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DEATH OF THE OLD YEAR.

The Old Year is no more; let us bury our dead:
 Let us dig deep and bury him low,
 Then cover him up with a mantle of love
 As pure and as soft as the snow.
 We'll remember the good things he brought
 Day by day,
 The life and the light and the cheer;
 The blessings so common, we heeded them
 not,
 The friendships so true and so dear.
 We will blot out the gloom and the doubts
 and the fears,
 And forget all the battle and din;
 Forget all the weariness, sorrow and pain—
 And wilt Thou, Lord, blot out all the sin?
 So we will be ready to greet the New Year,
 Forgetting the ills that are past,
 Reaching forth to be braver and grander,
 more true,
 Till we come to the "crowning" at last.
 —Elizabeth E. Kent.

PERSONAL.

Tie Pleasant Sure to see One's Name in Print.—Byron.
 Volney McCarn is home from Tarrytown.
 Gray Wood was home from Wellsville Sunday.
 Chas. Tucker, of Belmont, was in town Monday.
 Dr. John Common spent the holiday season at Angelica.
 Mrs. Carrie Kaple has returned home from Roulette, Pa.
 Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Porter are visiting relatives in town.
 Mrs. A. M. Burrows returned home Saturday from Castile.
 Miss Dutcher, of Castile, is visiting in town for a few days.
 Mrs. M. A. Lawrence, of Belfast, is a guest at Henry Stephens'.
 Miss Millie Barney is visiting her brother at Plainville, Conn.
 John Laverty, of Cleveland, is visiting his mother, Mrs. James Laverty.
 Allen Rice is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Rice, for a few days.
 Miss Anna Dougherty, of Friendship, is visiting friends in town this week.
 Miss Belle Krusen, of Colorado, is at home with her father, Joseph Krusen.
 Mrs. H. C. Coleman and Mrs. Charles Fay and son went to Alfred this morning.
 Superintendent of the Poor, D. C. Grunder of Angelica, was in town today.
 Mrs. E. L. McCarn, of Genesee Forks, Pa., is at Mr. and Mrs. Mourhess'.
 Miss Lydia Parker, of Belmont, visited relatives in town the first of the week.
 Frank Burrows, from Amherst Col. lege, is spending his holiday vacation at home.
 Misses Ruth Randolph and Bertha Van Fleet are spending a few days in Cuba.
 On Christmas day Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Baker entertained J. F. Paine and family.
 Colin McCarn is home from the Rochester Business College for his holiday vacation.
 W. F. Snyder and family spent Christmas at the home of W. O. Swarts in Greenwood.
 Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Bronner and Master Harry Best spent Christmas in Alfred with Mr. Bronner's parents.
 Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fay and little son, of Bolivar, are visiting at her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Coleman.
 Mr. and Mrs. H. Mourhess and family were eating Christmas dinner with friends at Wellsville, Monday.
 Miss Grace Dewitt of Andover, who spent last week with Olean friends, returned to her home Sunday.—Times.
 C. F. Davis and daughter, Mrs. Leo M. Trowbridge, are spending a week at Meadville, Pa., visiting a daughter and sister.
 Miss Minnie Hall, who is employed as teacher in the Lanphear district, is spending her Christmas vacation in Olean.
 Messrs. Park and Clark Rogers and Misses Florence and Mabel Wasset spent Saturday and Sunday in Little Genesee and Richburg.
 Prof. Hardy, of Allentown, N. Y., and Dr. Hardy, of Michigan, were guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Hardy. Dr. Hardy returned home this morning.
 Prof. and Mrs. Grantier are spending their holiday vacation with friends in Syracuse. While there, Prof. Grantier will attend the Annual Conference of the Associated Academic Principals of the State of New York.
 Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Backus came over from Little Genesee Sunday. Mr. Backus left for DeBary on Monday morning, called there by the illness of his father and mother. Mrs. Backus returned home Tuesday, H. C. Coleman accompanying her.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

