

POLITICAL REFORM.—Measures have been quietly advancing for the organization of the N. Y. State Council of political reform.

A startling statement comes by telegraph. It is to the effect that certain parties have been buying buffalo robes from the Indians afflicted with small pox, and have transported them east and resold them, thus scattering broadcast through the United States the infection which they must contain.

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE.—Mr. Romeyn Brown, a son of Robert W. Brown, a merchant of Sharon, left home on Sunday, the 17th ult., since which time he has not been seen.

On the first of October, all the toll gates in England and Wales are to be abolished—although in the latter country they were practically abolished by the "Rebecca" mobs in 1843.

THE FASTEST HORSE.—The Poughkeepsie Eagle says that although it is not generally known, yet Dutchess county owns the fastest trotting horse in the world.

THE QUICKEST TIME ON RECORD.—The Saratoga races of this season will long be memorable. Scores of fortunes have been lost and won.

Congress hesitated for three years about giving Mrs. Lincoln a pension of \$3,000. As soon as the Emperor of China heard of the death of Mr. Burlingame, he sent his widow \$6,000 to cover his funeral expenses, and \$15,000 for the benefit of his family.

The United States Senate passed the bill fixing a uniform time for holding Congressional election in all the States. The day assigned is the Tuesday following the first Monday in November.

THE LADY'S FRIEND FOR AUGUST.—The August number of this beautiful monthly is before us, with a charming steel plate from Sully's picture of "The Child on the Beach," the usual Colored Fashions, a Colored Braiding Pattern, and a seashore sketch. The music is a Scotch song—"Bonnie Annie Lee."

The following correspondence shows the advantages of attending a good writing school in early youth:

[From H. Greeley to M. B. Castle.] Dear Sir:—I am overworked and growing old. I shall be 60 next Feb. 3. On the whole, it seems I must decline to lecture henceforth, except in this immediate vicinity, if I do at all. I cannot promise to visit Illinois on that errand—certainly not now.

The latest fashions of Paris fashion is a summer suit made of black or white lace and lined with silk. This little ornament with the thermometer at 103 degrees in the shade must be an expensive injury.

Beautiful Showers.

Thank God for the beautiful showers, For the sound of the pattering rain, For the coolness that comes like a blessing, Soothing our burden of pain.

Thank God for the beautiful showers, For the musical, sparkling rain, For the bursting of bud and blossom, And the maples that stand in the lane.

Thank God for the beautiful showers, For the laughing, gleeful rain, That dimples the brook by the hillside, And shines on the waving grain.

Thank God for the beautiful showers, Washing from earth the stain; Thank God, thank God for his blessing, The merry, dancing rain.

INDIAN IDOLS.—The Oshkosh (Wis.) Times says; "We have before us an idol worshipped by the pagan branch of the Menomonee Indians, living on the reservation in Shawano county. This idol is a small wooden image, intended to represent the human figure. It is something less than a foot in length, rudely carved, and looks as though it had been handled for years.

A NEW FISH DESTROYER.—For years past the fishermen about the shores of Lake Ontario have noticed often that fish apparently in health rose to the surface of the water floated about in a helpless condition for a few hours and then died.

GREEN APPLES are excellent for rheumatism in the stomach and if ate to an extent make lively business for undertakers. SCHOOL boys and girls are enjoying their vacation till the first of September, after which study will be resumed.

RAILROAD MATTERS.—Articles of Association of the New York, West Shore and Chicago Railroad Company, were filed in Secretary's office July 13, 1870. The length of railroad is to be four hundred and twenty-five miles, commencing at the division line between the States of New Jersey and New York, on the west shore of the Hudson river; thence along or near the west shore thereof to Athens; thence to Albany; also from Athens northwesterly to Schenectady; from Schenectady along or near the south shore of the Mohawk river to Utica; thence westerly to Syracuse; thence to Buffalo, and thence to some point on Niagara river, in Erie county.

HOPS.—The editor of the Hamilton Republican who is now taking the census, says: "In taking the census, we have now passed over nearly all of the town of Hamilton and a portion of Brookfield, and with the exception of Mr. Shonals' yard near Earlville, Mr. Ackley's, at Beaver Meadow, and perhaps one or two others, we have not seen a hop yard that promised anything like a good crop. Those yards are superior to anything we ever saw in the hop line, but there are plenty of chances against them yet. The insect has already begun its ravages. The blight or mildew may sweep them away in a week. The most of other yards have very little growth of vine, the plants looking sickly—straggling—demoralized. The section we have been over is regarded as being nearly as good a hop region as the country affords and we do not believe the crop will be over half what it was last season. There are very few new yards, and many old ones have been plowed up. But few persons have their old crop on hand. Not over twenty growers in the town of Hamilton, we think. If other sections are not favored beyond this, we think the price of a good article of hops will be high this year."

