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## **The Evening – Star.**

Savoy Dec. 27. 1870

Edited by David H. Sherman.

Terms. Silence and Good Attention.

Motto. Love to all.

### Editorial

Kind friends and contributors of The Evening Star, in presenting this our first no. we would crave your indulgence, while we attempt to entertain you with a few gems of thought. You will find our journal to contain literature, [illegible] science, wit and humor, odities [i.e. oddities], brevities, and advertisements. Our terms you will find so easy that they can be complied with by everyone. I consider myself quite incompetent to weild [i.e. wield] the editress pen yet as this has been the wish of some of our young friends, I have felt it my duty to submit to the "powers that be" with all of the grace imaginable. Although you will find our Evening Star unlike the Star which guided the wise men of the east, we would bespeak for it some influence.

We would tender our thanks to those who have so liberally contributed to make our sheet interesting, and may its contributors be increased and its light continue to shine forth with renewed lustere [i.e. luster]. If you should find that one sheet contains anything that is not interesting please overlook it and not "view us with a critics eye but pass our imperfections by." In wielding the editorial we have endeavored not to be biased by any [illegible] influenced by any vain motive. But we have tried to set aside everything that would tend to give of offence as grieve the most sensitive mind.

For the Evening Star

Our spelling school

Our object in gathering here tonight is not for amusement [i.e. amusement] and pleasure but for our future benefit. We have come for the purpose of learning to spell.

There are many businessmen who wish they had better improved their time in the branch of spelling.

We have also come to acquaint ourselves with speaking for their too is an important thing. The time may come when we shall find it necessary to speak in public and we shall wish to act like men.

Instead of stepping into the floor with awkward gait not ever making a bow, but thrusting both hands into our coat pockets and blushing like a scraped beet looking at the floor as at the stove pipe forget what we want to say and sit down in disgrace, we should become calm, speak clearly, and bow a farewell to the audience, and retire in all grace, let us remember all this and as much as we please of the following lines. On our spelling school.

1<sup>st</sup> When we here the scholar here recite

Of the dreary mountain storm

Let us be thankful that here tonight

We may be pleasant and warm.

2<sup>nd</sup> Of the laweyers [i.e. lawyers] two that angry grow

And even came to blows

A few slight words may often so

Change friends to bitter foes.

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Prairie Home. Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> 1861. Tuesday eve.

My dear cousin Ned,

It is with the most exquisite pleasure that I now attempt to address you. While I have been seated before the glowing fire in my far of western home, my thoughts have

gone back to my friends whom I left in the cold Bay State. With your permission I will recall a little scene which took place two years ago this very night, I was seated beside one of the most perfect and angelic beings which it had ever been my lot to get acquainted with. She was one in whom I had placed great confidence, and, I loved her as man never loves but once I was looking forward with joyous anticipations of a happy union. But man's hopes how easily they are blighted as disappointment appears to be the common lot of mankind so it seems that I was doomed to be a victim of this fair one. Something in my heart seemed to tell me that the day would come when she would repent of the hasty decision [i.e. decision], we have met [i.e. met] each other but a very few times for the past few years until very late chance seems to have thrown us into each other's society and I have the assurance from her own lips and her daily actions that she sincerely repents. But it is too late now, and I can say that of all men I am the most miserable. If I could obtain the consent of friends I would be engaged in Uncle Sam's service as soon as I could procure a commission and you may be sure that I would place myself in the van where some rebel ball would be sure to hit me soon and rid me of this miserable life. Let no one see this.

Your affectionate cousin,

DHS Jack.

For the Evening Star

Building upon the land

1<sup>st</sup> 'Tis well to woo! 'Tis well to wed!

For so the world hath land,

Since [illegible] gray and roses red,

And morning brought the sun.

2<sup>nd</sup> But have a care ye young [i.e. young] and fair

Be sure ye pledge [i.e. pledge] with truth

Be certain that your love will wear

Beyond the days of youth.

3<sup>rd</sup> For if ye give not heart to heart,  
As well as hand to hand.  
You'll find you've played the union's part  
And built upon the sand.

4<sup>th</sup> Tis well to save, tis well to have  
A goodly store of gold,  
And hold enough of shining [i.e. shining] stuff  
Tis classily is cold.

5<sup>th</sup> But place not all your hope and trust  
In what the deep mine brings,  
We cannot live a yellow dust  
United with purer things.

6<sup>th</sup> And he who piles up wealth alone  
Will after have to stand;  
Beside his coffer chest and awe  
Tis built upon the sand

7<sup>th</sup> Tis good to speak in kindly guise  
And sooth what ere we can  
For speech should bind, the human mind

And love link man to man

8<sup>th</sup> But stay not at the gentle words

Let deeds with language dwell

The One who pities starving birds

Should scatter crumbs as well.

