

**Agricultural Department.**

(Cor. of Waverly Advocate.)  
**Sheshequin Farmers' Club.**

After so long a lapse of time the Farmer's Club again assembled, and enjoyed a session chiefly interesting to its members, in the interchange of ideas on a variety of topics, connected with the farm and garden.

In reading the minutes of our last meeting, quite an animated discussion sprang up between Messrs. Dolpuch and Sherwood, on the teaching of manures below the reach of plants. The latter ignoring Prof. Mapes' experiments and insisting that upon what is known as plain lands—of a porous, gravelly texture,—much of the saline properties of manures were wasted by leaching or settling below the reach of vegetation. Mr. D. defends his former position, that evaporation was too often confounded with the old idea of leaching; that few cultivable lands were so porous as to permit a waste of any valuable properties in manures by filtering through the soil and subsoil. Manures became rapidly exhausted by excessive heat, augmented of course, by its gravelly and porous condition.

Mr. Sherwood having been solicited to give his views upon strawberry culture, said he could not commend an extensive cultivation of that luxury among farmers generally in this locality. The markets would not warrant it, and it absorbed much time which in his judgment could be more profitably occupied. Yet he would advise every farmer to set apart a small space for home use, for his family and friends. Like most all plants, their cultivation became simple when understood.

For myself, I had swamped much upon my garden in the Fall, permitting it to have the action of winter upon it before using; indeed I consider that indispensable for proper use in all crops. I spread it evenly in the spring, plow deep, and pulverize thoroughly, mark my ground three feet one way and eighteen inches the other, and set my plants. I keep the ground clear, and do little else till the following spring, when I slash off the runners to make paths for picking; otherwise I do no pruning. I have never found it an object, on any land, to protect them for winter; in some soil, however, it may be necessary. If it is desirable to preserve the same bed, go in a plow, after picking, and turn two furrows together—leaving about eighteen inches—then haul the furrow back, without turning it, and you have young and fresh plants again. But I prefer setting out new beds every spring as less troublesome.

The strawberry family is very extensive, hence there are many kinds and varieties.—Plants only are reliable, seed not necessarily producing their like. By close observation, the leaf and blossom will inform you of their value as early or prolific varieties. For all purposes I prefer the Virginia Scarlet, as they possess within themselves the exes—the pestilence and staminate—and less care is demanded in their arrangement in that respect. Besides, they are a hardy plant, and very prolific. I have raised over forty bushels from one-eighth of an acre, not forgetting my neighbors. Most other varieties need a due proportion of pistillates and staminate in setting the plants. Plants set this spring yield nothing of moment till the following season. Much is not at all indispensable in preparing the ground. Fit your ground nicely as for potatoes. Chip manure should disapprove of. Try some method and experience will soon teach you the better way.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to the first Thursday evening in October.

**HEAVY AND LIGHT LAND.**—We have seldom seen the different treatments required for heavy and light land better explained than in the following paragraph, which occurs in a communication from Walter Elder, to the Philadelphia Farmer and Gardener:

Sandy soils are too full of air, and require much heavy rolling to make them compact and retentive of moisture. Indeed, if rolling could destroy all weeds upon sandy soils, it would be far better than stirring them to uproot weeds. The Jersey farmer uses the plow, harrow and cultivator too frequently, and the roller too seldom. If we could preserve moisture in our soils in summer, our crops would be doubly valuable; and the only way we can do that in sandy soils, is to roll and not stir them. We see in the sandy districts of New Jersey, the grass green upon tilled roadsides in summer, while that upon stirred lands is burned up; and bushes luxuriant alongside of fences where the soil is unstirred, while the crops on cultivated fields are parched. Grain and grass should get much rolling in spring, and if small rollers could follow the cultivator, (say a day after it,) crops would do better.—As much air will rush into sandy soils in ten minutes, while stirred, as will go into clayey lands in two weeks, if not well harrowed. So, the more frequently heavy lands are stirred, the drier they hold moisture, as they crack when dry, and moisture from below escapes too quickly; but when often stirred and the surface kept loose, a volume of air goes into the loose soil, prevents cracking, and retards the evaporation of moisture from below; but the weight of heavy lands and rains upon them soon press out the air on the surface; hence the necessity of frequent stirring.