"THE UNIVERSAL AYER."—On my journeys over the continent—through Turkey, India, China, Japan, Peru, Chili, Paraguay, Brazil and Mexico, and the United States—in them all to some extent and in some to a great extent, I have found the universal Ayer represented by his family medicines, which are often held in fabulous esteem. Whether they win their marvelous reputation by their cures, I know not, but I know they have it to such a degree that it frequently gave me a distinguished importance to have come from the same country.—Field's letters from abroad.

Local Matters.

Albany and Susquehanna Rail-Road. ONEONTA STATION—GOING EAST. On and after June 16, Trains will leave this Station as follows:

Church Register.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH.—Divine service every Lord's Day at 10.30, A. M., (except when the communion is administered, then at 10), and 7.30, P. M. Sunday School at 12.30. Also, at Morris Chapel on the 2d and 4th Sundays of each month, at 3.30 P. M., and at New Lisbon on the 1st and 3d Sundays at 3.30 P. M. Daily Morning Prayers in Zion Church at 9 A. M.

LET it be remembered that an X after the name denotes the expiration of the subscription; before the name that you owe us and we want our pay.

Home and Vicinity.

SEE ASSESSORS notice in another column. A NEW stock of Drugs and Medicines at Laurence's. BACK arrearages on the CHRONICLE received at this office.

BLACKBERRIES have made their appearance in our village. SUBSCRIPTIONS to the CHRONICLE cheerfully taken at this office. If you want any thing in the Grocery line, call on Laurence.

WE want all persons who are indebted to us to pay up without further delay. Is it not something new for blackberries to be ripe in July, in this latitude? We think so.

MIRCHELL has sold the New Berlin stage line, and will again go as conductor on the Oneonta line. GREEN apples are excellent for rheumatism in the stomach and if ate to an extent make lively business for undertakers.

SCHOOL boys and girls are enjoying their vacation till the first of September, after which study will be resumed. JULY is pretty early to have seen (sweet) corn in this latitude. Yet it was had by several in this village last week, grown in their own gardens.

IF you want Stationery and Fancy Goods at lower prices than you ever bought, call on Laurence. FESTIVAL.—A Blackberry and Ice Cream Festival will be held at the church in West Laurens, Saturday evening August 6th, at which everybody is invited.

THERE is a man named Smith in Buffalo looking for a relative of the same name. If his relative's front name is John he will find him in this village, as we saw him yesterday.

AN ungrateful person—the man who found fault because his oats got wet. He deserves to be turned out to pasture, where his cattle have been trying to live for a few weeks past.

IF you want Paints, Oils, Varnish, Glass, Putty, of A No. 1 quality, call on Laurence. THE steam whistle attached to the engine in Mr. Parcell's shop speaks forth in tones most sublime. We now have two of these institutions in our village, and we like to hear them scream. They are music to the ear, and indicate business.

THE question whether Morris should be an incorporated village, was voted upon last Friday, and resulted as follows: There was 126 votes polled; for incorporation, 94; against, 32; majority for incorporation, 62. Progress is the motto of the times, and we are pleased to chronicle that our citizens are in favor of public improvements.

GILBERTSVILLE Academy, at Butternuts, will open its fall session August 15th. For full information apply to John Kelley, Principal. The location and surroundings of this institution are very fine. The zeal of the people in its behalf needs thorough cultivation so that its halls may be filled with students.

I WILL warrant my goods to give satisfaction both in quality and price. D. I. LAURENCE. ON Tuesday night, July 26th, (let it be recorded) the spell was broken, and the windows of heaven were opened and the earth received a good wetting down. The cattle on the hills leaped for joy, and mankind said "thank God," if they did not it was their duty to do so. Again on Thursday night and Friday morning, we had a liberal rain.

THE sudden death of Noah Perry, Esq., of New Lisbon, in the store of J. M. Lull in this village, on the morning of July 26th, mention of which we made in part of our issue last week, we again notice. Mr. Perry had left his home that morning in as good health as he had enjoyed for several years; he having, we are told, been troubled with the heart disease, and was "frading in the store, where he died without hardly a struggle. Mr. Perry was born on the farm in New Lisbon he occupied when he died; was an upright and honorable citizen, and retained the respect of all who knew him. He was in the 75th year of his age. His funeral was largely attended at the residence of his brother (Horace Perry) in this village, by a large circle of relatives and friends, on Wednesday, the 27th.

