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# Sign of the past: Venedocia celebrates history

By **BABITA SHARMA**  
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The small town of Venedocia became a little more well-known Sunday as the Ohio Historical Society helped dedicate Van Wert County's third Ohio historical marker.

The ceremony, held in Memorial Park in the cemetery west of Venedocia on Ohio 116, recognized the site of General Anthony Wayne's encampment of Aug. 4, 1794.

Andy Verhoff, chairman of the Ohio Historical Society Sign Committee, remarked on the importance of erecting the historical markers. "They show us where history happened," he said, noting the Van Wert County Historical Society and the community of Venedocia, especially the Venedocia Lions Club, worked hard on getting the story out of what happened at the encampment.

"This is what the marker has the power to do," Verhoff continued. "It is a door to the past, an excuse to explore the people, places and events... (the markers) help make history concrete."

The marker which recounts Wayne's march across Van Wert County reads: "To the right is the route taken by the U.S. Legion under Major General Anthony



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**The Ohio historical marker erected in Venedocia was a group effort. Officials attending Sunday's ceremony included representatives from the Venedocia Lions Club, the Van Wert County Historical Society and Ohio Historical Society; Memorial Park trustees, Van Wert County commissioners; Village mayor Linda Fisher and the Rev. Wendy Pratt of Salem United Presbyterian Church.**

Wayne as it marched across what would become Van Wert County."

The story continues as the army of 2,800 men camped west of the site of the marker,

near the present cemetery, on the night of Aug. 4, 1794. Wayne's orders were to subdue Native American tribes, the marker reads, and his destination was a major vil-

lage (now the city of Defiance) at the junction of the Auglaize and Maumee rivers.

Finding it abandoned, Wayne marched down the Maumee River and was attacked by a force of Indians on Aug. 20. Wayne's victory at the battle of Fallen Timbers ended the Indian Wars of the 1790s. The "Treaty of Greene Ville," signed by the representatives of 12 tribes, opened much of Ohio to American settlement.

The sign also carries a map depicting the events of Wayne's march.

The Venedocia marker is the third erected in Van Wert County. The first was the Hoghe Road Bridge, now located at the Van Wert County Fairgrounds. Another marker was recently dedicated to recognize the site where local law enforcement officials apprehended Robert M. Daniels and John C. West, parolees from the state prison in Mansfield, after the two went on a killing spree 50 years ago that left six people dead.

But unlike its two predecessors, the Venedocia marker is unique in that it tells not one, but two stories — the story of Anthony Wayne and a brief history of the Village of Venedocia. It tells of how early settlers from North Wales traveled the

# VENEDOCIA

(From Page 1)

Miami-Erie Canal and established the village of Venedocia, the ordeals they had to endure and how they managed to preserve their Welsh culture to this day with the Gymanfu Ganu, which means hymn sing.

The village celebrated its 150th anniversary this year and the 100th anniversary of the building of Salem Presbyterian Church.

"The sign is democracy in action. It was very much a community effort," explained Venedocia

Lions member Charles Good, who also created and manages a website on the village. The site now includes information on the historical marker.

Special recognition was given to the Venedocia Lions, who played a large part in helping to erect the historical marker by raising the necessary funds. "It shows you what a few hard-working people can do for their community," noted Mayor Linda Fisher. "They are a pillar of the community. They are treasurers to the community."

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## WELSH TO HEAR LAMY TUESDAY

Feb. 25, 1937

Banquet Meeting at Venedocia Honors St. David, Patron of Wales

Times-Bulletin

Van Wert county residents of

Welsh descent will celebrate the birthday of St. David, patron saint of Wales, at the Presbyterian church in Venedocia on Tuesday, March 2.

A banquet will be served at 7 p. m. followed by a program during which the Rev. John H. Lamy, Van Wert Presbyterian pastor, will be the speaker.

The celebration is being held under auspices of the Venedocia brotherhood and all men of Van Wert and surrounding villages are invited.

As part of the observance, a Welsh service will be held at the Venedocia church this Sunday morning with the pastor in charge.

## VENEDOCIA WINS SINGING CONTEST

Mar. 12, 1934 Times  
Large Crowd Attends  
County Event; Local  
Presbyterians Second.

A large and enthusiastic crowd attended the second county festival of the Ohio Council of Sacred Music last night at the First Methodist church in this city. The Venedocia Methodist male quartet, composed of Herbert Jones, Carl Morgan, Palmer Davis and Ernest Dustman, won the first place in the contest, singing "Gently Lord, O Gently Lead Us," by Esch-Robinson. The Van Wert Presbyterian male quartet, composed of Thomas Jones, James S. Hall, E. C. Humphreys and J. Harold Smith, won second place. The winners of this contest will compete at the second district festival in Lima Sunday afternoon, March 25 at 2:30 o'clock at Grace M. E. church. The third county festival competition will be for mixed chorus, the contest number to be used and the time will be announced soon.

# Venedocia — What Does Name Mean?

4-15-70

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By BERYL PEPPE MONROE

In the two-part history of the Venedocia Welsh community published in The Times-Bulletin, I questioned the generally accepted meaning of the town's name. 4-15-70

Descendants of the early settlers here still mildly maintain, "My people always said Venedocia means to this place I came . . . or something like that."

I have tried unsuccessfully for years to prove or disprove the legend. What better place to settle it, once and for all, than in Wales?

In my recent correspondence with Dr. Melville Richards, head professor of the Department of Welsh in a leading university of North Wales, he writes, "Venedocia is a variant form of Venedotia, the form used in Latin in the Dark Ages and Middle Ages for the Welsh Gwynedd. Gwynedd represents the name of the Anglesey,

Caernarvon, Merioneth, and Denhigh tribe inhabiting this region. The earliest form of Gwynedd would be veneda. You will see the explanations given you are untenable."

So . . . "To this place I came" is out. Some of our earliest families here came from the Dolgelly (pronounced Dolgessy) and Bala area between the Brwyn Mountains and Cardigan Bay.

Others came from Anglesey County. The tribe represented by the name of the counties covering the northwest part of North Wales were once a part of Gwynedd (pronounced Gwyneth) and they spoke the Venedotian dialect as I stated in the history.

Venedocia then was named for a place and a dialect. Legends are always to be taken with a grain of salt, although they generally have some truth in them. Gwynedd represents the name of the Anglesey,

especially if they were started in a foreign language and are very liable to lose something in the translation.

I think what they were really saying was . . . "From this place I came."

## This Is Your Life To Return To TV

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'To This Place I Came'

# Venedocia—Settled By Welsh—Thrives

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By BERYL PEPPE MONROE

Although the most popular legend has it that the name Venedocia means "To this place I came" a recently arrived Welsh immigrant claims it means North Wales. To support this the William Bebb, Thomas Morris, and R. Jarvis families who settled the community in the middle 1800s came from that part of the old country. Also we know that the dialect used in the northern part of Wales is Venodotian. Powysian is spoken in the northeast, Denistrian in the southwest and Gwentian in the southeast.

Edward Bebb, William Bebb's relative, who emigrated to these shores in 1795, is credited with having influenced many of his countrymen to settle permanently in the Buckeye state. Edward's son, William Bebb, married into a wealthy family, acquired thousands of acres of land and became governor of Ohio. The Bebbs brought over between 60 and 70 Welsh people with the intention of starting a Welsh colony in Tennessee but the activities of the Civil War soon scattered them.

The three Welsh settlements in Van Wert County clustered around the Salem Church in Venedocia; Zion Church in York Township (both still functioning), and Horeb Church in Jennings Township which was torn down some years ago.

The first settlers were quickly followed by other Welsh immigrants who had settled temporarily in several southern Ohio counties. Life at first was very hard, it was a two-day trip to have their grain milled, the closest railroad was 100 miles away, and the trading was done at Section 10 (now Delphos) over bad roads.

The Welsh were accused by their neighboring settlements of being clannish. They were proud of the fact, basing their attitude on "Y SEITHFED RHEOL" — the seventh rule. This is the verse in the Bible that reads "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers."

The Bible was translated into the Welsh language during the reign of Queen Elizabeth and from then on the word of God to a Welshman meant the Welsh Bible and no other. Members of these pioneer churches were discouraged from attending any other places of worship. They

came from a land of fiery orators and their church was a theater as well as a pulpit. The congregation expected to be thrilled. They had brought with them to the new country the teaching of famous early Welsh preachers such as John Elias; Christmas Evans; John Jones; Henry Rees; Griffith Jones; Howell Harris; and Daniel Rowland. The last named were Methodist reformers. There was also Thomas Charles, the father of the British and Foreign Bible Societies. The Welsh were considered highly critical of preaching and in the early days were known to have made a minister quite uncomfortable who did not measure up to their expectations.

One can hardly discuss the Welsh without mentioning their love for music. There have been many heated arguments as to which Welshman was the first music leader in the settlements. One senior citizen thinks the credit should go to a nameless slovenly man who dug ditches, eating his lunch while studying a music book in his hand.

A male chorus, at the turn of the century, composed of many Venedocia singers traveled from coast to coast winning honors in large city Elsteffods. The early singing was a cappella and it was many years before they would allow an organ in their church. They confined their music to religious hymns which in contrast to (for example) the toe-tapping gospel singing, has often been described as lugubrious.

Scattered among the families of Welsh descent are many relics of the past. The Elgar Evans family has cherished hair pictures made by Mrs. Evans' mother (Mrs. Evan Rees) many years ago from her mother's (Mrs. John D. Breese, nee Jones) and her sister's hair.

Another was made from the hair of three favorite horses. The hair is artistically interwoven with wire and beads.

In the Layton Jenkins' home are evidences of the skill in knitting, crocheting, tatting and quilting of Mrs. Jenkins' mother and aunt. In their younger days these sisters embroidered silk lining for men's tall hats.

Collectors know of the lovely old lamps, shawls from the old country; dishes; candle sticks; handmade lace; quilts; oil stands; dropleaf tables; fin linen; and Welsh Bibles bequeathed down from generation to generation.

The village of Venedocia itself is no longer representative of the Welsh people because of the many changes down through the years but there are a surprising number of full-blooded Welsh on the land their ancestor settled.

This relatively quiet town was once a beehive of activity. Once there were oil wells being drilled in the fields so of course there were several boarding houses in the village to accommodate the drillers; a butcher shop; a restaurant; a grocery and a combination grocery clothing, and shoe store; creamery; barber shop; grain elevator; stock yards; another combination of drug, hardware and farm implement store; livery stable; a milliner; two doctors; a dentist; two blacksmith shops; a brick school house; and two churches. Like all small towns of that era the local undertaker also sold furniture.

Some of the villagers can remember when the liver stable was built. The carpenter made the plans, built the barn flat on the ground, and then had a barn-raising. It is said that every part fell into place without a mistake.

## 4 Children Face Charges In Death Of 86-Year-Old

MILWAUKEE, Wis. (AP) — Judge George A. Bowman Jr. gazed for a moment Monday at the four youngsters, aged 9 and 10, before declaring: "Charge, murder; third degree."

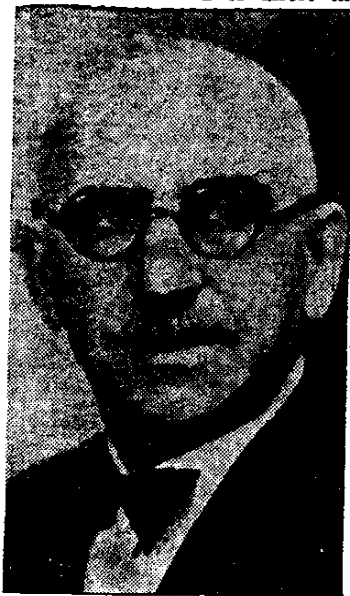
The Milwaukee County Court judge then ordered psychiatric examinations for the four youngsters and detention in a

The police report which man read to the court said when Werhun appeared children "began to throw at him. He was struck by a large rock ... which hit him down. All children threw rocks."

Werhun died Saturday in a hospital and death

# Aug 29, 1941 Hymn Singing Festival at Venedocia Church Sunday

Professor John D. Thomas, widely known as the conductor of the Zion City, Ill., musical organizations, and for many years program director of radio station WCBD, comes to Venedocia to direct the



Prof. John D. Thomas

annual Hymn Singing Festival Sunday at 7:30 P. M.

Prof. Thomas, member of a very musical family, spent ten years of his boyhood days in Venedocia. He studied music with the late Dr.

Daniel Protheroe in Chicago, and has since spent most of his life in Zion City, Ill.

