Bradford Reporter.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

No paper will be issued from the office next week. The next issue of the REPORTER will be printed in our new office, and will be dated January 5, 1871.

The ladies of the Episcopal church are decorating their house of worship for Christmas.

Nothing of importance transpired in Court last week. Judge MORROW is presiding this week.

C. B. PATCH, of this place, shipped *five tons* of poultry by express to one house in New York on Monday morning last.

Rev. F. W. BILBY, late of the Episcopal church, Athens, has taken temporary charge of the Orwell Presbyterian church.

The organ concert at the Presbyterian church, on Thursday evening last, was not as largely attended as it should have been, but the performance was highly creditable to Prof. KNAPP, who presided at the organ, as well as to all who took part in it.

The choir of St. Paul's (Episcopal) church, Troy, will give a concert in LOGAN'S Hall on Tuesday evening next. The proceeds are to be donated to the church. The choir is composed of some of the best musicians in the country, and the concert will be well worth attending.

TIMOTHY GUILFOY, a miner from Fall Creek, got drunk in this place on Thursday afternoon last, and crossed the river on the railroad bridge in the evening. On reaching the opposite side of the river he lay down upon the track, and was run over by the through freight. He was not seen by the engineer until too late to stop the engine. He was a married man and leaves a large family.

BEN, who is sometimes called "BERRY," the facile correspondent of the *Advertiser* from Towanda, arrived at the Rathbun House Saturday evening, with a party of friends. During the past two years our readers have frequently had the pleasure of reading our able correspondent's letters, that ever abound in wit, humor and poetry. Towanda is a live town, and is bound to continue so, while the press is so efficiently represented as it now is.—*Elmira Advertiser.*

MR. ALVORD: A match game of base ball, highly worthy of notice, was played at Orwell December 17, between the Rome Base Ball Club and Orwell Club, resulting in favor of the Orwell club—the score standing 17 to 25. The playing excelled any that I have ever before witnessed. Though the batting was very heavy, the score run the lowest of any match game that was ever played in this section of country.

Rome, Dec. 19 1870.

BOY DROWNED.—While several boys were skating on the pool on Monday evening last, the ice gave way and let three of them in to the water. Prof. RYAN, of the Institute, and GEORGE H. WEBB witnessed the accident, and succeeded in rescuing two of them, but the third, WALTER WHITMAN, son of F. S. WHITMAN, was drowned. The body was recovered on Tuesday morning.

WALTER was one of the brightest and most interesting boys of our village, and his untimely death is a sore affliction to his parents. He is also sincerely mourned by his schoolmates, with whom he was a general favorite.

We trust this sad and unfortunate event may be a warning to other boys.

IRA B. HUMPHREY, Foreman of Franklin Fire Company, was elected Chief Engineer of the Department on Monday evening last, and Col. A. G. MASON, of Lin-ta Hose, No. 3, Assistant. There was no contest for either position.

The following resolution, presented by Naiad Engine Co., No. 2, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Department are hereby tendered to W. K. MARSHALL, Chief Engineer; and W. C. BOGART, Assistant Engineer, for the able and efficient manner in which they have performed the duties of said offices during the past year.

Resolved, That the above resolution be published in the BRADFORD REPORTER and *Bradford Argus.*

MR. EDITOR: I feel called upon to correct a misrepresentation appearing in two communications in the REPORTER:

The "committee man" did not parse the word "situated" before any session of the Institute, but freely expressed his opinion, during several intermissions, to those whom your correspondents choose to call "magnates." He said then, as he thinks now, the word forms a part of a passive verb. As to "whereof," he parsed it at the session at Towanda as an adverbial adjective and has never parsed it otherwise.

Hoping you will insert this correction in your next issue, I remain, Yours truly,

A. T. LILLEY.

Lock Haven, Pa., Dec. 17, 1870.

I.O. OF G.T. LECTURE COURSE.—WILL SIKES delivered the second of the course on the 14th instant.

MR. SIKES' subject was "After Dark in New York." He stated that he had visited the slums and dens in disguise, adopting the dress, manners and vernacular of the thieves and roughs. He described the low dens of the city, and the amusements of their frequenters—showed the difficulty of the reform of such, and that truly "the way of the transgressor is hard." He spoke of the low wages paid to the large class of poor girls in the city, and the trials, hardships and temptations to which they are subject.

The lecture was well delivered, and the subject was handled with the greatest delicacy—while at the same time things were placed in their true light.

