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Personalities in Politics.

It is very much to be regretted that our political contests cannot be carried on without a resort to the use of bitter and unseemly personalities. Every Presidential canvass, particularly, has been marred by the free employment of this sorry kind of "argument." We do not know that the present campaign is marked by any peculiar atrocity in that respect; but it is none the less unfortunate that, in a contest involving political questions of the utmost importance, a shap war against *persons* should have so early begun to rage. It would seem as if, by this time, we ought to have begun to improve somewhat upon the bad example set in previous contests; but the present aspect of the political field shows that the old habit is still strong upon the active spirits engaged. Although the opposing forces are not yet in battle trim, the leaders—or at least a goodly number of them—are already deep in the mire of personal detraction, hotly engaged in the agreeable pastime of "throwing mud" at every opponent within easy range.

This contemptible style of controversy is by no means confined to one party, or to any particular fraction within the party ranks. Journals favorable to the Administration are "down on" Liberal Republicans after a fashion that would have excited the envy of the editor of the "Eatonswill *Gazette*;" and Liberal Republicans show anything but a liberal or ingenuous spirit in their assaults upon the President and his supporters. Even some who aspire to the reputation of statesmen, and who have risen to high position in the National or State Governments, are not ashamed to employ the cruel weapons of personal detraction in their efforts to break down the strongholds of their opponents.

There is, it is true, a kind of personal criticism to which no just exception can be taken. The importance of electing only men of upright character and mental power to high official position cannot be too strongly insisted upon. Hence any moral blemish upon the character of a candidate, or one who is likely to be such, or such a lack of intellectual vigor as would render him incapable of properly fulfilling the duties of his office, should be kindly but firmly exposed. This is a public duty which those who are in possession of the facts are bound in honor to perform. But this is quite a different thing from the practice to which we object, of constantly and meanly accusing public men of every imaginable form of wrong-doing or wrong intention, in reckless disregard alike of truth, and of the pain and injury wrought.

It would, we fear, be a simple impossibility to stay now the tide of defamation rolling so fiercely over the country; but it clearly behooves all fair-minded men to hear such charges as though they heard them not—to believe no statement, however confidently made, reflecting upon the personal character or official conduct of a public man, unless proof be presented so conclusive as to render it a solemn duty to believe. If the "rank and file" would more generally pursue this course—if they would require every accuser of public men to establish the truth of his words, or suffer merited disgrace—the trade of the political slanderer would be apt to decline with satisfactory rapidity. We hope to see the time when this despicable mode of carrying on a political canvass will be universally condemned and cast aside—but it looks as if this year, at least, the progress toward so desirable an "era of good feeling" would be slow indeed.—*Examiner & Chronicle.*

THE local prohibition bill has been murdered in the house of its professed friends, and upon their garments the blood thereof cleaveth. This bill which passed the Assembly at Albany, has been virtually killed in the Senate. That body adopted an amendment striking out malt liquors, lager-beer and cider. The bill was then put upon its third reading, and lost by fifteen nays to ten yeas. And thus the reform Legislature defeats all attempts at reform. "If the Republican party," says the *National Temperance Advocate*, "falsifies the pledges made to temperance men in two State Convention, it will deserve to be buried so deep that it will never know a resurrection."

COWS DYING.—We learn that many farmers in this section are losing their cows. In some cases the cause is attributed to the severe winter and improper care, and in others to a lack of hay with which to feed them. Many farmers being entirely out of hay, are obliged to depend entirely on ground feed. Among those who have had their cows die are C. VanSchoyk, of Barbourville, who has lost ten or twelve; Mrs. Scott, who lives on the west branch of Cold Spring, has lost four, and a number of others who have lost one and two each.—*Deposit Courier.*

IT is stated that there are received an kept regularly on file at the American Newspaper advertising Agency of Geo. P. Rowell & Co., New York, no less than 582 different American Daily Newspapers, 56 tri-weeklies, 49 semi-weeklies, 4,662 weeklies, 8 semi-monthlies and 320 monthlies, making a weekly average of over 8,500 periodicals of all kinds which are regularly filed and kept open for inspection by advertisers and others who may be interested. The visitor to New York from Oregon, Texas, Florida or Maine, can find at this establishment the local paper published at his home.