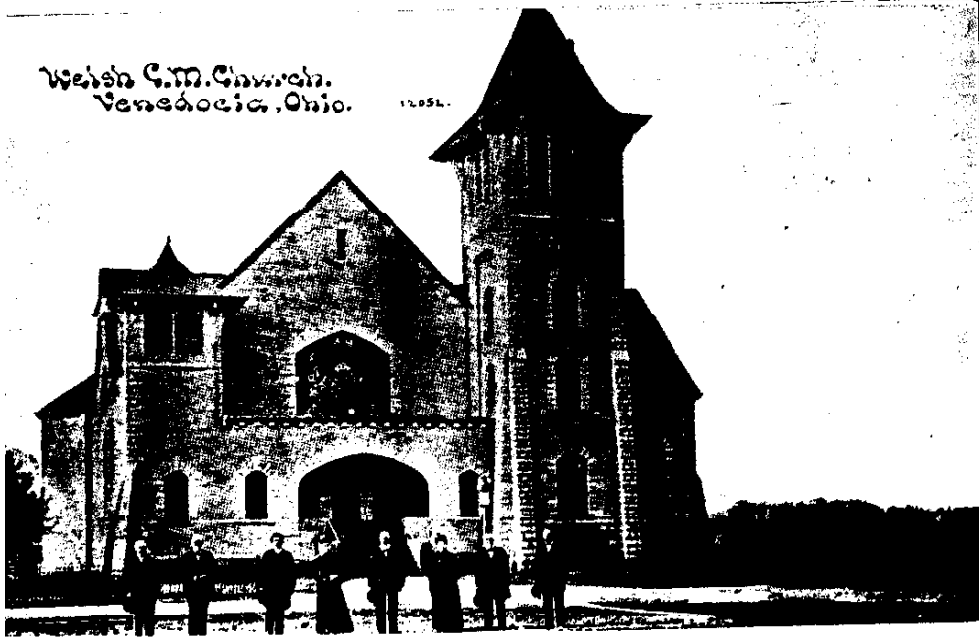
At present, he is retired from his duties as Dean of the Conservatory of Music and Art in that city, and lives in Waukegan, Ill.

No event in the traditionally music-loving community of Venedocia attracts larger numbers than this annual festival devoted to singing some of the great hymns of the church, especially those of Welsh composers.

Many in these communities remember the days when most, if not all, the singing in a "Gymnast Ganu," as the festival is called, was in the Welsh language. But though the language familiar to the descendant of Welsh people who first lived in Venedocia has now disappeared, the singing is still as fervent and inspiring as ever.

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Venedocia Memorial When Completed

# To Lay Cornerstone Sunday For Venedocia Memorial

Sunday at 2:30

P. M., a cornerstone laying ceremony will be held in the Veterans' Memorial Park at Venedocia, when the cornerstone of the Veterans' Memorial will be laid.

This memorial has been given

by the Venedocia, Horeb, and Zion communities in tribute to the members of these communities in tribute to the members of these communities who served in the War of 1812, the Civil War, the Spanish American War, World War I, and World War II.

The memorial has been designed exclusively for this park by the Piqua Granite and Marble Company of Piqua. This company will also build the memorial.

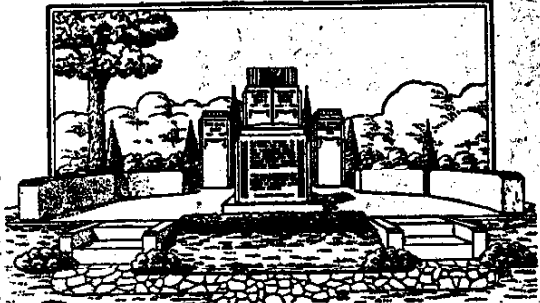
The Veterans' Memorial Park is a plot of four acres of ground which lies between the old and new sections of Venedocia Cemetery. The granite memorial proper is situated in the middle of the plot. The memorial will be completed before Memorial Day, 1947, and will be dedicated at that time.

Rev. Robert B. Harriman, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Rockford and formerly a chaplain in the United States Army, will be the speaker next Sunday afternoon. The Men's Chorus, under the direction of J. Alford Breese, will sing.

In case of rain proper shelter will be provided for the ceremony. The public is invited to attend.

Looking forward to the return of more than 50 young men of the community from World War two, a Veterans' Memorial Committee was formed to erect a fitting memorial. Officers are Joseph Williams, chairman; Lloyd Rees, secretary, and Henry Morris, treasurer.

Oct 18, 1946



## PARK SIDE GIVEN AS VETERANS MEMORIAL

As a memorial to the war veterans of the vicinities of Venedocia and Horeb, David B. Evans of Venedocia has conveyed about three acres of land lying between the old and new cemeteries at Venedocia to Joseph R. Williams, Robert P. Morris and Lloyd Reese, as trustees of the Venedocia and Horeb War Veterans Memorial Park.

The object and purpose of the transaction is to provide a permanent place as a memorial for the veterans who have served, or may hereafter serve, in any of the wars of our country, and where the people shall have the privilege of cooperating with the trustees in the improvement, landscaping and maintenance of the grounds and in the erection of tablets, monuments or other structures in commemoration of their services.

# County News

Lima Nov 19, 1923

## Venedocia

The Presbyterian Brotherhood of Salem met Thursday night and the following officers were elected: J. L. Jenkins, president; Henry Uhl, vice-president; J. Edgar Morgan, secretary; M. N. George, treasurer. Additional members of the executive committee are Elmer Williams, J. Pryse Morgan and D. J. Evans. The following chairmen of committees were appointed by the executive committee: Bible study and spiritual life, Stanley Roberts; invitation and ex-service men, Lloyd Reese; Boys work, Mr. Foster; public welfare, Elton E. Morris, social and visitation, J. Mills Richards. 11-19-23

Armistice Day was appropriately observed Sunday with preaching services conducted by Rev. W. Jones, both morning and evening.

Miss Emma Evans has returned from Albany, Ind. where she was the guest of her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Crider, over the weekend.

Mrs. Irvin Jones and little son, who have been visiting at the home of her parents for a number of weeks, returned to her home in Columbus, Sunday, accompanied by her husband who came Saturday.

Rev. and Mrs. Jones are entertaining relatives from Liverpool, England, who arrived Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Evan Evans and little son of Lima, were the guests of the farmers' mother, Mrs. J. Evans, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Jones of Columbus came Saturday for a Sunday visit with Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Uhl and family motored to Marion Sunday, also stopped for a short stay with friends at Lima.

Mrs. H. H. Morgan left Friday for a week's visit at the home of her daughter and family Mr. and Mrs.

D. W. Clapper, and family at Kenmore, Ohio.

Mrs. A. B. Jones, Mrs. Howell Jones, and Mrs. Orus Morgan were visitors in Delphos Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. I. S. Morgan went to Crestline last week where she will visit with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Morgan and family.

Oscar Jones left for Grafton, Ohio, Friday for a brief visit with his sister, Olwen.

Mrs. Henry Uhl and daughter, Eleanor, went to Lima for a visit Saturday.

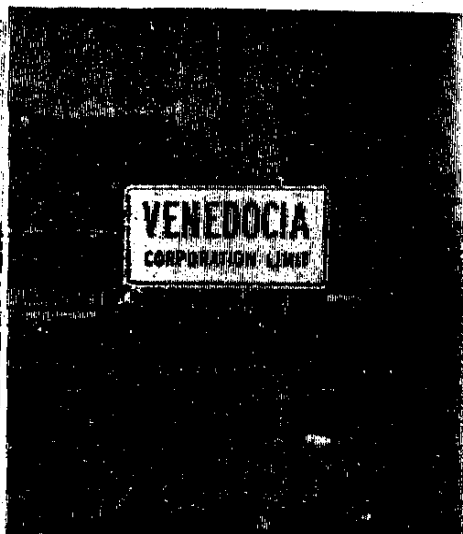
Mrs. P. Everett Jones entertained company during Sunday.

Miss Laura A. Evans accompanied Mr. and Mrs. N. N. Richards to Lima Wednesday, who were on their way to Findlay for a short stay with Mr. Richards' sister, Mrs. Proctor and family, before returning to their home in Chicago.

Mrs. Roy Roush and children after spending the past week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Jenkins, returned to her home in Columbus, Saturday. She was accompanied to the above city by her mother and brother, Layton, and Miss Elizabeth Reese.

Rev. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Stanley went to Columbus Tuesday.

On Saturday evening, Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Thomas celebrated their 27th wedding anniversary. A delicious 6 o'clock dinner was served. The event was a very enjoyable one. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas were the recipients of many gifts. Those present were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Evan Thomas and children, Rufus, Dwight, Elizabeth, Katherine and Billy, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Morgan and children, Homer, Talford, Thomas, Velma and Margaret, Mrs. Elizabeth Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. J. Edga. Morgan and children, Edgar, Lowell and Mildred, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Morgan and children, Lloyd and Richard of Gomer, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Morgan of Gomer, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Morgan of Fort Wayne, Evan J. Morgan and children, Vaughn and Elizabeth, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Evans and sons, Owen and Edgar, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Jones and daughter, Thelma of Van Wert, Miss Alice B. Jones, Rev. and Mrs. William Jones and daughter, Dilgs, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Stanley, Dr. and Mrs. David Davies, Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Thomas and daughter and Orville Fuller of Columbus.



**VENEDOCIA LANDMARKS**—Left, is the former home of Squire Evans, near Venedocia. The "Squire" sponsored many immigrants from Wales who came to the Venedocia community to work out their passage money. Right, is the corporate limit sign.

## Patron Saint Of Wales Commemered

# Venedocia Steeped In Old Welsh Lore

3-6-68

By Beryl Pepple Monroe

The people of Welsh descent in the Venedocia community and their friends gathered at the church March 1 as they have done for many years to commemorate the death of David, the patron saint of Wales, which occurred in 588.

Saint David, born in Wales, was of royal birth and is supposed to have been a descendant of the Virgin Mary's sister. Although of the Catholic faith he did much to encourage people of all denominations and warned them to "guard your faith and your religion".

He was canonized in 1120.

In September, Venedocia will hold their annual Cymanfa Ganu.

The Eisteddfod, another beloved Welsh institution, once a yearly competitive affair in the Venedocia community, has been discontinued but is observed in other towns where Welshmen settled and in the old country.

**WALES** WAS divided into two kingdoms, North Wales and South Wales, and the rivalry was strong. This feeling followed the immigrants to America and was just as strong and bitter here for many years.

Those who know the Welsh

why 90 per cent of the Welsh surnames are baptismal ones.

Sometimes in the old country there would be seven John Jones families living on farms all in a row. To distinguish them, one would be John Mawr (because he was big), another would be Bill Bach (because he was small). Often his occupation would serve as his last name.

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A FEW years ago in the Venedocia community the young people did not know the names of people they had known all their lives. The postmaster was David Saddler (his occupation at one time). He or his wife seldom heard the name of Evans. "Squire" Evans' children instead of bearing the Evans name were Davy Squire and Bill Squire all of their lives.

The early settlers brought with them the belief that no work should be done on the Sabbath. Shoes were shined, wood and water carried, much of the cooking and baking done, all on Saturday. No walking with the opposite sex, whistling or loud laughter were permitted on Sunday. Dancing, games as well as playing cards, theater going and anything that smacked of frivolity was frowned upon.

"Squire" Evans, whose home

cendants still live in the area worked in the Squire's home when she was a young girl.

One Sabbath morning she was straightening up one of the rooms and picked up a newspaper, only glancing at the headlines. Suddenly she heard a stern voice as the paper was snatched from her hands and the Squire was saying, "No one reads the paper in my house on the Sabbath."

Reading was confined mostly to the Bible and its commentaries. She fondly remembers when there was a conference at the church, the ministers filed down the lane two at a time, wearing their long tailored frock coats and high stiff hats on their way to dinner at the Squire's house.

She also recalled how they loved to play sly tricks on one another such as putting salt in another minister's coffee. She said he generally drank it with out so much as a grimace.

**RUSSELL O. EVANS**, whose father Richard O. and his uncle Daniel O. Evans were greatly interested in all things pertaining to music, can remember when his father in anticipation of a large singing festival went into town and bought two pianos. Evans also recalls that the composition every Christmas and dedicated to his father.



# San Mart Bulletin.

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FRIDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 1, 1884.

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## Whooping Cough.

The Venedoria *Leader* says:

"The whooping cough is raging to a great extent in the northern part of Mercer county, Ohio. Several severe cases have been reported in York township, this county."

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An Important Meeting.

## VENEDOOOLA ITEMS.

From our own Correspondent.

The early and unexpected frost has played sad havoc with the corn in this vicinity, and farmers are busy cutting and shocking it.

We fear these cold nights and warm days, are producers of malaria, and our doctors may reasonably expect a harvest.

The saw mill situated at Jonestown, four miles west of here, and owned by B. F. Jones was entirely consumed by fire, Tuesday night. The origin of the fire and loss not known at this writing. Mr. Jones has the sympathy of friends in his many misfortunes.

D. W. Williams and family, T. J. Jones and family and Miss Mary Williams have returned from their trip to the lakes, and report having a very pleasant time.

Between thirty and forty persons from this vicinity attended the State Fair at Columbus, last week.

The temperance meeting held in Cambriom Hall, last Friday night, proved a failure in point of number. People here are generally so temperate that they think a rally not necessary.

Candidates are as numerous just now as hog buyers, but think of the modesty of a candidate who announces to Republicans that he is not looking after politics but hogs. If he means his Democratic brethren, who should take offense, the hogs or the other party?

The candidate who claims to have the Welsh vote of York and Jennings townships in his pocket, had better not count his chickens before they are hatched. He will be amazingly disappointed when the votes are counted.

Miss Maggie Evans returned from Jackson county, O., this week.

Dr. Hedrick spent several days in Columbus, last week visiting the faculty of his *Alma Mater*.

