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UNDER CHARGE OF THE
Misses DUGAN & WALLEY,
ROCKVILLE, MD.
THE TWENTY-FOURTH SESSION will commence on *MONDAY, September 4th*, 1871. Parents are particularly requested to enter their children at the commencement of the session. No deduction is made for absence or withdrawal from the Institute, except in cases of protracted illness. aug 4—tf*

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A Classical and Mathematical School for Young Gentlemen.
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October 21, 1870.

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THE undersigned having removed to the house next door west of Mr. John H. Higgins' Store, in the town of Rockville, is now prepared to
"Cut and Make Up Ladies' Dresses,
and MAKE CLOTING of all kinds for gentlemen and children, and attend to MACHINE STITCHING, &c.
All work entrusted to us will be done in the best manner, and at reasonable terms.
MRS. MARTHA HARDESTY and DAUGHTERS. jan 17—tf

UNDERTAKING.
THE undersigned would respectfully inform the citizens of Rockville and vicinity, that he has bought the right, title, interest and good will of his father, in the UNDERTAKING BUSINESS, together with the Hearse, Wagon, &c. necessary for conducting the same, and that he will be prepared hereafter, upon the shortest notice, to accommodate all who may require his services. A liberal share of patronage is solicited.
W. REUBEN PUMPHREY, Washington Street, june 10—tf Rockville, Md.

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LEWIS SADTLER,
ROCKVILLE, Montgomery Co., Md.,
IS PREPARED TO MANUFACTURE, at the shortest notice and on the most reasonable terms, all kinds of
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for Men, Boys, Ladies and Children. Being a practical workman, and intending to keep on hand a stock of good material, he feels confident of giving satisfaction to all.
☞ He hopes by strict attention to business and liberal terms, to merit a continuance of public patronage.
☞ REPAIRING neatly done at short notice. [jan 19—y

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THE SUBSCRIBER, having located his place of business on the corner opposite Bouic Bros. Store, in ROCKVILLE, would respectfully inform the public that he is prepared at all times to execute all kinds of work in his line, such as—
Tin, Copper and Sheet-Iron Work, Roofing, Guttering and Spouting, Repairing Stoves, &c. &c.
Being a practical workman, he feels confident that he can give satisfaction to all who may favor him with their patronage, a liberal share of which he respectfully solicits.
TIN WARE,
of every description constantly on hand and made to order, at very low prices.
☞ SECOND-HAND STOVES, bought and sold, on liberal terms.
feb 23—1y HENRY VIETT.

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THE undersigned begs leave to inform *GROCERS AND OTHERS*, that he has taken out
Wholesale Liquor Dealer's License,
and is now prepared to furnish all who may favor him with a call, with all kinds of
LIQUORS, GROCERIES, &c.
IN ANY QUANTITY, and as cheap as they can be purchased elsewhere.
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PUMP-MAKER, ELLICOTT CITY, Howard Co., Md.
Gives his undivided attention to the prosecution of his business, in all its branches.
PUMPS of the most approved kinds made to order, and READY-MADE PUMPS always on hand. The charge is 50 Cents per foot.
ALL NEW WORK WARRANTED.
☞ Orders addressed to the subscriber at Ellicott City, Howard county, Md., will be promptly attended to. mar 3—tf HAMILTON OLDFIELD.

B. F. CARTER,
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PUMP-MAKER,
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Will attend promptly to DIGGING AND WALLING WELLS, PUTTING IN NEW PUMPS and REPAIRING OLD ONES.
NEW PUMPS kept always on hand. Price 50 cents per foot.
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THE UNDERSIGNED HAVING purchased the entire Stock of the SADDLERY STORE, formerly occupied by the late JOHN M. REILEY, at 84 High St., Georgetown, D. C., is now prepared to furnish the citizens of Montgomery county with *best articles, at lowest rates*. He has on hand a large Stock of *TRUNKS, HARNESS, &c.*
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ROBERT O'F. PETTIT, 84 High Street, Georgetown, D. C. july 14—tf

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GOODS sold at LOWEST MARKET PRICES.
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A LARGE STOCK OF SAFETY LAMPS, just received by dec 22 BOUIC BROS.