DEMOCRATIC National Convention in Baltimore July 9th.

Obituary.

Died in New York City, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Euphemia Morris Machado, on Thursday, the 2d of May, Mrs. Frances Mary Upton Morris, relict of the late Richard Morris of Butternuts, in the 79th year of her age. Her remains were brought to the Home, at Upton Park, where her long life was spent, and the interment was at the side of her only son, Johnston Morris, who died in the sixteenth year of his age, many years ago. The remains of her husband will soon be brought from a private cemetery, and deposited by her side in the Morris burial ground, near the Morris Memorial Chapel.

Mrs. Morris was a remarkable lady, bound up in the social relations and memories of eighty years back. Friendly in her disposition, kindly in her acts, intelligent, and of admirable character, she was endeared to all who knew her. She was of the Johnston stock of Lithgow and Hyde Park in Dutchess county. Her mother was married to Captain Francis Upton of the British Navy, she being a sister of Judge Johnston, the father of Mr. David Johnston of Bainbridge, lately deceased. The Upton Land Patent interested the family in property in this vicinity, where one of Captain Upton's daughters married Mr. Fenno, and the other, Mr. Richard Morris, a son of General Jacob Morris, after whom the township of Morris is named. The mother, Mrs. Upton, was famed in her day for her beauty and fascinating manners, and was for years the acknowledged leader of New York society. Captain Upton was buried in New York in the vault of the Walton's; while she is buried in Trinity Church grave yard, on the south side of the church. A few years before her death she was married to the celebrated Mr. Cooper, of histrionic fame. Colonel Juliand of Bainbridge stands first on the list of graduates of the Academy at Oxford, Chenango county, and Mr. Richard Morris stands next. Great honors were paid both at the semicentennial anniversary of that institution; and in that beautiful pamphlet which so graphically recorded the event, each is named with distinction, and the portrait of Colonel Juliand adorns the volume. Mrs. Morris was almost the last one in her generation of the old connection. Her remains were brought on by some members of her family, and by her near connection, the Rev. Dr. Roosevelt Johnson, who was with her at her last illness and at her death. The Rev. John V. Huges, Rector of the Episcopal Church at Butternuts, and the Rev. T. H. Cullen, Rector at Morris, officiated in the Morris Memorial Chapel, Dr. Johnson delivering a memorial discourse, and reading the service at grave. The old home near Mt. Upton is owned by her daughter. Mrs. Fanny M. U. Masters.—The old home of Gen. Morris is owned by Mrs. Euphemia Morris Machado, another daughter. One other daughter, Miss Adelaide, is well known and valued by many friends in our vicinity, as being kindness itself. Mrs. Masters is distinguished for her ability and business capacity, and is highly appreciated by such intellectual men as Thurlow Weed and Counsellor Mygatt, and others who are proud to number her among their friends. She is a widow with two children, and still lives at Upton Park.—*Bainbridge Review.*

Butternuts Items.

Ishmael Jones has gone to Utica to remain through the summer.

John C. Bellamy, of Morris, the big white-washer, appeared in town on Monday with brush and pail in hand. He remained in town two days and returned to Morris, having earned the snug little some of $14.

Wm. Oliver has his new store completed. He will have it filled with choice goods in a few days. He has got a splenedid location, and expects to meet with a liberal patronage from the public. One year ago the thistles were growing where his new store stands, and some people wanted them to continue to grow there, but Oliver had public spirit enough to build a store on that ground and now the public will appreciate his energy.

In consequence of Morrison's great tea party in Oneonta, to come off the 4th of July, the celebration in Butternuts advertised some time since in which Brick Pomeroy was to be invited as speaker, will be discontinued as the people in this section wish to patronize the great tea party and clam bake. There is no use for any town in the county to try to get up doings when Morrison has tea parties.