Miss Griffith, of Columbus, is a guest of Mr. William Jones, this week.

Miss Anna Evans started for Cincinnati, Wednesday night, to spend several weeks with friends.

Mrs. Sterby, of Richmond county, arrived Thursday and is a guest of her brother, Dr. Hedrick.

U. H. Hester, of Van Wert, was in town, Tuesday.

J. Morgan Jones, of Van Wert, called on friends here, one day this week.

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ing.

Mrs. John Baker is reported as being on the sick list.

## VENEDOCIA ITEMS.

Another wind storm visited this vicinity last Saturday night.

Mr. D. M. Jones, Mrs. Mary J. Jones and her little daughter Annie started for Lakeside, where they spend a few weeks.

Farmers are almost ready for the threshing machine.

Mrs. W. E. Jones returned home Friday after visiting her daughter Mrs. R. O. Chapman, of Columbus.

J. Jarvis Jones will spend a few weeks at Lakeside.

Mrs. E. J. Jones is on the sick list, some better at this writing.

Mrs. David Morris, of Chicago is visiting her grand mother Mrs. E. J. Jones.

Miss Lizzie Hughes, of Oberlin, is visiting friends and relatives of this place.

H. L. Tobias was in town Monday.

Rev. D. E. Jones will preach next Sunday.

Don't forget to call on Tom Evans. He will have supply of ice cream and lemonade Saturday night.

Death visited the home of Evan Foster Monday, and took away their infant. She was buried in the Venedocia cemetery Tuesday at 9 o'clock a. m. Rev. D. Jewitt Davies conducted the services.

We gladly say that Rev. Thos. Roberts, of Plymouth, Pa., has answered his call in the affirmative, and will be here on the first Sunday in September.

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Threshing wheat and is about over with for this season.

The John H. Morgan oil well is reported to be a dry hole. Mr. Morgan offers the hole for sale for fence post holes now for ten cents per hole.

J. M. Roller lost a valuable mare last week.

J. M. Roller sports a new buggy harness. He is fixing up for the fair.

John Ringwald is kept busy building bridges in the north part of this county.

Burglars entered the store of Williams Bros. in Venedocia a few days ago and managed to burst their big safe, but as good luck happened they did not succeed in getting much money. They took jewelry, shoes and such to the amount of several hundred dollars. No clue to the burglars.

The woods are full of Standard oil men everywhere trying to run Jones & Co. out and leasing land.

J. M. Roller has rented the John T. Jones farm for three years.

Albert J. Owens has rented the J. M. Strother farm.

Rev. Arthur Strother is at home now.

John Uhl entertained visitors from Celina last Sunday.

There is a man in this community blaming certain persons for writing to Washington to have his pension stopped. We will say to him that he had better look a little out or else foot the consequence. We are glad to see him get a pension if he is entitled to one.

Miss M. E. Foster of this place seems to take the lead among the young ladies. Last harvest she drove three horses to her father's binder and cut his grain, amounting to between 900 and 1000 bushels. Then went to the Middlepoint Normal and secured a certificate. If there are any in the county that can beat that they are invited to come to the front for the belt is ready.

Corn cutting will be next on the program.

Farmers are getting ready for the fair.

Wheat sowing time will soon be here.

Asa Pollock's Boys are kept busy threshing oats and wheat since wheat was out, and still hammering away. They borrowed an engine last week to thresh clover seed. They are running two engines now. They are No. 1 threshers.

The Venedocia post-office changed hands. D. H. Edwards received the post mastership. May he prove to be as true a postmaster as John Uhl, the retiring one was.

R. P. Pollock and wife spent Sunday with A. B. Oliver.

The K. of P. Lodge here is in a flourishing condition. They meet every Thursday evening at their hall in Venedocia.

Subscribe for the BULLETIN and keep posted.

**ALASKA ITEMS.**

R. T. Edwards has purchased a new buggy.

Mrs. J. Prichard is on the sick list.

TERMS: All sums of \$5.00, a credit of one year will be given, purchaser giving note with two approved sureties.

J. R. KIRKLAND, Auctioneer.

Richard Jones will offer for sale at his residence, 1 1/2 miles south-east of Venedocia, in Jennings township, Van Wert county, Ohio, on Thursday, October 19th, 1899, commencing at 10 o'clock, a. m., the following property: Two head of work horses, 12 head of cattle, consisting of 4 milch cows, 2 yearling heifers, 3 yearling steers, 3 spring calves, 8 head of sheep and 6 lambs, 4 brood sows with pigs at side, 24 acres of corn in the shock, hay in the mow, 1 two-horse wagon, 1 breaking plow, 2 harrows, 1 cultivator, 1 double and single shovel plow, 1 set double harness and other articles too numerous to mention. Terms: All come under \$5.00 cash; on all sums and over \$5.00 a credit of nine months will be given by purchaser giving note with two approved sureties. No property to be removed until terms of sale are complied with.

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Went. Messrs. H. C. Williams and M. S. Cramer are all right or they would not have got the nomination for none but genuine Republicans need apply.

### VENEDOCIA ITEMS.

Next will be the election.

Miss Rachel D. Jones left for Chicago Monday.

Miss Lizzie Hughes, who has been visiting friends and relatives of this place, returned to Oberlin Monday.

Geo. Shirley was in town on Wednesday.

Maggie and Willie Roberts left Wednesday for Delaware. They will attend school there.

Rev. Griffith, of Wales, was to be here on Wednesday night, but failed to fill his appointment, so Rev. Thos. Roberts delivered an able discourse.

There has been quite a change in the weather since the last rain.

Miss Laura Jones spent Sunday at home and returned to the Normal Tuesday morning.

Prof. Owen is doing good work in this neighborhood. That is right, put the right man in the right place.

Moses and Miriam Jones returned to Middlepoint Saturday evening.

David Alban took nine head of cattle to the Paulding fair.

D. E. Evans & Sons shipped \$1,800 worth of eggs last week. If any one can beat that let us hear from you.

J. L. Jenkins is attending the Paulding fair this week.

Prof. Owen will hold a concert at Yorkville, you can look for the date next week.

Where to go and buy: For hardware go to Jones & Jones; for harness, D. J. Evans; boots and shoes, J. D. Richards; dry goods and notions, D. E. Evans & Sons; clothing, Williams Bros.; a wagon, J. W. Jones. If you want your horse shod give J. B. Davies & Son a call. If you are sick call at Dr. Davies' office on West Main street.

R. J. Morgan left Wednesday for Philadelphia where he will attend the medical college. Mr. Morgan is a promising young man. The community at large wishes him success.

Susie Morgan returned to Enterprise Monday.

Lizzie A. Morgan is suffering from the typhoid fever.

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### SOUTH PLEASANT ITEMS.

Seeing that you have no correspondent from this "back 'n the woods," we have concluded to drop you an occasional line or two as we could not afford to keep entirely silent while others were making so much bustle and noise all about us. Nearly every section of the county is being heard from through the columns of your valuable paper. Why not we?

B. L. Richie resumed his duties in the Dye school, as teacher, last Monday. Enrollment, 30.

Mr. John Sponseller is building a large barn on his farm. Boss carpenter, Aaron Zinn.

Mr. Harrison Whitcraft is making preparations to remodel his residence this fall.

Each family in North Tully, who have not already done so, should subscribe for the BULLETIN and get the home news. Don't borrow your neighbor's paper, for it may get out on you, and then?

### LITTLE AUGLAIZE ITEMS.

Farmers are very busy sowing their wheat.

Wm. E. Jones and wife, were on the sick list for some time but are convalescing.

A little boy belonging to Dr. D. Davis has been very sick, but is now better.

Ethel Roller is somewhat under the weather.

Mrs. S. Distler was on the sick list. She is improving.

The time for public sales is drawing nigh.

J. Distler entertained visitors from Washington township last Sunday.

Nearly everybody attended the fair last week.

Lizzie Morgan is teaching school in District No. 9, York township.

D. T. Jones & Co., have purchased a new clover huller.

Abe Pollock & Bro's. have commenced thrashing clover seed.

J. M. Roller and E. S. Foster have bought themselves a patent corn harvester.

It is rumored throughout this entire community, that Dr. D. Davis would move away and locate some place else. We are authorized to say that such a rumor is false. Mr. Davis is not going to move away, it is not best for a man to change often. We can highly recommend Dr. Davis as a first class physician, he will attend to all calls promptly, his charges are very reasonable, in fact any community can feel proud with a citizen like Mr. Davis. Honest men are always and everywhere needed.

An error slipped in our last, stating that J. M. Roller purchased himself a new buggy harness instead of J. M. Strother.

R. F. Pollock got first premium on his roadster sucking colt at the fair last week and S. M. Pollock second premium, a roadster also.

J. M. Strother will offer his personal property for sale at public vendue on the 2nd, day of October 1899.

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position. He speaks highly of the place.  
Teachers are ready to complain that there is not enough pay for teaching and that there are too many teachers and positions are difficult to find, but the fact is that too many are teaching who are not prepared and who are satisfied if they only have \$40 or \$45 per month while better preparations would prepare them to fill the place at twice the salary and continuous work throughout the year.

The following officers of the Euterpean Literary Society were qualified last Friday evening:

- President—W. J. Spray.
- Vice President—Callie Hoffman.
- Secretary—McCoy Agler.
- Chorister—Prof. Owens.
- Critic—Prof. Hartman.
- Teller—Nora Kelley.

A large audience was present at literary and were well entertained.

## LITTLE AUGLAIZE ITEMS.

Fine weather at this writing.

Jack frost made its appearance last Saturday night, and did a great deal of damage to fodder and other things.

Scarlet rash is prevailing in parts of this community.

The Pollock Bro's burned a kiln of tile last week.

We wish to inform the public that John Uhl, of Venedocia, has opened a shoe shop. As Mr. Uhl is a skilled workman, he ought to have the patronage of the entire community. Mr. Uhl keeps all home made work; he does work to order.

Several from here are talking some of going to the western wilds about the first of next month, on a hunting tour.

Asa Pollock has purchased himself a new wind pump.

We are told by our freight agent, that there was shipped from this station during the 6 months beginning March 1st, 1889, and ending August 31st, 1889, the following amount of eggs—by D. E. Evans & Sons, 21,240 dozen. Williams Bros. 54,654 dozen. All of which are of home gathering.

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**VENEDOCIA ITEMS.**

School is in progress under the management of J. O. Morgan.

T. L. Morris and J. L. Jenkins spent Sunday at Delphos.

D. W. Williams shipped two car loads of hogs last Saturday from Venedocia and one from Yorkville last Tuesday.

James Thomas of Columbus is visiting friends and relatives.

E. Morris started for Jackson, O., last Thursday.

Will Price was at Van Wert Wednesday.

Don't forget the rendering of Queen Esther on the 19th and 20th at Middlepoint.

R. S. Bress has charge of the music for Christmas.

D. E. Evans & Sons pays 16 cents for unsalted butter.

Eve Evans and H. W. Collins spent Sunday at this place.

Lewis Jones and Dave Davies spent Monday at Gomer.

Christmas tree at the Cambrian hall, Venedocia. Christmas eve. An entertainment will be given by the children consisting of declamations, recitations and singing. Old Santa Claus will be on hand as usual with peanuts and candy for the children. Admission 10 cents. Doors open at 7 o'clock.

From this out you will find the Western Union Telegraph office at the residence of D. W. Williams.

**HAPENINGS ALONG THE LINE.**

Health is generally good.

The "line" is obstructed by half of the old Tomlinson church.

One mile of the line west from the Tomlinson church which never was opened to the public is now being opened. The material for a new iron bridge across the Little Auglaize on the line is being hauled.

William Jones will leave the line for Van Wert in the near future to make that place

# **Van Wert Journal.**

**FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 2, 1896.**

## **LITTLE AUGLAKE ITEMS.**

Farmers are busy plowing for corn.

Pollock Bros.' tile mill is in operation once more.

Henry Maisch and family moved to Lima last week with the intention of making that place their future home.

Daniel J. Jones started for California last week. He intends to remain for some time.

The Venedocia Grange was organized last Friday night, with about 40 charter members. We wish it a grand success.

Fruit trees are in full blossom.

The Venedocia correspondent to the *Republican* informed us, that he caught a cold one night last week while thundering along in his empty wagon gathering up talk about other people.

A little son of D. W. Williams is very sick at this writing.

School in district No. 9 commenced last Monday with Ella Crooks as teacher.

Lizzie Foster is teaching the Lybarger school west of Middlepoint.

John Uhl, huckster for David E. Evans, is a hustler. He is gathering in the eggs by the million, he is getting from between 300 to 400 dozen every day. This is the second year for him at the same place.

Henry Johns from Van Wert, was here last week visiting his son Anderson, who makes his home with N. R. Pollock.

R. P. Pollock has hired Jesse Coil and Charles Roller for the coming summer to work. Both are No. 1 hands.



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## VENEDOCIA.

Miss Annie Evans, of Columbus, is the guest of Miss Jennet Richards.

Mrs. Margaret Jones spent Sunday in Delphos.

We are glad to say that Cantata of Queen Esther under the leadership of Prof. Owen will be rendered here in the near future.

