

## Waupaca Spirit Fair Report 1926

Waupaca County Post  
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### NEWS ITEMS OF 70 YEARS AGO & NOW

#### Third Agricultural Fair in Waupaca County Seventy Years Ago Is Recorded

Copy of Waupaca Spirit, October 9, 1955, Contains Full List of Premiums,  
Names of Winners, Officers Elected, and Full Text of Speech of Late E.L. Browne at County Fair

Waupaca was first seen by white men in June, 1849. A few families spent the winter of 1849 and '50 within the confines of Waupaca County.

Among three were some whose family names are familiar to present day residents. One survivor of a family who wintered at Fremont in 1849 and '50 is P.B. Mumbrue of this city whose father preempted land in Lind now parts of B.A. Jacklin and H.D. Bemis farms in 1850. Mr. Mumbrue is one of Waupaca county residents who came to the county in 1849, and has lived tributary to Waupaca or within the limits of Waupaca ever since 1850 or 1851.

L. Dayton was the man for whom the town of Dayton was named and his was one of the families that wintered in that town in 1849-50, and whose descendants still reside in Waupaca and vicinity.

John M. Vaughn, father of Mrs. C.A. Stinchfield, in 1849, settled on the farm in town of Waupaca, now owned by E. Kobiske on Highway No. 18. It was in his home that the Thomas family stayed a few days in the fall of that year while that rugged pioneer, the late James Thomas, put up a log cabin on the Thomas farm which joined the J.M. Vaughan farm on the west. George Thomas of this city who was born in May, 1851, is the oldest native of Waupaca town and city.

#### Remembers Lind Fair

In another part of this issue of the County Post, we reprint from an issue of October 9, 1855, the premium list and other interesting accounts of Waupaca county's third agricultural fair. In that account the statement is made that the fair was held in the town of Lind.

Mr. George Thomas is the only resident from whom we could obtain location of the holding of agricultural fairs held in town of Lind. Mr. Thomas well remember attending the "County Fair" on the old Dow farm. This farm is located in Section one of Lind, and a short distance south of the highway No. 18, and just east of the farm of Wm. Mykel, Sr. Mr. Mykel, Jr., now resides on the old "Dow" homestead where the late E.L. Browne, then a young attorney of Waupaca, addressed the pioneers of Waupaca county at their third agricultural fair at which the earliest settlers could barely claim a six years' residence within the confines of the county.

#### Many Advertisements

In perusing the issue of Waupaca Spirit of October, 1855, one has evidence of the adventure, push and daring of the early Waupaca county pioneers. We counted one hundred twenty-four advertisements in the issue of a paper of only two years and in a town of only six summers since the Indian was monarch of all he surveyed.

So many Wisconsin newspapers are featuring their "Ten Years Ago", "Twenty-five Years Ago", or "Fifty Years Ago" column, that we feel warranted in giving enough of our "Seventy Years Ago" so the present readers of Waupaca County Post may have some conception of this newspaper when in name and in make up it depicted "Waupaca Spirit" of seventy and more years ago.

In that early issue the notice of state and county election is given over the signature of the then sheriff, Lyman Dayton.

Probate notices signed by S.F. Ware, Judge of Probate for Waupaca county circuit court in equity, a receiver's sale ordered by Jerome R. Brigham receiver in U.S. District Court in Chancery for Eastern District of Wisconsin, at Milwaukee, fill a full column of the last page of that early issue. The paper contained four pages of seven columns of reading matter, the columns of twenty-two inches. An interesting feature of newspapers of seventy years ago was the lack of large type in both the headings of the reading matter and in the advertisements. Several advertisements will be found in this issue of the Post that were copied from the issue of seventy years ago both in the wording and the size of type then used.

There are many readers of the Post who will recall a number of characters whose names appear in the earlier issue and will welcome this digression from the ordinary everyday features of the weekly issue.

We have an apology for devoting so much space, in the present issue in recounting some of the deeds and observing the habits of those who were active seventy years ago in making a prosperous settlement of the portion of the "Indian Lands" in and about Waupaca.