The Butternuts Brass Band is considered one of the best in the county. They have concluded not to enter their names for the $50 purse the 1st of August for the reason that they prefer to give bands coming from other towns the benefit of the money. They will join in the celebration and do all they can to make it pleasant for bands coming from other towns. Outside bands govern yourselves accordingly.

WELL'S BRIDGE.—Florence George, an employe in Weaver's Steam Mill, was instantly killed on Wednesday, 1st inst. The carriage was run back and standing still, but the saw in motion; he stood at the end of the log, which was on the carriage, near the saw, trying to move the log with a lever. He stepped through an orifice, which caused him to fall upon the saw, which cut his shoulder nearly off, and sawed his head more than half way through from the back side. He breathed for about ½ hour. Dr. Joshua Sweet was called from Unadilla, but all he could do was to sew the gashes on the body together. His remains were accompanied by L. Root, to a sister of the unfortunate young man, in New Lisbon, Otsego Co. His age was 23 years.—*Otego Record.*

SEVENTEEN Republicans in the Assembly voted to retain Miller in office. The people wonder that so many "reform" Republican Assemblymen voted in favor of continuing in office a man whose official misconduct is as glaring and infamous as that of the worst criminals in Tammany Ring.

LOCAL MATTERS.

Morris and Vicinity.

D. I. LAURENCE has got his soda fountain out.

DON'T leave off your flannel yet, wait until spring gets settled.

THE "Factory school house" has just been repainted, and it looks well.

M. E. QUARTERLY meeting, May 18th and 19th. P. E. Cobb will be present.

P. W. McINTYRE has bought a building lot of Rufas Sanderson, on Lake St.

DOLLY VARDENS show off best when the wearer is walking at a sauntering pace.

THOMAS QUIMBY is getting the material on the ground for building a house opposite N. Briggs', on the street running east from Hargrave.

THE Ladies of the Baptist church and society will hold their next Aid Society with Mrs. L. P. Carpenter, on Wednesday afternoon May 22d.

THE windows of our milliners blossom like conservatories with all their shades and colors fresh and lovely, known to nature, and some that are wholly unknown.

MISS HELEN PAYNE has again gone to the city for new goods. Her frequent visit to the city tell pretty plainly who is selling the most millinery goods in this market.

JUDGE STURGES, of Cooperstown, will deliver the oration on the occasion of unveiling the Soldiers' Monument, in this village on Decoration Day.

GIPSIES.—A train of Gipsies halted for a short time just below the school house one day last week, and attracted considerable attention from the school children.

SNEAK-THIEVES abound, and doors, and windows should be fastened, especially cellar windows, if you have any pickles. We have heard complaints quite recently.

READ over our advertising columns and see who the enterprising business men and women are. This class always tell the people through their home paper what they have on hand.

At the Democratic Convention held at Laurens, May 4th, Maj. C. D. Fellows of Unadilla, was elected delegate to represent this district at the State Convention to be held at Rochester, May 15th.

DR. STILL is feeling rather anxious about some of his customers who do not seem to regard his oft repeated calls for the amount they owe him. He has large sums to pay out, and requires all due him to meet his obligations.

IF you wish to purchase grain, horses, cows, or anything that requires time and expense to look after, advertise—let your wants be known, and those who have such things as you ask for will visit you for the purpose of effecting a sale.

THE Republican District Convention held in this village May 9th, was quite a tame affair, four towns not represented. Dr. Strong, of Laurens, was chairman, and C. S. Carpenter, of Oneonta, Clerk. J. Lee Tucker, L. E. Bowe and C. S. Carpenter were chosen delegates to Elmira.

OUR people are responding nobly to the call for the Soldiers' Monument fund. A collection was taken at the school in District No. 2, Kate A. Smith teacher, which amounted to $3,82. A collection in the village District amounted to some $7 67. The children are wide-awake.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—All Soldiers are respectfully invited to attend the dedication of the Soldiers' Monument in Hillington Cemetery, May 30th, and are requested to extend this invitation to all their old comrades in the army who may not see this notice. By order of Ex. Com., S. M. A.

