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Note: LVL = Laytonville

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The Monthly
February 7, 1866
Solomon Lee P.P.
J. Quan Editor
Price 10 cts.

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[Ink drawn illustration of a three-story building with additions set in a landscape. The main structure has three chimneys and the end of one of the additions has a chimney, which is smoking. On the other addition a sign is partially visible which reads "S.S. Roo"]

[Caption]: Rooks Store, LVL. From a sketch by our Special artist.

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The MONTHLY, Febuary [February]. 1st, 1866 No. 2
John Quan, Edr.
Public P. Office
J. Corr, Public PR.
Entered according to act of Parliament by John Quan at the P.P. Office, Nomine LVL in the year 1866

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MONTHLY '66
Thrilling Tale. The Skating Bully or, the Death Race. By C. Richardson

Allen Dunonee at his twentieth birthday which was in January, went to _____, a little town famous for its Skating venues, and visited by all kinds of people. Allen had an uncle in _____, and thither he went. He was received very kindly, and next morning he and his relative took their skates and went to the pond. Many ladies and gentlemen were there already.

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Allen struck out a little way, and then swiveled around some. He was one of the

[Ink drawn illustration: Two men in ice skates on a pond facing each other. The man at left points a pistol at the man at right who holds a long-bladed knife in his proper right hand. Three figures skate in the distance]

best skaters in the state, but he never tried his skill or bandied for a race. As he was amusing himself, he was accosted by a villainous looking man of Herculean stature. "My name is Dick Lenser, youngster, and by _____, I can Run the skates off of any ___ boy here!" said the rufiane [ruffian] to Allen, "on skating." "Well, Mr. Lenser," answered Allen, "I never professed to be a skater, but to accommodate you, I will run with you."

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"Then here's off for sixty yards," said Dick with a derisive laugh. Off they flew. Both went side by side for about thirty yards when Allen shot ahead and came out full fifteen yards ahead of Dick. "Hurrah! Three cheers for the young stranger! He has beaten the bully!" came in thundering cries from the other persons on the ice.

“By ___!” cried the Bully in a strange tone. “You have beaten me but by God you are the only one ever has! Two such skaters as you and I can’t both live both at the same time. If you have anything to defend yourself, do it, for by _____, I am going to kill you.”

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With this the villain drew a large bowie knife and rapidly [moved] toward Allen. “Hold!” cried Allen, “recollect this it none of my seeking.” “Hold yer foolish cluck!” said the furious ruffain [ruffian] still advancing and fixing for a blow.

“Then God be our Judge,” said Allen drawing a pistol. Bang! With a groan Dick fell, shot through the heart. Testimony proved Allen clear of all crimes and he was immediately let go. The community of _____, were thus free in that they had got rid of a dangerous and disagreeable visitor.

Take the Monthly.

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Monthly, Febuay [February] 1866.

Advertisers, and subscribers would do well to keep this number of the Monthly for it contains our Rates of advertising and terms and so forth. Keep this number.

Rook’s store. Our frontispiece is a representation of Rooks great Drug and grocery store. There is no greater a resort for medicine, with drugs of all kinds and dry goods, hard ware, flour, seed, and groceries [groceries], than at Rooks general store, no. [blot] Ruffy St. LVL. And depend on it, his goods are genuine best.

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PUBLIC PRINTER. With the next no. of the Monthly will come the name of a new Public Printer at its margin. The Election takes place on the second Monday in January. Solomon Lee of Ruffy and Peter De Roan are the candidates for the office.

The circulation of the Monthly is large. Over one thousand copies of no. 1 have been sold.

Answer's [Answers] to Correspondents

DORA – The reason we publish no continued storys [stories] is that we know that it would be too long in its words. You would for get [forget] one before the other comes.

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ANIS – There are Eight persons in the P.P. office at LVL to wit:

4 typesetters

1 devil

One artist

1 runner

And the Public Printer

DUN – “L” in “L’Dorieu” means EL or city, in Mormon Language. A Mormon built a cot in the center, and a city arose around him. His name was “Dorieu” thus L’Dorieu.