Dr. R. J. Morgan is at home. He has graduated in the New York Medical College.

The K. of P. Lodge will give a festival in the Cambrian Hall, May 29. The first on the program will be a short entertainment given by the Venedocia school children. Let everybody come out.

Prof. Owen and Miss Preston, of Middlepoint, gave us a call Sunday.

Rev. Thos. Roberts delivered an able discourse Sunday morning and evening.

Eben says that he is going to Gomer again soon.

Where can you find a town the size of Venedocia where they have three shoe dealers? J. D. Richards, D. E. Evans and Williams Bros. You can have a good choice at either place.

D. T. Jones is repairing the property of M. H. Morgan.

Shields was here last week to see friends.

Tom Price, of Delphos, gave us a call Tuesday.

# Van Wert Bulletin.

FRIDAY MORNING, JULY 11, 1890.

## VENEDOCIA.

Farmers are busy harvesting.

Tom Evans was at Van Wert Wednesday.

Misses Allen and Beale Morris, of Lima, are guests of Miss Mary Thomas.

Mrs. Paxton, of Steubenville, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Griffith.

Members of the cantata are requested to be present at Cambrian Hall, at 8 o'clock.

Fred Jones, of Columbus, is visiting relatives at this place.

W. H. Williams drove to Van Wert Wednesday.

H. Howells and family, of Cincinnati, are visiting relatives and friends.

J. Jarvis Jones, J. M. Jones and daughter, Mrs. George and Mrs. M. B. Jones and little son, left for Lakewood Friday.

Misses Martha Jones and Maggie Roberts will spend a few days at Lima.

J. B. Jones made a business trip to Gomer this week.

Fourth of July passed off quietly here during the day, no one disappointed because they didn't see the balloon ascend. In the evening the cantata of Queen Esther was performed, under the leadership of Professor Owen, which was a success.

Lizzie Evans, of Columbus, is the guest of Jennet Richards.

Mrs. T. J. Jones and children drove to Horeb Monday and returned Tuesday evening, accompanied by Rev. D. Jewett Davies.

Rev. Thomas Roberts, wife and daughter, Maggie, were at Van Wert Tuesday.

Dave Davies and Arthur Jones, of Lima, gave us a call on the evening of the Fourth.

There is a new time card on the Clover Leaf this week and several new trains put on the road, there are now fourteen regular trains daily.

Referring to the comments of Mr. Higgins in last week's issue, "The Peculiar People of Venedocia," we would ask in what respect does he consider them peculiar. Is it on account of their being Welsh, or is it on account of them closing their business during the funeral services of young Evans that occurred on the day Mr. Higgins was here. If the first, I have nothing to say because we cannot account for our nationality. But if the latter, I will say that it's not a law to close business houses during funeral services. But our business men, through sympathy for the bereaved friends and respect for the occasion, closed their stores during the service in church only. This we consider wise in our people and goes far to show that they are a christianized class of people.

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## LITTLE AUGLAIZE.

On account of the long continued dry weather oats is almost a failure.

Corn has been suffering immensely, and is at present, under the continued drought.

Hay making is now a thing of the past.

The apple crop will not be so large as was at first expected.

The Venedocia grange is still holding the fort. Farmers that belong buy their groceries, and coal oil and save money. They also bought nearly a ton of binder twine at wholesale price.

J. Distler, and A. B. Oliver were in West York last Sunday visiting friends.

The Messrs J. Distler, N. R. Pollock were at Specerville Allen Co. last Saturday on business.

Prohibitionists in this community are mourning over the death of Clinton B. Fisk. They draped their charter in mourning for five days.

It is claimed that daily consumption of good sound fruit is better than all the cathartics in the universe. It is pleasanter to take.

Last Saturday night while Charles A. Roller and lady were driving along, their horse and buggy upset in a deep ditch close to Middlepoint dumping occupants out. All escaped unhurt but Roller came very near breaking his neck.

Vote and work for the right man in office; subscribe and induce others to subscribe for the right papers; and injustice to the farmers will find no foothold in America.

Keep a little camphor at hand these hot days, and if the head becomes uncomfortably warm bathe it with a teaspoonfull in two ounces of water. This drives back the blood and averts sunstroke.

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## VENEDOOIA.

Corn husking is on hand.

Mrs. Whittington has returned from Cin-  
cinnati.

D. M. Jones' house is in a state of pro-  
gression.

David Edwards was found dead in bed. It  
is supposed that he had been dead for several  
days before being discovered.

Rev. Roberts and wife have returned from  
Newark, O.

Miss Eary J. Morgan, of Jackson county,  
is the guest of her brother, M. T. Morgan.

John E. Evans was at home Sunday.

Now for some work. The Elsteddfed pro-  
gramme will be out next week. Come out,  
ye poets and musicians.

This is the week of election. Did all vote  
as their conscience told them? We wonder.

Martha J. Jones is at W. O. N. S.

Dr. R. J. Morgan has left for Van Wert.  
We wish him success, as he has had while  
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Thos. Pollock and wife, a girl.

James Jones is quite low.

La grippe has made its appearance once more.

Dr. David Davis is sick with la grippe.

J. W. Jones will be a candidate for the office of assessor in this precinct at the coming election.

Wm. J. Price started for Angola, Ind, last Monday to attend the school at that place. Mr. Price is an intelligent young teacher. He will no doubt in due time be able to fill any position he may be placed in.

Mrs. J. W. Sprigeon has been seriously ill for some time, but is, we are glad to say, on the mend.

The Venedocia Grange is making preparations to build a new hall the coming summer. It will be a two-story structure 26x46 feet. The lower hall will be occupied as a ware room, while the upper story will be fitted up for a hall. The Venedocia Grange has come to stay.

Riley Baker and family moved from Middlepoint into the vacant house on the John Summersett farm. Mr. Baker will work for John Ringwald the coming summer.

N. R. Pollock entertained visitors from Washington township last Sunday.

Asa Pollock and son William have gone to Cincinnati for medical treatment. They have been afflicted for nearly a year with sore eyes.

A. B. Oliver is preparing to build a new dwelling in town next summer. He will probably move into it.

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VENEDOCIA.

Thos. Evans, of the firm of Evans & Co., of Van Wert, was seen on our streets last week.

Rev. Roberts will attend the Association which will be held at Shawnee next Saturday and Sunday.

Our town is in need of improvement in the line of street crossings and street lights.

Miss Sonia Morgan, formerly of this place, who now has a millinery store at Ohio City, will open a store here soon in the building formerly occupied by Mrs. Lamb, on Main street.

Mary Williams is feeling slightly indisposed at this writing.

Little Tommie Morgan, having suffered from lung fever, by careful attendance and the skilled medical aid of Dr. Davis, is once more able to be out with his playmates.

Mrs. Dr. Davis and little son Morgan are visiting relatives at Cincinnati.

Maggie L. Morgan "teaches the young ideas how to shant" at Jonestown. This is Maggie's first term and our sincere wish is that it be a successful one.

Willie Roberts has returned to Delaware after a ten day's vacation with his parents.

Thos. A. Evans will teach in the Pugh district.

Everything is dead in the musical line. Why not organize a class to learn the rudiments of music so that when an opportunity presents itself we will be ready to take up a song and learn it without practicing about three months? We have a proficient teacher, R. R. Thomas, why not organize at once and have a class for the ladies as well as the gentlemen? Let all those interested in music be up and doing and in a short time we will be able to compete with any choir.

This county must have pikes. True, the tax would be increased but put your teams to haul for a few months when they are idle the latter part of the summer, and work out your increase of tax.

Martha Jones is attending Taylor's University at Ft. Wayne.

Lizzie Morgan will teach at Venedocia; Lizzie Reese, Anglaise; Lizzie Foster, Horeb; Laura Jones, Ross; Kara Burnett, E'gin; Miriam Jones, Williams.

Born to Rev. D. Jewett Davies and wife—a boy. Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Evans—a boy.

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Mrs. W. H. Williams, Nora and Violó, visited relatives at Van Wert, last week.

W. H. Williams was at Cleveland last week on business.

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# LITTLE AUGLAIZE.

School in district No. 9, York, commenced  
last Monday with Wm. J. Price as teacher.

Dave Evans youngest son of 'Squire Evans  
accidently shot a load of shot in his hand  
last Thursday which made amputation of  
the three last fingers necessary. The opera-  
tion was performed by Drs. McGavren &  
Morgan, from Van Wert, and Dr. Davis,  
from Venedocia. He is doing as well as  
can be expected.

John G. Ringwald has the James M.  
Strother frame barn under headway. It  
will soon be completed.

Carl Becker, from West Pleasant was a  
guest of ye scribe last week.

Albert Owens and wife moved on their  
Hoaglin township home last Tuesday. May  
success be with them. This community is  
minus an honest and respectful family, but  
nevertheless our loss will be Hoaglin's gain.

Farmers are taking advantage of the  
good roads at present by hauling drain tile.  
The roads are full of teams every day haul-  
ing tile from the Pollock Bros' tile factory.

Link Hanby lost a valuable mare last  
Thursday with spasmodic colic.

School in district No. 7, Jennings, com-  
menced November 17th with H. G. Pollock  
teacher.

The Knights of Pythias of Venedocia will  
hold their election the first regular meeting  
in December. A full turn out is expected.

\*Butchering season is near at hand.

Quail shooting is the order of the day.

Some persons have commenced plowing  
preparatory to spring work.

Don't forget to subscribe for the BULLETIN  
when you go to Van Wert.

## VENEDOCIA ITEMS.

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We have had plenty of rain.

The village children have two more weeks of school.

D. W. Williams, J. D. Richards, R. Jervis and Thos. A. Alban, attended the Sabbath School meeting at Horeb last Sunday.

E. Evans and L. O. Morgan of Van Wert, spent Sunday at this place.

Fourth of July is drawing near. Shall we celebrate the Fourth?

The Rev. Thomas Roberts, of Plymouth, Pa., delivered an able sermon last Sunday morning and evening. We gladly say that he will be with us next Sunday.

Miss Miriam Jones closed her school Friday in sub district No. 5, York township.

Miss Mary A. Jones started for Chicago Thursday to visit her sister there for a few weeks.

You need not ask why Evan Foster seems so smiling these days if you only knew of the new visitor—a boy.

Lew Evans, of Cincinnati, is home again to visit his mother and other friends.

The Rev. Francis Jones, from Wales, is expected here to preach on Tuesday evening. He is an able speaker.

Misses Sarah and Anna Jones are at home now. They have been at Columbus for some time. We are glad to see them.

Rev. D. Jones the young minister from Lane Seminary spent Sunday in Putnam county.

The terrible destruction and loss of lives at Johnstown has touched many a heart in this community, as there are a number of families that have relatives and friends there.

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*6-7-1889*



## VENEDOCIA ITEMS.

Mumps in town.

Lizzie A. Rees was obliged to close her school last Thursday on account of mumps.

Mr. Evans from Wales is in this vicinity.

Quite a number of the young people attended the show last Thursday.

Prof. Morgan of Middlepoint spent Sunday at this place.

The correspondent to the *Republican* from this place should have informed the Horebians of the fact that the President had set apart the 30th. day of April as a National holiday instead of ridiculing the idea. He is one of their members.

Lizzie Morgan commenced teaching Monday.

L. C. Morgan was in town Sunday.

Mary E. Jones, daughter of J. G. Jones, died Wednesday morning having suffered for several weeks. Her remains were interred in the Venedocia cemetery. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. D. Jewett Davies.

Jennings Prairie is full of gas. Center-ville has a supply.

Delphos is well advertised in our town, but our merchants are ready to compete with them in their line of goods.

The Rev. Hughes, of Wales will be here Wednesday night.

# Bay West Bulletin.

FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 10, 1888.

## VENEDOCULA ITEMS.

Many are on the sick list; Dr. Davies is kept quite busy.

Mr. Shively was in town Friday.

The literary meeting held at Horeb last Wednesday night was a success, quite a number of young folks from this place were in attendance.

Morgan E. German met with quite a serious accident last Tuesday, but was able to be out on the street the latter part of the week.

The merchants of this place are reporting good trade.

Will Collins was in town Wednesday meeting his old customers.

Tommie Jones is sick with lung fever. Dr. J. A. Morris is the attending physician.

J. C. Morgan was at home Sunday.

Dave Davies was at the Point Friday evening.

Rev. Jones, of Lane Seminary, will spend his vacation at this place. He delivered an able Sermon Sunday morning and evening.

Mrs. J. H. Reese is somewhat better at this writing.

Wm. M. Reese stopped off to see his mother on his way to Minnesota where he will spend his vacation.

Mrs. Williams, of Gomer, was visiting her daughter Mrs. J. H. Reese.

Miss Lizzie Morgan who intended taking up her school Monday was obliged to postpone it for a week or so on account of her eyes being somewhat afflicted.

Everett has discovered a way of getting over the ground rapidly. His uncle, M. R. Jones, presented him with a tricycle.

D. T. Jones started for Middlepoint Monday morning to build a house for Prof. Morgan.

Miss Anna Morgan has discontinued her school for a week.

# EAD

be almost priceless to those  
this distressing complaint:  
their goodness does not end  
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durable in so many ways that  
willing to do without them.  
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TEETH.

