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On the 17th inst. the County Court of Madison County...

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EDY KELLY vs. SALLY... You are hereby notified...

Commissioner's Sale... Notice is hereby given...

The Cattaraugus Freeman.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 1864.

Interesting Details of a Charity Meeting at Portville.

Sergeant Higginson's Widow and Children Presented with a Pine Dressing - The Dying Soldier's Platoon of his Three Children.

Correspondence of the Olean Times.

Your readers are already familiar with the story of Sergeant Higginson, who was identified by means of the Ambrotype of his Children found in his hands on the battlefield of Gettysburg...

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card in every heart. What eye has not moistened over the simple act of the kind-hearted woman at the grave of a stranger in New Orleans...

We are not likely to sympathize with them; to talk together about the singular providence which has in such a beautiful way provided for their support...

In creation we see God's wisdom and power displayed not only among the great and massive facts of the universe, but equally so in what men call trifles...

So in the practical result of great struggles we find indeed more than one of which are small enough when viewed in perspective, which prove facts that He who perfects the evil, turns them into a blessing...

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who was providentially in Portville and Mr. A. T. Warren, he visited the humble home of the family to discharge this sad, yet pleasing duty.

His coming had, of course, been anxiously looked for by the widow and her children, and the Dr. was greeted by them with a warm-hearted welcome. When the relic, stained with the blood of her own husband, was presented to the wife, her hands shook like an aspen leaf, but by a strong effort she retained her composure. The children were much interested in some New Year's presents, kindly sent them by Geo. H. Stuart, of Philadelphia. We talked awhile, and then it was suggested that as the hand of God was so apparent in all the events that led to such an unusual meeting, that we unite in a prayer of praise for His wonderful kindness as shown by His strange providence. We all knelt, little Fanny among the first by the side of his found friend, and joined in an appropriate and touching prayer offered by Rev. Mr. Vincent. It was a scene for some master painter; our, we believe, that angels and the God of angels looked down upon with interest and delight.

On the next day a union meeting was held in the Presbyterian Church, at which several clergymen and citizens from Olean were present. It was an occasion of great interest to all present, and the house was filled to its utmost capacity. After devotional exercises, an address of welcome was made by the Pastor of the Church, J. G. Drake, in substance, as follows:

"I have the pleasure of introducing to the audience Dr. Burns of Philadelphia, and of bidding him, in behalf of this Assembly, a cordial and hearty welcome to Portville. We assure you, sir, that though hitherto personally a stranger, yet you were not wholly unknown. Your generous deeds have heralded and preceded your coming, and it gives us all great pleasure to see you face to face to-day, and to welcome you to our midst. Would it were in the power of my poor words to give expression to the strong feelings of respect I had almost said affection which I am sure will up in the hearts of all this audience towards you. The deep interest you have taken in the family of our brave townsmen who shed his life's blood to defend your State from invasion and pillage, has touched a responsive chord in all our hearts. Such distinguished philanthropy is so rare in this world, that your exhibition of it deserves and receives our warmest admiration and approval.

"We welcome you not only for the interest you have taken in the family of our soldier, but as in some degree the representative of the many families all over the land who are in similar circumstances. The people are just beginning to realize what a debt of gratitude they owe to those brave men who have fallen on the bloody battle-field of the war; and the larger debt of sympathy and support, if needed, that is due to their families, and we wish by to-day's exercises to deposit in our minds the impression of this. How much they think of their families, and what a sacrifice they make in leaving wife and children at the call of their country, we may learn somewhat from that touching incident of the dead soldier at Gettysburg, when as life was slowly ebbing away, he was gazing fondly upon the pictured face of his three little children soon to be orphans, and thinking of their mother soon to be left a widow, and their father a parent for life children, and the love of a patriot for his country, and how the strongest emotions of the soul, and both were developed in the noble heart. Hallelujah! His body was buried beneath the sod, beneath the cross, and the blood which was shed for his country, has reached the hearts of the living, and is the real cause of their noble deeds. It is a stranger's noble deed, that emboldened us to this hour, through your judicious and excellent address, and through his application, and his presence, and the long journey, to present the precious relic in its proper and the bereaved family.