Bella – A new contributor has to give her true name also to the P.P. officers. (Several to be answered in our next.)

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[Ink drawn illustration of two wooden structures, one with a central chimney and two windows on a gable end, and the other with a tall structure (possibly a lightning rod) on the front gable and four windows. No trees or plantings.]

[Image caption:] Ten's Birthplace

Augus Ten, His Life by J.S. Sketch M.P. No. 1. Maurice Honardman

Augus Ten was born at a poor house in Bovus, Jersy. His time of birth is unknown. By good fortune a nobleman of the once majestic Jersy took him and educated him. The people [illeg.] Augus [blot] actions, at an early age.

He ruled with severity and justice to his own people. At that time one of the citizens of LVL, then a small town, went to the capital land and

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made a petition for commerce between LVL and Jerozy [Jersy]. His name was Maurice Honardman.

He was instantly seized by order of Ten and led out and suffered death, for no reason known. Then Ten sent word to LVL that he would soon serve all of LVL. The authorities published the news, and the sheriff of LVL was aroused. "Revenge!" was the cry from all sides, from Jerzy [Jersy] Creek to Long River, "Revenge!" "Revenge!" "Revenge!" They told the men to tell Augus to crack his [wig or way] and his own head should pay the penalty! It was an awful time! Men, women and children were insane. Thus things were all the fever in LVL to wit: Preparations and crying "Revenge!"

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It was then that the noble and brave Carlyle appeared. The Jersain Legion began their march under [electers?]. They invaded Old Yield as far as Phillyn. Here Carlyle with a smaller army met them.

Once it was as if we must be conquerers [conquerors] but the feverous Carlyle seized the colors & sprang forward to the fire. New vigor prevailed in our exhausted troppers [troops], for a few moments the fight was terrific, and then the day was for Carlyle (to be continued).

NEWS ITEMS

We are informed by their cards that Solomon Lee and Paul De Roan are the candidates

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for P. Printer. Dusbury goes out: and his work shows how worldly and honorable he has discharged his duties as P. Printer of LVL. A Report that is a list of all the books in the P.P.O. of LVL is out. Pratine [?] have had a good deal of cold weather.

PUZZLES &c.

CHARADE

My 1st is a kind of bird

My 2nd means the reverse of Miser

My 3rd is an Enclosure for Swine.

My whole is a Cape.

PUZZLE

GRWAG

EGAITN

OESNO was a great man

Ans. to last no. charade: "CHARLESTON, Tullel or New York Tribune"

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On Ice. By Ella Laney

[Ink drawn illustration of a full length profile view of a woman in a long dress and fancy hat on ice. Her arms are both outstretched in front of her as she moves from left to right].

I.

On the slippery glistening ice

Like some fairy, good and nice

II.

I was on the little Lake,
And past she went just like a flake,

III.

But now she is right by my side
On Life's long, happy, [illeg.] slide.

The Fire at Vilennes [Villennes], &c

Quite an excitement has been raised lately in Ruffy, about a fire in Viellness [Villennes]

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On the 2nd of January the arrest of two persons for incendiaryism [arson] caused still more. But a lot of coal oil confined in Rolus' cellar store, may have been the cause. The persons arested [arrested] are of late, of Br'Kln NY. LEPO

[Ink illustration of a cliff at the right with water stretching out to the left. A dark sky above.]

POINT LABRO

This was the place where the Calis [Calais] was stove on the 28 of Dec. 1865. It was a storm and she run against the point.

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THINGS in LAYTONVILLE

By a Correspondent

Being a summary of news generly [generally].

Written Expressly for The Monthly

"Things in LVL"

Last month, Jan., has been very quiet. The markets are very steady. The weather has been very cold and extremely so, at the first along.

Davis Corleur of LM is now committing [committing] repeat burglaries on the Great Highway. He [illeg.] a sherif [sheriff].

Louis Pellis, a journeyman brick layer, fell from the top of a house near the Pulvis and was instantly killed on the 11th.