**ELDER BUSHES VS. CURCULO.**—A few weeks since I visited a garden in this vicinity, and saw several plain trees heavily laden with fruit. I was requested to examine and see if I could discover any traces or marks of the curculio. I did so upon fruit on the trees and fruit that had fallen off and lay upon the ground. I could discover no marks and no larvae in the fruit. I gathered up fruit from the ground and carried it home; it was all perfect. I thought there must be insects; but there had been none at all. Having raised plants more or less for twenty years in Michigan, but never without the effects of the curculio more or less, and sometimes to entire destruction of the crop, you may judge of my surprise when informed that all that had been done was to procure common elder bushes and tie them to the branches of the trees. This had been done every few days from the time the fruit was fairly set until full grown. This man has lived upon the place five years. The trees were upon the place—bearing trees—when he took possession; the first two years he tried to save his fruit by shaking the trees and gathering up the curculios upon cloths spread under them. He had fiery poor success; the fruit was all stung and dropped off prematurely.—It was in his dispair the second year, when he was told by (as he said) "an old Frenchman" that if he would put elder bushes into his trees raise fruit. He has tried it three years with the same success—a full crop of perfect plums.—A. C. Hubbard, in Michigan Farmer.

**Miscellaneous.**

**NOW READY!**  
**BARTLETT'S NEW IRON WORKS**  
TOWANDA, PENNA.

The Subscriber begs leave to call the attention of the public to the fact that he has enlarged his motive power and purchased and set up additional machinery, and employed a larger number of workmen than formerly, so that he is now prepared to execute orders for Castings or Machinery with promptitude. He has at his works all the PATTERNS in use by the late firm of Wm. H. Phillips & Son of Elmira N. Y., and has also added to these, patterns of various kinds.

MILL IRONS furnished for Grist Mills, Gang, Gate, Circular and Muley Saw Mills, besides

**STEAM ENGINES**  
Different sizes and styles and in fact almost any kind Castings or Machinery in common use.

Steam Fittings such as Steam Pipes, Elbows, Return Bends, Reducers, Couplings, Globe Valves, Check Valves, Gauge Cocks, Oil Cups, Whistles, &c., always on hand and made to order.

He is also prepared to furnish STEAM BOILERS of any size or kind wanted.

Small Castings made in Brass or Composition. Cooking and Heating Stoves of different sizes manufactured and for sale at the above works. Furniture for Cooking, Stoves and Stove Pipe always on hand.

Persons who want GEARING of any kind are informed that the subscriber has more stock on hand than any other concern in this part of the country. They would be quite sure of finding among his Patterns Gearing that would answer their wants and thus save delay and expense in getting up new work.

He makes also a large variety of Pulleys, Balance Wheels and Cranks, Water Wheels; also Saw Gummers, Thimble Skins and Pipe Boxes, Iron Fence, Caldrone, Plows, &c.

His equipment of machinery consists of as good tools as are made; and was selected with the design of being able to do any job which might be offered, whether large or small. In short his effort has been to get up in all respects a first class establishment.

Terms Reasonable. Orders solicited. Cash paid for Old Iron and Brass.

Works situated on Main Street near Barclay R. R. Canal Basin. O. D. BARTLETT, Proprietor.

Towanda, April 11, 1861.

**GREAT BARGAINS!**

From \$3,000 to \$4000 Worth

or

**Fashionable Furniture**

TO BE

**SOLD IMMEDIATELY**

Having bought recently the

**thens Cabinet Ware Rooms,**

**AT PANIC PRICES.**

THE STOCK IS LARGE and very complete, has been well selected, and is well adapted for the wants of the country. N. B.—It is a common remark made by visitors to the establishment, "Why I had no idea you had such a large and splendid assortment of Furniture. I have seen nothing like it short of the city."

We have **CHINAWARE**, from \$2.50 and upwards. **COTTAGE** and other **CHAIRS**, in great variety, from \$4.00 to \$25.00 per set. **TABLES** from \$2.50 upwards.

Everything else in Proportion.

**COFFINS.**  
In every style, size and price, to suit the means and taste of any and all customers. Call and see our stock. Athens, Pa., July 24, 1861.