We had the pleasure of listening to JOHN B. GOUGH's lecture on "Habit," at the Opera House, Elmira, on Monday evening last, and felt amply repaid for the trouble and expense, regardless of the fact that we had to choose between a seat on the platform, just back of the speaker, or a "standee" in the aisle. It is ten years since we heard Mr. G. lecture before, and notwithstanding the extraordinary labors he has performed during the decade, he seems possessed of as much life and energy as ever, and is pre-eminently entitled to the credit of being pronounced the most popular lecturer in this country. His manner is quite as interesting as his lecture. His audience was the largest ever present at a lecture in Elmira, and he held them perfectly spellbound for nearly two hours. We trust that our lecture committee may have the fortune to secure him.

The Towanda Choral Association made their first appearance before the public at MERCUR'S Hall on Tuesday evening, and were greeted by the largest and most intelligent audience ever assembled in the Hall. The "Cantata of Esther" was presented in a manner that would have reflected credit upon a professional troupe. The characters were all admirably sustained, and the choruses and quartettes were perfectly grand. Dr. JOHNSON represented the King to perfection, and Mrs. BALDWIN's impersonation of Queen Esther could hardly have been improved. Mrs. HENRY MERCUR's rendition of Haman's wife was received with much applause. C. E. SCOTT as High Priest, G. T. COLE as Haman, and THEODORE MULLOCK as Mordecai, were quite as happy in their respective roles as the others. Miss WOODRUFF as Prophetess, and Misses MIX and MERCUR as maids of honor, were particularly admired. J. W. BISHOP as Harbonah, and O. A. BALDWIN as Hegai, acted with much grace and vigor.

The company were often *encored*, and the performance was listened to throughout with rapt attention. The audience by a unanimous vote requested a repetition of the entertainment, which will take place at an early day.

Miss HOWES presided at the piano. The costumes were procured in New York, and were becoming and very gorgeous.

The proceeds of the concert, amounting to about five hundred dollars, were presented to Franklin Fire Company toward paying for their new steamer.

MR. JOHN CAMPBELL, one of the oldest booksellers in Philadelphia, has been in town the past few days making a catalogue and invoicing the WARD library.

FIRES.—D. D. MAYNARD's barn, in Towanda township, was burned on Wednesday evening last. The fire was discovered about 7 o'clock. Mr. M. succeeded in saving his team, but lost a quantity of hay, grain, farming implements, &c. Loss partly covered by insurance.

On Saturday evening about 6 o'clock, a small house situated just east of E. B. COOLBAUGH'S, in Wysox, and owned by WM. YORYS of this place, was discovered to be on fire, and was entirely destroyed. The house was not finished and was unoccupied. Insured for $500.

On Sunday morning last about 11 o'clock, a small barn owned by N. N. BETTS, Esq., just back of his residence in this borough, took fire, but was saved with but little damage. The building was unoccupied, and was undoubtedly set on fire.

THE PEOPLE'S LITERARY COMPANION.—The January number of *The People's Literary Companion* has been received. It presents as fine an appearance as ever, and, of course, is filled with all sorts of good things. Its enterprising publishers, Messrs. E. C. ALLEN & Co., Augusta, Maine, appear determined to publish a paper that will please and benefit all, and its large and increasing, general circulation proves that they are succeeding admirably. The *Companion* is always very handsomely illustrated. The price, for such a paper, is very reasonable, indeed, only seventy-five cents per year, and each new subscriber gets a fine steel engraving, representing the journey of life, from childhood to old age. It is published monthly.

THROUGH COACHES TO ALBANY.—The change of cars at Binghamton heretofore required in a trip, via the Erie Railway, from this point to the State Capital will hereafter be obviated by the indomitable enterprise of the Erie managers, an arrangement having been perfected whereby on and after Monday, the 19th inst., Sleeping Coaches attached to Express trains No. 3, going West, and No. 12, going East will be run through, to and from Albany, without change, arriving there at 8:40 a.m., and returning at 5:00 p.m.

By this admirable plan, residents of the southern and southwestern counties of the State are afforded direct and convenient access to the Capital, and that, too, in luxurious coaches, the elegance and comfort of which have become as familiar as household words.

A WORD TO BOYS.—It is astonishing to find what a large number of small boys, ranging in age from eight to twelve years, are permitted to run at large through the streets late at night. They rapidly learn bad habits running around in this way—habits that may be the cause of landing them in prison for the commission of some crime. Then, again, they learn to smoke and chew tobacco. What is more disgusting than to see a ten-year-old sporting a pipe or cigar? It shows that he has started early on the road to ruin. Parents should remember that in granting such a license to their boys they are doing them an injury that time will never efface. Bad habits formed in early youth are like first impressions—they always remain. Dissipation is one of the most terrible evils in our land; it fills our jails and poorhouses, and furnishes victims for the gallows. What a fearful responsibility rests on those parents who permit their children to acquire these habits in early youth by roaming around the streets at night, smoking, drinking and cursing like pirates. It is fearful to think of.

