to inform you that I am still improving, and have the highest hopes that my ear will be entirely well by the time you first mentioned it would take to effect a cure. I can say that I am truly thankful to the kind Providence which directed me to you. Since the first few days' use of your prescription, my ear has improved, and almost at once I was relieved from a very depressed state of feeling and an almost intolerable case, to an elastic and hopeful state of mind.

Dr. J. N. NOTT. Dear Sir—My Catarrhal trouble seems very much better also, and, in fact, my health was never so good. I am weighing some five pounds more than is usual for me, and more than I ever weighed before.

I can but hope that it may be the good fortune of many with like troubles, to fall in the way of the benefit of your skill, and knowing how great the fear of impostition is with those who, in time past, may like myself have suffered by it, and feeling a wish, sincerely at this time, to aid and commend you in establishing a high and deserving position among us in your profession, I beg, therefore, that you will not hesitate to refer to me, as it may be of use to my letter of inquiries, which I deem highly creditable to you, and of great importance to others, as it has been to me. In the meantime, believe me, Yours, very sincerely, F. L. OAGWIN, Joliet, Ill., July 17, 1863.

From Rev. John Nott, D. D., Professor in Union College, Schenectady, N. Y. FONDA, N. Y., April 29, 1863.

Dear Sir—I received your letter of April 23d, to-day. I have had from infancy a very deaf ear, and always discharging more or less offensive matter. This year both ears became diseased, running very much, very offensive, and producing the greatest debility of body and depression of spirits, and my hearing became impaired in the highest degree. In such a condition I placed myself under the treatment of Dr. Lighthill. He has fully restored me. I hear well; the dizziness and the discharge have been entirely removed, and have not returned. The stopping of the running has given me the highest elasticity and vigor of the body, and a flow of spirits, while my fears were that in stopping the discharge, it would prove detrimental or dangerous.

I esteem, or rather have learned to esteem Dr. Lighthill—for he was a stranger to me until I became his patient—as a gentleman and a man of science, in whom the highest confidence can be placed. Yours, very truly, JOHN NOTT.

Catarrh Cured. New York, Sept. 2, 1863. This is to certify that I have been afflicted with catarrh for some years, which produced the usual disagreeable effects. I consulted Dr. Lighthill about nine or ten months since, and at once placed myself under his care. I am now perfectly free from catarrh, my throat is perfectly healthy, and my health is very much improved.

Office of Erie Railroad, foot of Duane St. No. 740 WATER STREET, NEW YORK, June 5, 1863.

Dr. Lighthill has succeeded in completely restoring my hearing, which was seriously impaired, although previous to applying to him I was treated by several physicians without the least benefit. Any further information I should be pleased to render on application to me at my residence, No. 178 2d St., Brooklyn, E. D., or at my place of business, No. 740 Water St. W. H. WATERBURY.

THE COMMERCIAL TIMES.

Oswego, Wednesday Evening, January 20, 1864.

Humorous. The lock that is sometimes forced—Wedlock—Put not your trust in money, but put your money in trust.

"My companions in arms," as the lady said when she embraced her twins. —The busiest coopers in these times are those that hoop the ladies.

—Every bird pleases us with its lay—especially the hen. —When a farmer has had crops does he generally make a rye face?

—The evils from which a morbid man suffers most are those that don't happen. —Mrs. Partington says that Ike, who has just returned from France, "speaks French like a Parisian."

—Sometimes a girl says no to an offer, when it is as plain as the nose on her face she means yes. The best way to judge whether she is in earnest or not, is to look straight into her eyes, and never mind her nose.

—A young lady walking with a gentleman stumbled, and when her companion, to prevent her fall, grasped her hand somewhat tightly, she simpered, "Oh, sir, if it comes to that, you ask my papa."

"Hear, hear!" continually exclaimed an enthusiastic individual at a late political meeting. "There is mighty little hear here," dryly remarked a wag standing close by.

"Does the razor take hold well?" inquired a dandy, who was shaving a gentleman from the country. "Yes," replied the customer with tears in his eyes; "it takes hold first-rate, but it don't let go worth a cent."