INQUIRY is already being made for white "Greeley" hats, and drab coats, in anticipation of the campaign styles. Juvenile politicians, whose necks are not strong enough, or pockets not long enough to sport the hat and coat, will indicate their preference for the Cincinnati nominee by letting the bottom of the right pantloon leg rest on top of their boot, and wearing spectacles.

BURT CARR came into town Saturday, May 4, from West Oneonta, and while doing business on Broad St., his horse got frightened and went down that street at a 2:40 gait, was not caught until near Isaac Legget's, well under way for home. The wagon was badly broken, and the horse somewhat injured, but not seriously. It is a good thing that Burt is a good wagon-maker and sometimes works at the forge.

WE often hear people say "it does no good to advertise." This is not so, nearly every person who reads a local paper look over the advertising columns every week, and often they obtain information which is of value to them. The articles noticed as lost last week, by advertising them have found their rightful owners. Advertising pays, and only those who are behind the times and have the symptoms of becoming old fogies, think and talk otherwise.

THERE are a few men in every community to use the language of another—who never do anything to assist public improvement in the way of building up their town. They always protest that such improvements do not profit them a solitary nickle. We notice, however, that every time a town secures a public improvement of any importance, these same men, if they have any real estate, or building to rent, put up the price. A town wholly composed of such individuals would be about as lively as a graveyard.

THE REASON.—We are frequently asked why so few farmers' teams are to be seen in our streets the past week. Go out into the country a few miles, or a good many, and the busy workman in the field will give sufficient answer. It is their seed time, and right good advantage they are taking of the fair weather. The season has been very backward, but the indications are that farmers intend to make up for this as far as possible, by energetic work, and doing the labor of two days in one. Rain is very much needed, but the farmers will not grumble a great deal if the storm holds off until the crops are all in.

AT a regular meeting of Hillington Lodge, No. 186, I. O. of G. T., held at their Hall, May 4th, the following officers were duly installed for the ensuing quarter:

C. T., W. H. Yates, V. T., Emma Leonard, Sec'y, L. D. Bassett, F. S., H. E. Sweet, Treas., Emily Cook, M., A. E. Sweet, D. M., Sarah Cook, As't Sec'y, Mary Bowne, I. G., Alice Edwards, Sent., Elijah Thurston, Chap., W. H. Harrington, R. S., Ella Bowne, L. S., Ella Cook, P. W. C. T., O. A. Bowne, L. D., H. S. Matteson. DR. L. D. BASSETT, Sec'y.

Officers of Wide-Awake Lodge, No. 24, C. W. T., installed by C. A. Bowne, May 7th:

Sent., Alpha Yates, Guard, Mabel Greig, M., Nelson Ripley, As't M., Jennie Wing, T., Frankie Flagg, F. S., W. H. Spear, As't S., L. D. Bassett, Sec'y, Alida E. Stevenson, V. T., Lillie Stevenson, C. T., M. Fenton, Chap., Chas. Mott, P. C. T., Chas. A. Bowne, R. H. S., Genie Stevenson, L. H. S., Adella Gifford.

MISS ALIDA E. STEVENSON, Sec'y.

MONUMENT FUND.—During the past two weeks we have added nearly $100 to the fund by contributions. We are still wanting $257,50. Hurry up gentlemen; only two weeks more; pass in your subscriptions immediately. We want four persons to give us $10 each, and eleven persons to give us $5 each, forty persons to give us $2. Among the contributions we acknowledge $10 from W. R. Brooks, $7,67 from school district No. 1, $3,82 from district No. 2, and $1,00 from the Factory district, $5 from Mrs. Jas. Miller and $10 from Mrs. Geo. Kidder.

ONEONTA Republicans are a set of plucky fellows. They held no caucus to send delegates to the district convention, but two of them came over to represent her interest, and both were candidates to go to the State convention; one is now P. M., and the other has given out that he would like to be P. M. Charles, your are cruel to undertake to push aside the old veterans of the party, those who have long born the burdens and heat of the battle, and whose hairs have grown white in the strife. And you must bear in mind that your town should set in sackcloth and ashes for a while for the manner she has gone back on worthy Republicans whom the party have put in nomination heretofore.