Rumor of

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a war between Rubbyard & Zeiller are flying.

Governor Ester was at the Praens house.

A terrible and destructive fire broke out at the Viellns [Villennes] on the 2nd. Two persons are arrested under suspicions of having been the arsons [arsonists].

The P. Printer is to be elected next month. Two candidates are out.

A tax has been layed [laid] on Every copyright purchased by every book, or paper publisher in LVL.

All imports from LM or Jersy are under a smart tariff in LVL.

Claude Royman, the Ex-king of LVL died on the 12 inst.

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Flour is 4 cts in LVL.

Dr. Wood intends to issue a Manuel [manual] next month.

A fire destroyed the gin shop of Clara Holus on the 23

Precepts.

Be Sure your [you're] right, then go ahead.

Never put off till tomorrow what you culd [could] do today.

ODE

To the Sun!

Thou glorious orb

That rides the deep blue sky,

All things thy power absorb

As thou walkest on the high.

Thy genial Rays, O! Sun

Are but as you've begun

Thy race,

On Heavens face.

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SPECIAL! Cure Thyself!

Dr. Wood has discovered a certain cure for cuts, sores, &c. See Advert.

Gin of Birch. A certain cure for colds &c. See Advertismt.

The Greybeard. A brilliant book. See Advert.

[Ink illustration of a house with two smoking chimneys in a landscape with a large tree at left.

Two second floor windows are shown over a center door entry and two flanking windows on the first floor.]

Birthplace of Dr. Wood. The great doctor, Dr. Wood, was born on the 17 of June 1830 at Fleurence [Florence?].

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THE NEW TAX

The Parliament on the 15 passed An Act laying a Tax to wit: COPYRIGHT TAX. It is this day enacted that a Tax shall be levied on the copyright or copyrights bought or secured by county by

all Booksellers or paper publisher here. This tax shall not be less than 10 cents or exceeding 100 cents. It shall be levied according to the amount of the copyright. By the Parlt. [ink sketch of dollar sign in a cloud] G. CALL, King [ink sketch of a seal]. S.C. Carlyle, SK. [ink sketch of a seal]. Vive le Roi. Long live the King.

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THE PARLIAMENT

Perhaps there are those who do not know about the LVL Parliament. It sets every month at the palace and has ten members who are elected three times a year. The present member are these:

James S. Sketch

John Rosen

Silas Roden

William Perny

John Merie

S.G.C. Roderick

Kamer C. Posten

Henery [Henry] S. Dane and

David Ryerson.

Knowledge is power. Not speaking much but speaking well denotes the truly wise.

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1866

The PUBLIC PRINTING OFFICE OF LVL.

PROSPECTUS 1866

The Public P. Office of Laytonville will be conducted by the best of Editors, Artists and Contributors in 1866. The contributors are of the best. Here is a sample:

J.S. Sketch

Dr. Wood

C. Richardson

Don Beoan

And various others. The PICTURES will be [illeg. deported?] conducted by W.H. Layton.

Jas. Corr, P. Printer, No. 9, LVL.

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The SPICE OF LIFE.

Ike's Department

[Ink illustration of a man, woman, and dog on the ice. The man smokes a pipe and carries a walking stick. The fronts of his skates curl up and over his feet. He wears a hat with a feather. The dog slides on the ice to his proper left. The woman is behind him on the ice to his proper right. She wears a long skirt, and her hair blows back as she moves forward.]

[caption:] The Fashions. Latest Skating Costume.

An Exchange says in its notices to correspondents, "truth" is crowded out of our columns this week. "I'll spare no pains," as the Quack said when he sawed off his patient's leg. "An Ebony of LVL," an Everlasting nigger. A paper that has good circulation: a Tobacco paper.

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JANUARY [A Record of 1866]

January has been a very cold month. Not much snow and peaceful.

The Spice of Life.

Why was Eve the first person on Earth? Because she was the first maid (made).

Who was a Rine [Rhine?] poet? Cow-per.

JUST OUT!!

Send for it!!