86] GREAT BARGAINS [86
—IN—
SPRING & SUMMER DRY GOODS
AND
MILLINERY,
AT THE OLD ESTABLISHED CHEAP STORE OF
ANNIE YOUNG & BRO.,
No. 86 Bridge Street,
GEORGETOWN, D. C.
Opposite the Adams' Express Office.
WE are happy to announce to the citizens of Montgomery county that we have received and offer for sale at the lowest cash prices, the largest and cheapest stock of
DRY GOODS
to be found south of Philadelphia, among which will be found a full line of *LADIES' DRESS GOODS*, such as SILKS, in all colors, from the lowest to the highest priced; Grenadines, Beriges, Alpacas, Mohairs, and all styles and qualities of Black Goods, in Silks, Satins, Grenadines, &c.
White Goods.—In these we name Marseilles, Piques, Bishop and Victoria Lawns, Nainsooks, plain, plaid and striped; Swiss Muslins, and a full assortment of plain and colored Lawns, from 12½ cents up.
Bleached and Brown Goods.—A full stock of Bleached and Brown Goods, ranging in prices from 8 to 22 cents.
Table Linens.—A large and complete line of Table Linens; Bedspreads, Towelling, Napkins, &c. Also a fine collection of Ladies Wrappings for Spring and Summer, Hoop Skirts, Gloves-Fitting Corsets, Bustles, and Corsets in all styles, at low prices; Nottingham Lace, Curtains and Tidys.
Also, a large supply of Prints, "Dolly Vardens," and everything pertaining to this line of goods.
Men's and Boys' Wear.—A good assortment of all Goods for Men's and Boys' Wear; the cheapest in the market.
☞ The best KID GLOVES for Ladies, from $1 to $1 50; Lace and Linen Collars and Cuffs, Ladies' and Gents' Handkerchiefs, and a full assortment of Fancy Goods.
Parasols, Parasols.—We have in store the finest stock of "Dolly Varden" Parasols, and Walking Canes, Sun and Rain Umbrellas, &c.
MILLINERY GOODS!
WE MAKE A SPECIALTY of this branch of our business, and have made extensive improvements since the close of last season. We name among the latest styles in Bonnets & Hats, "Dolly Vardens," St. Clair, Belle, Favorite, Sailor, Gazelle, Victoria, Daisy, Kirkwood, Saratoga, School Girl, Surf, Fanchette, and a large assortment of Ribbons & Flowers, which we will make up at the shortest notice and at prices which cannot fail to give satisfaction.
N. B.—We have the pleasure of informing the Ladies of Montgomery county that we have in charge of this branch one of the best Milliners, and can guarantee good and fashionable work.
☞ Thankful for past favors, we respectfully solicit a continuance of the same, and promise by strict attention to the wants of our customers to merit a full share of trade.
ANNIE YOUNG & BRO. apr 12—tf Georgetown, D. C.

GRAND OPENING
OF
—NEW SPRING GOODS—
AT
CARTER'S
DRY GOODS STORE,
GEORGETOWN, D. C.
April 8th, 1872.
THE country people are respectfully invited to call and examine the large and well assorted stock of New Spring Goods, consisting of the latest styles of New Dress Goods, New Cloths, Cassimeres, New Shawls, &c. Our large stock of
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Consists of Plain Poplin, Striped Poplin, Plaid Poplin—in all the very latest style Spring Colors and Shades, and in all prices from 18, 20, 25, 31, 37, 45 to 50 cents.
SPRING CASSIMERES.
A very large assortment from 50, 62, 75, 87 cents to $1 per yard. Our Domestic stock is very large
CALICOES, 8, 10 and 12½ cents.
Best yard-wide Cottons, both bleached and unbleached, 12½ cents.
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Great Specialty in Black Alpacas, Prices ranging from 25, 31, 37½ to 50 cents, VERY FINE.
Large Assortment of Stockings, 12½ cts.
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Napkins and Towels, 12½ cents.
Table Linen 37½ cents.
OIL CLOTHS and Straw Matting, 25 cts.
D. E. W. CARTER
No. 130 Bridge Street, Georgetown. april 12—tf

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Excelsior Pump.
THE undersigned has now on hand about 10,000 feet of White Oak Pump Stock, which has been in soak in Spring water a sufficient length of time to free it from sap.—Any Pump constructed of this stock is guaranteed not to give an unpleasant taste to the water. His arrangements for preparing Pump Stock in the above manner are most ample and complete, and he will always be prepared to put up the
EXCELSIOR PUMP,
At short notice.
Always on hand all kinds of Pump Fixtures, of the very best quality.
Common Wooden Pumps made on the premises where they are to be placed, when desired, at 50 cents a foot.
All Pumps constructed by the subscriber are warranted for one year. After the first year, they will be kept in order by him, for ten years, for the moderate sum of $1 pr year.
All Pumps put in and not proving satisfactory, will be taken out and the money refunded.
Orders by mail, or in person, attended to with promptness, and at moderate prices.
WM. OLDFIELD, PUMP MAKER, ap19—1y Fountain Green, Howard Co.