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At the annual Fair of the Waupaca County Agricultural Society, held in the Town of Lind, September 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 1855. The meeting was called to order by the Vice President, when the several Examining and Awarding Committees were appointed:

On Horses – John A. Robbins, John Fordyce, James Sexton

On Cattle – L. Bostedo, T. Caldwell, J. Shaw

On Sheep – J.M. Vaughn, F.L. King, W.C. Carr

On Swine – F. Suydam, G. Lord, J. Edwards

On Butter, Cheese, Maple Sugar – C.L. Gumaer, S.W. Hoyt, W.B. Hibbard

On Miscellaneous Out Door Articles – S.C. Dow, J.M. Vaughn

On Miscellaneous In-door Articles – Mrs. A. Gardner, J.H. Jones and Lady, A.V. Balch & Lady, R. Parfrey & Lady.

On Field Crops – Lyman Dayton, J. Sexton, P. Meiklejohn

On Farms – A. Vaughn, G.S. Doty, G.W. Taggart

#### Second Day

The fourth Article of the Constitution was amended by striking out the words "Twenty-five Cents", and inserting "Fifty Cents".

The clause in the By-Laws which prohibited stock raised out of the county from coming in for competition was amended so as to admit of any stock owned in the county at the time offered.

A Resolution was passed extending the time of entering articles for competition to the second day until 10 o'clock A.M. Adjourned to 8 o'clock the next day.

#### Thursday Morning, Sept. 27

10 o'clock – The adjourned meeting was called to order by the President. It being ascertained that there were a number of persons present desiring to become members of the Society, and to enter articles for exhibition and competition, a Resolution was passed extending the time for making entries until 11 o'clock A.M.

The several Committees then entered upon their various duties.

At 2 o'clock, P.M. E.L. Browne, Esq., delivered an appropriate address before the Society. After which the Committees made their reports with the following results:

L. Bostedo, best span of horses	\$3.00
W.R. Joslyn, 2 <sup>nd</sup> best span of horses	\$2.00
G.W. Taggart, 2 <sup>nd</sup> de	Vol. W. Farmer
Alex Baxter, best breed mare	\$3.00
L. Dayton, 2 <sup>nd</sup> , de	\$1.00
Alex Baxter, best sucking colt	\$1.00
J.M. Vaughn, best yrl'ng colt	\$1.00
F.L. King, 2 <sup>nd</sup> , do ...	V. Farmer
Wm. Van Ostrand, best 2 year old colt	\$1.00
Israel Markham, do 3 do	\$2.00
R. Holman, 2 <sup>nd</sup> , do de do	V. Farmer
F. Ketchum, best stallion	\$3.00
(This horse was favorably recommended by the Committee)	
Richard Morris, best yoke of working cattle	\$2.00
A.T. West, 2d best yoke working cattle	\$1.00
Charles Cass, best pair, 3 year old steers	\$2.00
George Archer, do 2 do	\$2.00
Alvarus Rice, 3d do de do	V.F.
Alonzo Garner, best pair yearling steers	\$2.00

David Taylor, best bull	\$2.00
Wm. Radley, 2 <sup>nd</sup> do	\$1.00
D.C. Barnum, best cow	\$2.00
Joseph Edwards, 2 <sup>nd</sup> best cow	\$1.00
Wm. Radley, 3d do	V.F.
George Carter, best 2 year old heifer, G.W. Taggart, best yearling heifer	\$2.00
Alverus Rice, 2 <sup>nd</sup> , do	V.F.
Joseph Edwards, best calf	\$1.00
Alonzo Vaughn, 2 <sup>nd</sup> , do	V.F.
Tyler Caldwell, best buck	\$2.00
David Tyler, 2 <sup>nd</sup> , do	\$1.00
David Tyler, best ewes	\$2.00
Tyler Caldwell, 2 <sup>nd</sup> do	\$1.00
Tyler Caldwell, best board (no competition)	\$2.00
Tyler Caldwell, best breeding sow	\$2.00
G.W. Taggart, 2 <sup>nd</sup> , do	V.F.
Tyler Caldwell, best 2 pigs	\$1.00
Mrs. M.A. Rich, best India ink drawing	.50
Mrs. M.A. Rich, best Crayon drawing	.50
Mrs. J. Sexton, best Mezzotint drawing	.50
Mrs. A. Potts, best crochet work and fancy stockings	.50
Mrs. W.C. Tompkins, best embroidered needle work	.50
Mrs. C.L. Gumaer, best worked lady's caps	.50
Mrs. S.T. Balch, best dahlia lamp mats	.50
Mrs. S.T. Balch, best toilet cushion	.25
Do do do, bouquet	.25
Do Wilson, specimens of embroidered worsted work on perforated paper	\$1.00
Do N.P. Judson, best specimen leather worked picture frame	.50
Do Hannah Parish, best specimen oil painting	.50
Do J. Sexton, patch-work bed-quilt	.50
Do E. Higgins, loaf of bread, flour manufactured at Saxe's mill	.50
Wm. C. Tomkins, best plain & ornamental card printing (no competition)	.50
A. Rice, best variety of apples	.50
A. Rice, 2 Bramah Pontre fowls	1 <sup>st</sup> Pre.
Jas. Sweet, grain cleanser	do do
Jas. Edmunds, best ox yoke and ax heive	do do
E. Higgins, 1 keg	do do
R. Parfrey, barrel flour	\$2.00