RELIGIOUS.—Last Sabbath was a delightful day and our churches were well attended At the M. E. Church Rev. Mr. Crawford, of N. Y. C. Conference occupied the pulpit. At the Baptist Church Rev. L. B. Ford, preached his first pastorial sermon, and the church and society have reason, in our opinion, to be pleased that he accepted their call to become their pastor. We hear rumors that Rev T. H. Cullen, Rector of Zion Church, is contemplating a change of Parishes. We sincerly hope that he will not for a moment think of such a thing. His people, and the community at large, would very much regret to have him leave. He is a christian and a gentleman, of such we have need.

AN INCIDENT.—Nine years ago the 3d of this month, the 121st Regiment was on the march to the front and placed in line of battle. On that day private Henry Tracy, sick and tired, says to Capt. Kidder, "Capt. if the boys were not going into battle I would ask to fall out." The Capt. saw he was sick and scarcely able to travel, said, "Tracy, you may fall out, you are not able to do duty, fall out." "No! said the patriot soldier, if the boys are going in I am going with them." And so he struggled along as best he could. Poor Tracy, he was the first man killed from the town of Morris. It is for such as he that we are building a Monument. Can't you, who have got bonds in bank, give us the next coupon for that purpose?

EVERGREENS.—We notice that a number of our citizens have in their yards dead and dying evergreens. It seems that a remarkable fatality has fallen upon the evergreens over a great part of the country during the past winter or spring. An exchange says: The young evergreens of various kinds have been killed to a fearful extent, either by severe frost, or sudden thawing after the frost. The cause is still a matter of speculation, but the fact is one which is witnessed to a fearful extent. Some nurserymen have lost to the value of from ten to fifty thousand dollars worth, and others have suffered the loss of hedges and ornamental trees and shrubs.

PRETTY COLD.—At the Republican District Convention held in this village last week, Geo. W. Reynolds, late of the Oneonta *Herald* personally requested to be sent as one of the delegates to Elmira, calling upon his friends to grant him one favor, to support him on this occaison. He said his town had done a pretty mean thing (he had reference to a number of Republicans endorsing Horace Greeley's letter,) but nevertheless he was desirous of attending the State Convention. The ballot was taken, and he was not elected. but C. S. Carpenter, now publisher of the Oneonta *Herald* was. We called that quite a chilly transaction. Office seekers seem to have the inside track. All the opposition we could hear to Reynolds was that he was a federal office holder, (post master)—and they, the Convention, were afraid to send such men as delegates.

FATAL SHOOTING AFFAIR.—Last Wednesday evening, about 9 o'clock, a lad named Thomas Glenn, only seven years old, shot and killed his cousin, Lawrence Glenn, aged thirteen. Both boys lived with the parents of Lawrence, or Larry, as he is commonly known, in the upper story of the old school-house near the 1st Baptist Church in Oneonta. The circumstances attending this sad affair, we give as detailed to us by the mother of the unfortunate victim: It seems that some months ago, trouble arose between a man and wife named Durdy, living in Milford, and Mrs. Durdy left her husband and has not since been seen by him. Durdy, believing that Mrs. Glenn knew where his wife was, visited her last Wednesday afternoon, and asked information in regard to her whereabouts. Mrs. Glenn denied any knowledge in regard to her, and requested Durdy to leave her house. Durdy, being intoxicated, refused to go at once, and commenced a tirade of abuse upon the Glenn family, and made a good deal of noise and confusion in the house. He finally departed, but returned again in the evening, and on his way up stairs was met by Mrs. Glenn and her son Larry, who were going into the street to buy some groceries. The mother and son retreated to the head of the stairs, and partially closed the door, to prevent Durdy from coming in, Larry turned to his cousin, Thomas, who was in the room, and asked him to bring the gun, which usually stood in the room unloaded. Thomas at once seized the gun, and started towards the door. A discharge was heard, and Larry fell to the floor, exclaiming, "Good bye, father, mother—good day, good day!" The gun was loaded with shot, having been left loaded by Mr. Glenn who had been out hunting during the day, and the whole charge lodged in the left thigh of the boy Larry, causing his death in a short time. The little boy Thomas says he did not know the gun was loaded, but intended to frighten the man Durdy away with it. Larry was a bright, industrious, well-disposed boy, and had been employed in Moody & Vosburgh's rag-room, where he earned from $4 to $5 per week, which was promptly and proudly carried home and given to his mother, who now, grief-stricken, mourns his untimely and terrible death, declaring that she has lost the idol of her heart, and her main reliance for comfort and support. The man Durdy was promptly arrested by Officer Hathaway. Coronor Packard of Unadilla was summoned, and held an inquest on the body the following morning. The jury returned a verdict of accidental shooting, on evidence substantially as given above.—*Otsego Democrat.*