"Is Mr. Jones in?" asked an Irishman of the porter in a hotel. "No," was the reply; "will you leave your name?" "Och do you think I'd be after going home without a name?"

A young man advertising for a place as salesman, says he has had great experience, having been discharged from seven different situations within a year.

The editor of the Kinderhook Rough Notes says he shall not raise the price of his paper for the present, because he is not able, as a general rule, to raise more than half what he charges now.

Mr. Dump, being long in arrears, complained one morning that his coffee was not settled. "You had better settle for the coffee," said the landlady, "and then complain."

A Patlander, angling in the rain, was observed to keep his line under the arch of a bridge. Upon being asked the reason, he replied, "Sure an' won't the fishes be crowdin' to keep out uv the wet?"

A freedman who was working with great energy, being asked the reason of his singular industry, "It's only the difference of a letter," was the reply; formerly I worked for Massa Lash—now I work for Massa Cash.

If a few civil words will render a man happy, he must be a wretch, indeed who will not give them to him. Let another man light his candle by your own, and yours loses none of its brilliancy by what his gains.

A German mother at the West taught her little son the prayers she had repeated in her own childhood. One day he surprised her by asking, "Ma, why do we always talk Yankee and pray German? Is God a Dutchman?"

A certain Scotchman, who is not a member of the Temperance Society, being asked by a dealer to purchase some fine old Jamaica rum, drily answered, "To tell you the truth, Sir, I canna say I'm very fond of rum; for if I tak mair than sax tumblers it is very apt to gie a body the headache."

A young gentleman, visiting his intended, met a rival who was somewhat advanced in years, and wishing to insult him, inquired how old he was. "I can't exactly tell," replied the other; "but I can tell you that an ass is older at twenty than a man at sixty."

A witty fellow happening to step in at a little ale-house one day, called for a glass of the refreshing beverage. After drinking it, he said to the landlady, with the air of one who had some great secret to communicate, "Mrs. I'll you bow you can sell a great deal more than you do." "How is that?" she asked. "Don't sell so much froth," was the reply.

"I come for the saw, sir," said an urchin. "What saucer?" "Why the saw, sir, that you borrowed." "I borrowed no saucer." "Sure, you did, sir—borrowed our saw, sir." "Be off, I never saw your saucer." "But you did, sir—there's the saw, sir, now, sir." "Oh! you want the saw!"

A "big Injun," having strayed from the camp, found himself lost on trying to return to it. After looking about, he drew himself up and exclaimed, "Injun lost!" but recovering himself, and feeling unwilling to acknowledge such short-sightedness, continued, "No Injun no lost—wigwam lost!" (striking his breast) "Injun here."

Diggs saw a five-pound note lying on the ground, but he knew it was a forged one, and walked on without picking it up. He told Smithers the story, when the latter said, "Do you know, Diggs, you have committed a very grave offense?" "Why, what have I done?" "You have passed a forged note, knowing it to be such."

—Here is a brief epitaph: —Thorp's

A VISIT TO THE ISLAND ABOVE THE FALLS. —The Islands in the Niagara river above the Falls, known as the "three sisters," were visited on Sunday by Mr. D. D. Lane of that village. Instead of three islands, Mr. Lane discovered a fourth, and what appears to be the outer Island is divided by a channel making two islands. Mr. Lane crossed over on the ice. We believe it is the second time that these islands have ever been visited.

Romantic Affair.

In the northern part of Hancock county, there resided a good looking, intelligent young widow, whose husband died in 1860. Now this husband, who was very considerably the senior of his wife, on his deathbed, had exacted a promise from her, that she would never marry again, and after his death, his relatives managed to gobble up his entire estate, leaving her not only a widow but very poor.

The aforesaid promise to her husband she regretted in less than a year, for lo! a young officer in the gallant 21st, from the neighboring county of Wood, who had loved her before her marriage, renewed his suit.

She would have married him but for the fatal promise, and but for a remarkable tender conscience, which rebuked her whenever she thought of the matter.