The committee on In-door Miscellaneous Articles report "that several articles were presented, for which no premiums could be awarded, although meritorious, and the task a difficult one to designate between them."

After the disposal of the reports of the Committees, the election of officers took place, and resulted in the election of L. Bostedo, President; John M. Vaughn, Vice President; Chas. L. Gumaer, Secretary; and L. Dayton, Treasurer. The Directors for the several towns are, for

Weyauwega – A. Baxter  
 Waupaca – L.B. Brainard  
 Farmington – F. Beardmore  
 Dayton – W.C. Carr  
 Lind – T. Caldwell  
 Mukwa – H. Ketchum  
 Iola – M.B. Baldwin  
 St. Lawrence – C.B. Ogden  
 Scandinavia – Thos. Koop/Knop

The Society then adjourned its meeting to the 11<sup>th</sup> day of November next, to meet at the house of O. Ducher, in Parfreyville, to hear the Report of the Committee on Field Crops and Farms.

L. DAYTON, President

J.H. Jones, Secretary

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SPEECH

Of E.L. Browne, Esq., delivered at the annual Waupaca County Agricultural Fair, for 1855.

Mr. President, Ladies & Gentlemen:

It cannot be otherwise than gratifying to all such as have the interest and welfare of our county at heart, and feel a pride in her advancement and prosperity, to witness such a gathering as this, at such a time, and under such auspicious circumstances. The casual observer might well suppose, from the recent entrance of white people into the wilds of the Northern forests, that we had met together to adopt defensive measures to protect our homes and families from a savage foe, rather than for the purpose of exhibiting the fruits of a people's enterprise and industry, and duly celebrating the 3d Anniversary of a County Agricultural Society.

Mr. President, this is a wonderful age in which we live – an age in which progress and Improvement are stamped upon every thing. The man of fifty years ago would be astonished and alarmed were he in our mist at the present time. He would think we were attached to a locomotive car, and dashing onward with a speed of sixty miles an hour. Within the last fifteen years there have been greater improvements made in the Mechanical arts – the application of Science to the wants of Men – useful inventions – in all that elevates man and distinguishes him from the brute, than at any other of like period in the world's history. – The lightnings have been caught and taught to speak; distance has been annihilated, and the very elements overcome. And still we are rushing onward with the rapidity of a lightning Express train on a descending grade. – Would it not be strange if amid this universal advancement, Agricultural pursuits should remain in the same state they were fifty years ago? We see that such is not the case. It would look strange, very strange, now-a-days to see reapers with their sickles in their hands in our almost boundless fields of grain. The broad rolling prairies would laugh at such workers, for such would need a compass in a cloudy day to find their way out. McCormick's Reaper, with four horses attached, now gallops through the yellow fields, and prepares the grain for the garner as it passes. This is but one item. The time was when it was thought sufficient to scatter the seed in the soil without regard to the adaptation of the soil to receive it, and if the dews and rains of heaven were not withheld, and untimely frosts did not blight the grain, the so-called farmer expected a tolerable harvest. Not so at the present time. Agriculture has become a Scientific pursuit. A practical knowledge of Chemistry is now found necessary to its successful prosecution; not indeed to raise grain, but to raise as much grain as the land is capable. He who does this is a benefactor to his race and a blessing to the world.

The establishment of Agricultural Societies is another evidence of the improvement in this particular branch of industry. All can see the great object and aim of these Societies. It creates competition among its followers, and a laudable emulation to excel each other. It brings them together when the fruits of their industry and the result of their respective experiments are seen and known by all. The information which each acquires by observation or experiment is thus placed in the common stock, and the benefit each receives is beyond calculation. Again, it systematizes Agricultural and Mechanical pursuits. – There is a best way to do everything, from the taking of Sebastopol down to the making of an ax-heive and planting a kernel of corn. That best way is soonest discovered or more easily approached when hundreds are engaged in the same object, all acting conjointly, than when the object is pursued by a single individual, or by hundreds of each acts independently of the other. – These Societies have accomplished wonders for the country and their continuance promise much more.