ATHENS.—Towns, like individuals, are easily puffed up with prosperity. No sooner do they learn to realize prophetic visions of greatness, than they commence putting on style by aping the fashions of bigger towns. Enthusiasm, like "pop beer," can be bottled for a time, but every moment of confinement adds force to the charge, and when it does go off it makes a more tremendous explosion. Now, we are not exceptions to the general rule. If we were to write up the history of the Athenians, we should give them a proud position among those who love their country and their homes. Our growing propensities are blossoming every day in some new-fangled project or enterprise, which, gaining tangible shape, is trumpeted by men, women and boys to the tune of self-glorification. We have no time at present to speak of the many projects for the future, but will promise, as these budding hopes expand and take a tangible shape, to give the matter a notice.

We have a military company, full fledged and grown. Thirty-five men in our borough have enlisted in the State service—have their captain, lieutenants and a drum corps, and have commenced to drill in the school of the soldier. Monday evening (12th) they had a parade through the streets to the tune of Yankee Doodle, badly mangled on a squeaking fife. Time and practice will improve the *Doodle* part, and when the company are fully rigged with their zouave uniform we expect to witness parades of a creditable order.

Our "brother quill," CHARLES T. HUSTON, of the *Gleaner* office, has taken a short *business* tour through the State and returned with a life partner. If the bright, joyous expression on his face is any index of his feelings, CHARLIE has been blessed ten thousand fold by this most sensible association. Henceforth there is nothing but prosperity, pecuniarily, morally and physically, for him and his "*Gleaner*." May he live long to enjoy himself! Here's our hand! *Next!*

JASON WRIGHT, JR., and his bride have returned from their western trip, and are at present stopping in our town. We hope to hold out sufficient inducements so that JASON will go into business here again.

We erroneously stated in a former communication that the iron for the Ithaca & Athens Railroad would not be laid this winter. It has since been purchased, and is to be completed at once. There is also only about half-a-mile of track to lay on the Southern Central road to complete the connection, and in about one week we expect to have communication with Owego and Auburn.

The papers that have been making merry over our dilapidated graveyard fence, will please notice that the evil is being corrected. The front is being neatly sloped and a fence in process of construction. So, for Heaven's sake! set us right before the world on this *grave* matter.

A dance, for the benefit of the soldiers' relief fund, was given in CARNER'S Hall, Dec. 9th.

Rev. O. K. CROSBY, of Rochester, N.Y., has settled here as pastor of the Universalist church. Their church, which has been closed for several years, is now opened every Sabbath for service and Sunday-school.

Mrs. ELY MURRAY and Mrs. C. S. MERRILL left our place, for their new home in Kansas, last Wednesday. STELLE PENNE.

OLIVE LOGAN will deliver her lecture on "Girls," at MERCUR'S Hall on Saturday evening, January 7. Miss LOGAN is too well known to need any notice from us, and the mere announcement that she is to appear in this place will attract a large audience. We trust the reception will be such as to induce Miss L. to visit us again next season.

The value of good popular lectures in a community, *when well attended*, cannot easily be calculated. They furnish information to the people in an attractive form that can hardly be so well supplied through any other channel. They stimulate and strengthen the intellectual and moral faculties, and give a higher aim to the pursuits of life. They elevate society mentally, morally and socially, and are potent instruments of true progress and reform. They diffuse a sentiment of liberality throughout the community, by constantly bringing before the audience sentiments and doctrines at variance with those they have hitherto entertained and cherished.

But time would fail us to recount the many advantages of good popular lectures; one thing, however, is requisite to make them effective—*they should be well attended*. In this respect we fear this community is sadly remiss. It is true some of our lectures have called out good audiences. Some of the very best, however, have not. This should not be. Our citizens should be careful to encourage whatever is calculated to bring about moral, social and intellectual elevation. Every consideration of patriotism, a just regard for the general welfare, and enlightened self-interest, all point to this as the true policy to be pursued. Every property holder ought to remember that his possessions are more valuable, his taxes lower and his general expenses less, in a community where the current of public sentiment sets in the direction of moral and intellectual improvement, than in or of an opposite character.

