Dansville Advertiser.

THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 1880.

In Short.

Canaseraga is to celebrate July 3d.

The population of Avon village is 1600.

Do not fail to attend the glass ball shoot at Lindenwood cottage, June 29th.

Rev. Andrew Hardie will preach in the Presbyterian church next Sunday.

A new platform at the depot lessens the danger of getting on and off the cars.

Remember the temperance mass meeting in the M. E. church at 2:30 p. m. to-day.

The census of Ossian shows a population of over 1200; an increase of over 50 since 1875.

Mrs. Cordelia Johnson died at the residence of her mother, Mrs. Cook, on Tuesday, aged nearly 50.

Fourth of July arrangements as far as completed are fully set forth in the advertisement in another column.

Union Hose will drill to-morrow, Friday, evening. Members will report at hose rooms at 7 o'clock sharp.

About twenty of Dansville's Irish young people enjoyed themselves at Conesus lake the other day. It was a leap year affair.

The Springwater Enterprise thinks that the Springwater people had better attend the Dansville celebration of July 4th in a body.

The Pitts insurance bill has been signed by the governor, and the Mutual fire association of this county will reorganize under this law.

The next annual meeting of the Livingston Baptist association, to be held in Lima next year, will be its semi-centennial anniversary.

The Rev. Dr. A. C. George of Wheeling, W. Va., is expected in Dansville to-morrow, and will preach in the M. E. church on Sunday.

The national convention of free-thinkers will be held in Hornellsville, commencing September first and lasting four days. Some fifty prominent speakers will be in attendance.

"The Golden By and By" is the name of a new and sweet song, published by Frederick Blume of New York. Words by Mrs. S. Irwin and music by A. M. Hall of Dansville.

Smith A. Newman brought his bus from Avon to Dansville. M. H. Thomas has bought it and will run it for the Hyland house. It is the largest and finest bus that Dansville ever had.

If any one has been omitted in the census enumeration they will confer a favor upon the enumerators by so reporting. The census of Dansville will show an increase of a hundred or more over 1875.

The pressure upon our columns compels us to postpone a synopsis of Rev. J. T. Gracey's sermon on the Trinity, a report of the celebration of Mr. and Mrs. McFetridge's 60th wedding anniversary, and other matter.

Our citizens who contemplate decorating their business places and residences on the Fifth—and all should do so along the line of march—will save themselves time and trouble by at once beginning preparations therefor. Small flags and the like can now be procured or ordered.

G. E. Cotton of the Lindenwood cottage, Loon lake, called at this office on Friday. He reports good prospects for a lively season at that delightful resort. The cottage buildings are now supplied with pure cold water, forced by wind-power from an 80-foot well, and have accommodations for about 50 guests.

John Logan informs us that a two-year old colt belonging to Mrs. W. C. Ross of Sparta was fearfully mangled by a barbed wire fence on the night of the 12th. Both fore arms were so torn that it was thought the colt would not live. This is but one of many instances in which animals have been cruelly hurt by the barbed fence. It ought not to be used.

As George Rowe was coming down the Cure hill on Tuesday with a one-horse wagon load of saw dust, a hold back broke, and the horse became frightened and ran. As there was danger of running into a team ahead, Mr. Rowe reigned the horse into the bank, but in so doing the horse fell back into the wagon, breaking things generally. Strange to say there was no serious danger.

The Lima Recorder says of the semi-centennial jubilee: "Every anticipation was met, and on every side we hear but the one verdict, 'a perfect success.'" And it closes its congratulatory article with these words: "So, in the renewed pride and interest of its friends, and the greatly increased attendance we have a right to expect, will the grand old seminary find its profit from its semi-centennial jubilee."

A mistake in last week's Advertiser needs correcting. Leonard Barrett of this village was the man who died in Rogersville on the 16th. He went there to visit a sister, and during the visit was taken sick and died. The funeral was held from his late residence on Friday. He was buried in Ossian, his former home. He had been a resident of Dansville about seven years. Mrs. Barrett desires to thank Dansville friends for their kindness during this affliction.

The M. E. general conference made the Genesee conference smaller by cutting off some sixty churches from her eastern borders and adding them to the Central New York conference. Among the important charges thus transferred are Sodus, Lyons, Newark, Palmyra, Clifton Springs, Phelps, Geneva, Canandaigua, Penn Yan, Tyrone, Corning and Caton and several important charges in Pennsylvania. This leaves the Genesee conference with about 210 charges.

The Coterie on Monday evening continued the reading of Macaulay's esssay on Machiavelli, heard read Tennyson's "De Profundis" and a criticism of the same from the Pall Mall Gazette, and pronounced 50 words. The next meeting will be held at Miss Bunnell's residence, on the square, when the reading of Machiavelli will be concluded, 50 words will be pronounced for spelling by Miss Daisy VanDerlip, and Misses Endress and VanDerlip will provide some music.

