

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1880.

"Charles (Price) is an ambitious young man." —Republican scalp-taker.

From and including the 4th inst, to this date, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Snyder, of this county, have lost 4 children by death. Diphtheria.

By request, Mr. Jos. D. Cowdin has furnished for publication his remarks at the Blue Ribbon meeting. They appear in another column.

Persons in want of standard fruit and ornamental trees, shrubbery, etc., will do best by purchasing at the Rensselaer Nursery.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cliff, of Remington, have issued invitations for the wedding of their daughter, Eva and Mr. J. C. Morgan, of Rensselaer, to take place at the Remington M. E. Church next Sunday.

The appointment of Jos. D. Cowdin as clerk at the Northern Prison is one of the best yet made. The directors have secured the services of a gentleman fully competent for the position, and Jasper county loses one of her best citizens and officials.

And they do say that Gen. Simon P. Thompson, Consecrate Horace E. James and M. L. Spitzer, do the heavy editorials in the Republican; and furthermore that Gen. Simon is the author of the sketch of his life recently published in that paper.

Evidently, the patrons of the Republican are becoming very exacting of the proprietor of that journal, we infer from the rash and extravagant pledges he is forced to make this week. He promises: "Soon after the Republican congressional nominating convention we expect to have Bro. McEwen's Democratic scalp dangling in our wigwam."

Mrs. Fannie Rothrock has sold her Millinery Goods to Mrs. Lizzie H. Chicote, who will continue the business at the same old place in Mr. Ralph Fendig's Dry Goods Store. Those desiring to invest in goods of this kind will do well to call on Mrs. Chicote before going elsewhere. Mrs. Rothrock will remain in the store for a short time during which goods will be sold very cheap.

**MIXED BITTERS.**  
"The first boom" — "Perhaps it would not be wise in us to fire his patriotic urge to the 'war heart, and to record' of Jasper and forward to take count's candidate his place in the Congress of the Union, but — his failing health did a good job of drove him to the fighting and voter, and he was against Val-compelled to give landhigam Demoplace to 'Gotherserans' — Republic, more inured to the Feb. 13, 1880, hardships of war." — Republican, Jan. 30, 1880.

The Temperance meeting at the Court House last Friday evening was, as usual, well attended, and the public interest in the good cause continues undiminished. The good people of Rensselaer are evidently in earnest in this matter as is manifest from the large attendance at the meetings every week. The marked attention given those whom the President calls on — and he noms to no slight one — Every one is expected to say something; a few words from each one will suffice; and no matter how crude or awkward, the same are well received and the speaker applauded. The choir sing appropriate songs, accompanied by the organ, at intervals, which are frequently joined in by the audience. Good order and decorum are maintained without any trouble. The little folks, boys and girls, of whom there is always a goodly number are well behaved, come regularly, and enjoy the proceedings greatly. The president, Charley Price, is evidently the right man in the right place, and perfectly at home. Besides putting in his well-timed remarks with sledge-hammer effect, as sisted by his right bower, Sampson Erwin, he gives the speakers away or occasionally in an off hand way, enjoys a joke on himself or any of his family. Last evening he requested that Pikes Peak Price's name should be included in the list of those who joined, and that the minutes should be so corrected. The said young gentleman was born the evening when twenty-eight names were added to the Blue Ribbon Club — his would make 29.

Last Friday evening fourteen were called on and responded — five were declamations, or recitations, by Misses Ida Milliken, Maggie Haley, Amzy E. Beak, Birdie Spitzer, and Master Elmer Duggins, which were appropriate, well received and appreciated. Frank Babcock was the first called on after the opening services, and gave a very pretty simile, how a fallen brother should be cared for, in the action of a bird, he called the Tum, a kind of sea-gull, which, when shot and wounded, and about to be captured by its enemy, is picked up bodily from the water, by two of its mates, and carried off away from immediate harm, and they in turn are relieved by two fresh birds who take the fallen and wounded one and convey it out of danger.

Mr. Joseph D. Cowdin, or "Jerry," as he is familiarly called, won't attempt to make an off-hand speech, but occasionally puts on paper what he may desire to say, read the following:

Mr. President and Friends: It occurs to me that it is proper and natural for each member of this club to be observant of the daily conduct of one another, and quite natural, if not proper, to make remarks in regard thereto,

particularly if the walk of one of its members is not altogether straight, or, perhaps, somewhat erratic and suspicious. Yet it appears to me, inasmuch as we are not all constituted alike, mentally and physically, and as circumstances and surroundings have a good deal to do in moulding our behavior, that we all should have charity, one for another, and use that God-like virtue on all occasions. If we find that a brother is doing wrong, to go to him privately, and talk kindly and plainly to him on the subject. Do not in a parochial andegotistical manner get up and publicly denounce him — perhaps not mentioning any names, but so pointedly that the public eye can discern who is meant, and may be an innocent person accused. This course is ungentlemanly, unkind and harmful. On the other hand, let us all be careful not to pursue ourselves that we need too much meditation. Better suffer a little for a while as to be fully convinced what is right, and then we conclude that it is indisputably right, and use a stimulant, for fear the desire may be an unnatural weakness and lead us not only into temptation but into the commission of a sin, to wit: the violation of our pledge. This advice I take to myself, while offering it gratuitously to any friend who might be benefited by following it. We are all more or less prone to wander from the path of rectitude and are liable, if not very careful, to get into the old rut we used to follow.

I will now give you a few statistical figures, a change, which I have learned out on the subject for your consideration.

Knowledge is power, for it controls, governs and commands capital, for it produces wealth. When labor is diverted from its proper channel, from any cause, it is a calamity, ruinous to itself and to society. It is estimated that \$700,000,000 is annually expended in the United States for strong drink — an amount almost fabulous. If a man would undertake to support it by the dollar, and would count \$20,000 a day, every day, Sunday included, it would take 96 years for him to get through counting. If each man would take in at the bar \$1.40 a day, it would require \$500,000 men to deal out the liquid damnation. If half that number were men of families, and each family numbered 4 persons, the retail liquor trade would have to maintain and keep 1,250,000 persons. Five hundred thousand of this number are adult males, whose labor is diverted from the proper channel, doing no good to the community, and it produces poverty, sickness and crime, and fills our almshouses, hospitals and prisons. It engulfs in ruin and desolation those who use the damned stuff, with the wives and innocent children of the inebriate.

A newspaper contributor makes a larger estimate than this, and says: "More than \$50,000,000 worth of grain is wasted annually in the United States in the manufacture of intoxicating drink — sufficient to support all the paupers in the country. There are in our country 250,000 places where paupers are supported, the services of 1,000,000 persons, all non-producers, selling \$740,000,000 worth of liquors. And Dr. Story, of Chicopee, says, 'The building of asylums, the furnishing medicines and comforts for 4000 insane people who die after three years of insanity, and for 800 lunatics who do not die, but are cured after three years treatment in the asylum, costs in that sum \$35,000,000, all caused by drunkenness.' The importance of an early decision of this grave question is most urgently pressed upon the court, at the Belcher transfer books close next Saturday.]

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