THE MISSIONARY POST "PROMP."—About five years ago, through the generosity of young men in Towanda, as many readers of the REPORTER will remember, a fine French pony was entrusted to me for Sunday-school use. Knowing the importance of punctuality in the work to be done, the horse forthwith received the name of "PROMP." Very seldom, indeed, has she been seen coming late to meeting. Under the circumstances, it is proper to give some brief account of "PROMP'S" doings during the past five years of her service.

She has never been employed for any other than Sunday-school work, except one instance I recall. A Wysox preacher, who "farms it" some, one day set her to drawing a heavy load of hay, and "PROMP" didn't do it, until a rider strided her back as it about to go off to Sunday-school. This leads me to say further, that although there was, at first, some hesitancy about the load of hay, "PROMP" has never for once refused to perform any mission for the children.

Whenever we meet a company of boys and girls by the roadside, she is very sure to stop, especially if I begin to talk to them.

Back in the country the other day, we overtook a man in the road. I was hastening to an appointment, but "PROMP" slackened her pace, and I commenced talking with the stranger. He was an infidel, just coming into the light. I sold him the first Bible he ever owned and passed on.

I have on record what "PROMP" aided me in doing the first day she was employed in this service:

April 11, 1865.—Visited six superintendents, seventeen families, traveled nineteen miles and collected twenty-six dollars for library books.

From that date to the present time, a daily account has been entered in a book kept for the purpose. A summary could be footed up at any time.

One thing more. "PROMP" has taken me over the worst roads in the country—narrows, dugways, crossways; through long stretches of lonesome woods, deep snows and frightful floods, and no real accident has ever yet befallen us.

She has taken me to the organization of nearly one hundred new Sabbath-schools. Many of these have been graciously favored; some, I could name, have grown into churches.

By reason of age, the pony is growing somewhat less *prompt* than formerly; but promises to wear well for years to come. On this subject of further life and service, here is "PROMP'S" golden text—"A righteous man regardeth the life of his beast."—*Prov.* 12: 10.

B. CRITTENDEN,
S. S. Missionary.

Lock Haven, Pa., Dec. 5, 1870.

SHESHEQUIN.—*Mr. Editor:* Could I for a few moments possess the magic pen of IKE MARVEL, your readers should for a brief season enjoy ever so many bright, fanciful little thoughts. With all of the necessary surroundings, from the cold, wintry wind without to the bright coal, or merry wood fire within, I only lack the genius of Thought in "word-painting," to give you one of MARVEL'S pretty pictures. To attempt such a task, however, would be almost as ridiculous an idea as that advanced by an old lady who used to frequent our kitchen. Calling, one very warm, sultry day, she was asked if she "would not like a dish of ice-cream?" She assented, although afterward, as we learned to our amusement, she had never partaken of that refreshing compound. The dish bountifully filled was handed her, and she proceeded forthwith to make acquaintance with its contents. When about half eaten, she displayed such a wry face she was asked "if she did not like it?" "Yes, ma'am, but please the next time to warm it!" was her reply.

I had anticipated on being able to forward any amount of local news, but find there is no lack of truth in the homely old distich about

"Many a slip
'Twixt cup and lip."

All is "in statu quo"—the greatest cause of complaint being that the long-continued season of dry weather has left the greater number of wells in the vicinity perfectly useless, and water (of which the prince of Greek lyrists says that it is "*The best element*"—"not," says Lord Bacon, "for the excellency, but for the common use of it") might as well be sought for in a desert as in the wells.

Our modern Nimrods are making havoc in the "fox kingdom." From the glowing, life-like pictures they draw of a hunter's life, I should judge there could not be too much said in favor of hunting. Albeit the enjoyment, the exhilarating air and healthy exercise, must also be conducive to their health, the excitement and expectation portrayed on the sportsman's face, when he hears the prolonged howl or the deep bay of the foxhound in chase, would more than repay Mr. Reynard his trouble could he see and escape them.

Mr. G. W. FISH, of Jersey City, arrived here last week, and I believe designs spending the winter with his relatives, residents of this place.

But I fear I have already wearied the patience of your readers, and must crave their pardon. In conclusion, permit me to tender them and yourself the old, old benison—that which falls like magic on all hearts—"A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!" SCRIVENEN.

Dec. 19, 1870.

MR. EDITOR: Sometime last summer, "SOMEBODY," in the course of a reply to "R. A. M.," gave us a series of interesting particulars relating to Dr. BARSTOW and "Fencelor Castle." It was the purpose of the present writer to have said something at that time on the subject, but press of business and consequent want of time prevented the accomplishment of the purpose just then. However, "Better late than never" may be appropriately quoted, for perhaps the millionth time, in the present case.