**ATTENTION IS INVITED TO MY DESIRABLE STOCK OF**

**Fall and Winter Clothing!**

**FOR MEN'S & BOY'S WEAR,**

**HATS AND CAPS,**

**BOOTS AND SHOES,**

**LEATHER OF ALL KINDS,**

**Hosiery, Gloves and Underwear,**

In all colors and sizes, for the present season, which I am offering at

**ASTONISHING LOW PRICES**

All those wishing to get good bargains may call at the

**CLOTHING STORE**

OF

**M. E. SOLOMON,**

**No. 4 Patton's Block,**

**TOWANDA, PA.**

**HOTEL KEEPERS,**

**DRUGGISTS,**

**FARMERS, AND ALL**

**WHO WANT**

**PURE LIQUORS**

I HAVE just received from the City, a Large Stock of

**IMPORTED PURE LIQUORS,**

of every variety. My stock of LIQUORS has been purchased for CASH, directly from the Importers, whereby I am enabled to furnish Farmers for the approaching Harvest, a Superior and Pure article of Liquor, of any kind whatever, at LOWER PRICES than were ever before offered in Towanda.

**HOTEL KEEPERS**

Will find it greatly to their advantage to examine my stock before purchasing elsewhere. I have facilities for purchasing, which enables me to WHOLESALE my goods at New York.

**WHOLESALE PRICES!**

Besides my Liquors are warranted pure and unadulterated. I have also on hand the Largest Stock and Greatest Variety of

Ever brought to Towanda, which having been purchased directly from the Manufacturers and Importers, enable me to compete with the Wholesale Tobaccoists of the city. Hotel keepers and others are respectfully invited to an examination of my entire stock of Liquors, Cigars and Tobacco. Also,

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**BOOK BINDERY.**

The subscriber having withdrawn from the Argus building would respectfully inform the public that he has removed his Plain and Fancy Bindery to the North East corner of Washington Street, formerly occupied by the Book Office, where he is now prepared to bind all kinds of Books in the most approved and workmanlike manner.—Having to share my profits with no second person I thank myself that my prices will meet the satisfaction of the public.

Thankful for the confidence reposed in me and the public appreciation of my work, for the last two years, I shall endeavor with all future to merit the continuance of public support.

Particular attention given to re-binding Books. All work will be warranted. Terms, Cash.

Also, a large assortment of STATIONERY of the best quality, at the lowest prices. Justices' and Constables' BLANKS, of all kinds.

PICTURE FRAMES, round, square and oval; and pictures framed to order, cheaper than ever known here.

JOHANN F. BENDER, Bookbinder and Artist.

Towanda, Jan. 11, 1860.

**LINCOLN TO BE ELECTED.**

YET all these seem only to increase the business and prosperity of the Old Foundry and

**MACHINE SHOP,**

(South side of Pine st., one door East of H. S. Mercur's Store.)

The undersigned would call the attention of all concerned to the fact, that he is prepared to do, and will execute all work entrusted to him with dispatch, and in the most workmanlike manner.

FITTING UP MILL IRONS, REPAIRING STEAM ENGINES, from the simplest to the most complicated, in any of their parts, and WARRANTED to give satisfaction.

Always on hand of the most approved patterns, wooded in the most substantial manner.

Having recently added to his facilities for doing work, and employing experienced workmen in every department, he is confident that he can satisfy all who labor him with their patronage.

JOHN CARMAN, Proprietor.

Towanda, Oct. 15, 1860.

**Coal, Lime, Cement, Fire Brick, Drain Tiles, &c.**

THERE is a Lime Kiln at the Barclay Company's Basin, in Towanda, where is kept constantly for sale, fresh burnt **White Lime**, made from the best quality of New York lime stone at 25 cents per bushel, or \$1 per barrel, headed up in barrels, and 12 1/2 cents per bushel, or \$1 1/4 per barrel, headed up in barrels, at Towanda without additional charge. Also **Syracuse Water Lime** at \$1 15 per barrel, and **Fire Brick** at 8 cents each. **Drain Tiles**, 2, 3 and 4 inch sizes at 2, 3 and 4 cents each. Also **Drain Pipes** of iron and of other materials. Merchants supplied with **Beardley's Axes** by the dozen. **Jack Screws**, for moving buildings, to let at 25 cents per day each.