We have reason to be proud of the exhibition today. Considering the newness of the country, and the recent origin of this Society, you have accomplished wonders. There is not a county in the State, nor in the whole west, that was Indian territory three years ago, that can surpass it. We are sometimes told by outsiders and those who do not know, that we have a poor soil – that we cannot raise grain, and compete with the other counties of the State. I wish such would take a stroll over the county and see for themselves the waving fields of grain – grain growing in the prodigality of nature and be convinced of their mistake. The result today gives the lie to the slander, and establishes the fact that Waupaca County possesses not

only fertility of soil but a people of intelligence, enterprise and industry. I have traveled over nearly every county in the State, and while some possess advantages which we have not, there are none that combine as many. Our agricultural resources are not inferior to any. We have a diversity of soil – adapted to raising every kind of grain. WE have dense timber lands, high, rolling prairie, and beautiful openings. There is a perfect wealth of water powers throughout the county. The best and largest navigable river in the State passes through it, and the immense lumber regions bound us on either side. What more could we ask; what more could we expect or desire. Nature has been prodigal in her gifts, and if we use our hands as we have done, Waupaca county will yet become the most wealthy county in the State. We have also a beauty of scenery of which it would not be vain to boast. The traveler, as he passes through pauses and lingers as if lost in admiration of the scene around him, and ere he reluctantly passes on, the beautiful picture drawn by nature is stereo-typed upon his mind, never to be effaced. We have a county attractive to all who either appreciate the beautiful in nature, or can estimate the worth of our combined advantages, and the extent of our resources of wealth. We must however confine ourselves to the present, for if we should lift the veil that hides the future, and view this county, as it doubtless will be ten years hence, they would call us an enthusiast or a wild dreamer. To judge the future by the past or present ten years hence, every fifty acres of agricultural land in the county will be converted into a farm with an independent farmer for its lord. Every stream will be lashed into a foam by a working of machinery. Our villages will then be cities, wealthy and influential. Our morning and evening reveries will be disturbed by the shrill whistle of the flying engine, and Waupaca county, in wealth and importance, will be the first in Northern Wisconsin. You may call this a dream, a wild freak of the imagination, or what you please; but Mr. President, if you and I live till that time we shall see, sir – we shall see. There is a glorious future in store for us, if we do what we can, and accomplish what we may; the brightest hopes of the most sanguine will be more than realized. We have reclaimed it from the savage, made it what it is and our destiny still points onward and upward. The hand of God has written upon our soil – our streams – upon every tree in our mighty forests, prosperity – wealth; - and it requires no Prophet – no Daniel to reveal it.

Mr. President, we have reason to congratulate ourselves for one feature in our Society, which heralds its future success. The Ladies have not forgotten us. They have left their forest and their prairie homes to grace this festive gathering. – We always welcome their smiles – but they are doubly welcome today. There is not a soul here, but feels proud of the exhibition of their industry, ingenuity and enterprise, for they have conducted much, very much, to make this occasion interesting and instructive, and the result highly honorable and creditable to the county. The Ladies have done well – exceedingly well. They have manifested their usual refined taste and high appreciation of the beautiful. The result is an honor to the fair competitors, and honor to the occasion, and highly honorable to the county; and in the name of the county, we tender them our thanks. Ladies, we hope for and expect your active co-operation in future. WE have departments on purpose for you – a floral department – a department for needle work, embroidery, etc. and for all I know, a cake department. If there is not the latter, there should e, for we would esteem it a pleasure to resolve ourselves into a committee of the whole and discuss such nice and delicate cases upon the merits. We wish your aid and sympathy in this, as in every other laudable enterprise. Man must grapple the rough machinery of life, while ‘tis yours to cheer him and strengthen him in the hour of trial. The Spartan women of old did not mingle in the thickest of the conflict – but they brought water to the thirsty Spartan, cheered his drooping spirits in the hour of battle, and even sacrificed their flowing tresses for bow strings, when emergency demanded. – Cultivate your flower gardens – feel it a pride and pleasure, to make them eautiful with your own hands, and my word for it you will never need the artificial hues of health upon your cheeks, for Nature will place there her own vermilion hues of beauty.