But I must close for this time. The beautiful

vision upon a foundation, the solidity of which even Europe has no doubt—the omnipotence of the slaves—the breaking up of corrupt political parties—these are some of the grand results achieved by this war. But I believe there has been awakened in the church by the war's sympathy, with the suffering who did not sufficiently feel before. There may be less concern about dogmas in our religion—but there is more humanity—more Christ-like pity than before. See the hands of men, women and children at home, busy for the soldier's comfort. See the tenderness displayed in our hospitals—see that noble Christian commission working like a Christ among the people—breathing its benedictions—scattering its benedictions everywhere. It cheers the dying soldier, sustains him in suffering—goes with light and life to his cheerless home, and brings gladness where sorrow dwelt before. We have needed more humanity in our religion. I believe one of the results of the war will be the increased susceptibility—the enlarged sympathy—the greater practical benevolence of the church. You remember John Ben Adhem who asked the angel if his name was among those whom the love of God had blessed. The angel said "No."—Said John "Write me then as one that loves his fellow men."

"The angel wrote and vanished, the next night The angel came with great awakening light, And showed the names whom love of God had blest, And lo! Ben Adhem's name led all the rest."

The man who put himself at Christ's work of charity on earth, will soon be led to fuller sympathy with Christ, even if not he best him in too light esteem. So God works great results and little results, and who can tell which is the more important and sublime, the great or the little? And who can tell what may spring from this little incident that has touched the heart of the nation? It is already proposed to provide in every State a fund for the relief of soldiers' orphans. Humbleton while doing looked at his children, till a film grew over his eyes, and his hands dropped in death. That last lingering look was a rich legacy indeed. It may lead to the founding of an asylum for thousands of orphaned ones over the land. It reminds me of the South American hunter who, as he climbed the mountain, caught a herb by which to lift himself up. The root gave way. On the land he found he saw never ore glittering in the sunlight. Lo! the silver mines of Potosi were ruined. So may the deed of this dying soldier open a mine of treasure which while it enriches many, shall disintegrate the foundations wherever there are soldiers' wives and children's orphans.

Dr. Burns then read to the audience the subjoined Poetic Gem, composed by Gen. W. H. Hayward, of Baltimore, and sent to him to be used for the benefit of the Humbleton family. It is now for the first time published. It is, as will be readily perceived, the supposed thoughts of the dying soldier.

Let me gaze upon this picture,  
While my life-blood from me flows,  
On these dear loved, happy faces,  
Ere in death my eyes close,  
Next to my heart I would it,  
Not millions could it buy,  
Let me see my heart's own treasures,  
And kiss them as I die.

Here upon this cold ground lying,  
The earth's my last lone bed,  
No friend to watch me dying,  
Or know me when I'm dead,  
A tender wife and mother,  
For my children yearns with care,  
And bends in anguish o'er them,  
As she breathes her evening prayer.

That we all may meet together,  
To happiness once more,  
That around the peaceful fireside,  
Kind heaven will me restore,  
But I feel my pillow grow weaker,  
In the gloom I scarce can see!  
Still to the beaming features  
Of my little boy—He he!

My boy!—my darling daughter!  
Let none their image tear  
From this poor dying, bleeding heart,  
Oh, hear my dying prayer!  
My God! protect the mother,  
To my orphans' cry give ear,  
I die alone, none near,  
No one to shed a tear.

Some stranger's hand will find me,  
And a grave for me prepare,  
On my breast they'll place the coffin,  
Who say they'll love me there,  
Let the King be wrapped around me,  
The Stars and Stripes I love,  
I die a Union soldier,  
In the truth to rest above.