**London Coal** at \$2 25 per ton for Lump Coal and \$2 00 per ton for Smith Coal. Coal delivered in Towanda at 25 cents per load.

All the above for sale at the office of the Barclay R. R. & Coal Company, Towanda. J. MACFARLANE, Gen. Superintendent.

Towanda, Feb. 22, 1861.

**CAUTION**

"To be, or not to be—that is the question!" Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous opposition, or by taking up arms against a sea of printing ink, and opposing, end them.

The proprietor of the Argus takes occasion in referring to a "sort of a concern," which is hoping to delude the public. As he has opened a Bindery on his own account, the inference is that if the public bring their binding to me, they are in no danger of being deluded.

For two years I have worked for Mr. Parsons, and he has taken great pains to satisfy the public: I was the "best Bindery in America," as the columns of the Argus have testified. Has he been at the "deluding the public?" If I have been engaged in a fraud, he has been the principal. But I refer to the time during that time a certain party has been engaged in a fraud, and I have served a long apprenticeship at the Bindery business. I have resumed business here on my own account, and I refer to the time during that time a certain party has been engaged in a fraud, and I have served a long apprenticeship at the Bindery business. I have resumed business here on my own account, and I refer to the time during that time a certain party has been engaged in a fraud, and I have served a long apprenticeship at the Bindery business.

March 15, 1861. JOHANN F. BENDER, Binder.

**CIGARS & TOBACCO.**

The best brands of Cigars in town at lowest prices.—Also, Smoking and Chewing Tobacco, wholesale and retail, at

FOX'S.

**NEW ATTRACTIONS!**

At Geo. H. Wood's Gallery TOWANDA, PA.

You can procure, at low prices, **PHOTOGRAPHS,**

Of all sizes, up to life size, either plain or retouched, colored in oil or pastille.

Also, MELANOTYPES and AMBROTYPES, and almost all other kinds of types. Pictures in good cases for 25 cents, and other sizes and quantities in proportion.

Melanotypes made in all kinds of weather, (except for children.) All work warranted. July 25, 1861.

**LATEST FROM W. A. R.**

W. A. ROCKWELL is again on hand with the first

**New Goods of the Season!**

**DRESS GOODS,**

**GENTLEMEN'S WEAR,**

**PANCY AND STAPLE GOODS,**

**YANKEE NOTIONS,**

**PROVISIONS,**

**GROCERIES,**

**LEATHER,**

**BOOTS & SHOES,**

**WOODEN WARE.**

**HATS AND CAPS.**

Those wishing a good bargain will find it greatly to their advantage to give me a call, as the hard winter will prevent us selling good articles at moderate prices. Although compelled to adopt the ready pay system, we feel confident that we can give our customers a perfect satisfaction.

Wm. A. ROCKWELL.

Towanda, Sept. 25, 1861.

**SPECIAL NOTICE**

IN ACCORDANCE WITH WHAT seems to be the necessities of the times, and for my own business security, I have concluded to sell Goods

**FOR READY PAY!**

I believe I have as good credit customers as any one, and most of them prompt paying ones; but I have concluded in business I think requires that Groceries and Provisions should be sold for cash.

I hope, by attention to business, and an earnest desire to please, to still retain all of my old friends.

Those who are indebted to me will oblige me by settling up at once. E. T. FOX.

Towanda, August 1, 1861.

**THE WAR TO BE SETTLED!**

THE OLD TAILOR SHOP STILL IN MOTION.

G. H. BUNTING, THE OLD STAND-

BY TAILOR, would inform the public that he is still doing business at his old stand, where he is still prepared to execute all kinds of work in his line on the shortest notice, and in the most approved style.

Having lately secured one of the most perfect systems for cutting in existence, he can warrant smooth and easy fits with safety.

**Merchandise, &c.**

**NOW IS YOUR TIME TO BUY YOUR CLOTHING CHEAP AT YOUR OWN PRICES. PROCLAIM IT TO THE PEOPLE!**

**JUST RECEIVED.—A Large Stock of FALL AND WINTER CLOTHING, at J. CORN'S**

Elmira Branch Clothing Store. Snaps coolly, boldly and deliberately, that he takes the foremost of the Clothing Merchants of Towanda.