Mr. President, the signs of the time are favorable. The day that heralds “the good time coming” has already dawned. We have passed through a night of darkness – the morning has at length come, and behold in its sky “the bow of promise”. Hope beckons us on. Her voice must prove a syron’s, signs true and tried must prove false, or Waupaca is destined to become a great county, and Waupacaneans emphatically a great people. In the language of Dow Jr.,: So mote it be.

## HOLT'S COLUMN

CLEAR THE TRACK!

TREMENDOUS EXCITEMENT:

GREAT NAVAL BATTLE ON THE BLACK SEA!!

Fourteen Russian Ships of the Line Sunk or Captured,  
And One Large Merchant Vessel with Full Cargo, Taken!!

By the rules of war the entire cargo was confiscated, sold at auction, shipped to this Country, and is now on exhibition and offered for sale at my store, in the flourishing

VILLAGE OF WAUPACA

The entire lot consists of the most extensive and complete assortment of Fancy and Staple Dry Goods, Ready Made Clothing, Boots and Shoes, Hats, Caps, Hard and Tin Ware, Crockery, Glass, Nails, Oils, Paints, &c. ever offered in this Market. In short, I have got everything that any person wants to make home comfortable and life desirable. All persons having money to pay out can have a

“BIGGER PILE”

Of Goods for it, at my Store, than the wildest imagination in Northern Wisconsin ever pictured to its possessor in its loftiest flights.

I am also sole agent, in this County, for Radway & Co's unparalleled remedies for removing all kinds of Rheumatic and Neurologic pains; have Fitch's miraculous preparations for the certain cure of all diseases to which man in his fallen condition is heir to, especially that insidious and ghastly foe of the human race, Consumption, Louden & Co's highly celebrated Family Medicines, which are knocking Jayne's old worn out concoction.

“HIGHER THAN A KITE”

As they are far superior, and Cheaper, because in Larger Bottles!! I keep Durkee's Baking Powder, the Mustang Liniment, the Grafenburg Medicines, etc. etc.

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INVALIDS, TAKE NOTICE!

A fresh supply of Dr. Fitch's celebrated Medicines and Mechanical Remedies just received.

W. HOLT

A splendid assortment of standard Prints, Lawns, DeLaines, and Gingham at HOLT'S

A superior article of Canton Flannels always on hand at HOLT'S

Sheep's Gray, Satinets, Tweeds, Kentucky Jeans, and Cassimeres at the lowest possible cash prices

at HOLT'S

The LADIES will find a most complete and choice assortment of goods expressly for their use at HOLT'S

Be sure and call (I know you will as you are the best judges of good goods and know where you can always buy the cheapest.) and it will give me the greatest pleasure to show you my goods if you do not buy. Again I say, Call in! Call in!!

Wheat, corn and oats, wanted in exchange for goods at HOLT'S

### Waupaca Drug and Book Store

AT THE SIGN of “The Apothecaries Hall” will be found a choice selection of medicines, School Books, Blank Books, Ruled Cap and Letter Paper, cheaper by the quire or ream than was ever offered for sale here. All kinds of Paints, Varnish, Putty – all kinds of Painting and Striping brushes – a nice article of burning Fluid, which is one third cheaper than lamp oil, - Lamps for burning field – Also, a pure article of Brandy and Wine for sickness. Wall paper and curtains.

### Carriage and Wagon Shop

The subscriber would respectfully inform the citizens of Waupaca and the adjoining country, that he has opened a Carriage and Wagon Shop, in Waupaca, just south of Holt's Store, and is now ready to fill all orders for Carriages, Wagons, Cutters and Sleighs, of all kinds on short notice. My long experience in the business enables me to do as good work as anybody in the State.

N.B. Also, all kinds of repairing done on short notice please call and see for yourselves before purchasing elsewhere.

P.A. HOUSE

Waupaca, Dec. 25, 1854.

## **New Shoe Store**

The Subscriber would respectfully announce to the people of Waupaca and vicinity that he has completed his new stand, where he will have constantly on hand, the best assortment of

### **BOOTS AND SHOES**

ever offered for sale in this market, and manufactured by himself, consisting of all kinds of Ladies' and Gentlemen's ware.

All kinds of Boots or Shoes made, or repairing done on the shortest notice.

DAVID PARISH

Waupaca, June 15, 1954.

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## **Just Received**

At the Post Office Building by J.D. Scott a Fresh Supply of Books, Yankee Notions, Groceries, and in fact a little of everything, and if you do not believe it give me a call, and I will try to convince you of the fact.

