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Edward Ryan, Syracuse; P. J. Lee, Elmira; Maurice Courtney; Judge Dowds, Binghamton; James Martin, Niagara Falls; Alexander Corcoran, Lockport.

Among the delegates from this diocese outside Rochester were James A. Flanagan No. 28, Seneca Falls; Julius Lester of Brockport; Wm. Egan, pa., Mr. Morris; M. S. Goss, 105, Auburn; Peter Curran, 125, Penn Yan; M. L. Fitzpatrick, 138, Lima; William Howley, 142, Canandaigua; John Peel, Jr., 143, Livingston; Joseph Wahl, 145, Auburn.

A member of Branch 139 who is not very swift footed was obliged to go as far as Avon with the delegation last Monday, as he was unable to get off the rapidly moving train.

Some little time before he left Cincinnati Mr. Halstead employed a stenographer. But he filled the stenographer's notebook in no time. Then, having so much more time than he needed, he would take up his pencil and busy himself again. The consequence was that he did about two men's work, and he was pretty well tired out when his day was over. With all his capacity for work he is invariably in good spirits. He reads the thrusts of political opponents with amusement—the sharper they are the more he is amused. Then he takes his pencil and responds.—New York Times.

A Petrified Monster.
The long continued drought in central and southern Iowa has brought to light the petrified remains of some antediluvian monster, over which the waters of the Des Moines river have toiled for centuries. The resting place of this original first settler is in the bed of the river near the little village of Percy, in Marion county. During the great drought of three years ago, when the river was lower than it had ever been within the memory of white men, S. R. Dawson, a gentleman living near Percy, claimed that he had found a "queer thing" in the river near town. The present dry spell proves that Dawson was right, and that his "queer thing" is an extinct monster of gigantic proportions. The head has become detached and lies forty or fifty feet from the body, which is now about fifteen yards in length, notwithstanding the fact that several joints are missing. At a distance of thirteen feet from the tip of the tail the stony monster is four feet nine inches in breadth.—St. Louis Republic.

One of Don Quixote's Countrymen.
"No Englishman goes even to bed," says a Spanish proverb, "without having committed some eccentricity," but it seems that the same saying might justly be applied to some of Don Quixote's countrymen. At all events the old gentleman of the name of Senor Don Juan Baptista de Guzman Caballero, duke de Najera, whose will has just been proved, certainly belonged to the "eccentricities." In his elaborately worded will, and after giving a great many particulars as to how his funeral is to be conducted, he goes on to say that no notice whatever is to be published of his death, and that it will be "unwelcome" to him if on his journey to his last resting place he will be followed by friendly funeral coaches. Another of the old duke's "eccentricities" consisted of keeping his money, amounting to \$40,000, safely hidden away in his coffers, whence it will now be removed by his nephew, the Duke of Alcalá.

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