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if the day was suitable for out-of-door services.

The ladies and citizens generally are requested to contribute flowers and the time and place to bring them with full programme of the day will be given next week.

RESOLVED: That the services be under the direction of Bingham Post, according to the Ritual of the G. A. R.

NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY.

ALBANY, MAY 11th, 1887.

EDITOR RECORD, Dear Sir; Many of your readers will be interested to learn something of an extremely valuable geological "find," the credit for which belongs to your fellow-townsmen, Mr. D. D. Luther, whose acumen and energy have contributed a great deal to our knowledge of the rocks about Naples. Until within a few years the shales and sandstones which underlie your village had offered only very sparingly remains of extinct animal and vegetable life, but the careful scrutiny to which they have of late been subjected has proven them to contain not only abundant but peculiarly interesting remains, many of which have been quite new to science. Indeed the animals and plants found in the rocks in your gullies and hills have proved so different from those in the rocks above and beneath, that it has been considered necessary to make a special geological groupe of these strata, and they have consequently been called the "Naples Beds", a subdivision of the great Devonian formation which extends across the entire state of New York, into other states, and across the oceans to other continents.

A number of years ago Mr. Luther found the end of a fossil tree-trunk projecting from a wall of sandy shale at the opening of Grimes' gully, and the combined efforts of the discoverer and the writer resulted in recovering about 6 feet of the specimen. The diameter of the tree was found to increase the further into the rock it went, and when work was discontinued on account of the enormous amount of rock which overlay it, it was in the hope of an early opportunity of following it to its base. The opportunity occurred last fall, when Mr. Luther was employed by the State Museum of Natural History, to which institution he had meanwhile presented the portion already worked out, to superintend the excavation of the remainder of the fossil. The work resulted in following the tree to its base and securing it for a length of 15 feet, roots and all. Unfortunately for science the water of the gully-stream had worn away the u

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**Spain Does Not Care to Compete.**

MADRID, May 11.—The minister of foreign affairs has informed the cortes that the conclusion of a commercial treaty between Spain and the United States, with reference to the trade between the latter country and the West Indies, is highly improbable, Spain being uninclined to engage in a tariff war.

**SWEPT BY FIRE.**

**A Conflagration at Lebanon, N. H., Destroys Eighty Buildings—Thirty Families Left Homeless—Loss \$250,000.**

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION, Vt., May 12.—The village of Lebanon, N. H., a place of 4,000 inhabitants, was swept by a conflagration at an early hour Tuesday morning. All the manufacturing shops and many dwellings were burned, leaving some thirty families without shelter. The fire was discovered in the shops of Mead, Mason & Co., furniture manufacturers, and the alarm given at 1 a. m. Calls for help were sent to Hanover about 2 o'clock. The Hanover fire engine and 100 Dartmouth students went down at once to assist.

All the manufacturing shops of the place were crowded along the banks of the Mascoma river, which runs through the town. Logs, lumber and other combustible materials were piled in among the mills. They caught and burned like tinder. Assistance went from this place, from Concord and from Enfield. Eighty buildings, of which twenty-five were dwelling houses containing families, were burned. A man named Perkins was the only one injured. He was badly scorched but will recover.

The Boston & Lowell railroad bridge was burned, and passengers are now transferred. Two other bridges across the Mascoma were burned. The entire loss is estimated at \$250,000. This is one-fourth of the taxable property of the town. Mead, Mason & Co. met with the heaviest loss, estimated at \$100,000, the greatest part of which was stock, as far as can be ascertained covered only by \$5,000 insurance.

Four hundred people are out of employment. Some of the shelterless people are staying with relatives and others are being housed and fed at the public expense in the city hall. The village is practically destroyed; as there is absolutely nothing left of the buildings there will be little to induce the corporations to rebuild on the old ground. The water power is good, but the larger mills were propelled by steam. Household goods of every description fill the yards in the vicinity of the fire. Over ten acres were swept by the flames and are now heaps of smouldering rubbish or piles of burning logs.

**ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS.**

**In Annual Session at New York—Resolutions for Parnell and Gladstone.**

NEW YORK, May 13.—At yesterday's session of the annual convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Joseph Cahill of Chicago was elected national delegate, William Sheridan of New Jersey national secretary and Thomas Fitzpatrick of New York national treasurer.

The committee appointed to confer with the representatives of the Withere organization are Terrence Donohue, New York; John Patton, Boston; John McFarland, Pennsylvania; Patrick Hayes, state delegate New York; Michael McKeown, New Jersey; John O'Callaghan, Illinois; Hugh Murray, county delegate New York; Michael Mooney, Dis-



no reason to complain, for the specimen as it stands now mounted in the Museum is beyond all doubt the finest example of a fossil tree from rocks so ancient as these that is known in this country, and probably the best preserved specimen of the genus of plant to which it belongs that has yet been found.

The interest attaching to the specimen is not only in the perfection of its preservation. The rocks from which it was taken were laid down as sediments from the salt water; this tree however was a land plant growing probably on the marshy edges of the little continent of North America which then lay probably a few miles to the north. The water courses from the continent drifted this trunk out to sea, where it became water-logged and sunk into the soft mud at the bottom of the ocean. It is a species of *Lepidodendron* (*L. primævum*), and was among the earliest forms of land vegetation that appeared upon our planet. Its race has now become almost extinct, its degenerate representatives being now the club-moss or ground-pine which is to be found growing upon your hillsides. Imagine one of these little creeping plants growing erect 20 or 30 feet in height, with but few if any branches, its roots like the tender supports of the corn stalk, its surface covered with delicate, needle-like scales, and at its summit ending in a tuft of longer needles and a long scaly receptacle for the spores or seeds, and the picture will fairly represent the appearance of this tree when untold ages ago, before the appearance on this earth of flowering trees, and club-moss is now one of the lower forms of vegetation.