Eighteen hundred and sixty-one has come, and the light and beauty of Spring is upon us, and with all the radiance of the sun, I shall continue to sell Clothing for Cash, cheaper than any other man, as my goods are all bought cheap for cash, and they will be sold cheap for cash.

My goods are all manufactured in Elmira, therefore, I can warrant them well made. Enough for me to say, I have everything in the line of

**CLOTHING!**

**GENTS FURNISHING GOODS,**

**HATS CAPS, &c.,**

That is kept in any other Store in town. My banner is on the breeze.

"And long may it wave, O'er the land of the free!"

And the home of the brave! While her Stars and Stripes Shine out like sun,

Tell of all the nations That Freedom's beg'n."

This is a free country; therefore it is free for all to do their trading where they can do the best, regardless of the cross and our looks of old fogy merchants. I invite you to come and see me—country as well as the city are invited—every person, rich or poor, high or low, bond or free are invited to call.

Come one, come all, and stop your speed, We've Goods enough for all in need, We've Goods, themselves, are at their posts, And they alone can supply a host.

Other dealers in this town. These same boys have worn a renouva, Furling the cheapest and the best, And selling more than all the rest!

Hurrah! hurrah! O'er hill & dale, Accents with a double and a triple, Among our assessments you'll always find, Goods to fit, and please the mind.

We're on hand and always willing, To do all the business that is a-billing! So hold your horses, and come this way, We shall be glad to see you any day.

At JOHN SHLAM'S Clothing Store, next door to H. S. Mercur's Dry Goods Store, Main Street, Towanda, Pa.

Accidents will happen, and we are not to be understood by any man, or combination of men.

No charge for showing our Goods. Towanda, March 12, 1862. J. CORN.

**The Argus Book bindery**

Again in Full Operation!

WE have the gratification of announcing to our friends, customers, and the public, that we are now prepared to do

**BOOK BINDING,**

In all its Branches in the latest and most approved styles, and on the most favorable terms.

Having secured, permanently, the services of Mr. H. C. Winters, a first-class workman from Philadelphia, and having added extensively to the fixtures of the concern—giving greater facility than formerly—we can present to our customers the most positive assurance of our ability to please our patrons.

Customers should be particular to remember that the "Argus Bindery," is in the Argus Building, as formerly, (next door to the Ward House) and is connected with our Book and Stationery Store and Printing Office, where all work should be delivered.

CAUTION.—We are compelled in justice to ourselves, and in regard to the public, to prevent an imposition upon the public generally, to caution them against a sort of concern, that falsely holds out to the public that it is the "Argus Bindery." This fraud is practiced in a double manner, and is intended to prevent the bold and deliberate attempt to deceive, they are hereby cautioned.

Particular attention paid to re-binding. All work guaranteed.

Country Produce of all kinds taken in payment for work.

Having made complete arrangements, we are prepared to Re-bind and BIND BOOKS to any style or pattern, at prices as low as elsewhere.

Sowanda, March 5, 1860. E. A. PARSONS.

**NO COMPROMISE!**

AT THE **UNION MARBLE WORKS!**

Located at Towanda, Penn'a.

**GEORGE McCABE**

WOULD INFORM HIS FRIENDS

and the people of Bradford county in general, that he has purchased the Marble Yard formerly owned by Taylor, Cash, and has added to his stock a large assortment of

**American and Foreign Marble.**

He invites the public to see his large stock before purchasing elsewhere, as he has the largest stock ever in this county. Customers purchasing at the shop or sending orders, will find that he has the best quality of Marble, and is troubled with agents looking after grave stones before the corpse is buried, and who are not responsible. Come and see what you are getting. Having been in the business for the last 26 years, in the city of Philadelphia, he intends to keep a variety always on hand of Marble Monuments, Grave Yards, Head Stones and Tombstones, at the lowest prices.

Yard on Main Street, opposite Geo. Patton's. N. B.—Alterations and Repeating promptly attended.

GEORGE McCABE.

Towanda, Dec. 18, 1861.

**Thrashing Machine Agency**

**ATTENTION! FARMERS!**

**THE SUBSCRIBER IS SOLE AGENT**