Representatives of East hill and west hill scrimmaged in front of the Faulkner block on Saturday evening. East hill spit in the face of west hill, and west hill knocked east hill down. After a brief truce east hill gathered up its muscle and made a grand lunge at west hill, when west hill grappled with east hill, threw it down, and larruped it severely. West hill's banner floated proudly in the breeze and east hill's banner trailed humbly in the dust. The original *casus belli* is not reported.

The A. L. C. met at the residence of Joseph Burgess, Elizabeth street, last Tuesday evening, and was largely attended, and was enjoyed by all present. The new by-laws reported at the last meeting, after a good deal of discussion were adopted. A motion that the society have a picnic was lost. The literary exercises were as follows: Sketch of the life of Thomas Moore, Miss Ida Wheaton; selections from "Lalla Rookh," Miss Minnie Brown; vocal duet, Misses E. V. Clemons and L. E. Burgess; query box, R. E. Brettle. The next meeting will be held on the first Tuesday evening in September.

Personal.

—E. Staples of New York city is a guest of H. J. Faulkner.

—Miss Clara McMaster of Bath is visiting friends in town.

—H. J. Niles of the Springwater Enterprise called on Saturday.

—Mrs. Lester Bradner and son sailed from New York for Havre yesterday.

—Hon. James Faulkner, Jr., and Judd Whitehead went to the Cincinnati convention on Monday.

—Mrs. M. L. Brayton has gone to Penn Yan and Keuka lake for a visit and some summer pleasuring.

—Maj. M. J. Bunnell and family returned from Washington on Tuesday, and are again domiciled in their old home.

—Mrs. Ella Clark had a birthday surprise party on Monday evening, the surprisers bringing with them ice cream and cake, and also some nice presents.

—W. W. Clark, Esq., will deliver the Fourth of July oration at Wayland. We warrant this part of Wayland's celebration exercises will be decidedly meritorous.

—We met in Yonkers on Sunday evening Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Robinson, who with their baby boy are happy citizens of that city. Dansvillians will be happy to hear they are so pleasantly situated.

—"Our most excellent secretary" are the words applied to Mrs. J. T. Gracey in the resolution of thanks adopted at the annual meeting of the executive committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society.

—M. A. Stearns and family will take their vacation at Hemlock lake in July. Frank Fielder and family will follow them in the occupancy of Tanglewood cottage, and Rev. George K. Ward and family will be the last occupants.

—We were pleased to meet in Troy last week Perry E. Toles, a former resident of Dansville, but for many years a prominent business man of Troy. Besides being engaged in the shipping trade he is a manufacturer of fine dress shirts, linen collars and cuffs.

—Of A. J. Whiteman's declamation in the contest for the McKinney prize at Hamilton college the Utica Herald says: "Mr. Whiteman had another good selection. He rendered it only as a good speaker could. In appearance on the stage, voice and gesture the speaker was second to none of the evening. His effort was well received. Some of the handsomest bouquets of the evening were given him."

Social Gatherings.

The Healeys, Days, Stevenses and Olivers of South Dansville have a picnic at Loon lake on Saturday next.

Johnny Betts, six years old, had a birthday party yesterday which numbered 51 small folks. His photographic father leveled a camera at them, and gathered them all into a single negative.

Gracie Dyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dyer, celebrated her sixth birthday on Tuesday by giving a party to about forty girls and boys. A big tent, hammocks and delicious refreshments helped to make them happy, and they were jubilant all the while. Gracie received several pretty gifts.

Saturday last was the 25th anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Perine. It was celebrated in a quiet and pleasant way at their residence, with a group of relatives, among whom were Dr. Sawens and wife of Utica, Fred Bingham and wife of Rochester and C. S. Hall and daughter of Almond.

Katie and Hyland Hall, children of Frank G. Hall, Esq., of Elmira and of Adam monumental fame, gave a charming children's party to their many youthful associates at the Angell homestead last Friday in early evening. It was a unique and pretty proceeding, varying somewhat from the stereotyped kind. Tea was served upon the spacious, velvety lawn, and as twilight deepened the grounds were lighted by many-colored Chinese lanterns. The children were loth to leave and they all voted it splendid.

H. J. Faulkner gave an elegant dinner party to some fifteen of his gentlemen friends on Tuesday evening in honor of his friend from New York, Mr. E. Staples. The *menu* was varied and embodied many delicacies specially imported, and everything was prepared and served in such manner as to increase Mr. Faulkner's extended reputation as a host. A pleasing surprise to host and guests was a serenade by the Dansville band between 9 and 10 o'clock. The band played a number of pieces in their usual excellent style and agreeable hospitalities were tendered them, after which they departed, but not before again playing.

Drowned in Hemlock Lake.

