

Chapter I

Notes on Titusville Herald:

Spent morning of 22nd, October 1935, in the office of the Herald where Mr. Stevenson arranged the files for me - those of 1870. I did not find the dates when we moved in but did find in the issue of September 30th a list of the building improvements in "*Part Season by Sheets*". On Main Street is the entry - two story frame residence, main part 24 x 34, wing 18 x 18. Architect A. M. Tarbell. Cost \$8,000.00.

I suppose that this cost included the Bonta House materials if father had paid which/~~at~~ the original price would greatly increase the cost of the house as it did its value. I was amused by the fact that the Caldwell house was set down as "an Italian Villa". An interesting item which I should like to follow up was in the Herald of the 4th of March, 1870. The item said there were two ancient trees on Main Street between ~~Grace~~ *Drake* and Martin and that it was proposed to cut them down and there was a protest against the destruction. This Herald had an article on the value and beauty of trees warmly *protecting*. I never heard of this before.

Another item of personal interest regards the Hess farm where on January 10th, 1870 there were twenty five hundred barrels of oil reported to be held in stock. On the 24th of March he ~~was~~ was reported as handing the Herald \$50.00 for its *the* ~~great~~ *Drake* testimonial. ^{What} this testimonial was in 1870 I don't know. ~~xxxxxxx~~ I know father was interested. Used to say that *the side* ~~Hess~~ should be *watched*. This might be an item worth looking up.

March 9, 1871 reports ~~that~~ under the head of
Oil News that the Tarbell-Hess and others struck a well
on the Shoup farm owned by Tarbell-Hess and others had settled
down to eighty barrels a day. That helps explain our prosperity
at that time.