FOR SALE.
100 BUSHELS NORTHERN MONITOR AND EARLY ROSE POTATOES.
Also, GARDEN SEEDS, in full variety, in store and for sale by
N. D. OFFUTT, may 19 Rockville, Md.

Poetical.

[*Published by Request*.]

MR. EDITOR,—The following lines I never saw in print save in the columns of an obscure country paper in California, about the year 1855, and therein noticed as having been found in the deserted cabin of a miner. Will you favor me with their insertion in your paper? ITEM.

Reflections.

Turning our thoughts upon the by-gone years,
How oft the sad soul fills the eyes with tears;
How throbs the heart with many a vain regret
For acts 'twould be a mercy to forget:
For evil thoughts and hasty accents spoken,
The trusts we have betrayed, the vows we've broken.

We think upon the hearts to our hearts bound,
Now pulseless laid beneath the cold, cold ground
We think upon the lips to our lips pressed,
Now sealed forever in Death's voiceless rest.
The forms we clasped in sweet and warm embraces,
Now gone forever from their wonted places.

We think of many a one whose friendless heart
Seemed linked to ours in chains no power could part;
Who hath grown callous to our love and cold,
Forming new friendships and forgetting old;
Oh, how debased, how worse than vile and rotten,
Is friendship that can be so soon forgotten.

Is it not marvelously, sadly strange,
That aught so pure and fair as love should change?
Yet there were loves in those bright days gone by,
Which fondly we believed could never die.

The past, the past; would that some rayless gloom,
Might seal it in Death's everlasting tomb;
Would that from out my tortured soul I might
Forever cast its fell and withering blight;
For I have many sins to be forgiven,
By man on Earth and by my God in Heaven.

Forgive, forgive me, ye whom I have grieved,
All that I've ever wronged, betrayed, deceived;
To err is human, to forgive divine,
Play ye the God's part, fallen man's is mine

Selected Miscellany.

A Bashful Man's Experience.

If there is a being deserving of commiseration it is the sensitive man. He is the victim of the unfeeling and thoughtless, and a source of constant uneasiness to himself. His misfortune leads him into all sorts of blunders.

Such an unfortunate was Nathaniel Wilson. He seemed to have been born into the world to afford amusement to his fellow beings; or, as was said of him by a wag in his native village, he came into the world blushing, and had never been able to get over it. So bashful a boy was Nathaniel that what little learning he acquired at school was acquired through unusual tribulation and pain. He trembled all over when obliged to sit near a girl, and when examination day came he was miserable indeed.

He could not pass a lady on the street without making himself ridiculous in trying to avoid her; and to be compelled to sit opposite one at table, overwhelmed him with confusion. If requested to pass a certain article of food, he was sure to seize the wrong one, and in his mortification would cap the climax by upsetting his coffee upon himself or his neighbors.

The only time that Nathaniel was ever known to voluntarily present himself in ladies' company was on the occasion of a pic-nic, gotten up by the young people of the village; but when he arrived at the scene of festivities, and found himself surrounded by such an array of female loveliness, his courage forsook him, and amid the jeers of his comrades he ran home for dear life.

A scapegrace by the name of Tom Johnson, a character famous for playing tricks upon everybody, conceived the idea of "getting a good one" upon Nathaniel. A young married woman by the name of Mrs. Lane, whose husband was temporarily absent on business in a foreign country, had lately taken up her residence in the village. Having learned this much, Tom sought out Nathaniel, and in a very earnest and confidential manner said to him.

"Nat, I've got something important to tell you—the best piece of news you ever heard, I'll warrant."

"What is it?" inquired Nathaniel, eagerly.

"Well," began Tom, lowering his voice almost to a whisper, and assuming a most earnest expression of countenance, "you have seen this Miss Lane that has lately moved into the village?"

"Yes," replied Nathaniel, "and a mighty fine looking young woman she is too."

"That's so," said Tom, "and what do you think—she has taken a great fancy to you, Nat."

"Pshaw!" exclaimed Nathaniel.