Morey Willis, 16 years old, youngest son of Caleb Willis of Springwater, was drowned in Hemlock lake on Friday last while bathing near Harry Grover's cottage, across the lake from the Port house. Two smaller boys, 10 or 12 years of age, were with him. The water is deep here near the shore; and when young Willis had walked out about 15 feet, he turned around, and said to the other boys, "Come on," and stepping backwards at the same moment, disappeared in about 20 feet of water. He could not swim and the boys say he did not rise at all. This was about 10 o'clock a. m., and the body was not found until about 4 p. m. Grappling hooks were used at first without success, when, at the suggestion of Walter Bryant, a wheel rake was brought to the place, sunk, and pulled towards the shore by means of ropes. The seventh time it was pulled in it brought the body. The opening of the Port house had attracted an unusual number of people to the lake, and the accident was a sad and exciting interruption of their festivities.

It has been a matter of common remark, both before and since the drowning, that a more faithful, industrious and promising young man than Morey Willis was not known in the town of Springwater. One of the kindest and most obedient of boys, his loss falls with terrible force upon his parents and relatives. His funeral services were conducted by the Revs. Hunter and Hibbard on Saturday last. A large number of friends were present, and the family, in this sudden affliction, have the heartfelt sympathy of all.

Rochester Express: "'Who stole the melons?' is a query in the 'Topics Uppermost' of the G. T. A. Elmira Advertiser. If the Dansville Advertiser exchanges with its Elmira namesake, there is a chance of the conundrum being solved." It is a hazardous thing for the Express to second an invitation for such an exposure as this.

The Livingston Republican says that over $10,000 have been subscribed for the new Presbyterian church.

J. L. Chamberlain of Livonia graduated fifth in his class at the recent West Point commencement.

Mrs. Rachel Perry of East Avon, sister of Hon. Matthew Wiard, died recently, aged 79 years.

The Hon. Wm. M. White has given a site for a new town hall in Ossian.

The state board of charities visited the county house last week.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

The Fatal End of a Family Feud—Nicholas Bill Kills his Wife, and Writes that He is About to Kill Himself—The Story of the Tragedy and its Causes—Domestic Quarrels and Litigations—Bill Flees from his Wife to Oregon—She Follows Five Years Afterward—The Meeting and the Killing—Bill's Pathetic Letters to His Friends in Wayland—He Shoots Himself Through the Head.

A few years ago Nicholas Bill's powerful form and honest, resolute face were seen almost daily by the people of this village. He was a thrifty farmer living in the town of Wayland, four miles away, and in sight of Dansville, on the high southern hills. He often came to town, sometimes bringing with him in his wagon half a dozen or more of his ten children, to whom he was devotedly attached. He was of stalwart frame, six feet high and stronger than two ordinary men; complexion light, eyes a clear blue. Noyes & Hedges, who were his lawyers for years, say that, although a man of common education, he had a keen and splendid intellect, and was distinguished for sterling honesty and great determination. This is the man who on the 30th of May last killed his wife in the Dalles, Wasco county, Oregon, fled to the woods, and there wrote the strange letters to his friends of this vicinity which we publish, telling of his crime and his intention to kill himself. The story in brief of the long-continued domestic troubles and litigations preceding the tragedy is necessary to the correct understanding of the tragedy itself. But first it may be said, that his wife was similar to himself in respect to having a large frame, a strong will and a good deal of intelligence. She is also described as having a sinister and revengeful nature, and being quite insinuating withal; and some have fancied, because of her eccentricities, that she was crazy at times.

Nicholas Bill is (or was) the son of George Christian Bill, a respected octogenarian who resides about three miles from Dansville on the Wayland road, close by "Bullhead pond." He emigrated to this country with his father about 35 years ago, when he was a lad. Twenty-five years ago he married Marie Katharine Bill (a second cousin) who had emigrated from Germany the year before, each being 21 years of age. They were poor, and he went to work to build up a home on the farm of 50 acres before referred to, for which he ran in debt. He was industrious and frugal, and the rough land was cleared and thoroughly cultivated, and became profitable. In 1871, when his litigations commenced, he owed only a small amount on it and was worth between $2,000 and $3,000. But the second year after his marriage commenced trouble with his wife. She left him that year, but came back after some days, and was kindly received by him. The same thing was several times repeated afterward, until the final separation in 1871, her husband always receiving her back and, as his relatives believe, treating her well. In 1871, when her youngest child was a babe, she again left him, claiming cruel treatment, commenced a suit for limited divorce and separate maintenance, and at the same time undertook to get possession of her babe through a writ of *habeas corpus*. By the intervention of friends a compromise was effected, he paying costs, and she again returned home; but almost immediately afterward she commenced a new action of the same character, claiming now acts of cruelty. Her managing attorney was J. F. Parkhurst of Bath. Mr. Bill's attorneys in defending were Noyes & Hedges of this village, and the referee in the case was John Wilkinson, also of this village. It was tried at Wayland and occupied 20 days—18 in taking testimony and 2 in summing up—and resulted in a decree dismissing the case. Pending these litigations Mrs. Bill procured 6 indictments against her husband for burglary, larceny and arson. Four of them were quashed, but one for arson in the first degree and one for burglary and larceny were tried at Bath in 1872 and 1873, D. W. Noyes, his attorney, being assisted in one of them by Wm. B. Ruggles. A. M. Burrill, the then district attorney of Steuben, was assisted in the prosecution by Horace Bemis. Both resulted in Mr. Bill's acquittal. During these legal troubles Mrs. Bill was sometimes urged to become reconciled to her husband, and she would reply that no reconciliation was possible. Meantime his property had been exhausted, and his farm sold on a mortgage. He and his oldest son had been part of the time in Pennsylvania working at $2 a day to get money to defend himself, he having first found homes among relatives for his other children, except Mary, the oldest daughter, who adhered to the mother. Mrs. Bill and this daughter stayed in Bath as house servants