It's time—"Please may I have a calendar?"
 Albert Millard, of Belvidere, was recently fined \$5 for keeping two children out of school.
 The pipes are all laid to Canisteo and Hornellsville, and the gas has been turned on at Canisteo.
 The annual meeting of the Allegany County Farmers' Co-operative Fire Insurance Co. will be held at Friendship Jan. 3d.
 Judson's Comedian Company are holding forth at the Opera House, giving a first-class show, and selling lots of medicine.
 Dr. E. H. Madison, of Oramel, was in town the first of the week. Dr. Madison contemplates locating here and comes to us highly recommended.
 The Allegany county board of supervisors met at Belmont Wednesday of last week to canvass the soldiers' votes, sixteen in all. The cost to the county was \$30 a vote, \$480 in all.
 Belmont Dispatch: Miss Mabel Coats left Belmont for the Rosebud Indian Agency in South Dakota on Monday afternoon. She will be over 30 miles from the nearest railroad station.
 James M. Parker died Saturday night, at 6 o'clock, at Warren, Ind., aged about 50 years. He left this part of the country about sixteen years ago, and has been employed in the oil business during his absence. He was buried at Warren Monday. He leaves a wife and five children, two sisters and one brother.
 According to an exchange the meanest man on earth has been found. He sold his son-in-law a half interest in a cow and then insisted it was the front half sold, calmly appropriating all the milk, while he forces the young man to feed and water the cow twice a day. The cow recently hooked the old man and he is now suing the son-in-law for damages.
 In order to follow closely and intelligently the politics of the day, it is necessary to read a well-informed and trustworthy newspaper. We unhesitatingly say that The Buffalo Morning Express is altogether the most satisfactory paper of this kind that is published between New York and Chicago. It is independent, fearless, truthful and just, and no higher praise of a paper can be given.
 The oldest horse ever heard of, is dead. "Topsy," the pony owned by Mrs. O. A. Jenkins and aged 45 years, passed in her checks last Sunday. She had been failing for a year, and Sunday morning she was unable to stand up and it was thought best to help her out of this world. Chloroform was the route by which she went. Mrs. Jenkins was sorry to lose her as she had been owned by the family since she was five years old.—Whiteville News.
 At the regular meeting of Andover Lodge, No. 785, I. O. O. F., Tuesday night, the following officers were elected: Rev. V. L. Eggleston, P. G.; J. E. Phillips, M. G.; L. A. Burrows, V. G.; E. L. Hann, secretary; R. E. Hase, Treasurer; W. W. Van Noy, Financial Secretary. Installation of elective and

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The World's Record.
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 Bolivar people recently voted to buy the driving park in that village and make it into a public park. It contains 16 acres, has a half mile track, grand stand, ball ground, and will cost the village \$1,200.

PERSONAL.

The Kidney Complaint.
 The pale, yellow, emaciated, distressed-looking people you meet are afflicted with "Kidney Weakness."
 Their kidneys are turning to a purplish color. So is their complexion. They may also have indigestion, suffer from sleeplessness, rheumatism, neuralgia, brain trouble, nervous exhaustion and sometimes the heart goes badly.
 The cause is weak, unhealthy kidneys. Usually the sufferer from kidney disease does not find out what the trouble is until it is almost too late, because the first symptoms are so like colds that they do not think they need a medicine or a doctor until they find themselves sick in bed.
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Oil News From West Virginia.

We find the following in the Daily Oil Review of Sistersville, W. Va.:
 H. P. Myers returned last evening from St. Marys with the very best of news from the No. 1, P. K. Bills, Myers and Underwood. This well was drilled in last week and its producing capacity placed at 50 barrels. This well is an exception to the rule, as the well is now showing up for much better than the quantity stated. The pump was set to working yesterday afternoon and when Mr. Myers left in the evening the well was making eight barrels an hour regularly, and a message received from there near midnight stated that it was still keeping up to that record. There is certainly grounds for the belief that this well will be good for at least 75 barrels a day.
 The St. Marys (W. Va.) territory is rapidly forging to the front. Following the Myers & Underwood rick strike is Mallory Bros. No. 1 Barret which came in yesterday, and will be good for between forty and fifty barrels.

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 Brass and Iron Bedsteads. 63 beds in different designs and styles from \$2.50 to \$30.00.
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