Visitors at the State Museum will find this specimen occupying a conspicuous position in the Geological Hall, and by examining it will obtain an idea of primitive vegetation such as can be gained in no other way so well.

Very truly yours,  
J. M. CLARKE.

S. Duane Lyon has now ready his spring and summer dress goods, also all the latest shades of wool dress goods—Picot braid, bead trimming and buttons to match.

**Notice.**

The Board of Trustees of Naples Union School will receive sealed proposals for building an addition to, and repairing the Middle Primary building according to specifications to be seen at the office of the secretary of the Board, until Saturday May 28th, 1887, at 6 o'clock p. m. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

HIRAM MAXFIELD, Pres.,  
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Dated Naples, May 16th, 1887.

**Special.**

A strange affair occurred last week in the time of the convention here; a gentleman rushed into my shop and asked for a shave; While performing the office, I found he was a minister! Why it is strange, is because I get so little patronage from these gentleman and church members. He had seen my notice "Help those who want help," and found he would see only two billiard tables where he must see three at other places.  
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Before taking the usual recess, resolutions were adopted to be cabled respectively to Messrs. Parnell and Gladstone, thanking them for their fidelity to the home-rule cause and earnestly trusting that both be spared to see the realization of their fondest hopes.

**Nominations by Governor Hill.**

NEW YORK, May 13.—An Albany special says: "Governor Hill is preparing to send to the senate nominations to fill various state offices. They include the New York health officer, quarantine commissioner, harbor master and port wardens. It is said that Dr. Charles Puelps of New York will be named for health officer in place of Dr. Smith, and Col. Fred Grant to succeed Thomas Platt as quarantine commissioner. The other nominees are not as yet known.

**The Methodist Bishops in Conference.**

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., May 13.—The Methodist bishops of the United States began their semi-annual session here to-day with ten of the twelve bishops present. The sessions are private, but it is learned that the most important question to be settled is lengthening the pastorate from three to five years. Other questions of church government will be considered.

**A Chinese Lawyer.**

BROOKLYN, May 13.—Hong Yon Chang, a Chinaman who a few days ago was admitted to practice at the bar, appeared in the Kings county supreme court yesterday to argue for an extension of time in a suit in which he represented the defendant. The extension was granted.

**THE MARKETS.**

**New York Produce Exchange.**

NEW YORK, May 12.  
FLOUR—Closed steady and without decided change. Winter wheat extra, \$3.50@5.10; Minnesota do, \$3.20@5.10; city mill do, \$4.75@4.80; Ohio do, \$4.20@5.00.

WHEAT—Options were fairly active and irregular, closing steady at about yesterday's prices. Spot lots closed strong and slightly higher. Spot sales of No. 1 red state, 99c; No. 2 do, 98 1/4c; No. 3 do, 98c; No. 4 do, 97 1/4c; ungraded red, 96c.

CORN—Options dull and closed weak, and 1/4c lower. Spot lots closed steady and unchanged. Spot sales of No. 2 mixed, 49 1/4c; ungraded mixed, 49 1/4c; steamer mixed, 49 1/4c.

OATS—Options were dull and closed weak, and 1/4c lower. Spot lots closed steady and unchanged. Spot sales of No. 1 white state, 39c; No. 2 do, 38c.

RYE—Dull but steady; western, 55@57c; state, 60@63c.

BARLEY—Nominal.

**Buffalo Provision Market.**

BUFFALO, May 12.  
FLOUR—Best family, \$4.30@5.25c; medium do, \$3.75@4.25.  
WHEAT—No. 1 hard, 91c; No. 1 northern, 89 1/4c; No. 1 white, 92 1/4c.

CORN—No. 2, 43 1/4@43 1/2c; No. 3, 42@42 1/2c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 35@35 1/2c; No. 3 white, 34 1/4@34 1/2c.

RYE—None in market.

BARLEY—No. 1 Canada, 71@73c.

BUTTER—Creamery fancy, 24@25c; roll fancy, 23@24c.

CHEESE—Choice cream, 12@13c; skims, 7@8c.

EGGS—Strictly fresh, 12@13c; western, 12@12 1/2c.

**Live Stock—East Buffalo.**

EAST BUFFALO, May 12.  
CATTLE—Not enough doing to make a market. Feeding weak.

HOGS—Quotations: Pigs, \$4.00@5.10; light mixed, \$5.10@5.20; Yorkers, \$5.25@5.30; mediums, \$5.35; heavy ends, \$4.75@5.00; stags, \$4.00.

SHEEP—Market active. Quotations: Common to fair sheep, \$3.75@4.00; good to choice, \$4.15@4.35; common to fair lambs, \$4.75@5.00; good to choice, \$5.25@5.50.

**Chicago Live Stock Market.**

CHICAGO, May 12.  
CATTLE—Active, but declined 10c; choice shipping steers, \$4.00@4.90; stockers and feeders, \$2.80@4.20; cows, bulls, and mixed, \$2.00@4.00; Texans, \$2.90@5.20.

HOGS—Dull, and declined 10@15c; rough and mixed, \$4.60@5.05; packing and shipping, \$5.00@5.25; light, \$4.60@5.05; skips, \$3.00@4.50.

SHEEP—Weak, and 10 to 15c off; natives, \$4.00@5.00; shorn, \$3.00@4.17; western, \$3.10@4.12 1/4; Texans, \$2.75@3.60; lambs, \$4.50@6.50.

Receipts—Cattle, 10,000 head; hogs, 17,000 head; sheep, 5,000 head.

Shipments—Cattle, 6,000 head; hogs, 3,000 head; sheep, 1,000.