"Fact!" declared Tom. "She was talking with my sister, Agnes, about you yesterday, and when she heard so good a report of you, and that your only failing was being so shy of women, she said she wished she could get acquainted with you, but she supposed that would be impossible. She said she had made up her mind that if she ever married it would be to some respectable, honest man in the country, for she had become disgusted with the deceit and heartlessness of city men. It's clear enough that she came here for no other purpose than to pick up some good, honest fellow like you."

"If I only thought you were in earnest, Tom," said Nathaniel, after a moment's pause, and in an animated manner; "but I'm afraid you're playing one of your tricks upon me."

"Nat," replied Tom, with an offended air, "I'm telling you the truth. Plenty of high-born ladies have the same notions about matrimony as Miss Lane has; there's nothing strange about. And, Nat, if you'll take the advice of a friend, go and see the young woman and gently hint at the subject. You are too good a fellow to drone away your life in this fashion; get married and be a man!"

"It won't kill a fellow to call on a woman, even if he does get the slip," said Nathaniel, in a state of high excitement.

"Of course it won't," replied Tom, and again exhorting Nathaniel to lose no time in securing so rich a prize, he departed.

"Poor Nathaniel was in a pitiable state of anxiety and uncertainty. But love, the great conqueror, soon decided his course.

"I'll go and see her!" he exclaimed. "If a man ain't a man at twenty-six years old, when is he going to be?"

And the next hour saw Nathaniel Wilson, the most bashful man in all the country round attired in his best suit, and nearly frightened to death, standing on the door-step of Mrs. Lane's dwelling. With a trembling hand he gave the bell a convulsive pull. The call was answered by the object of his adoration herself.

"Good morning," Nathaniel managed to articulate, oblivious of the fact that it was three hours past noon.

"Good afternoon, sir," replied Mrs. Lane. "Will you walk in?"

Nathaniel excepted the invitation, and dropped into the proffered chair with a fluttering heart.

"Nice day," he ventured to remark, in a husky tone.

"A beautiful day," replied Mrs. Lane, with a cordial vigor which made him start.

"Nice weather to ride out—and see the crops—and things," stammered Nathaniel, after a long pause, "a-hemming and hitching uneasily in his seat.

"Yes, indeed," said Mrs Lane, puzzled at her visitor's strange manner, and curious to know what he could be driving at.

Another painful pause ensued. Nathaniel looked at the lady, then at the floor, then at the ceiling; his face turned all colors, and his muscles twitched nervously. He felt that he had undertaken the most stupendous and trying feat of his life. All his former missions dwindled into nothingness compared with this. He wished he was at home! But the lady was anxiously awaiting his pleasure, and he made a desperate effort.

"Miss Lane, I've understood—

"Yes sir?" replied that lady, interrogatively as Nathaniel's understandings met with a quietus.

Matters were becoming serious, at least with poor Nathaniel, and anything but agreeable to Mrs. Lane, who was at her wits' end to know the meaning of such a strange proceeding. To recede now was impossible, thought the unfortunate man, and he braced himself for another trial.

"Miss Lane, I suppose you know I'm a single man?" he said, and his lips quivered.

She thought him a singular man, if not an idiot or a lunatic; but she said nothing, and awaited developments.

"I have been advised to give you a call," Nathaniel continued, gaining a little confidence from the comparatively smooth progress of the interview thus far, "and perhaps you might render me—"

Another halt, another cough and more nervousness.

"If I can render you any service I shall be happy to do so," said Mrs. Lane, thinking that her visitor was laboring under some mental aberration or domestic affliction.

Nathaniel felt encouraged—in fact, elated What could this answer mean but an invitation to come to the interesting climax at once, and relieve both parties? No sooner thought than acted upon. Wiping his perspiring forehead, he blurred out:

"Miss Lane I'm a single man and I want a wife. A friend of mine has told me that you have spoken of me in a favorable kind of way, and advised me to come and see you. Will you marry me?"

It is strange how susceptible of sudden change is one's temper, and especially a woman's! Mrs Lane, not dreaming of such a termination of affairs, was astonished, and, very properly, highly indignant.

"What do you mean, sir, by insulting me, a married woman, in this way?" she exclaimed; "leave my house immediately! and she opened the door to accelerate her offender's exit.

"A married woman—O, Lord!" gasped poor Nathaniel, who had risen from his seat and stood trembling from head to foot, and in his fright and confusion he bolted out of the door, leaving his hat behind him.