The flowers will bloom as sweetly  
O'er the unknown soldier's grave,  
As if his heart loved folk near him,  
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Commissioners' Sale.

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Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of the said act, the parcel of land above mentioned and hereafter particularized will be sold by us at public vendue to the highest bidder, on the 21st day of February next, at the Court House, in the County of ...

MORTGAGE SALE.

AS, Certain moneys have been made ...







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enclosing it in an elegant envelope, note to the following effect: "Dear Sir, I have much pleasure in enclosing a check I hope will remove the obstacle of your marriage. Believe me, I am, Sir, your obedient servant, A. J. Martin."

It is not for him and no other was the ad- as the happiest man in the world, giving this generous epistle. Repaired to the parents of Faulein Fische, of his love, he proposed for and re- ceived the hand of a girl who had long been by his delicate though unavowed be- liever.

His reply to Alice Martin, be- traying his sincerest thanks, contain- ing cartes de visite, linked together by a significant rose colored ribbon. Next forthwith sped the happy bride- groom to his residence, but, as no promise- had been made the case was by the respective courts, decided against her.

Advices from Mexico continue to be gloomy accounts of the condition of the country under the Imperial regime - the Emperor is growing more and more unpopular every day, and the new Empire is a conceded failure. The clergy are hated, the recreant "Nobles" are reprobated for their treachery to the national cause, and the people are morose and mutinous. Trade is stagnant; industry is paralyzed, agriculture languishes by reason of con- tinued warfare and universal brigandage; murder and robbery stalk through the land with the assurance which impo- sity crime. The country has long been a prey to anarchy; there is every prospect that fam- ine will be added to the horrors to which it is now a prey.

The Republic was had enough by the Empire promises to be worse, for it is the vicious elements without the vigor of a healthy despotism.

The Albany Statesman suggests that Sherman had been supplied with fifty carrier pigeons, the government could hear him twice a day. The distance between Milledgeville and Washington could be made by a carrier pigeon in ten hours. Sherman had no dispatch direct from the inside of two weeks, which will be made in 30 days after he left Atlanta. If the present war carrier pigeons could be rendered invaluable service to the government, why they have never been put into use is something to wonder at.

By the arrival of the steamer "Albatross" we have intelligence from Port au Prince to the 30th ult. We learn that the publication of newspapers at that place has been prohibited, and that all citizens have been enrolled and are used for the election of the place, as a movement of an unknown character had taken place, the troops had been ordered away, and the expedition had sailed from Port Royal, Louisiana, but no information could be obtained relative to either of the above changes from the officers of the Palace, they were prohibited from making a statement.

Among such is the Old Rye Whisky. Those who wish this article, and of a superior quality and at reasonable rates, together with other Pure Wines and Liquors, can find it at SWIFT & HURST'S Liquor Store, No. 142 and 144 East Seneca Street, Buffalo. The attention of Druggists is solicited. 3 ut.

**ANOTHER SOLDIER GONE TO HIS REST.** - Lieutenant ALONZO A. BECKER, son of WILLIAM H. BECKER, Esq; of Mansfield, in this County, belonging to the 1st Connecticut Battery, attached to the 3d Connecticut Artillery, died recently in hospital in front of Richmond, and his remains were forwarded to his father and buried on Saturday last. He was nearly twenty-two years of age, a frank open-hearted, manly fellow, and as brave as a lion on the field of battle. He will be sadly missed, not only by his parents, but by a large number of friends who knew him well and admired him for his many excellent qualities of head and heart.

**JAMES G. CLARK.** - A full house witnessed the appearance of this gifted poet-vocalist on Tuesday evening last, and the enthusiastic applause which came spontaneously from the hearts of his large audience at the conclusion of every song, was a most gratifying evidence of his success in pleasing his auditors. His "Voice of the Army," "Let us die with my face to the foe," "The Children of the Battlefield," and "Marion Moore," are not only beautiful creations of genuine poetic genius, but they are sung with a fervor and pathos peculiar to JAMES G. CLARK alone. No one can hear him without loving the man, and joining high resolves to lead a better life.