9<sup>th</sup> The mercy that is warm and true

Must lend a helping hand

For those who talk and fail to do

But build upon the sand.

Trust in God

This sentence is not mere tradition nor is it taken from heathen mythology. But it is the words of divine inspiration taught in the holy scriptures and even by the son of God himself when on earth. If we but look to God and put our trust in him we need fear no evil, for he will be our present help in every time of need.

Why need we despond if we have lost earthly friends and perishable treasures. If we but rely upon God's promises we shall come off conquerors in the end over death, hell, and the grave for God doeth all things well and he will be a friend yea more than a friend to all such as call on his holy name.

God's promises as given us in his word are ample to meet our every want: to heal every wound of an anguishing heart; to save every soul from plunging into the depths of misery [i.e. misery]; to dry every tear that shall flow from the sorrowful and stricken one; to redeem a fallen world from sin and misery; to restore peace and prosperity to all mankind.

Why is it that so few put their whole trust in God when they might easily see the advantages to be deserved from this cause? Is it because their hearts are hardened or are

they so eager for worldly pleasure that they have forgotten God? Whatever the cause may be I hope all my hearers may put their trust in God and secure for themselves a heavenly [i.e. heavenly] mansion which shall be imperishable. D.H. Sherman.

Savoy Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> 1870

My much loved cousin,

In addressing you at this time I will give you a discription [i.e. description] of our Seminary of Learning which stands just south of the Advent Church in the new state. At the head of our institute stands the Miller who grinds the ideas from the craniums of the young sprouts who congregate there. Then in this cold winter there is no need for us to go cold for we have three Burnetts.

Although we find but one Cain mentioned in the Bible yet here we find three, perhaps they are no akin to the one that slew his brother yet like him they each one go to the land of Nod every nigh [i.e. night].

We can also supply fishermen for we have one Nett. here. Then we have one James which we have known a young lady and a certain occasion to Steel a while away.

And there is also two Tylers who we will call Alonzo and Amelia. And also one Bliss who is so tall it is no trouble for him to reach up and take a kiss. All of the rest are Shermans. There is one Clarence A. from the house of Geo. the J. Esq. Mary L. of the Tribe of David. H. Mirinda J. Sarah J. Dwite Thomas from the home of the Widow C. Manley N. Sylvia A. from the mansion of one Henry. Making eighteen whom the miller tells each day; I intent to have written about our studies but will defer till my next.

Your affectionate cousin,

Molly

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The Lightning Express.

Judson Tawer commenced running a lightning express last Friday from the New State School house No. 5. To Sidney's Tawers in Mourde and so on to the famous tour of

Charlemont where he will make a stop of a short time and then return by way of the briar to said School House No. 5. Their regular station will be at Elliot Negus Toer. Williams Steelles Charlemont and Waleatt Whites Savoy. All persons sending baggage or travelling by this route will please get insured.

Proportion

As Sour crout [i.e. sauerkraut] is to the German

So is Charlie Simmonds to Abbie Sherman

As true as the lion is to bite

So is Judson Tawer to Ella White

Recitation in Geography

"Joseph where is Africa?" "On the map sir." "I mean Joseph in what continent eastern or western?" "Well that land of Africa is in the eastern continent but the people sir are all of them down South." "What are the products?" "Of Africa sir or down South?" "Africa you blockhead." "Well sir it hain't [i.e. hasn't] got any it never had any" "How do the African people live?" "By drawing sir" "Drawing what, water?" "No sir by drawing their breath sir." "Sit down Joseph." "Samuel what is the equator?" "It is the horizontal pole running perpendically [i.e. perpendicularly] through the imagination of astronomers and old geographers." "Go to your seat Samuel" "William what do you mean by an eclipse?" "An eclipse is a thing which appears when moon gets on a bust and runs [illegible] the sun consequently the sun blackens the moons face." "Class is excused."

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The Trials, hardships and success of a young man in the New State

1<sup>st</sup> Kind friends now pay attention

And a story now I'll relate

It is not one of mere invention

But it came to pass of late



2<sup>nd</sup> In the New State there dwells

A youth and maiden pair

And for beauty none excels

This gay and dashing pair.

3<sup>rd</sup> The name of this bold gallant youth

I think is Herbert B.

And now I'll tell you just the truth

The damsel's called Miss Deley C.

4<sup>th</sup> It seems that they were intimate

In summer and last fall

But oh! quite shocking to relate

There came a gent. [i.e. gentleman] and spoilt it all

5<sup>th</sup> For there was a large donation

In the town of Florida

And I'll give an explanation

Of what happened by the way.