When Mr. Bill was fully acquitted he told his friends that he must get away from his wife, and that he would go to the ends of the earth to be rid of her. But he remained hereabouts until the fall of 1875, when Noyes & Hedges advanced him about $500 on some securities, and he started for Oregon with all his children except Mary. They went beyond the Rocky mountains, to the Dalles, where he bought a farm, and again began to prosper. Two of the daughters who went with him married, and have lived near him.

This spring a cousin of Mrs. Bill by the name of Richter came over from Germany, and on the 15th of April the two started for Oregon from Perkinsville, where she had been living for some time, to find the Bills. Mr. B. was informed by letter of their departure and intention, and the tragic letters from him show the terrible mistake that they made. The representative of the Advertiser visited Perkinsville and the Bill homestead to obtain these letters, and is indebted for them to the courtesy of the father, George C. Bill, J. N. Bill and Jacob Werdein, and for their clear and correct translation to Dr. G. Bastian. The last letter to the father was sent with the one to Mr. Werdein to the latter, to be delivered.

THE LETTERS.

THE DALLES, May 8, 1880.

DEAR SISTER:—With tears in my eyes and with a sad heart I will take up the pen and answer your letter just received. Richter and that wretch arrived here last Monday or Tuesday. Since day before yesterday the wretch has been with Barbara, and this morning early Richter was here, and I went with him to near Barbara's house and showed him the way, but I did not go into the house myself. After I read your letter I went right straight to Barbara's house so that I could talk to that wretch. When I came there the judge and my son-in-law were at a neighbor's, and Barbara and the wretch were alone when I came into the house. The wretch lay in bed, simulating sickness by all means. I raked her over at once with epithets. I can't write all I said, but before I said hardly anything, Barbara begged of me to calm down; it was the wretch's luck that she kept meek. You cannot imagine how it is with me, since I know that she is here. I cannot eat and cannot work either; it seems as if my heart would burst. I have no rest anywhere. God forbid that she and I should meet again, for if we should meet again I will be prepared; and then may God be merciful to her, because I hardly know what I will do. Should you receive bad news from here, let it not reach you unprepared; but I hope God may prevent it. If you think I will receive her again you will all greatly err, for my feelings towards her are the same as when I left you. I and my son-in-law had hard words together when I met him on his way home; Richter was there too. I told him while I was at it, what I thought of him. I called him a hypocrite and a two-edged sword. I don't believe he will come to me again. This morning when he came to see me he said the wretch was a fool—not all right in her head. If I can sell my land and everything, I will not stay here any longer. I will go farther, though it comes pretty tough, because I have become somewhat settled again. I can say I had a good start again. This spring I plowed considerable prairie land and I would have plowed more if this had not happened. I have plowed about 15 acres and have sowed and planted everything excepting 4 acres of corn; that I will plant Monday or Tuesday if I can work. I have written to Brother Christie in Liberty, lately. Has he received the letter? I will write to father next week if I can write. One thing I forgot to mention above: when I went to Barbara I met Eliza and a neighbor. They followed me right up, because they feared that it might not end well, but I met them outside of the house, ready. Fare thee well, fare thee well, all, and should it not be our lot to hear from each other again, from yours lovingly till death.

NICHOLAS BILL.

IN THE VILLAGE, May 9th.

DEAR SISTER:—I am in the village today to see Eva's husband about the affair. We had a long talk about the affair and he has very much calmed me, and I am somewhat more calm. I hope that everything will turn out good. Calm down with me and I will hope that everything will turn out good. I had a very restless night last night; no sleep came over my eyes; and I cannot eat. My son-in-law and Eva are done with Richter; for I told them all I knew about him. * * You must excuse this poor writing and bad spelling. If I can I will write to father next week. May be I will be more calm then. The children are all well. God bless you all. I hope to hear from you soon. Many heartfelt greetings from your friend and brother till death. Good bye all.

NIC. BILL.

THE DALLES, May 15, 1880.