On board the train that left the village of M——that evening, there might have been seen, in one corner of the car, a woe-begone man, holding with one hand a huge carpet-bag upon his knee, while with the other he now and then wiped his face with his pocket-handkerchief. This individual was no other than poor Nathaniel Wilson, who, filled with grief and mortification at his ridiculous performance of that afternoon, had hastily gotten together his worldly all, and was flying from the scene of his disgrace.

But "All's well that ends well;" and never had the proverb a more striking illustration than in the cruel hoax of which Nathaniel Wilson had been made the victim. But a few days had elapsed after Mrs. Lane's interview with Nathaniel, when the lady received news of the death of her husband, which occurred several weeks previously, in the distant country whither he had gone. In the meantime, the heartless joke that had been played upon Nathaniel had come to the ears of Mrs. Lane, and with so favorable mention of Nathaniel's moral standing in the community, that the lady, in her goodness of heart, wrote to Nathaniel a letter of regret for the injury she had innocently done him, and assuring him of the respect with which she had come to regard him.

The missive received from the overjoyed Nathaniel a prompt response. A correspondence was established and continued between the two so ludicrously brought together, and in little more than a year after his departure, Nathaniel returned home to consummate in marriage the courtship so inauspiciously begun. His short experience among strangers had wrought a wonderful change in him; the awkward, bashful fellow had indeed "made a man of himself," and none are more highly esteemed in the village of M—— than Mr. and Mrs. Wilson.

A BEAUTIFUL CUSTOM.—In the mountains of the Tyrol it is the custom of the women and children to come out when it is bed time to sing the national songs until they hear their husbands, fathers and brothers answer them from the hills on their return home. On the shores of the Adriatic such a custom prevails. There the wives of the fishermen come down about sunset and sing a melody. After singing the first stanza they listen awhile for the answering strain from off the water, and continue to sing and listen till the well-known voices come borne over the tide, telling that the loved ones are almost home. How sweet to the weary fishermen, as the shadows gather round them, must be the songs of the loved ones at home who sing to cheer them; and how they strengthen and tighten the bonds that bind together these humble dwellers by the sea! Truly, it is among the lowly in this world that we find some of the most beautiful customs.

Judicious advertising always pays.

"What are you doing there?" said a grocer to a fellow who was stealing his lard. "I am getting fat," was the reply.

"What's in a dress?" says a popular writer. Sometimes a great deal and sometimes a precious little.

A proud father in England lately explained to a school teacher as follows: "What accounts for John being sich a bad scollar is that he's my son by my wife's first husband."

A pole kats skin is wuth 2 dollars in market, after it is skinned, but it is wuth 2 dollars and fifty cents tew skin him.

This is one way tew made 12 shillings in a wet day.—*Josh Billings.*

"Here's your in-waders," shouted a member of the 11th Mississippi regiment as Gen. Lee's veteran army plunged into the Potomac on its way to Gettysburg. "And here's your wetter-'ons," echoed a gallant soldier of the old 4th Alabama.

In Boston a "total abstinence society" is started for "total abstinence from meddling in other people's affairs." If this society had been started and adhered to some fifteen or twenty years ago, there would have been no war.

Olive Logan commenced one of her lectures at Newark, recently, with the remark, "Whenever I see a pretty girl, I want to clasp her in my arms!" "So do we," shouted the boys in the gallery. For a moment Olive was nonplussed, but, recovering her self-possession, she replied, "Well, boys, I don't blame you."

THE SENTINEL.

Meeting of the Executive Board of the Montgomery County Agricultural Society.

ROCKVILLE, MD., TUESDAY, April 16th, 1872.

Pursuant to a call of the President the Executive Board met at 11 o'clock, the President of the Society in the chair.

The Secretary read the proceedings of the last meeting of the Board; present, Messrs. Clarke, Owen, Bailey, Offutt, Suter and Brooke. R. M. Williams, chairman of a committee appointed prior to the last Fair, to visit the District of Columbia to solicit subscriptions in aid of the Society, made a verbal report stating that the committee were highly pleased with the liberality with which they were generally received by the people of the District and particularly of Washington; and that contributions were freely given; that several gentlemen contributed $100 00 each; several $50.00; others $25.00; and that their total receipts amounted to $602.75, which had been paid over to the Treasurer.

The committee recommended that the Society at some general meeting mark their appreciation of this liberality by a vote of thanks to the people of Washington generally, and that contributors of the larger amounts named be made honorary members of this Society. He stated also that the services of Phil. C. Riley, Esq., formerly of Washington, but now a farmer of the county, and the other member of the committee, were of the greatest efficiency and value, and that the President of the Society rendered the committee great assistance by joining them frequently in the progress of their work.