Piper and Hastings' first quality Saleratus at

SCOTTS

Fancy Clocks, Inlaid, at

SCOTTS

Swan's Canition for the Hair – equal to Kathairon, for sale at

SCOTTS

A few fine Fireworks left after the 4<sup>th</sup>, ad for sale at

## **Fire! – Fire! – Fire!**

Chesley's Stove Store and Tin Shop

P.A. CHESLEY would respectfully call the attention of the citizens of Waupaca and vicinity to this one question.

He has just received a large assortment of

## **STOVES**

The assortment is this:

Genesee River Air Tight

Northern Light Air Tight

Uncle Tom's Cabin Air Tight

And the best pattern of Premiums. Likewise a good assortment of parlor and box stoves. For instance: Cottage Parlor, The Gem of Rochester, Lady Franklin, Russian iron Welf Regulators, Iron tops and bottoms. Plate Stoves of all sizes.

## **Terrible Explosion**

### **HIGH PRICES HAVE EXPLODED**

And are blow Sky High; yet the whole cargo of Merchandise, consisting of Dry Goods, Yankee Notions, Ready Made Clothing, Bonnets, Hats, Caps, Boots & Shoes, Hardware, Crockery, Groceries, Nails, Glass, Sash, &c. &c., was saved and have been safely landed at the store of

CHAMBERLAIN

In the Flourishing Village of Waupaca, and are now to be seen free of charge.

We have not time here to talk of weights and measures, nor have we time to gape as much as some, but we would say to one and all, that if you want to get the worth of your money, buy your Goods at the People's Ready Pay store, as we now offer inducements that must and will command attention.

We are selling for Ready Pay only, and we will not be undersold by any of our neighbors.

We would then merely remark, that the question now asked is, not whether Goods were bought I Boston, New York, or Milwaukee; but the question is, who sells the cheapest, and the People answer.

CHAMBERLAIN

July 10, 1855

## **Blacksmithing**

A. DUNHAM, who formerly occupied a shop near the Grist Mill is now a few rods west of the Post Office, in his new shop, where he may be found with a good supply of iron, Steel and Coal, and having employed an old and experienced workman, is prepared to do all kinds of labor in the line of Blacksmithing on short notice.

Oxen and Horses shod on short notice. Persons wanting well buckets will end up at my shop.

## Circular

The Misses PARISH, of Randolph, Vt., have opened a Select School in Waupaca, Wisconsin. Having had considerable experience in teaching, they hope to receive the patronage of the public. Parents and Guardians may be assured that it will be the constant aim of the teachers to secure through discipline and the highest interest of those committed to their charge.

Particular attention will be paid to the French Language. Having always received instruction from native teachers they flatter themselves they will be able to give a correct pronunciation of the same.

### TERMS OF INSTRUCTION

English Branches	\$3.00	per term		
Latin Language, extra	\$1.00	“	“	
French Language	“	\$1.00	“	“
Pencil Drawing	“	\$1.00	“	“
Crayon Drawing	“	\$2.00	“	“
Monochromatic	“	\$2.00	“	“
Water Color Ptg.	“	\$3.00	“	“
Oil Painting	“	\$5.00	“	“
Music	“	\$6.00		
Use of Piano	“	\$2.00	“	“

The winter term will commence Wednesday, Dec. 5, 1855.

### Wife Wanted !!

The undersigned begs leave to announce to the spinsters of this section of country that he has come to the full determination to commit matrimony. He would state, for the information of all applicants for his heart and hand, that he is 41 years of age – of medium size, and by all ladies or cultivated tastes considered good looking, and rather smart. He is a member of the Methodist church, in regular standing, and as good, he flatters himself as they will average. He is not wealthy but in comfortable circumstances; with fair prospects ahead. He is prompted to this step by the conviction that it will promote his own and the happiness of the fair applicant that shall be accepted. All applications must be made within six weeks from this date to receive attention. None need apply who are over thirty-five or under twenty years of age. She should be good-looking, and of amiable disposition. None need apply unless of good moral character. In short she should have all the requisites to make a good wife and a kind, agreeable companion. The subscriber is naturally kind-hearted and obliging, and therefore cannot tolerate explosive dispositions. His motto in (?) cases is “let the wolf howl”. Let applicants study and understand themselves well before making application.

Women who (?snuff), smoke, chew tobacco; or those who have been divorced, need not apply.

A. WOODARD

Waupaca, Oct. 5, 1855

P.S. I have six children, all smart and good looking, and any woman of good sense would esteem it an honor to take care of and instruct them.