BREATH. ASK FOR IT.

OS., - Pittsburgh, Pa.

of the correspondent to the *Republican* from  
this place.

### VENEDOCIA ITEMS.

Business is brisk.

Board fencing seems to be a thing of the  
present.

Reese Edwards will teach the Rigdon  
school.

Miss Edith Jones, of Gomer, has organized  
an instrumental music class.

Miss Lizzie A. Morgan spent Sunday at  
Enterprise.

Quite a number of people here at present  
who have recently come from Wales.

A thunder storm, accompanied by hail,  
visited this section of the country last  
Friday.

Misses Anna Morgan and Miriam Jones  
commenced teaching Monday.

The Rev. Moses Williams delivered an  
able sermon Sunday morning.

There were 206 in attendance at our Sab-  
bath School last Sabbath.

Venedocia has three hucksters on the road  
—D. E. Evans & Sons one and Williams  
Bros. two.

Miss Moore, of Middlepoint, was the  
guest of the Jones girls last Friday.

There will be a temperance lecture in  
Cambrian Hall Wednesday evening.

By hard labor the Bethel church reached  
its destiny.

Miss Martha Jones is teaching the Whit-  
field school.

Mrs. D. E. Evans went to Delphos on  
business, Monday.

Miss Maggie Davis will start a dress-  
making shop in the near future in the front  
room of T. J. Jones' residence on Main  
street.

Miss Lizzie Morgan is on the sick list.

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## SICK

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## HEAD

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### LITTLE AUGLAIZE ITEMS.

Farinets are done sowing oats.

A. B. Oliver shipped one car load of corn from this place last Monday night.

Dr. D. Davis of our little burg is building up a big trade. He is a skillful M. D.

Friday and Saturday of each week are big days for A. B. Oliver. He is prepared to grind meal and chop feed of all kind.

J. H. Davis, huckster for Williams Bros., of Venedocia, is a sight when young men. Parents can well afford to trust their little children to do dealing with him in case they are busy.

Election will come on all fools day this year. There will be a good many fooled on that day.

W. D. Evans and wife were in Ridge township last Saturday visiting Mrs. Evans' sister, Mrs. Clark Beller and family.

We wish to inform the Middlepoint Normal correspondent that he is wrong if he calls those around town wicked who hint around that the boys were not at the hunt at all, for we know positively that they were not for the hunt was all over with when they arrived there.

Some farmers will have a great deal of fodder to store away for next winter should the weather continue good.

The Messrs. Dan Lybarger and Mort Morton, from Geneva, Ind., were here last Sunday visiting Noah Zeigler and family.

Abraham Pollock and family, of Jennings township, were guests of Mrs. Pollock's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zeigler, last Sunday.

The Venedocia Sabbath school elected new officers last Sunday for the next term:

- Superintendent—Henry Maish.
- Asst Superintendent—H. H. Dorman.
- Secretary—Bertha Dorman.
- Asst Secretary—Ella Lamar.
- Treasurer—Eda Davis.
- Librarian—John Chl.
- Chorister—M. L. Allison.
- Asst Chorister—Bertha Dorman.
- Nexton—Henry Maish.

Tom Owens says there is no hog cholera anymore since Harrison is president for he says Cleveland caused the hog cholera. What do you think of that?

Charles Alapangh and Boartz have moved their saw-mill to the farm of George Morris, in York township.

Last Saturday a week was a great day in Delphos. A Democratic caucus being held at that time. One successful candidate rolled out three kegs of beer and another two kegs. The consequence was, they all got happy and went home rejoicing.

D. S. Carpenter has purchased the finest lugs that have been brought to this neighborhood for some time. They are from the Lampe herd.

S. Timbers was seen dodging from tree to tree as he passed through J. W. Carpenter's

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Do it now.

## LITTLE AUGLAIZE.

\*The sickly season is near at hand.

Messrs. John Lloyd and Reese Edwards are at home on a vacation. Both gentlemen are taking courses at the Wooster college. They will return the first of September.

J. Distler and family spent Sunday with friends in Leolia.

A. L. Pollock and Bro. are doing first class work in threshing wheat and oats. People will do well to patronize them.

H. G. Pollock will teach the Horeb school in Jennings township next winter. Parents as well as scholars will find him a first class teacher.

We learn that L. O. Pollock is employed to teach the North school in Ridge township next winter. We can highly recommend Mr. P. as a good teacher.

Wm. J. Price will teach the winter term of school in District No. 9, York township. He also is a No. 1 teacher.

Owen. W. Owens will teach the Whitfield school. Mr. Owens has taught one term north of Middlepoint, which school was offered him again by an unanimous vote of the scholars of that district at the last day of school, but Mr. Owens thinks it is too far from home.

Dr. Richard Morgan has located in Venedocia.

Next Sunday, August 3d, a Presbyterian congregation will be organized in Venedocia by the Rev. Dague, of Delphos, Rev. Work, of Van Wert, and a minister from Lima. Bro. Dague will be selected as pastor.

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# Van Wert Daily Bulletin.

By J. H. FOSTER.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 1885.

## Happily United.

The marriage ceremony of Mr. P. M. Ireland and Miss S. Emma Stewart was solemnized on the 23rd inst., at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Ebzon Stewart, three miles east of Van Wert, by Rev. Wm. Dunlap. The occasion was rendered very enjoyable by the presence of a large circle of friends and relatives, and the spreading of a sumptuous supper. The BULLETIN extends best wishes to the happy couple.

## CHILD-LOVE.

### A Pair of Chicken-Picking Artists Unite Fortunes.

Geo. Fronefield, aged sixteen years, and Vick Utter, a little miss aged fifteen years, were employed for a long time as chicken-pickers in Mr. T. S. Garland's poultry warehouse in this town. They went from here to Antwerp, Paulding county, and engaged in the same occupation. There they continued a baby-love that they had long had for each other, and decided that they could not wait until they attained the age that permits marriage under the laws of Ohio. A few days ago they fled to Michigan and were united in wedlock.

### Death of a Pioneer.

Mr. Israel Miller, of Ridge township, aged about 65 years, died last night. Mr. Miller was 42 years a resident of this county and was highly respected by his neighbors. The funeral will take place to-morrow, at three o'clock, from Ridge M. E. Church, near the county infirmary.

## HOAGLIN TOWNSHIP ITEMS.

From our own Correspondent.

Eli Keltner has moved into the Klier House.

Minnie Phillipy commenced her school, in District No. 3, last Monday.

The man with the tin box is making inquiries about your property.

Prayer meetings at the Pleasant View M. E. Church, Thursday evenings.

G. Mohr is making arrangements to build a new tile kiln, of an improved pattern, constructed almost entirely of fire brick laid in fire clay.

## BEAR SWAMP ITEMS.

From our own Correspondent.

I stated in last week's items that Darius Greene was going to Nebraska. I should have said to Tennessee. He will probably leave Wednesday.

Mrs. Nettie Bowers returned home to Springfield, last Friday, after visiting her parents, at this place, and also her sister, of near Van Wert.

Mr. Thomas J. Bell, now employed in Paulding county, was at home last Sunday, visiting his parents and also our Sunday school. Come again, Tommy.

## PERSONAL.

Mr. E. W. Strack has returned, with a new joke.

Mr. W. H. Clymer has returned from New Orleans.

Mr. U. H. Hester has returned from the Urbana war dance.

Mr. Mart S. Wilson, of Ft. Wayne, is in town visiting his mother.

Mr. E. M. Reynolds and Mr. G. L. Marble went to New York, this morning, on business.

Mr. D. E. Hackedorn, who has been attending school at Upper Sandusky, has returned home.

Dr. H. C. McGavren will go to Defiance, this evening, to visit his daughter, Mrs. H. H. Holbrook.

Mr. J. L. Coombs, of Middlepoint, special agent of the Michigan Mutual Life Insurance Company, has our thanks for favors.

Mrs. R. Dettmer returned from Chicago, this morning, where she has been buying a stock of millinery goods.

Mr. Ben Welch, of the Pittsburg depot, accompanied by his family, went to Middlepoint to-day, to spend Sunday with friends.

## VENEDOCIA ITEMS.

From our own Correspondent.

Dr. J. S. Jenkins and J. D. Richards took a flying trip to Lima, Ohio, last Wednesday, on business.

T. J. Jones is adding an additional room to his dwelling house and having the entire building repainted which will add much to its appearance. Mr. Geo. Hauber is doing the painting.

D. W. Williams took a flying trip to St. Paul and Minneapolis, last week, to visit his brother and view the country. He reports a fine country but too cold for comfort, even at this season of the year.

Dr. E. C. Jones moved his household goods from this place, last week. He intends to make his future home in Oak Hill, Jackson County, Ohio. Doc. is a fine gentleman and well respected by all who know him.

Mr. Wm. Williams, of Columbus, O., and Miss Susie Jones of this place were united in holy matrimony last Wednesday, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. T. J. Jones, by Rev. Isaac Edwards. May their matrimonial life be long, prosperous and happy is the wish of the writer.

Mr. Hugh Owen has organized a singing class of about forty members. He teaches what is known as the "Sol Fa" system. Mr. Owen understands music very thoroughly and will make a good instructor. If the class will do their part, we doubt not great good will be accomplished.

Messrs. Lewis and Morgan, of Jackson county, Ohio, arrived at our place last Wednesday, seeking employment. It seems as though labor is very scarce in the coal counties of southern Ohio, this spring, as we have quite a number of Jacksonians in this vicinity and we presume room for many more.

Mr. W. E. Williams, of Jonestown, O., was called to Aurora, Ill., last week, to see the remains of his son John, who was dead, having fallen from a freight car on to the track between the cars. The train being in motion ran over both his legs and otherwise mangled his body, so that he lived but a short time thereafter. John has been from home for many years, but did not follow rail-roading until the past two or three years. He was married a couple of years ago. His remains were buried at Aurora.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Dettter and son, Villshire, are guests of Mr. and C. E. Dettter.

Mrs. I. L. Lesley has returned to her home at Paulding after a short visit with friends here.

Miss Mollie Rahama, of Convoy, is a guest of Miss Maud Wilkinson on North Washington street.

Mrs. W. W. Crooks, who has been the guest of Mrs. W. B. Ross, has returned to her home at Ada.

Lewis Copeland, of Fostoria, and Arthur Leason, of Mendon, are guests of their cousin, Mrs. J. A. Butters.

Mrs. L. R. Swineford and Mrs. H. Liebenthal, of Marshal, Mich., are guests of O. D. Swartout's family.

Miss Della Greenwich, who has been the guest of Miss Laura Eirich has returned to her home at Bucyrus.

Mrs. S. M. John and children and Miss Bertha LaRue, of Kenton, are guests of relatives and friends in this city.

Miss Olive Teegarden, of Ada, who has been visiting the family of the Rev. J. R. Hall, went to Middlepoint morning.

Mrs. Chas. Pearson, of Battle Creek, Mich., is a guest of the family of R. Pearson.

Miss Clara Penn, of Rockford, is a guest of her cousin, Miss Nellie Cupp.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

At a meeting of the M. E. Mite Society, held August 26, 1892, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, It has been the pleasure of our Heavenly Father to remove from us our sister and member, the wife of our dear pastor, Mrs. A. Hall, who passed from earth to a home in Heaven August 22d. Therefore be it

Resolved, That in her death we, in common with the whole church, have lost a faithful supporter; one whose wise and loving counsels gave her the place of a leader amongst us.

Resolved, That we express our thankfulness to God that she left for us so bright an example of Christian patience and consecration.

Resolved, That this society in sympathy with the sorrowing family, direct the secretary to insert the above in the minutes as a token of respect to our sister; a copy be presented to the family, and that they be published in all the county papers.

Mrs. A. B. BAKER,  
Mrs. A. J. HINES,  
Mrs. H. H. TEMPLE,  
Com.

#### In Court.

The jury is now out deliberating on the case of Peter Findley, against the village of Delphor.

#### Classes in Vocal Culture.

Miss Elizabeth Eastwood Brown solicits the attention of ladies and gentlemen desiring vocal culture. New classes are now being formed for winter study and those desiring to study will please begin with the new term. Both private and class lessons will be given and pupils desiring it may take a college course preparing for Boston. Little girls, ages ranging from six to twelve are requested to meet at Miss Brown's home Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, to prepare for a concert.

Miss Brown will examine voices free of charge and give her candid opinion as to their probable capabilities.

Parties may consult Miss Brown Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10 to 12 and 2 to 3:30.

#### VENEDOCIA.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Lloyd, a boy. Miss Jane Jones, of Gomer, is visiting here.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lloyd, a girl.

T. W. Reese was visiting his brother the Rev. Thomas Reese at Frankford the fore part of this week.

Thomas Evans and Channcey Ross, of Van Wert, were here Sunday.

Rev. Thomas Roberts will attend the C. M. conference in Cincinnati Sunday.

The W. O. T. U. county convention will be held here next Thursday. There will be a medal contest in the evening.

D. O. Alban returned home Wednesday with his first grade of cattle. Mr. Alban has made quite a success in the exhibition of his cattle through the different states.

The work on Mrs. W. Williams' new house has been commenced. The foundation will soon be laid.