DEAR FATHER AND BROTHERS AND SISTERS:—I will take up a pen and write a few lines to you to let you know how we get along. You will have perceived in the letter I have written to Sister Eliza that that wretch has arrived here, and how it is with me since. I wish I could tell you, father, what my thoughts are, but I believe it is best not to write much about it at present. I have not seen the wretch since and I hope that she will never come within my sight. Would that she were thousands of miles from here, and I would and could be well contented. The first week after that wretch came here I had no rest by day or night, and I could not eat anything either for eight days; had to see a doctor to give me medicine to take, but since then I am somewhat better, though I can hardly do any work yet; but I can now sleep again and eat a little. That wretch was 3 or 4 days at Barbara's. Since then she is with Eva as far as I know. I and Barbara's husband had pretty hard words together, I have not seen him since; we are now done with each other. In reference to Richter, he came to me a week ago Thursday; he was here about 2 hours, then I took him to Barbara's and since that day I have not seen him again, and he better keep away from me, too, if he knows what is good for him. I believe he is capable of doing most anything. I told him what I thought of him. He was with a neighbor over night before he came to me. He told him that he was married, that he had a large farm in the east; he said he was worth from forty to seventy thousand dollars; this he told the neighbor. Was Richter at your house? He said he was, but I hardly believe it was true. When he comes again I wont allow him to come into the house. Father, last week I willed everything I have, so that if anything should happen to me, I will know who will get the little I own. They shall not wash their fingers in my hard earnings, should anything be left over. If I can sell out now, I will sell everything, though it seems hard to go on farther again; but if I cannot sell I will apply for a divorce. I am done with my spring sowing for 8 days now, and I would have ploughed more had this not happened. I could hardly follow the plough the last day I ploughed. I have ploughed about 15 acres this spring and am now at fence making again. The children are well. I will close in the hope that these few lines will reach you in good health. Regards to all. Good bye.

NICHOLAS BILL.

THE DALLES, May 31, 1880.

DEAR FATHER AND BROTHERS AND SISTERS AND ALL ACQUAINTANCES:—With blood-stained hands and clothes, and at the same as murderer, I seize the pen to send you all my last greetings. I have murdered that wretch this afternoon, and God may pardon me, as he alone knows what I have suffered. I am now sitting in the bush to write these mournful tidings. Would to God that I could see you all once more, but that is by now; for ere you receive these lines I intend to rest in earth's cool bosom; for I will not give myself up to the courts. May God console you that you lived to have this disgrace brought upon you by me, but, father, I could not do otherwise; for yesterday Christian left me also. This afternoon I went to him and asked him whether he had not better come back, and he said no, and when I asked him why not, he said I had abused his mother, and he would now help support her, and he told me that I had used him long enough like a dog and that I would not do that any longer. That grieved me very much, and it at the same time irritated me; but I went home. On my way home I got sight of the wretch as she and Barbara were sneaking after me to see what I and Barbara's husband and Christian were doing. I saw them, but they did not see me. There I made up my mind that I would kill her. I went home then, and took my revolver and gun and dirk knife; then I went down. When I came there, they were just sitting at the table, Christian and Barbara and that wretch. I shot at the wretch four or five times; how often I hit her I don't know. Then I stabbed her in the breast and in the side until she fell. During the affray Christian hit me over the head with the gun, so that I came nigh dropping down. Then Christian ran off to call Barbara's husband; but I went before they returned. I have bled very freely, but if I only know that that wretch is dead I am only too willing to die, because life is a burden to me ever since that wretch is here, and since then I have no rest day or night. I will be better off dead than alive. It is a disgrace for the family, but I beg of you all do not be angry at me, and forgive me, all of you, from the bottom of your heart. I can now say with the Bible: "From the depth of night I call to thee, O God; grant my supplication," etc. Could I have so thought and done 9 years ago, then my children would have a nice property together, but as it is now, not much will be left. I have been at putting up fences, but how it will go now I do not know. My grain all is doing well. Dear father, I have one request to make yet; that is, if you can grant it yet, namely, if anything should come to me yet from you after your death, arrange it that it may come to Jacob, Katherine and Adam, for I would not like now that Christian and the rest, except the three smallest, should get anything of it. I made my will two weeks ago and I have willed everything to the four smallest. It lies now in the village and I do not think that I can get hold of it again as long as I have to live yet. Dear father, I leave good friends behind me here, as well as I have them at home, but they all cannot help me. God have mercy upon my sad soul. Fare thee well, fare thee well, all, till we meet again in the world to come. God be with you all. From your son,

NICHOLAS BILL.

THE DALLES, June 1, 1880.

DEAR FRIEND JACOB WERDEIN:—I have a request to make, and I hope you will comply with it. Have the kindness to read the enclosed letter addressed to father; there you will see what I have done. Then take that letter yourself and go with it to my father, and carefully, as well as you can, apprise him of what happened and console him to the best of your ability. Read the letter to my father yourself, and console him to the best of your ability, and beg of him not to be angry at me, for I could not do otherwise. That wretch died yesterday, right after I left her, as I learned this morning. I can and will die now willingly, since I know that she is dead. Before the sun will rise over my head I will be a corpse also, and may be before it descends again, for I will not allow myself to be caught, because death will be sure to me, and before the world I will be a murderer; but I will hope that God will not consider me as such, for he alone knows what I have suffered; no man knows what I have suffered the past nine years. I beg of you all, my friends and relatives and acquaintances, do not think hard of me that I have done this. You know, Jacob, what I have endured while I was amongst you yet; and now since she is here again it is even worse than it was then; because she coaxed the children away and persuaded the oldest that was with me, and he had left me since last Sunday. He was with her when this murder took place. It was a horrible moment. If only no one ever would experience such a one. These few lines I have written in the bush, in the wilderness, where no one will find me. I am hunted after sharply by three sheriffs and may be more. I was at a neighbor's an hour or two ago. Fare thee well, fare thee well, all, forever. I will never hear from you again. Greeting to you all, from your friend till death.

