

MENTONE Our Home Grows

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In the April 10, 1886, issue of The Mentone Gazette, two articles appear about how the Mentone Dramatic Troupe presented the play "Toodles" for the benefit of the Fire Department. Apparently, everybody decided to work together to get fire fighting equipment. The Mentone Hook and Ladder Company had been formed even though the apparatus was not yet available.

[The Mentone Gazette May 4, 1886, included an advertisement that I found interesting both because of the familiar signature and the fact that they seemed to know what is important to customers].

Our motto is square dealing. Our aim is to please our customers, to sell you good goods, to give you bargains in everything you buy, to correct all mistakes, to rectify all differences and to be to merit your patronage. Remember we are headquarters for clothing, boots, and shoes. We are

Respectfully yours,
Manwaring Bros.

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Among the absurd things, which we hear mentioned in favor of a candidate for office, is that he is poor and needs the public support, or that he needs public sympathy to bolster him up against his own failings. In the former case, if the man is not qualified to fill the office creditably and honorably, it is better economy to put him at the County Infirmary and let a competent man do the work for the public. In the other case, the asylum for soft brained people, if such an institution can be found, is the proper place. Fitness for position should be one grand qualification required of every person who assumes to serve the people in any official capacity. Intelligence, aptness, and honesty, are vital elements of fitness. The people of Kosciusko County should take these facts into consideration in making nominations. Let personal preference be governed by personal worth.

[How's that for advice that never grows old?]