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SALUTATORY.

In presenting to the citizens of Westfield the initial number of the first journal issued in the township, we feel a natural pride in being the pioneers in the field.



"THERE'S MILLIONS IN IT"—Will the gentleman who made this prophecy call on the Editor, as an explanation is needed?

The Townsman At Home

1875

Excerpts From Westfield's First Newspaper

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A much needed improvement has been made to the sidewalk in front of the stores occupied by Messrs. Gale, Townley, Clark, Bayard, and Darsh; let the other store keepers take advantage of this good example.

Another of those pleasant social gatherings, in the lecture room of the Presbyterian Church, on the 12th ult.; many thanks are due the ladies for the good things furnished.

The Fire Department has been organized, and as long as its movements are governed by the following well-known residents, who were elected officers for the ensuing year, on the 10th ult., our townspeople can feel assured that it will be efficiently managed: Jos. S. Clark, Foreman; Courtland Little, First Assistant; W. Hall, Second Assistant; Jno. Burhans, Secretary; Geo. Tice, Treasurer.

Mrs. Miller's two new houses on Central Ave. are about completed, and are a decided improvement to that part of Westfield.

Rev. Dr. Ryman and Chas. A. Kinch expect to start about the middle of this month for a European tour. Our good wishes

for a pleasant and profitable trip and safe return go with them.

Our fellow townsman, who keeps us cool through the warm weather, with the product of Clark's Lake, has sold out his vegetable and fruit store to J. Hervey Townley.

The improvements to the Hotel property are very noticeable, and reflect credit on the owner, Mr. Stitt.

It is rumored that the Widow of the late Judge Tomlinson, has placed her extensive property interests in the hands of Mr. Hosford.—Among it are some of the finest building sites in our village.

Messrs. Miller & Sons, whose advertisement appears elsewhere in this issue, propose opening the store adjoining their present one shortly, with a well selected assortment of Dry Goods. We trust that the new enterprise may meet with the success it deserves.

Of the \$2,000 required to purchase the New Organ for the Presbyterian Church \$1,000 has already been subscribed.

(The first copy of Westfield's first newspaper was found among the keepsakes of the late Luther Whitaker by his grandson, the late Gerald Downs, and given by Mrs. Downs for use in this column.)