Last Wednesday the horses of John George became unmanageable and ran away. The raising of an umbrella by Mrs. D. Jones, who was with Mr. George in the wagon, was the cause. Mrs. Jones was thrown out and received slight injuries. The horses ran to town where they were stopped.

#### STONE QUARRY.

Joe Siplea thinks of becoming a citizen of Van Wert soon.

Joe Boham would be seriously out of mind without a mule team to drive.

#### DIXON PICKUPS.

I. Sponeller was at Van Wert Wednesday. J. Clem and family of Fort Wayne are the guests of S. J. Clem and family this week.

Mrs. J. A. Hooper was at Convoy Wednesday.

David Crabill and family of Fort Wayne are here attending the funeral of his aunt, Mr. Sophie Crabill.

Mrs. Kennedy, of Philadelphia, is the guest of J. W. Smith this week.

Messrs. John Clem and Rodney Graham will attend the dedication of the World's fair grounds at Chicago Oct. 21st.

Frank Allen and family, of Van Wert, were the guests of J. W. Longwell and wife Sunday.

Wm. Singer is building an addition to his dwelling. B. R. Davis is doing the work.

Mrs. John Singer is still lying very low with cancer of the stomach. Her recovery is beyond all hopes and her death is hourly expected.

R. H. McInturf is very busy settling his book account, he having sold out his store to Mr. E. B. Ridenour. We have not learned where he will locate, but wherever it may be, they will find Mr. McInturf a gentleman and a very accommodating and shrewd business man. Success to him.

The trial of Jessie Foster vs. J. K. P. Miller to be tried at Van Wert Friday will be watched with much interest as both are prominent citizens of this place. A number of subpoenas have been served and quite a delegation will attend as spectators.

Again death has visited us and taken from our midst Aunt Sophia Crabill, an aged and respected widow and mother-in-law of Mr. S. F. Baker the well known bridge contractor. She has been ill but a short time having recently fell and sustained a fracture of the left arm in three places below the elbow. This together with old age and heart failure caused her death. The funeral services were held Thursday at Flat Rock church after which the remains were interred in the Flat Rock cemetery followed by a host of friends and relatives. Who will be the next?

#### WREN.

J. S. Hunter returned to Jonesborough Ind., this week.

Mrs. Henry Cover, of Middlepoint, and Mrs. Henry Showalter, of Pleasant township, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Troup Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Conn and Mrs. J. C. Glenn, of Pleasant township, and Mrs. J. Owens, of Dasie, visited Mrs. S. Sheets last Friday.

Quite a number of our people attended surprise on Mrs. W. H. Myers north-east this place last Monday.

Mrs. C. L. Larue and Miss Cora Calloway attended the ministerial association of Baptist church, held at Mercer last week.

Mrs. Wesley Stalts visited friends in Decatur last week.

Abram Larue is visiting in Kansas.

Carey O. Clemons, of Harrison township, visited his sister Mrs. C. F. Troup, Sunday.

The Mosier blacksmith shop was moved to Frisinger & Co.'s lot near the depot, and will be used as a storage room.

#### LOST.

COW.—A large pale red cow about 8 years old, dehorned. A liberal reward is offered for information regarding the same.

THOMAS REID.

1877

Since our last article from this place

there have been many changes, some for the better and others for that class of events which people are content to call "bad luck." We are inclined to believe that many of the so-called "misfortunes" had better be called "mismanagements." Just how the genius of fortune and the imp of misery can be on such good terms as to locate alternately in Little Wales and shower their blessings or their curses in such mutual proportions, is either a mystery or a farce. We believe that Providence is a good pay master and will do to trust, but we also believe that more "ditching" and less "trusting" would accomplish more. At all events, let us try it gentlemen.

The wet weather during the months of June and July, has almost ruined our prospect for corn and now we are having it exceedingly dry, much to the disadvantage of those who want to put out a large wheat crop.

Threshing is the order of the day and wheat and oats are excellent. We do not remember of ever having so excellent a crop of small grain as we have this year.

The young folks are busy preparing music for the "Eisteddfod," which is to be held at Gomer, Allen Co., Nov. 25th. These exercises are highly entertaining and instructive, and we have often thought that more of such entertainments would be followed by good result to our young.

We are sorry to note that our esteemed friends Mrs. Roberts and family are preparing to move to Columbus. We sincerely hope that the best of fortune may attend them; we will miss them from our society, but welcome our friend Jones from Allen county, who has rented the farm and intends moving there after Mrs. R. leaves.

What is the matter with our young men? We have just as many pretty girls—girls who are noted for their good looks and good works—as can be found in any country, and yet the young men are all running over to Allen county, to seek the key to their better fortunes. Girls, dust around and induce the Allen county boys over here. "Tit for tat."

Miss Mary Hughes's health is improving. She has returned from St. Josephs Hospital in Ft. Wayne, where she has been under the care of Dr. Clark. Mary's constitution is not very strong but we hope that she will soon entirely recover her health.

The little Auglaize is nearly dry and unless we have a good rain soon we will have no place for our ducks to wallow.

Plenty of chills and fever again.

9/14/77

Frost.

High weeds and short corn.

Railroad fever has given place to bilious fever.

We have been considerably "moved" of late by chills, bilious fever and night sweats.

Corn cutting is now in full blast. Corn has to be cut long before it is ready in order to save the fodder. The stalk and ear are too green entirely, but the blades are drying up.

School commenced last Monday in the "Swamp College" school house. Miss Grinnemire teaches, and we hear that she is not overwhelmed with members.

Miss Jennie Roberts, of Avondale, Cincinnati, is visiting his mother and friends of Little Wales. She is a former pupil of your correspondent and will always be remembered by him.

Those who are not cutting corn are engaged in clearing and ditching. Our large tracts of timber land are fast becoming tillable and orchards and meadows are taking the place of the "deep-tangled wild-wood."

Most farmers have put out a large amount of wheat and will, no doubt, be blessed with an abundant crop next year.

We don't go much on the moon, but there is plenty of evidence that we shall have an early, long and severe winter.

A certain County Commissioner is in the habit of selling jobs of ditching to irresponsible bidders and not requiring of them bonds or security. The result is many "irresponsible" will bid off jobs for some interested party who can find no other escape from carrying on his portion of public improvements, and as the bidder has nothing that the law can touch, the work is not done. The new law gives township trustees the same power to make roads, build bridges, locate branch ditches, etc. in their own jurisdiction, that the County Commissioners formerly had, and now let them attend to these little home jobs and not only save expense but insure better work.

Time



The Sunday school fair went off in the Riker Hall, on Saturday evening. Dr. S. Brock was awarded the cat that was on exhibition, for being the most popular doctor in Willshire. We learned that he received 160 votes at ten cents each, and that he had friends to back him up for five times that amount if necessary. There is nothing like having plenty of friends in time of need.

Quite a number of people visited our town on Christmas day—many more than was expected, it being the first day of the week. All was not lovely during the day on account of several drunks, and fights, which was no credit to those who willfully violated the peace in such a disgraceful manner. Neither can we see where the credit comes in to those who dished out the evil, which caused the shameful disturbance. May the time come, and that speedily, when people will take as much delight in trying to do good as they now take in doing evil. Were it not for intoxicating drink, we would have a happy time generally; but as long as it is suffered to reign, we may expect trouble wherever it exists. Confine that evil into very close quarters for two or three years and it will make such a difference in the way of peace and happiness, that we think that the majority of the people would go in for a continuance of its confinement. Times would be much better and people would become wealthy and peaceable.

The Masons will give a public installation of their officers on Wednesday evening, and intend to have what they call a lap supper.

The Baptist meeting in this place has finally come to a close. They continued quite a while and added several members to their number.

Ice is from eight to ten inches thick on the river, and some of our citizens are beginning to move it away.

Pikes! Pikes! oh, for PIKES! That is the word. We *must* build pikes. The town needs them. The country needs them. The rich need them. The poor need them. Business needs them. Idle pleasure needs them. Van Wert county needs them. Talk about investing in another railroad. How would we get to it without pikes? Macadamize the Jennings road first. It has more important cross roads than any other.

Everything is at a stand-still. Logs are not hauled to the mills. Bolts remain in the woods. Wood cannot be hauled. We are completely mud-bound.

It is said that Jonah was swallowed by the whale, but the man who votes the Democratic ticket beats the whale. He has to gobble up the whole Confederacy.

A protracted meeting is in progress at the Kingsley Church. *Bulletin*

#### YORK TOWNSHIP ITEMS.

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From our own Correspondent.

This impassable gulf of mud seems to be fixed. All is quiet and mud-bound, the Devil used to travel to and fro on the earth, and walk up and down in it, but it is reported that he is mud-bound and has located in the southwest corner of York. We judge by the commotion in that corner, that they have him, while another district that was always in hot water have not had a muss since the mud set in.

The health is good, and well it is 'tis so, for a person might die before a doctor could get here from town. Dr. Kroul was seen south of Buena Vista to-day, plodding along afoot, to visit a sick man. Are not these arguments in favor of pikes? Why should a man wait for weeks for good roads to have

load of wood, and then only haul half a load? We don't know when we start to town whether we will get half way there or not. How farmers' work will be piled up this spring—all the hauling, plowing and sowing, we must labor like giants and then fail. Shall we let Middlepoint and Venedocia make the only pike in Van Wert county? Venedocia had better make her six miles of pike towards Van Wert, where there is a city already built; Middlepoint can't cope with Van Wert.

Sugar making has commenced, the present run of sugar-water being good.

The present winter has been favorable for frogs and ducks. The frog crop will be especially heavy, they have been singing nearly all winter. Where does this weather belong? is it last fall or next spring? or—or—which?

#### YORK TOWNSHIP ITEMS.

From our own Correspondent.

We do not know how deep the mud is, as we have not sounded it.

The Long Prairie and Little Auglaize, are up and about to carry off bridges and fences.

The mud in this vicinity is six months old and big for its age. Jack Frost can't handle it.

## YORK TOWNSHIP ITEMS.

4/21/76

From our own Correspondent.

There was a lawsuit before Esquire Evans last week. John Ross, plaintiff, Wesley Walse, defendant. John Tomlinson for plaintiff, old Bill Thomas for defendant. Verdict for plaintiff.

The floods have abated, the plow is running, and farmers are very busy. Oats are being sowed.

York needs two tile factories, one at Venedocia and another at Buena Vista.

We didn't report all the officers elected, it is useless to report Hugh F. Jones, our treasurer, for he has held the office for twenty odd years. L. W. Bethards is Clerk, Davis is Assessor.

Robert Ireland has sold out to Seth Painter. James Bevington has sold to Edwin Smith. Mr. B. goes to Indiana.

More about the black dog. One man in York is very uneasy about the aforesaid canine. I append a description of this "man's best friend": He is of medium size, is black, has long, bushy tail, carried well up, his nose is gray up to his eyes, and is possessed of a much better countenance than his owner. Two circumstances gave him his notoriety: First, he was found shut up in Thomas' barn, from which corn was stolen that night; second, he went to the election this spring and was the topic of conversation. Middlepoint will take notice that black dogs are 99 per cent discount in York, and still on the decline. *Bulletin*

## YORK TOWNSHIP ITEMS.

9 JUN 1876

From our own Correspondent.

The hum of business has ceased in Buena Vista. The late fire has desolated the village, and the place which once knew it will know it no more forever.

York has no grog-shop. A part of the thriving town of Venedocia is in York, but that village has no grog-shop.

Farmers have reason to rejoice in the prospects for the future. Our meadows are heavy, apples good, small fruits ditto, while oats and corn are looking very well.

A son of Edward Jones and a daughter of Hugh F. Jones, have been getting married.

A large number of rattle-snakes have been killed in this section lately.

Robert Ireland has returned from Kansas, and reports wheat excellent. He saw one field of 18,000 acres, besides several of from 6,000 to 12,000 acres that could not be excelled. He says he likes the western country better than he does the morals of the people.

## YORK TOWNSHIP ITEMS.

From our own Correspondent.

A horse belonging to Mr. Doners tramped on the sliver of a rail, at Kingsley church, and snagged its foot so severely that it died from the effects of the wound.

L. F. Ross' new house is able to stand up. The squire celebrated his fortieth birthday, this week. The party invited were married ladies. The result was a present—it is a boy, forty years younger than the squire.

Overholt, of Liberty township, barn. John A. Smith is building house.

## YORK TOWNSHIP ITEMS.

From our own Correspondent.

Hot weather, rain, mud, flies, and bad roads, weedy corn. Corn grows inches every day. It rains once twice at night. Corn is from one foot high. Much of the wheat is in good order, so that we can depend on flour this year.

John C. Owens and Evan B. are building.

The rain goes in streaks, the so Ridge township having had just while central Liberty has been flooded.

Matson Black, is the owner of a new Pennsylvania wagon that is five years old. It will be taken to the tennial, if it don't wear out.

Harvey Saunders, has the mark of the snake's teeth on the heel of his shoe.

Crow is a very cooling diet for the crats of York.

Those improved Red Men perform on the Fourth, yet there was a good deal of straight backs, black hair, and heads and the Indian whoop.

## YORK TOWNSHIP ITEMS.

21 JUL

From our own Correspondent.

Mr. Samuel Brown has bought a new farm.