So the matter stood until the battle of Chickamauga. The young officer was badly wounded, and was brought home to die. He made all his preparations, setting his house in order completely, for the last scene of all in his eventful industry. He sent for the widow and told her he desired but one thing, and that was to provide for her. He knew that she was poor, and he had no property to leave her—one thing only he could do. His widow would receive a pension of thirty dollars a month from the government—he would make her his widow.

She thought of the matter for several hours, and finally concluded to do it. True, she would violate the letter of her promise, but not its spirit; and when she thought of the good the pension would do her, her scruples vanished, and they were married.

Singular as it may seem, this marriage had a beneficial effect upon our wounded hero. He showed signs of improvement immediately; in fact, so rapid was his recovery, that the ex-widow began to think, in the course of three or four days, that the hope of his pension was growing faint, and well she might, for in a week he was walking about, and last Wednesday he started for his regiment, leaving a wife behind him who wept bitterly at the parting.

Some say the gallant officer was not wounded at all—that the whole affair was a deception, and advised the deceived woman to sue for a divorce, but she thought not. She did not believe there was any deception. She had done justice to the memory of her deceased husband—he only proposed marriage to benefit her—in his recovery she recognized the hand of Providence and was disposed to submit thereto. —Finally, (O.) Jeffersonian.

From the Indianapolis Journal, 14th.

A STRANGE STORY.—West Indianapolis was considerably excited a few days since by the discovery of several thousand dollars in gold and silver, buried on the premises of an old German named Valentin Hermann. The discovery was made a few days after his death, and the fact that he was considered to be only in moderate circumstances made the case so singular that our reporter visited the premises yesterday, to learn, if possible, the precise truth about the matter. Hermann was many years ago a clerk in a family grocery on West Washington street, where he accumulated money enough to purchase a little property across the river. Here, for over twenty years, he kept a grocery, doing a small business—selling for cash, and keeping square with the world. During this time he purchased two farms, one in Hendricks county, and one in the southwestern part of this county, and had also become owner of several small houses and lots. Besides this, he was known to have saved a few hundred dollars, a part of which he deposited in bank, and several small sums were loaned at good interest to neighbors.

On the 20th of last month he sickened and died. At that time he was living with his fourth wife, whom he married about two years ago. His only children living are a son about seventeen years of age, and daughter, by his second wife. To these he had bequeathed the houses and lots; and two or three days before his death, made a will, giving to his wife \$600 in money, and dividing the balance of property between his son and daughter.

The terms of the will were thought to be strange, as it was not supposed he had so much money. But a few days after the funeral the son informed Mr. Jesse Wright, the administrator, that there was a lot of money buried in the smoke-house, which fact was only known to him. Mr. Wright went with him and found it true. In a nail-box, sunk a foot or two beneath the surface of the ground, were found \$3,800 in silver, mostly in half-dollars, and in a box buried in another place was found \$600 in \$20 gold pieces. It was put up in shot-bags, securely tied, and the amount in each plainly marked. It had been buried for three years past at least.

As this money was not mentioned in the will, the wife has chosen the law to recover her thirds. The old man had told the boy to keep the money hid until he became of age, and it would all be his, but the boy thought it best to disclose its hiding place as above described, and as there was no witness to the gift from his father, of course the wife will have her lawful third of the treasure.

A CASE OF ROMANCE.—By direction of the President, Private George Roland, of the Fifth Rhode Island Artillery, has been released from the service. Roland, we understand, is an assumed name, and the person who bears it is an English nobleman, with an income of \$10,000 a year. He came to this country about twelve months since on a tour of pleasure, with sufficient money to meet the expenses of a year's travel, but, falling among sharpers, was soon relieved of his well-filled purse, and while he was awaiting a remittance from home the draft took place in Rhode Island. Here was an opportunity to obtain money immediately by offering himself as a substitute, and he accepted it. In company with others he was forwarded to the Fifth Regiment, but war had no charms for him, and he soon began to look about for the means of obtaining an honorable discharge. This, however, was no easy matter. Many were the suggestions offered by his comrades, but they all proved abortive. A few months since, upon promise of receiving a commis-