IT IS NEEDED.—We understand that an effort is being made to again have a daily mail between Morris and Mt. Upton. That a mail is needed there is not a shade of doubt, and it should not have been discontinued. The people living in the three villages and along the route, have been greatly accommodated since it ceased to be a mail route. Now that the Midland is running to Sidney Plains, and the New Berlin branch is in running order, travel going to New York and the West from this village, will naturally go that way, and it has become necessary that a daily mail and stage should be at once put upon the road to Mt. Upton. We hope that it will not be many days before we shall again behold the departure and arrival of the old familiar southern stage, which was so long an institution of Morris.

MY stock of goods were bought before the great advance in gold, and I will give customers the benefit. D. I. LAURENCE.

BUTTERNUTS.—A large number of persons gathered in this village on Saturday July 23d, to witness the advertised horse race for a purse of \$25. The street on which the race was to have taken place was lined with anxious, impatient spectators, who were willing to bear the almost intolerable heat of the sun, to gratify that natural weakness of humanity, the love of horse racing. But alas! the race did not occur, the throng were doomed to disappointment. The commissioners forbidding trial of speed on the public highway, and so about three o'clock the crowd returned, vowing vengeance on all faithful commissioners whatsoever, and especially on the Excise Board that prevented the gratification of their appetites at the bars of the hotels. The races took place at a later hour, on one of the farms outside the village limits.

THE Baptist church have unanimously given their Pastor, Rev. D. B. Jutten, a vacation of three Sabbaths. I WILL sell goods as cheap for cash or ready pay, as any man in Otsego Co. D. I. LAURENCE.

RAILROAD MEETING.—Last week a meeting was held at Oneonta to adopt measures for building a railroad from Oneonta to Earlville, to connect with the S. & C. V. RR., and considerable enthusiasm was manifested. In regard to this road we clip the following from the Sherburne News: "The object of the company is to secure the shortest and most direct route from Syracuse to the seaboard, without regard to villages and towns. A strong force is already employed between Syracuse and Cazenova, and the work is being pushed rapidly forward towards Earlville, to which point the work is positively located. From Rondout, on the Hudson river, to Oneonta, the work is going forward, and the contractors say it will be completed in advance of the Western division. Between Earlville and Oneonta there is an interval not yet surveyed but immediate steps are to be taken to locate that portion of the route, which is to be under a separate organization. When the three divisions are completed they will be consolidated, making a continuous route from Syracuse to the Hudson, thence to New York, shorter than either the Central or the Midland.

JUST received a fresh supply of New Goods at Laurence's Drug Store.

ONEONTA has a population of 1,200. Mr. Wedderspoon, of Cooperstown, recently sold his trotting horse for \$1,500. Nathaniel Bull, late of the Commercial College of Binghamton, has been engaged to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Mr. Saxton, as principal of the Oneonta Union School. Mr. Fredrick R. Halsey, of New York, a young gentleman stopping at the Cooper House, says the Rep. & Dem., walked around Otsego lake last Wednesday, morning—going up on the east side, in 5 hours and 10 minutes. The distance is about twenty-five miles. It has been arranged to at least try the experiment of a Cheese Day at Cooperstown, and on every Saturday after July 30th, the representatives of various factories and owners of dairies will meet at the Railroad Depot, with specimens of their cheese. Mr. Theodore Beardsley, residing near Wells Bridge, lost a valuable horse, a few days since, by drowning in the Susquehanna river. They went to the river to drink, got into deep water, and being fettered, could not swim; and before help could be obtained, one of them drowned. The other was rescued at the last possible moment.—Democrat.

SURGICAL OPERATION.—At the late meeting of the County Medical Society Dr. H. Lathrop exhibited a very interesting pathological specimen. It was a case where the Dr. operated several months ago for vesico-vaginal fistula, of fifty years standing. The union was complete. The operation is one that requires a good amount of skill, and this specimen shows, demonstrates that the Doctor has that requisite.

THOUGHTLESS.—A few days since, Eugene Crippen, living in Worcester, lost an excellent cow for which \$80 was refused, caused by the throwing of a stone by his hired laborer, which broke one of her legs. We sometimes hear of like accidents, but seldom. Better judgement and more humane feelings generally predominate. It is very convenient and sometimes very pleasing to gratify an irate disposition for the moment, by picking up a stone and cruelly hurling it at a poor dumb brute. We think that such practices in this enlightened age, and in the face and eyes of the laws against cruelty to animals can scarcely be tolerated.—Schenectady Monitor.