6<sup>th</sup> Now Herbert thought it would save trouble

And be an idea very bright

For him to foot it through the stubble

While Deley rode along with Tite  
7<sup>th</sup> But oh! alas! For human thought  
How oft it goes astray  
And all of his wishes came to naught  
For Deley went another way

8<sup>th</sup> She went with Mr. Russell Tawer  
A fairer man ne'er [i.e. never] won a bride  
While Herbert unsuspecting flower  
Was crossing o'er the angry tide.

9<sup>th</sup> Now Herbert after suffering great  
As any martyr ever bore  
Exhausted, weary, very late  
He reached at last the Elders' door.

10<sup>th</sup> He entered, stared round in alarm  
Each pair seemed bristling on its end  
As Deley leans on Russell's arm  
Without one look at him, her friend

11<sup>th</sup> Thought he my pleasure's at an end  
The river now I will recross  
My way until my home I'll wend

Where I can think of my great loss.

12<sup>th</sup> He called to Mylon his dear chum

Let's leave for home, this instant go.

We'll cross the river as we came

And leave her, with he new found beau.

13<sup>th</sup> He reached at last his father's door

With burning brow and throbbing heart

And sweat was streaming from each pore

And pains through every bane did dart

14<sup>th</sup> He went to bed and in his dreams

Strange fancies flitted through his brain

And every thing he saw it seems

Reminded him of Deley Cain.

15<sup>th</sup> But in a few days after this

He chanced to meet this lady fair

And oh what happiness and bliss

They made up friends right then & there

16<sup>th</sup> And now my story I will stop

While he is casting her by rule

And he'll tonight the question pop  
As they walk home from spelling school.

#### Advertisement

Clarence Sherman would respectfully announce to the citizens of the New State that he is now prepared to give lessons in vocal and instrumental music. Terms. Twenty five cts. Per lesson in advance.

The commandment that Herbert would like to have Judson remember is "Thou shall not Steelle [i.e. steal].

#### Alphabet

A stands for Albert a young man of might

B stands for Burnett who fights for the right

C stands for Clarence who no mustach [i.e. mustache] does twirl

D stands for Deley a very fine girl

E stands for Ella a dashing young belle

F stands for Fidelia we all like very well

G stands for George who to Charlemont goes

H stands for Herbert who thinks Deley a rose

I stands for Irving who in carriages trades

J stands for Judson who loves all the maids

K stands for knowledge that Horace explains

L stands for Liberty of whom no one complains

M stands for Mylon a gallant young beau

N stands for Nareutt a fine girl you know

O stands for Orlando who was married of late

P stands for Miss Perkins Clarence's mate

Q stands for quickness for which Anasa is famed

R stands for Rob. Harris who no one blames

S stands for Simmons who goes to W.

T stands for Titas who will never know want

U stands for Urban a man that's no liar

V stands for Vesta who lives in the briar

W stands for Waleatt a fine chap I'll bet

X stands for example that Darius does set

Y stands for youth that lives in this place

Z stands for Zebulan with a very grave face

Also A stands for Almiron the first of the New State

C stands for Cassie his worthy young mate

D stands for David we are sorry to relate is obliged to be scribe for all the New State

It is understood that John L. Cain has devoted his spare moments for the last five years in inventing and perfecting a churn to be worked by compressed air. Charlie F. Simmons has been appointed by Mr. Cain sale agent for the sale of these celebrated churns and will at once remove to Whittingham at which place he intends to permanently reside and where all orders to him must be addressed.

Strayed or Stolen

Strayed or stolen from the subscribers Sunday Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> a valuable night's rest whoever will return it and leave it in front of the blacksmith's shop where the owner can find it, shall be suitably rewarded. B. D. H.

## Savoy Stems

Dennis Haskins after having greatly improved his buildings for the past year, has nearly completed a new blacksmith shop.

Seneca T. Cain disposes of his personal property at auction tomorrow.

We are happy to learn that Dea. A. C. Bliss who has been west, has returned safe and sound.

We understand that Herbert Burnett was fined five dollars and out for leaving Deley Cain in her father's chip yard.

Propotion [i.e. Proportion]

As the spider is to the fly

So is Alfred to Sophia

As the spheres are to the wheel

So is Judson Tawer to Ida Steelle

As N.H. is to Maine

So is Herbert Burnett tp Deley Cain

As the day is to the reynard

So is Ella Burnett to Marshall Maynard

As the hug is to the Riss

So is Amn Maynard to Mylon Bliss

As the land is to the sea

So is Clarence Sherman to Nettie P.