The Laytonville P.P. Office has just issued a BRILLIANT Book, Illustrated by Layton, Entitled THE GREBEARD! [Greybeard]. By Don Beoan, Esq. of Little Meadow. The "Greybeard" is well written and is full of Mystery & Spice.

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[Waste paper, scrap of letter addressed to John Layton Esq.]

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CARDS

Election Tuesday Feb. 6, 1866

Friends: I offer myself respectfully at your service for the office of Public Printer And if elected will perform the duties as best as can. S. Lee.

Voters: I offer myself for Public Printer. Peter De Roan.

Directory 1866

John Sax, Mayor, No. 11 Spring St. LVL

Kamer Cat. Attorney at Law, Palias

Charles Sand, Land Agent, No. 20 L. Dorita, Ruffy

S.S. Rook, Counsellor at Law, No. 10 Ruffy St., LVL

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'El Rose, Land Agent, No. 14 L.M. City 2

Rose & Bro, Chas. Rose, B. Rose, King's Counsellors, No. 6 Main St. LVL.

Cration Darm, Merchant. No. 11 Barn St. LVL

Dr. Wood. No. 14 Main St. LVL 2

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Keep this Paper

Our Terms.

1 copy one year, \$1.20

1 copy half year, \$.60

1 copy quart year, \$.30

Single copies, .10

Any Person sending for our papers [for] three months may have a ticket for the LVL Library of Books. Save your numbers.

Our Rates of Advertiseing [Advertising].

One Column Pictured Permanently.....32 cents. Each additional copy, 3 cts.

One Colume [column] illus. first one only, 20 cts.

Half Colume [column] illus. per16.

One picture.....8

Each additional copy, 3 cts.

Anything pictured less than half colume [column] per pic. 6 cts. One pic. 4 cts. Each additional copy, 3 cts.

1 col. not pictured, 16 cts.

Half col. 8

Anything less 6cts.

Each additional no., 2 cts.

J. Quan, Edr.

One insertion only 2 cts. more [illeg.]

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[Rubbed type or stencil of the word "PINE"]

Cure Thyself!

Dr. Wood has discovered a certain cure! A cure for Sprains, Cuts, Sores, & All flesh wounds.

[Rubbed type or stencil of the word "PINE"]

Dr. Wood has long studied [studied] the nature of Pine and has at last found it to be a tree containing A CURE heretofore unknown. He cuts the tree and collects the pitch. From this he manufactures his great Panacea! Cure Thyself!

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[rubbed illustration of a two-chimney house with door and four windows on front]

For Sale

The undersigned has for sale on the Waly River L.M. a farm of 11 acres, house and barn. John Le. L.M. City No. 4.

[Two rubbed or stenciled illustrations of the word "INK" with a feather and inkwell and penknife. Upper image is reversed]

At Rooks Store, Printers, Merchants, Lawyers [Lawyers], Gentlemen and Ladies ink.

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Hotels

[rubbed illustration of a two-chimney house with door and four windows on front]

Palf House. This house is all that the guest can require. John Corr. No. 7 Hicory [Hickory] St.
LVL House No. 4 Main St.

Reversed rubbed or stenciled illustrations of the word "INK" at Rooks Store

[Reversed rubbed or stenciled illustrations of the word "GIN" with an upside-down G] Pure at Rook's Store.

Selam Salve at Rook's Store.

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[Reversed rubbed or stenciled illustrations of the word "GIN" with an upside-down G]

S.S. Rook, the Grocer & Druggist has got the pure Gin of Birch, the best cure for coughs, colds & Rheumatism. Small bottles 12 cts. Large one 50 c. S.S. Rook No. 4 Ruffy St. LVL

Real Estate

[rubbed illustration of a two-chimney house with door and four windows on front]

For sale. The undersigned offers for Sale near L.M. City on Long Creek, a Valuable Real Estate consisting of land in the Amount of 40 acres & 28 Perches. Upon the premises are a New Frame house & A New Barn. Bargain made at No. 14 L.M. or 20 Barrap St., L.V.L.

A.M.

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