NICHOLAS BILL.

Since the foregoing was put in type the news has come from Oregon that Nicholas Bill was found dead in his house June 4. He was lying on the bed, with a bullet hole just under his left ear, and a pistol and letter by his side. The letter was addressed to W. M. Hand, editor of the Dalles Mountaineer, and explained the motives of the murder and suicide as they are explained in his letters to his friends here.

In the letters and the double crime are seen the stern determination and passionate earnestness of Bill's nature, and also something of the depths of his affections and dislikes. Every remnant of love and even regard for his wife had evidently been rooted out, so that when she appeared to him again he could only call her "the wretch," and was excited to desperation. Just how much he was to blame for the troubles between them it is impossible to say, but his success in all the suits brought against him shows that the referee and the juries believed that he was more sinned against than sinning. Mrs. Bill's motives in going thousands of miles to his western residence are, of course, interpreted very differently by the respective friends of the two parties. The relatives of both dead husband and dead wife have abundant cause for the grief which they feel, and need sympathy and consolation in large measure.

P. S. Mary K. Bill, the oldest daughter, has called and informed us that her mother went west at the request of her children, who wrote urging her to come, and that she will furnish letters which will give a new aspect to the difficulties. She says that her father was a man of so violent a temper that her mother could not live with him. Our readers are as well qualified to judge of the whole matter as we are.

The Clover Worm.

Last year there appeared in this vicinity a new destroyer, which may be called the clover worm from the fact that its ravages seem to be continued to the clover crop. It is a small white worm which eats into the upper part of the root, checking the nourishment, causing the plant to wilt or nearly stop growing, and partially detaching it from the root. This year the worm is doing much more damage than last year, and has nearly ruined many crops in this and neighboring towns. We understand it has been at work in most of the clover fields on East hill and in Springwater, and that some of them are being ploughed up. One farmer in Springwater is ploughing up twenty acres, to sow to buckwheat. The plant in most cases is checked just after heading out, so that it does not get into the blow.

The editor and agriculturist of the Avon Herald has discovered that "coal ashes will not stop the ravages of the potato bug, but one or two applications will effectually squelch the cucumber bug."

He is a fool. We mean the man who lets his baby cry all night in the arms of its mother, and does not sleep a wink, when Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup will quiet the baby by relieving its pain; a bottle costing only 25 cents.

NOTINGS OF BUSINESS.

The Beautiful Fireworks

Gotten up expressly for the display at Dansville on the 5th exceed anything yet attempted with saltpeter, brimstone and brick dust, and if you should see a great halo span the etheral firmament dont be hiding under the rocks and mountains, but hie away to Betts's gallery during the day and leave a beautiful picture of yourself just before your taking off.

Found $5,000!

Worth of fine, honest made Boots and Shoes at wholesale prices, Rochester Shoe store, Dansville.

The first series of glass ball shoots will take place at Lindenwood, Loon lake, Tuesday, June 29th, 1880, commencing at one o'clock p. m., sharp. Whole amount of entry fees given in four cash prizes, as follows: 40, 30, 20, and 10 per cent respectively, with a handsome prize to the person who at the close of the series has succeeded in breaking the greatest number of balls. The contest is open to members of any club in the state or to individuals not belonging to any club.

G. E. & C. COTTON, propietors and managers.

Laundry Reopened, by Groves and Crane.

All patrons of the Laundry are requested to give us a trial, and find that we can do work better and more expeditiously than ever.

Before the Fourth.

Many will want to buy a stylish shoe and want it cheap, Rochester Shoe store can fill the bill.

200 yds. best Grenadine, worth 65c, put on sale at 25 cts at FOWLER'S.

The Telephone Constructed to Ignite the Fuse

Of the 6 pounder on the 4th isn't a circumstance to the rapidity with which Betts will make pictures on that day with the orthocomogroscope.

To Whom it May Concern.

I found last week at the Rochester Shoe store goods and prices that surprised me. Such were the expressions of Southwick's customers on their return home from his shoe store.

No more Rheumatism. Prices Quaker Remedy is certainly doing wonders. Sold only by C. W. WOOLEVER, the druggist. 39w4

Splendid plain and lace all-wool Buntings at low prices, at FOWLER'S.

All of the Surrounding Towns

Have heard of the famous Rochester Shoe store and the stylish low priced goods. 138 Main street, Dansville.

Great Bargains.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Prusia, 136 Main St., east side, are now offering every thing in the line of ready-trimmed hats and bonnets at half the former price, in order to close out by the 15th of July.