Oats have rusted, corn is doing well, and will be the best ever produced. And still it rains, yet we have no streams being low. Hay is scarce, weather warm, items scarce.

Many years ago there were snakes in this part of the county, was the owner of a dog that would and kill, all large snakes that he saw. One day the dog was barking at a snake six foot long. Mr. T. and his two sons were watching the encounter, the snake coiled, and when the dog came near it would strike. Finally Mr. T. caught the dog and encouraged him to give the snake a ship battle. Whereupon he seized the snake and commenced a furious shaking. The reptile flew from his mouth and landed on the neck, and with such force twined itself clear around the neck. Never did a man unwrattle quicker than he did that one who had done the laughing.

## YORK TOWNSHIP ITEMS.

8-3

From our own Correspondent.

The hog disease is raging in York. The ague is shaking the people more ague in York than there has been for fifteen years.

The contract for a new school-house in H. F. Jones district has been let and is being hauled.

The Scott variety of wheat is the best in this vicinity. In some places yields nearly one bushel to a do. Oats are a failure. Corn is good, but land was ditched and the crop

ing of the lungs, and for a short time after she has an attack of the hemorrhage, she almost entirely loses the use of her left side. Mrs. M. is in a critical condition, and we sympathize with her in her affliction.

York township Grange has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: R. T. Ross, Master; S. C. Duff, O.; Ed. Smith, S.; John Smith, T.; S. G. Custar, A. S.; John Ireland, C.; David Thomas, L.; John Tomlinson, S.; George Cox, G. K.; Rosetta Smith, C.; Alba Morris, P.; Caroline Hondtsted, F.; C. A. Clemmons, L. A.

Mrs. M. W. Granger is convalescing slowly. *Times* 2/16/77

#### YORK TOWNSHIP ITEMS.

*Times* 3/19/77  
The times are very Hasey and the weather cold, and the roads are getting bad.

Your correspondent is very much indisposed with a bad cold and neuralgia.

Mrs. M. W. Grauger is recovering very fast from her late illness, and hopes are entertained that should she meet with no back set, that she will soon be fully recovered from the severe attack which she was laboring under.

We understand that William Krug, of York township, has sold his farm to John Bevington for the sum of \$2,800. We are very sorry to loose Mr. K., as he is one of our first-class citizens.

The protracted effort by the M. E. Church, we understand, has been transferred from the Whitfield Church to the Kingsley Church, commencing Monday night, the 5th inst.

#### YORK TOWNSHIP ITEMS.

After a long time of very pleasant weather and good roads, for this season of the year, again it seems that winter is upon us, judging by the amount of snow that is on the ground. It was our opinion all the time that the nice weather was only borrowed and we are of the same opinion yet.

The wheat, in many places, began to look very yellow and bad. A few days ago business called us down through that portion of York township, known as Little Wales, where if there is any good farming in the country, there is where you will find it, but upon examination of the wheat fields, we discovered that the wheat was being considerably injured by the dry freezing weather. But Little Wales exhibits as much, if not more wealth and industry, than most any portion of our county. The Welsh people are a very industrious and economical set of people.

*SMITH-SPRAIN*—On the 22nd inst., by L. F. Ross, J. P., Mr. Wm. Smith to Miss Sprain, daughter of Mr. Gustavus Sprain, all of York township. 3/22/77

Success to Billy and his wife. Who comes next? *Times*

#### YORK TOWNSHIP.

And still it snows. 3/23/77

If you recollect, we made a guess in the month of February, that our nice weather was only borrowed, and from the appearance of the weather for the last two or three weeks, we still think that we were correct.

The Little Nile has been having a fine time for the last six or eight days. It seems as though it has become a habit for it to become rampant and inundate its surroundings.

The health on the Nile is good, with the exceptions of a few cases of chronic chills.

The protracted effort of the M. E. Church, at the Kingley chappel, is likely to become very interesting. We understand that there has been some five or six conversions and quite a number of seekers yet at the altar. May the Lord prosper His work, and add unto His number daily, such as will be eternally saved.

We are thankful that we have no deaths to record this week.

*HONDSTED-KNAPP*—On the 18th inst., at the residence of the bride's mother, by L. F. Ross, J. P., Mr. John Hondtsted to Miss Fronie Knapp, all of York township.

Oh take your ax and go, John,  
Oh take your ax and go;  
For I can use the broom, John,  
And cook the grub, you know.

Oh, yah, mine leedle fraw,  
I'll hold you in my embrace,  
And ven I dakes my ax, fraw,  
I'll kiss your preedy face.

Success to Johnny and Fronie. May your days be lengthy and full of happiness, and may your great grand-children look up to you and call you blessed.

On the north side of the Little Nile, just three-fourths of a mile north of Buna Vista, there is a coon den, in which one of the feminine gender has taken winter quarters. But oh, that small man, that carries letters to the dulcineas of Mendon. In passing along the road, (his scent being sufficiently keen) he tracked the old coon to her den, and last Friday, whilst it was snowing so hard, the horse, saddle, U. S. mail, and the little man of Mendon, might have been seen, by the close observer, reigning up in front of a certain house, dismount, go into the den, and after a few moments of secret session (we presume they went into a Committee of the Hole) the little man might have been seen sallying forth with renewed energy. But on his return, that mean, stubborn horse, would recollect said house and run up to the fence. Upon the appearance of said horse and little man, a certain female figure would amerge from said house, and become stationary near the horse and little man, and after a short consultation, decided that seven could not beat eight, but that one on each side is

a tie, which might be figured up with mutual consent by both parties. The supposition by many is, that the dulcineas of Mendon will loose their little man, as they will resemble the five virgins; when the bridegroom cometh, they will be found without oil in their lamps. *Times*

#### YORK TOWNSHIP.

3/13/77  
The weather still remains cool for this season of the year.

The farmers are very busy cleaning and plowing the ground for spring crops.

The wheat is looking fine, on the Nile. We have been a resident of Van Wert county for 26 years, and only once during that period of time, have we any recollection of seeing the wheat looking so well generally, as it does this spring.

Our township election went off quietly, electing the following gentlemen: For Trustees, John T. Ross, Owen Pugh, and John Roberts; for Treasurer, H. H. Jones; for Clerk, L. W. Bethards; for Assessor, John Davis; for Justice, D. W. Evens. A very good set of men, and we presume that they will fill their offices with honor and dignity.

There is a man hailing from Mercer county, residing some 3½ or 4 miles northeast of Mendon, on the Spencer-ville road, and something near a mile east of the Frazier saw mill, that went to the city of Van Wert, we presume to attend to honorable business; but before leaving Van Wert, it seems that he imbibed to freely of tangle-juice, and on his way home, the Saturday night following, he fell from his horse into a ditch, opposite George Good's, and as said ditch had a quantity of mud and water, said man was in a deplorable condition. Mr. Good's boys going to his rescue, he abused them very badly, cursing and swearing at them. His horse made its way home leaving his master in the mud. He hired a boy to take him home for fifty cents, and having no money the boy got no pay. He imposed on the boy by stating that he was unloading wood at the widow Deniston's, at Van Wert, and that his horse became frightened at a train and ran away. As he has a nice family we will withhold names; but shame to the father and husband that will set such an example to his little ones, and cause a kind companion hours of uneasiness. Verily, wine is a mocker and strong drink is raging, and whose is deceived thereby is not wise. *Times*

# YORK TOWNSHIP.

*Times* 4/27/77  
Married, April 9th, by S. P. Ross, J. P., Mr. Swayne Beatty, of Mendon, Mercer county, to Mrs. Mary Coon, of York township, Van Wert county.

The weather is very nice, and a good many of the farmers are through sowing oats, and breaking the ground for corn. I noticed, on my road to Mercer county, that the wheat is still looking very nice.

Items are rather scarce, and I am somewhat behind the times, having just returned from Mercer county, having a call to go to see an old friend that is lying at the point of death. Mrs. Robert Mortimore.

On Monday, a week ago, we had a nice little coon hunt on the Nile, and the little man of Mendon, with his gymnastic steels, was the lucky man, for he captured and bore off the prize in his spring wagon.

Seeing that you have no regular correspondent from Liberty township, we will give an item for Liberty. On last Friday we were called upon by our friend, Samuel Witten, for a little assistance in raising a very nice and substantial frame for a barn. On going there we found many of our old friends and neighbors, whom we were truly glad to see; but we call special attention to one, Sam Baltzell, as being one of the best natured, lively tads on the turf. In fact we thought him equal to a puppet show. No harm, brother.

## YORK TOWNSHIP.

*Times* 5/11/77  
The little Nile has been passive for some time.

O. H. Pessler's saw mill is almost one of the things that was.

Mrs. M. W. Granger is visiting her son and daughter-in-law in Mercer county.

The new post office on the north side of the Nile has been totally abandoned since the little man of Mendon caught the post mistress and legally adopted her into his own family in Mendon.

Call at our grocery at Buena Vista if you wish to see the smiling countenance of the proprietor, P. C. Handwork. He will always be ready to accommodate you with anything in his line for cash or country produce, for which he will pay the highest market price.

## YORK TOWNSHIP ITEMS.

*Times* 11/24/1877  
From our own Correspondent.

York has a sensation. The Plymouth Democrat sold our Harp. Woe to music!

We have the grandest prospect for wheat ever seen in York. Oats and flax look well, and the farmers are wearing smiles.

There has been more tile drain put in this spring than usual. We are to have a tile factory; Mr. Edwin Smith is putting it up. This means business, for Mr. Smith is the right man; he will do what he undertakes.

Mr. John Roberts is building a very nice house.

Our Welsh brethren have let the job of building a church. It is to be located on the east line of section 9.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hughes is preparing to build a house.

Mr. Richard Breece is building a barn.

Esquire Ross has nicely painted his house.

That boy, Swain Beatty, who rides the kicking mustang, and carries the mail between Van Wert and Mendon, is the "boss" coon-hunter. He tracked up, trood and captured, the largest Coon ever caught in York. Esq. Ross married them. It is reported that Ross does not charge for marrying boys who are 65 years old.

The ague, measles, and whooping-cough, have been visiting around.

There are a few wild turkeys in our woods. George Wert and John Cremene each killed one.

Abner Sanders killed a rattlesnake.

Louis Franklin sold his farm and moved to Union county.

Meetings for next week at Kingsley Chapel:

Sabbath School Board, Monday night; Convert's prayer meeting, Tuesday night; prayer meeting, Thursday night; singing, Saturday night; Sabbath School, Sunday at 9 a. m., prayer and class, 11 a. m., and public services at 4 1/2 p. m.

District No. 6 is to have a new brick school house this summer.

## YORK TOWNSHIP.

*Times* 5/25/77  
M. W. Granger killed a large rattlesnake having five rattles.

Items are rather scarce, but something must be done, so here goes good or bad, better or worse.

Oats that was sown on black soil is looking well but those sown on thin clay soil are not looking so well.

Singing at the Kingsley church on last Saturday night, taught by the boss singer of York township, Hubert Clipfinger.

Apples will be scarce on the Nile. The present appearances are tolerable favorable for small fruit, such as cherries, currants, tame sarvis berries, etc.

The chicken cholera has put in an appearance on the farm of Mr. N. M. Jones. Old father Jones carried out and buried eight head the other morning that died the night previous. We fear that hen fruit will be scarce.

M. W. Granger has six acres of corn that is coming through the ground, and his sorghum is a coming up nice.

Mr. Samuel Witten of Liberty township has his barn nearly completed which will be very useful and an ornament to the neighborhood when completed.

The weather, for the last few days, has been very nice for the farmer, and in fact, every body. Corn planting is progressing finely. Some of the farmers are done planting their corn, others are nearly so, and in a few days we presume the corn will be principally all in the ground.

Mr. Editor we see in your columns and other papers, a certain measure that is to be brought before the voters of Ohio at the October election for ratification or rejection, viz: the constitutional amendment in reference to the judiciary of the State. Now Mr. Editor we do not propose to discuss the question but wish through your columns to ask the voters of Ohio a few questions—farmers, merchants and mechanics, first we ask is there any real necessity for such a move? If not, cast your vote no. Are we not now feeding and supporting already a set of so called judges and what do they do? It is useless for me to say, for you all know as well as I do. You also know that our taxes are as heavy already as we can bear and shall we vote an additional tax upon ourselves by adding to our judiciary some forty or fifty additional judges in the State to be supported by taxation? Voters of Ohio we have this matter within our own grasp yet, and let us study the matter before casting our vote as our chief magistrate of the nation is adopting the rule of retrenchment by cutting off all unnecessary branches of the army and civil service. Let us not, voters of Ohio and citizens of the same state that the chief executive governed for several years, let us not discourage him but vote down all unnecessary taxes. Voters I appeal not to party nor to passion, but to serious reflection.

M. W. GRANGER.

## YORK TOWNSHIP ITEMS.

22 JUN 1877

From our own Correspondent.]

The weather has been very wet. Much of our corn is beyond redemption. The weeds are very rank and thickly set, and hundreds of acres of corn that was planted early in May have not been plowed. North of us in Ridge, it is dry enough. The oats and flax are good, and wheat and grass are excellent.

The new church is approaching completion.