Business Locals.

Flour and Feed at Beekman & Ward's.

A. ARRIES, on Francis Rotche's farm, has a very fine yearling Bull for sale.

SMOKED Beef and Sugar Cured Hams at Kenyon's.

DRIED FRUITS—Peaches 15 cents, Prunes 20 cents, Currants, Layer Raisins and Dates, fresh and of superior quality at Kenyon's.

PORK by the pound or barrel at Kenyon's.

CLOVER and TIMOTHY seed for sale at Kenyon's Drug store.

Tin Plate has advanced 50 per cent. and is going higher. Hardware of all kinds is "up in a balloon boys," but we have concluded to sell our old stock at old prices for the next thirty days.

Bresee's Prolific Potatoes for seed, for sale by LULL & STEELE. w3.

INSTRUCTIONS IN MUSIC.—Mr. Robert Dixson, of South New Berlin, one of Linn Babcock's graduates, will visit Morris every Tuesday, commencing April 23d, for the purpose of giving instructions on the Piano Forte. For further particulars enquire of Dr. Bassett. Rooms at L. J. Davis' residence on Grove street. 265w4.

"The old White Coat" has started in the Presidential race. Will he win? Whether he does or not W. E. Bunn & Co., will sell their stock on hand at old prices. They are entitled to a large cash trade for taking so liberal a course.

Boiled Oil, per gallon,	$1.00
Raw " "	95
Atlantic White Lead, per pound	12½c.
Brooklyn " " "	12½.
Union " " "	12c.

BEEKMAN & WARD.

LOOK HERE!—N. Moore has just returned from New York, and is filling the "old stone store on the corner" with the most desirable stock of goods in town. He will not take the back seat for any one, when the stock, quality and prices of goods are considered.

LOOK EVERYWHERE.—After you have looked over all those extensive purchases of all the cash and ready-come-down stores, just call in to Beekman & Ward's, they keep a few Goods and will Sell you as Cheap as any of those Gentlemen and will give you the accomodation of time when asked for.

Delapierre's Electric Soap the great economizer, saves labor, saves time, saves money, saves clothing, saves women, bleaches white clothes, brightens colors, white, firm, pure and popular. Lasts three times as long as brown Soap, harmless to clothing and pleasant to the hands, cheaper and better than any other Soap now made. Hundreds of testimonials prove the above. Also, very fine and fragrant Toilet Soap Depot, No. 226 Pearl Street, New York. Agents wanted. 244m18

To Consumptives.

The advertiser, having been permanently cured of that dread disease, Consumption, by a simple remedy, is anxious to make known to his fellow sufferers the means of cure. To all who desire it, he will send a copy of the prescription used, (free of charge), with the directions for preparing and using the same, which they will find a sure cure for Consumption, Asthma, Bronchitis, &c. Parties wishing the prescription will please address (239) Rev. EDWARD A WILSON, 264 South Third Street, Williamsburgh, N. Y

MARRIED.

On Wednesday evening, May 1st, at the residence of Mrs. Jane Droe, New Lisbon, by the Rev. Thomas H. Cullen, Rector of Zion church, Mr. Julius Everett Thurston to Miss Lucy Smith Duroe.