**BITTEN BY A MAD HORSE.** - We learn that some weeks since a rabid dog bit a horse belonging to JOHN WILLOVER, in the Town of Hinsdale. A few days ago the horse which was bitten attacked another standing in a stall near by, and Mr. WILLOVER, hearing the noise, went out to separate them. The rabid horse seized Mr. WILLOVER by the hand, and held on to it for nearly half an hour, when some neighbors came in and forced the animal to relinquish his hold. We also learn that the same dog which bit Mr. WILLOVER's horse, bit a daughter of Mr. AMOS HENDER, of Hinsdale, inflicting a severe and painful wound.

**WARNER & SMITH'S COMMERCIAL COLLEGE.** - The gentlemen who now have charge of the Commercial College, Messrs. WARNER & SMITH, have evinced a great deal of energy and industry since they took charge of the institution. The result is that they have placed it in a position in advance of any school of the kind in the country. They have leased the large commodious Hall and rooms known as Holden's Hall, and permanently established their institution at this central point. The Hall is well adapted for their purposes and has been fitted up so as to be convenient and suitable for the different departments into which they have classified their institution. Their course of study is thorough and correct, and any young man who shall graduate from this institution

The following account of the fires last night and this morning have been obtained at the Police headquarters. They contain many items of interest:

**ARRESTS.**

The police have made four arrests. A woman who came from Baltimore to buy goods was arrested on suspicion; but has since been released. There was no evidence criminating her.

A man who has been in Fort Lafayette, and who belonged to Morgan's guerillas, has been arrested by the police on suspicion.

A soldier, giving his name as Lewis M. Kellogg, was arrested last night on suspicion of firing the Belmont House.

A man was arrested at the Astor House this morning. The examinations of these men will not, it is understood, be public.

**THE HOTELS FIRED.**

The United States Hotel, corner of Fulton and Pearl streets, was one of the first set on fire last night. In the morning of yesterday a young man of genteel appearance, and carrying a satchel, called at the hotel, and asked for a room. The proprietor did not like his appearance, as he had looked like a hotel thief, so the proprietor said that he had no vacant room. The young man appeared anxious to stop at the house, and said he would leave his bag, and call in the afternoon. He called at noon and took dinner, leaving a collar box at the hotel. The proprietor finally gave him a room.

After tea the stranger retired. About a quarter to nine o'clock the proprietor saw the young man going from the house without leaving his key. His suspicions were aroused, and he sent up to the man's room to see if everything was right. The messenger returned, saying the door was locked, and that he smelt smoke. The proprietor ran up stairs and burst open the door, when he found the room full of smoke. He felt for the washstand, but it was gone. He went into the next room and got a pitcher of water, which he threw on the fire. The servants also appeared with pails of water, and in a few minutes the flames were subdued. After procuring a light they found the chairs placed on the bed, the drawers taken from the bureau and piled on the chairs, and the frame of the bureau and washstand placed on top of the pile. Phosphorus had been thrown on the bed and was on fire. The room was close, and the fire did not burn rapidly, so that the damage was slight.

At a quarter to nine o'clock a fire was discovered on the third floor of the St. James Hotel. The door of the room was locked, and when forced the bed was found sprinkled with phosphorus, and the bed clothes and other articles piled in the centre of the room. The flames were extinguished with slight damage.

At the same time a fire was discovered on the third floor of Barnum's Museum. The damage was trifling.

At five minutes before nine o'clock, rooms Nos. 139 and 140 of the St. Nicholas Hotel were found to be on fire. The doors were locked, and the rooms were badly burned. The flames were extinguished by the fire brigade of the establishment. The loss of the furniture was \$2,500. Another fire

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