I have heard so Much About it I thought I would call.

Is heard daily by the salesman in the Rochester Shoe store.

The 4th Will Be in Dansville

On the 5th and Betts will be there on the same day with his *orthocomogroscope* to make pictures of the crowds as they press their way into his gallery.

The Rochester Shoe store has become famous for stylish well-made shoes. Our prices are all right. 138 Main street.

Thomas Earls.

—CHEAPER THAN EVER!—

AT

THOMAS EARLS'S NEW GROCERY HOUSE!

I would inform my old friends and customers, who have so liberally patronized me for many years, that I keep constantly on hand a

Fresh Supply of Choice Groceries,

the store next to the First National Bank, which were bought at bargains for cash. My long experience in the Grocery Trade, with careful attention to purchasing, has enabled me in these times of reduced prices to obtain Special Advantages of wholesalers, of which I propose to give my customers the benefit. The public generally are invited to come and see how well I can serve them.

☞Cash Paid for Butter and Eggs. Canned Fruits of every variety constantly on hand.

I do not quote prices on any special articles, but my stock is complete, and I will guarantee my patrons as good goods, at as low prices, as they can obtain of any other grocer in town.

THOMAS EARLS.

Fielder & Olney.

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—ESPECIALLY VALUABLE

To our many friends and the public generally is the announcement that our mammoth stock of Dry Goods and Carpets just purchased in New York has arrived and is now ready for inspection. The benefits to be derived in purchasing supplies of us is,

1st, You have the largest, choicest and most complete stock from which to make selections ever shown in Dansville.

2nd, We have no trash. Our aim now is and always has been to give our customers an article that has genuine worth, the best that money will buy.

3d, Our facilities for buying and taste for selecting the choicest and cheapest, after an experience of twenty years close application, place us beyond the reach of competition.

In view of these facts we safely assert that

IT IS FOR THE INTEREST OF EVERY PURCHASER OF DRY GOODS

To make our place of business

—HEADQUARTERS—

For all goods in our line. We promise to sell at the lowest price possible.

Our stock of Silks, Satins and Paris Novelties is very large and exceedingly cheap.

But we have no space to particularize and can only ask for an inspection.

Respectfully, FIELDER & OLNEY.

List of Butterick's Patterns for May received this week for full description of which see our May Fashion Number, copies of which may had free by calling at our store.

6990	6991	6992	6994	6998	7000
7005	7006	7007	7010	7011	7012
7015	7016	7017	7021	7022	7024
7025	7027	7029	7031	7032	7033
7034	7037	7038	7039	7044	7045

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The Finest Imported Stock of

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ALL THE LATEST DESIGNS IN DINNER, BREAKFAST, TEA AND CHAMBER SETS, ARE

—KEPT CONSTANTLY ON HAND.—

G. B. WATKINS, - - - - - - Manager.

☞The attention of purchasers is called especially to our Bargain Counter, on which we have placed odd pieces, which are continually accumulating in a store like ours, and which MUST BE SOLD, to make room for New Goods.

S. B. Johnson.

ANOTHER FALL IN THE PRICE ANOTHER FALL IN THE PRICE

—OF—

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—S. B JOHNSON—

Would call the attention of the public generally to the fact that he has reduced the price of Groceries

—FROM 10 TO 15 PER CENT—

And will sell Sugars, Teas, Coffees and all Goods in his line at lower prices than any other house in Livingston County.

His stock consists of Sugar, Molasses, Teas, Coffees, Spices, Raisins, English Currants, Citron, Foreign and Domestic Fruits, Crockery, Glass Ware, Wood and Willow Ware, Pocket and Table Cutlery, Silver Plated Ware, Yankee Notions and Soap.

Salt by the Sack or Barrel. Market Price for Produce in Cash or Exchange.

HOLIDAY GOODS of all kinds, and many other goods too numerous to mention at very low prices. FINE MALAGA GRAPES.

No 175 Main Street - - - Dansville, N. Y.

Two Doors North of the First National Bank.

S. B. JOHNSON.

T. Carpenter.

—FOR 1880— —FOR 1880—

Nice hand-picked Marrows and Medium Beans, for Seed. Price per bushel, $1.75 and $2.00.

Fine Black-Eyed Marrow Peas for Seed, $1.75.

5 lb. package Fresh Hominy for 25 Cents.

2 lb. package Pearl Cracked Wheat for 12 Cents.

All kinds Fresh Canned Fruit, best brands.

The finest Family Groceries always on hand, strictly pure.

My Coffees and Teas are of the Best Quality.

T. CARPENTER. T. CARPENTER.

P. S.—Cash not refused for goods.

"AGAIN TO THE FRONT."

Spring Styles for 1880.

Our Spring Stock of Clothing for men's youth's and boys' wear, is now ready for inspection, examination and sale. We aim to be surpassed by none, equaled by few, in our efforts to clothe suitably and economically all who will favor us with their patronage this spring. There is no one too poor to do justice to himself from our stock. We bought early, before the recent advance, and will give our customers the benefit of the low prices we obtained. Goods well bought are half sold.