The Treasurer made his report of financial operations of the late Fair, the receipts and disbursements of which, were carefully examined and read over, and on motion the report was adopted. It shows the balance in the Treasury after payment of all expenses to be $461 68. On motion the sum of $26 08 were ordered to be reserved by the Treasurer for cleaning the grounds, &c., and the remainder to be equally distributed amongst the holders of notes against the Society for the original purchase money for the grounds.

The President stated that he had been informed that the Legislature of Maryland at its last session had passed an act making an appropriation of $3000.00 to the State Agricultural and Mechanical Society, and $3000.00 to be equally divided amongst all organized County Societies in the State. Vice President Clarke, who is a member of the House of Delegates, stated that he thought that the law also provided that each of the County Societies should receive from the State $1 60 per annum, for each of its members, not however exceeding $500.00.

Thereupon on motion the President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Society were appointed a committee to investigate the subject of the passage of this act, and to take such steps at once as may be necessary to obtain for the Society its portion of said appropriation.

The following resolutions were then also presented and unanimously passed:

Resolved, That the Secretary give notice that the question of the expediency of incorporating the Society will be presented for consideration on the first Monday of June next immediately after the annual election of officers to take place on that day; and that Joseph H. Bradley, Esq, President, Judges Richard J. Bowie, W. V. Bouic, and Joseph T. Bailey, Esq., be and they are hereby appointed a committee to prepare suitable articles of incorporation to be presented at that time.

Resolved, That each member of the Executive Board be and he is hereby directed to provide himself with a blank book wherewith to proceed at once to solicit membership to the Society in all parts of the county; and that the Secretary and Treasurer be and they are hereby instructed to prepare a list of all the present members of the Society so far as they can ascertain the same, from documents in their possession.

Resolved, That Joseph T. Bailey, N. D. Offutt, and Capt. E. W. Owen, are requested to call upon persons owning lands adjoining those of the Society to ascertain whether an additional entrance to the ground of the Society can be procured, and upon what terms, and to report at the next meeting.

On motion the Secretary was ordered to have the proceedings of this meeting published in the *Sentinel*.

RICH'D M. WILLIAMS, Recording Sec.

A Citizen's Adventure after a Shave.

[From the Evansville, (Ind.) Journal.]

A worthy citizen undertook to trim his beard a short time since, and by a slip of the scissors spoiled the cut. He trimmed a little more, and still more, but it would look lop-sided, so he went to the barber's and got shaved the first time in twelve years. He was very busy and business detained him in his office until a late hour of the night, and when he went home he found that his family had retired. This was not an unusual occurrence, so he silently entered by means of a pass key, sought his own room and undressed without lighting the gas. He got partly into bed, when his wife astonished him by uttering a loud and prolonged scream. He was very much alarmed for her, and feared she had lost her reason. He implored her to tell him what was the matter.

At the sound of his voice she screamed: 'Oh! Edward, come quick, and save me.'

"I am here, dear," said he, but she only screamed the louder at the words.

He sprang out of bed, and had just struck a light, when his brother-in-law, a muscular six-footer, rushed into the room and fired a revolver at his head. Luckily, it missed, but his fist did not, for in a minute a pale-faced man, with a long white robe, staggered under a blow that doubled the size of his organ of comparison.

"My God!" exclaimed the husband, "are you are all crazy?"

"Bless my heart!" exclaimed the muscular brother-in-law, "if it ain't Ned himself. Why what on earth tempted you to get yourself up in that style?"

"What style?" asked the abused husband, as he rubbed the lumps on his forehead.

"Why, when did you shave?"

It was all clear to him then. His wife did not recognize him. She recognized his voice at first, but the second time he spoke her terror was too great and she fainted. When the brother-in-law rushed in he saw a thin-faced man with a slightly bald head, in a long white night-robe, and in his rage fired at him, missed, and then knocked him down. His wife recovered from her faint only to faint again at the recognition of her husband's shaven face and the pistol shot. He finally got to bed and slept very well till morning. Matters were finally straightened up at home, but on the street his friends passed without speaking, and at the bank he was notoriously refused payment of a draft, but threatened with arrest for signing his own name as endorsing it. Of course a little explanation brought the various affairs all right, but it took much time to explain, and for the contusion on his forehead to get well, so that the aforesaid citizen vows he will never shave again, as he considers it a habit dangerous to peace, and even to life.

Temperance is the best physic.

Minds of moderate calibre always condemn everything which is beyond their range.