As the wind is to the forest

So is Lucy Tawer to Horace

As the rat is to the kitty

So is Albert Simmons to Maritte

As the wheat is to the barley [i.e. barley]

So is Abbie Sherman to Charlie

As the string is to the kite

So is Melvin Maynard to Ella White

As the bellows is to the forge

So is Sarah Marshall to George

Pages from the life book of a bachelor: Roll back the tide of thought a few years and you will find the now crusty old bachelor was then a young man looking forward into the future with bright anticipations of having a home and being surrounded with a kind and affectionate wife and numerous little ones to climb to his knee and lisp forth in childish innocence their joyous prattle. But the tide has turned and he seems to be wafted to the opposite shore and he has become morose and sullen carrying for no one and no one caring for him, he looks at the dark side of every object, and all who know him seem to pass by him as though he was nothing but a cypher in the world. Therefore young man beware for ere you are aware of the fact it may be too late for you to enter the list and you will be left to plod in a downward stream of life unpitied and uncared for with no sympathizing look nor kind word in the last dark hours of your loneliness. Then you will soliloquize why did I not improve my early days in securing a companion who would have made life's journey pleasant and that it might not have been said that man lives for self alone. Well do I remember the time when there was the heiress Aliss J. whom I might have had by just asking, and the beautiful Miss P. the belle of G. and the young and fascinating widow L. who shone in all select circles during the winter of 18— and a host of others which are all married now and I am left an old bachelor. D.H.S.

Oddities

A quaker in business in Philadelphia disliking the Esq. to his name advised a Southern correspondent to direct his letter to him without any tail and received a reply superscribed Amos Smith without any tail Philadelphia. Heaps, staves, barrell and ferkins, Clarence Sherman & Nettie Perkins.

#### Advertisements

Wanted. An abled bodied man to hold my wife's tongue for further particular inquire of the subscriber.

Wanted. Two or three smart trusty boys to lead my rooster to water, none need apply unless well recommended, pay liberal.

#### Christmas

How should the day be spent? Many will say in joyous festivity for they will say it is the anniversary of the birth of Christ, therefore we should enjoy and be mery [i.e. merry] with our friends. But I think that I can prove to the reverse for was it not at a warm season of the year that Christ was born in the stable and cradled in the manger? Of course it must have been for the wise men came to the shepherds as they were watching their flocks in the fields to announce the fact. I think that Christmas is the anniversary of the acquisition of Christ before Pilate for was it not at a cold season that Christ had his trial for we read that as Peter warmed himself he denied the Savior. And our twelve Christmas days answers to the days which the trial lasted. Therefore instead of making it a day of mirth, it should be spent in mourning and fasting for was not Christ upon that day accoused before a false judge and condemned to die upon the cross for merely fulfilling what had been predicted of him from the foundation of the world. But we should not mourn and fast as though Christ had lain in the grave and never risen and ascended to the right hand of the father to interceed [i.e. intercede] for those which in this life are persecuting him. But we should lament that Christ was condemned the just for the unjust, that he should sufer [i.e. suffer] for the injustice of sinful mankind. Let us all in return for his goodness towards us love and obey his holy commands. D.H.S.



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3<sup>rd</sup> And as the paper now is read  
Our various minds revealing  
We do not mean by what is said  
To cause the least hard feeling.

4<sup>th</sup> But pardon all mistakes were made  
You may have seen thus far  
But hail with joy what lights the shade  
By this our Evening Star.

Clarence says to Nettie will you accept my arm  
As they step out from spelling school it won't do you any harm  
Oh yes said Nettie certainly it will be very nice  
For you to go along with me to keep of rats and mice.

Gilbert J. has concluded to marry Miss Ella  
And set up house keeping under a cotton [illegible]  
And live on [illegible] cake and other good [illegible]  
They will have a happy time I do declare

The poets of old are Milton and Byron  
The poet of late are Gilbert J & Almira.

The closing year.

Another year with its toils and trials, joys and sorrows, heart rending and heart aches, is fast drawing to a close. And it becomes us to look back and see how we have improved its opportunities which are given us by an all wise Creator to prepare for a better and higher state of existence when the last closing year shall expire.

How fresh it brings to our minds the closing scenes of life when we shall be called to lay of this mortal body and be forgotten, as the year that has just rolled its round.

And ah! that we might be prepared to enter upon the new year with briter [i.e. brighter] prospects than we have ever had in the past, is the wish of your friend D.H. Sherman.

A stands for Alfred who likes Miss Sophia

And when they get married will soar very high

B stands for Byron who in learning to sing

If more would do likewise it would be a good thing

D stands for Deley who likes Russell Tawers

When he comes to see her he stays several hours

E stands for Ella who has several beaus

And that is the reason she wears such fine clothes

F stands for Frank who many schools has taught

But we don't think he always does as he ought

G stands for Geo. Tyler who is to [i.e. too] lazy [i.e. lazy] work

And was called by Shaw [illegible] a wonderfull [i.e. wonderful] shirk

H stands for Herbert who had a fine fiddle

But why he don't play is to me a great riddle

I stands for Issac who married Lydia Cain

And continues to love her is very plain

J stands for Jeffers full 7 feet tall

A very good singer and that is all

K stands for Kemp who likes to keep school