Clothing will be worn as usual this spring—coats, pants and vests alike or not, as suits the fancy of the buyer; but surely they will be worn and so will stylish and nobby Hats, Scarfs and Scarf Pins, Ties, Collars and Shrits. You need a new outfit and we can furnish it completely, neatly and cheaply, even if you come to us in the garb of nature—ununiformed as was Adam of old. But be sure and bring your pocket book. "Justice to all" is our motto. KRAMER BROS.

The leading Clothiers, Dansville, N. Y.

New lot of Parasols and silk Umbrellas just received at FOWLER'S.

Stage to Hemlock Lake.

M. H. Thomas will run stages to the Port House, Hemlock lake, on Tuesdays, Thrsdays and Saturdays, leaving Dansville at 7 o'clock a. m., and returning at about 8 o'clock in the evening. Orders for stage may be left at Bailey & Edwards's store. 37w4

A splendid line of Ties, Ruchings, Fichues and Ladies' Underwear just received at FOWLER'S.

Signs of Success.

F. S. Southwick, proprietor of the Rochester Shoe store, has enlarged his stock; and his popular shoe store is now full of the most tempting bargains in stylish well-made goods. A call will convince the most careful buyers.

Nature's Sluice-way.

The kidneys are nature's sluice-way to wash out the debris of our constantly changing bodies. If they do not work properly the trouble is felt everywhere. Then be wise and as soon as you see signs of disorder get a package of Kidney-Wort.

East Side vs. West Side Ball Clubs.

Some of the leading players called at the Rochester Shoe store and got a pair of Southwick's English Walking shoes for the coming match.

HOMŒOPATHIC MEDICINES from the Pharmacy of Boericke & Tafel. Sold by C. W. WOOLEVER, the Druggist. 33w6

HAVE you seen those beautiful Lawns at Fowler's, selling for 10 cents a yard?

Brick for Sale.

Large size, hard and soft, by Henry Hubertus, Dansville. 37tf

The Greatest Strike Yet.

Everywhere the sick are striking against metallic medicines and powerful vegetable poisons. Everywhere they are coming to the belief that a constitutional invigorant, a preparation uniting the properties of a tonic, a gentle purgative, a sedative and general regulator is necessary to all diseases. Parmelee's Great Dyspepsia Compound is precisely such a preparation. It is a marvelous medicine. Sample bottles, 15 cents; large size, $1. Sold by F. J. NELSON and C. W. Woolever.

Ladies' and Gents' Gauze wrappers just received at FOWLER'S.

Now, do save your money and use it to good purposes. Enquire the price of School Books at Bastian's and buy accordingly. There is no sense in throwing away money. Every penny saved is a penny made.

LINSEED OIL is down 5 cents a gallon. Make a note of it. G. BASTIAN.

All styles of Corsets just received at FOWLER'S.

A Sure Cure for Toothache.

Oh, the suffering caused by toothache. The inclination is to rush to the dentist and have the offending tooth extracted even at the risk of sadly marring the good looks. Don't do it! Go to the druggist instead and get Hamilton's Dental Toothache Drops. They will cure in one minute. Price per bottle, 25 cents. Sold by F. J. NELSON and C. W. WOOLEVER.

WALL PAPER will not be higher yet awhile and don't you forget it. Last year's Satins from 10 to 12½ cents a roll G. BASTIAN.

The best Unlaundried Shirt in town for 60 cents at FOWLER'S.

Peculiar People.

People who will suffer from sour stomach, cramps, colic, or cholera-morbus, when Hamilton's Jamaica Ginger Tonic is known to be a reliable and speedy remedy. To the aged it will prove a great comfort, and to the inebriate, who wishes to reform, it is invaluable, giving tone to the digestive organs and strength to resist temptation. It is a purely vegetable extract. As an appetizer it is greatly superior to wines and liquors. Price, sample bottles, 25 cents; large size, 50 cents. Sold by F. J. NELSON and C. W. WOOLEVER.

Iron Safe Cheap.

A large Iron Safe. Inqure at this office or of 8tf JAMES SNOW.

I Cannot Make Him Smile.

Well, we know what ails him. In his condition he couldn't smile if his grandmother died and left him ten thousand dollars! His stomach is "all out of order." Liver doesn't act. Parmelee's Blood Purifier will make him "all over new." Price, $1 per bottle; sample bottles, 15 cents. Sold by F. J. NELSON and C. W. WOOLEVER.

The Voltaic Belt Co., Marshall, Mich.

Will send their celebrated Electro-Voltaic Belts to the afflicted upon 30 days trial. Speedy cures guarranteed. They mean what they say. Write to them without delay. 11y1

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WALKER—STALLE.—At the M. E. Parsonage, Dansville, on June 16th, by Rev. J. T. Gracey, Mark G. Walker of Springwater and Miss Maggie Stalle of Wayland.

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