THE Union Christian Convention held at the Baptist Church, in Mt. Vision, on the 19th and 20th ult., was not as fully attended by the ministry from abroad as the work deserved. The

opening address by Rev. Mr. Williams was very appropriate; clearly setting forth statistical evidence that the growth of the church was not keeping pace with the increase in population. This he attributed to a want of harmonious action between different denominations. On Wednesday a discussion was held to demonstrate the best method to extend gospel influence to that portion of the community not provided and how the Sabbath School could best aid in the work. The next meeting will be held at Oneonta, in October. If you want Teas at hard pan prices, call on Laurence.

Oneonta County.

A. Boyce, of Greene, sold a trotting horse a few days ago, for \$5,000.

Norwich is troubled with pickpockets and considerable money has been taken by these gentry. The Lyon Brook Bridge near Oxford, is visited by thousands of people, and continues to be lionized by the press of the county.

The New Berlin branch will be opened to the public about August 1st. The Company is constructing a telegraph line on the branch, and it will be in operation on or before the above date. Mr. Orrin Field has been appointed agent at New Berlin.

Coroner Avery was called on Wednesday last, to hold an inquest upon the body of Rufus Campbell, an insane patient at the County House, who had committed suicide by cutting his throat with a scythe. Deceased was formerly a resident of Greene.

In the Sherburne, Harrisville, Todd, Page and Cold Spring factories, under the direction of H. O. Freeman, is stored 170,000 pounds of cheese of the various qualities from skim to pure. The average daily manufacture in these five factories is 3000 pounds; all to be held over the warm season. A. White & Co., have 100,000 lbs. in store in the North Norwich, Bryant and Four Corners factories, and are manufacturing 1400 pounds daily.

The Free Methodists purpose holding a Camp-Meeting near the village of Bainbridge, commencing Wednesday, August 24th, and holding one week. The meeting will be a large one. Three districts of the Susquehanna Conference will unite therein, viz: The Binghamton, Utica and New York. The attendance of members of the Free Methodist Church from all parts in central, eastern and southern New York, as well as from Pennsylvania is anticipated. If you want pure Drugs and Medicines, call on Laurence.

Cleveland is hard at work excavating its lake tunnel for a water supply. One fifth of the work is completed.

An Iowa farmer successfully stopped a little girl from stealing his blackberries recently by stoning her to death.

A Wisconsin farmer has just sold his wool, some of which he has been holding for seven years, waiting for a rise.

The cotton crop of this country this year will reach 4,300,000 bales, an amount considerably above the maximum crop before the war.

HEAVY HORSES.—On Saturday last the emigrant train took nine Normandy horses west, that were the largest we ever saw. A four year-old weighed 1,750 pounds.—Deposit Courier.

Fisk said last week that he should carry passengers to Chicago for two cents a head, and feed them on the way, before he would succumb to Vanderbilt.

Several conductors, charged with manslaughter on the Northern (Vermont) Railroad, pleaded not guilty, and were held to bail in \$1,000 each to appear before the Supreme Judicial Court.

Alaska is fast becoming civilized. Already the prize fighters have found their way there and Sitka, its capital, was recently the scene of a thoroughbred "mill."

Address R. V. Pierce, M. D., 133 Seneca street, Buffalo, N. Y., and get a pamphlet on Catarrh free, or send sixty cents and get Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy. \$500 reward is offered by the proprietor for a case of Catarrh in the head which he cannot cure. Sold by druggists. Look out for counterfeits and worthless imitations. The genuine has Dr. Pierce's private Government Stamp on it. Cut this out, as you may never see it again.

Business Notices.

ICE CREAM! ICE CREAM!—Every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday evenings, at the Ladies' Saloon.

You who enjoy a cup of good Tea will find it to your advantage to give us a call and try our's. We do not advertise to sell the cheapest tea, but will try and give you the best at cash prices.

MURDOCK & MATTESON. Lost.—Between Morris and Butternuts, on Saturday, July 9th, a Woolen Plaid Shawl—single; colors, red, white and black. The finder of said shawl will confer a great favor by leaving it at this office, or give information where it can be found.

WE HAVE THEM.—If you want a good Dog Skin, Buck Skin or Sheep Skin Driving Glove, you can find them at Murdock & Matteson's cheap for cash.

FOUND.—Between the cottage at Mr. Rotoh's grove, and H. R. Washburn's residence, a single plaid woolen shawl, red, blue and green. Said shawl has been left at this office, and the owner can have the same by calling and paying for this notice. This shawl was brought here in answer to the advertisement of a lost shawl last week, but it is not the one that notice called for; hence this one is now awaiting an owner.

Good cider vinegar can be found at Murdock & Matteson's.