Wm. Clemmons has added a parlor and new roof to his residence.

Jacob Gilbert has added a kitchen and three porches to his dwelling.

The ruffian who took the taps off of Charles Knipe's saw-mill, in order that it might blow up, has been arrested. The burs were taken off the drumhead and cylinder.

Edwin Smith is manufacturing tile. He will take another year after this of ague and rain to make the people willing to ditch.

The residence of L. F. Ross, Esq., was recently "shook up" by lightning. The business end of the lightning passed down the spouting, thus doing but little damage to the building.

Owing to the recent heavy rains, but little has been accomplished in the way of plowing corn.

The Murphys and the wet weather have almost captured the southwest corner of our township.

Our corn crop will be an utter failure.

Mosquitoes, varying in size from a jaybird to a sand-hill crane, are more numerous than necessary in this section. They seem to be a cross between the ordinary insect and the jackass; and while we must admit of their great improvement as stingings, we must also admit, and with no small degree of regret, that their soothing, musical biz-z-z has vanished with their diminutiveness. We weep long and loud.

One of those nuisances with which every community is now infested, delicately styled "tramp," called at a farmer's residence, a few days since, and asked for a cup of coffee. The lady of the house waited upon his royal highness, and then asked him if he wished something to eat. "No," replied the geranium bud; "I stopped at that house over there (pointing to a neighboring house) and the family were just eating. They invited me to dine," said he, with a curl of the upper lip; "I seated myself at the table, and don't you think they only gave me such as they had for themselves. They had tea, and I must have my coffee regularly three times each day. You see I have grown so delicate that my constitution will not allow such abuse as drinking tea." The poor fellow only weighs 235 pounds and had to wear three coats to keep him warm. When will farmers cease to insult the dignity of these precious animals by offering them tea? Why not kill the fatted calf for them; if you can't call in all your neighbors to rejoice with you, at least call in the Constable; and if you have not the aforesaid fatted calf to offer up, rather than let the gun get rusty, shoot the tramp. Never half do things.

#### YORK TOWNSHIP ITEMS.

The health of our section of country at this time, we believe to be good.

During the week we noticed three new threshing machines pass south. We believe all of them were of the Aultman & Taylor manufacture.

Our old friend, P. C. Handwerck, is on the war path again with a new Aultman & Taylor threshing machine with four as good horses perhaps for that purpose as there is in the county. He intends to have John Sphar and W. B. Granger, to assist him in the duties of threshing, and as the machine is new and Mr. H. and Mr. G. are both experienced feeders and Mr. S. is said to be an excellent driver, we think that our farmers would do well to patronize the new threshing firm. Mr. H. has worn out two machines previous to this one.

The indications at the present time lead us to suppose that we shall need rain soon.

Mr. Editor, business called us down in to Venedocia, in Jennings township. Excuse us for just stepping across the line of our territory, but on leaving the Nile and passing south to the city of Buena Vista, the capital of York township, at the last named point we struck a due east course, examining the crops as we passed along we noticed that the wheat was very good, but the corn very small and yellow, until we crossed the little Auglaize, some three and a half miles east of Buena Vista, then we were in that section of country known as Little Wales, there we noticed a vast improvement, both in the cultivation and crops, corn being very good and wheat excellent. We passed on, still east until we came to the farm of our ex-Infirmity Director, Thos. Alban. We called upon Mr. A. in order to rest and say a few words on the subject of politics. We found Mr. A. the same fine, cautious gentleman that we have ever taken him to be. After partaking of his hospitality, in the shape of an excellent dinner and horse feed and having a fine chat with mine host, hostess and very fine sons and daughters, looking at the crops and fruit, of which we found plenty and of an excellent quality, we went to the thriving village of Venedocia, which contains two full dry good and grocery stores; two blacksmith shops; two physicians; one church; one wagon shop; one shoe shop; dwelling houses, sixteen.

#### YORK TOWNSHIP ITEMS.

From our own Correspondent.]

The buzz and the whirr of the threshing machine is heard in the land. All the wheat threshed thus far, has turned out well—a better yield than for many years.

The many friends of Mr. Henry Rice, who was wounded at Maysville, Ind., are justly indignant at the manner in which Mr. R. has been treated by the physicians in charge of the Fort Wayne Hospital. This matter

should be investigated, and the guilty parties be shown up in a proper light. Mr. Rice has not received the attention due to a man in his condition.

Mr. John Thomas, better known as Jack Thomas, and the widow Evans, have consolidated their families, by permission from the Probate Court.

York has a sensation. This time the cause is railroad. We admit to a strike by the Murphys, the wind storms, thunder and lightning, bugs, etc., and each had some effect, but the present amount of railroad wind-work almost makes us weep. Since the completion of the Narrow-Gauge Railroad to Delphos, there has been much conjecturing as to where it will go. Venedocia, Smith's tile factory and Willshire want to be struck, and they may get it. But the subject is so affecting that we leave it drop.

Wheat is being rapidly stacked; hay never better, and the delicate yellow corn has commenced to shoot. We would advise farmers to save a sample for next year—put it in an envelope. Oats is oats this year though; but the potatoes wear the spots of dampness in abundance. Pastures bulley stock bullier and healthy.

Our Democratic neighbors are well pleased with President Hayes.

Farmers who underdrained their land last year, will be more than repaid, in this year's crops, for all trouble. It is an easy matter to distinguish a farm that has been ditched from one that has not.

#### York Township Items.

The weather is very warm and showery.

There are a few cases of sickness in our midst. Our friend J. H. Wallick has been very sick of bilious fever, but we are very happy to announce that he is convalescing.

Mrs. Cook, widow of A. Cook, of Liberty township, met with a very painful accident on Sunday the 22nd inst. by falling out of Mr. Philip Hartel's spring wagon. By the fall she dislocated her left shoulder and broke the bone of the left arm in two places between the shoulder and elbow.

We understand that one of David Slagel's little twin girls has entirely lost her eye-sight.

Mr. Milton Jones' daughter Ada is quite sick.

Mr. P. C. Handwerk has been trying his new threshing machine and finds that the machine does excellent business and that the wheat is of an excellent quality. We think that the farmers generally can calculate their crops as follows: wheat and rye very good, potatoes good, corn something near a half crop, oats very good if the farmers have sufficient good weather to harvest and take care of them. Hay excellent and very plenty.

M. W. Granger has an enlargement of the seventh bone of the spinal column, which is very painful.

What has become of the suggested correspondent's jubilee? Boys we just say set your time and place of meeting and if the old man can he will meet you. We would like to meet and form a personal acquaintance with our brethren of the pencil. Boys set day, hour and place of meeting.

Mr. John H. Reis, of York township, who received a severe wound in the right hand on the 4th inst. did not receive proper treatment while at the hospital at Ft. Wayne, or many of his friends think so from the way they express themselves, although we are cred-

Mr. A. Thomas has commenced work on the Long Prairie ditch. This will be the largest ditch in the township, having an average depth of  $4\frac{1}{2}$  feet and 20 feet wide. When completed we should have a steamboat to run from Beuna Vista to Middle-point.

**New theology of York:** Man is a mortal animal, and in his future destiny is closely allied to the groundhog; and, like the groundhog, lays in his hole in the earth until general G. H. day. Heaven has become corrupt, but is to be cleansed. In order that this cleansing may be perfect, the devil is to be sent for and brought to the gates of Heaven, and all the nith of that place is to be poured upon his head. Thus the devil is to be made the scape-goat of Heaven. Progressive York!

We counted seventy-five tame turkeys in Dibert's meadow.

Mr. Reder had twenty-one hard shakes of ague in seven days, and didn't feel very well either.

Conversation: "Jake, how is dot: I live fife year in der Sout, und down tare a me shoot his naper yust like a tog, und nopotte better him, und lant is vort only fife tollar de acre. Here in de Nort one men haf nite rite to shoot his naper or his naper's wife, und lant is vort fite tollar. How is dot?" "Vel, I shplane dot. In de Sout pese many Temograts und de Temograts run das mashesen; und in der Nort ve haf goot many Republicaner, und dose mans run dot mashesen. Dot is der difrens. Lant town Sout bin yust so goot als dis lant."

The Advent missionaries to heathen York, have "folded their tents" and gone to parts where people are less enlightened.

Wm. Heath is building a fine barn on the farm which he purchased of Jesse Tomlinson.

#### YORK TOWNSHIP ITEMS.

24 AUG 1877

From our own Correspondent.

It is a matter of some regret that there were so few of our Welsh neighbors in attendance at the Convention, on Saturday. Only 125 of them could find it convenient to turn out. But this may be accounted for by the fact that quite a number of them are on the sick list, and many others are busy threshing.

Both Democrats and Republicans are loud in their praise of our ticket; they say it will do to stand by. On the other hand, the Democrats are greatly dissatisfied with their nominations, claiming that the weakest men of their party had been put forward. Their leaders will have to resort to log-chains and a circle of yellow-jackets to keep the party together; also, a sprinkle of wasps. We don't deny the charge that York township will roll up the largest Republican majority this fall that she has had for many years.

As pious as we claim to be, we don't want a Democratic or a Know Nothing Bishop, and to his admirers we say, "Go West, young man; go West."

The walls of the brick School-house, in District No. 3, are up.

**More of York's theology:** We were not held responsible for our actions until the first of this month; the true light has now come and we are held accountable. This earth is a heaven unfinished; the many mansions are prepared. The grave is the only hell. Drawn conclusions: First, ignorance is bliss; second, we were born in heaven and must go to hell and be damned awhile. Heaven and hell are one. Elijah escaped hell by going buggy-riding. Stephen saw the earth open and looked down and saw Jesus standing by His Father. We don't propose to harmonize our theology.

Esquire Ross had a little excitement in his day's doings of Saturday last. One of his mules stepped its infernal foot on the buggy tongue and broke it. A fright ensued and the J. P. was dumped and thrown around in a careless manner, sustaining considerable injury. You have heard what the army teamster said about a mule; if not, ask John I. Cable. We agree with him.

York is to have two railroads (for fear one would make us sick). One is to run from Venedocia to Mendon, the other from Venedocia to Willshire. We wish to let contracts to three or four hundred men to paint "Look out for the locomotive" boards.

A certain man in a certain part of this township says, that if a certain thief don't get a dose of shot in a certain part of his unmentionables, on a certain night, for stealing potatoes from a certain field, it will be because a certain shot-gun in his possession does not throw shot to any certainty. And he will certainly do as he says. Certainly the ways of the potato thief are dangerous—to his pants.

#### YORK TOWNSHIP ITEMS.

8/31/77

Chills, fevers and bilious affections are the prevailing troubles on the Nile, at the time of our writing.

Mother Gero, Mrs. C. Harp, J. W. Granger and many others, are on the sick list.

Threshing in our vicinity is all completed, we believe, except a job at Mr. N. W. Jones' farm. He having to hold back his threshing until he built a new granery. He is putting up a very nice convenient granery. The farmers, this season, reminds us of the man spoken of in the scriptures, when he says, "This will I do, I will pull down my barns and build larger, etc. The crop of wheat and oats are so much larger in the county than usual that many of our farmers find it necessary to enlarge their graneries. Good for the farmers of Van Wert county.

Mr. J. H. Reis, of this township, is improving slowly. His arm, we are informed, is doing very fine, but his hand is inclined to gather and break, and what the result will finally be, we are unable to say; but we still hope for the better.

Mrs. Cook's arm, that we spoke of some time, since as being broken in two places between the elbow and shoulder, is doing fine.

The ground plows very hard. The low ground the hardest.

Mr. Editor, there is a question that seems to be agitating the minds of tax-payers of Van Wert county, and that is this: Why is it that we, the tax-payers of the county, are deprived of the use of the court house for holding conventions and other county meetings? We claim this, that we have been to a great expense to build that court house. We have already paid a portion of the building of that house, and the tax-payers are yet laboring and groaning under the pressure of hard times and heavy taxes, in order to complete the payment and yet if the rightful wish to hold a convention or other county meetings they are driven to one of the two extreme necessities, either to be exposed to the drenching rain and the scorching rays of the sun or driven to the expense of hiring a hall to hold our meetings in. Who does this? The answer is our commissioners, who have an office in that building, labeled commissioners office. Even the sign over their door, the tax-payers pays for, and last, but not least, the tax-payers employ a man to clean up and keep that very clean and nice, for whom? Is it for the comfort, satisfaction and health of the rightful owners of that property? No, they indirectly say to us, "Get you gone, you Indian dogs," you can come in one or two at a time, but it is impossible for you to hold a convention in it. Give us a fair count. Times

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The weather still remains cool nights with hot days. But not withstanding, all of this, our health on the Nile is improving.

Seeding is progressing slowly, but sure.

In speaking of the suicide that took place in Liberty township, the typos caused us to say Harrison township. last

M. W. Granger has his seeding done and a portion of his sorghum bladed for the mill.

Mr. J. H. Ries' hand and arm, is not improving very fast. His arm is not crooked, the thumb and finger of that hand are entirely stiff and unmovable, hand painful and gathering. The indications are, and Mr. R. thinks, that it would have been better if the arm had been amputated, as the indications are that it will never be of any service to him. The surgeon should be hauled by the law, for malpractice.