This communication is not offered in a spirit of criticism upon the preceding one, but from a design to add to the common stock of information. "SOMEBODY" is entitled to our gratitude for his kindness in contributing such interesting articles.

Living near the locality in question, having heard many times of the eccentricities of old FENCELOR, and the scarcely less eccentric Dr. B., the writer wishes to give such particulars as are in his possession to your columns. As to the orthography of the old hermit's name, "SOMEBODY" writes it "MATTHEW FENCELAR"; it has been written "MATHIAS FENCELOR." Which is right? Perhaps nobody knows.

The old man's cabin was on the knoll a very few rods north of the BARSTOW mansion, now owned and occupied by —— POOLE, Esq., a highly respectable citizen of Wysox. The corner of the old hut is indicated by a decayed pine stump. On the south side of the garden, south of the house, near the fence, is a depression in the ground about the size of an ordinary grave. This marks the last resting-place of the old recluse.

These slight traces are the only signs that such a character ever lived there.

The writer some two years ago gathered the following particulars from a venerable old lady now living in North Towanda. She was acquainted with old FENCELOR as a neighbor, and remembered him very well. She represents him as probably a German, slightly crazed, perhaps, and somewhat witty. He was often rallied on his old bachelor proclivities, to which rallyings he would make good-natured and amusing replies, proving thereby that he was not destitute of a certain amount of geniality. He was understood to have had about $1,500 in a Boston bank—quite a sum for those days. His brother lived in Connecticut or Massachusetts.

Mrs. —— gave me the following account of his death—it will be seen that it differs somewhat from the other account: The old man died in the winter all alone. The neighbors had not seen him about for a few days, and this then young lady, in company with another, with neighborly sympathy started out to ascertain whether the old man was sick or not. It was early in the morning of a cold winter day. Snow had fallen. When they arrived at the gate of the old man's cabin, they noticed tracks in the snow from the gate to the hut, but no farther—no tracks outside of the gate. They went up to the cabin, and looking in, saw the old man dead on his bed. He had bled at the nose, and, his head hung over the side of the bed. There was nothing in the cabin to eat; he had probably died from starvation. From the tracks, it was thought that he had started to go to some neighbor, but having been too weak to proceed, he went back to his cabin never to leave it alive. The old lady well remembers the desolate appearance of the cabin. The dead old man in his deerskin clothes on the bed of undressed skins, with blanket of the same materials—the rough, bare walls—the fire-place from which the ashes apparently had never been removed; there they lay in a great white heap, a fitting accompaniment to the other dreary sights. Such a picture of utter desolation was not soon to be forgotten. And this, according to the account of a trustworthy eye-witness, was the way in which the solitary old man perished.

—The neighborhood around "Fencelor's Fort" in earlier days, was called "Wolverhampton," by way of jokes, as the multitudinous wolves that roamed about there. The road to Centre Valley passes immediately over the fort.

I have more than once heard of the story of the drunken man who lodged with the dead man. This incident was mentioned to the old lady, but she said that no such thing happened; but I am inclined to believe it, and suppose that she had forgotten the circumstance. The definite character of the incident, with names and other particulars, give it, to say the least, a highly probable air. There is a remote possibility, however, that it was an ingenious invention of some imaginative gossip-monger.

Query. Was FENCELOR a squatter, or did he have a title for the land whereon he lived?

YAROM.

The *Little Corporal* Magazine for January is received. It is small praise to say that this magazine has no superior and few equals in the world, for children of all ages, and for older people with young hearts. The new serial begun in this number opens admirably, and the whole number is as full of good things "as an egg is of meat." The illustrations are exceedingly creditable. $1.50 a year, and beautiful premiums for clubs. Address SEWELL & MILLER, Publishers, Chicago, Ill. The November and December numbers of '70 are sent free to all new subscribers for 1871 sent before January 1st.

Godey's Lady Book for January opens the year most auspiciously with a splendid steel plate engraving entitled "Looking at an Eclipse," which is followed by an elegant fashion plate. Then there are two wood cuts, printed on tinted paper, and numerous other engravings for designs in fancy work. The reading matter is of a choice description, interesting and instructive. Now is the time to subscribe if you wish to please the lady folks of your "castle." Published at $3 a year, by L. A. GODEY, northeast corner Sixth and Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia.

CHAS. TAYLOR, of West Franklin, will sell a lot of cows, young cattle and farming implements at auction, on Saturday next, at his store, commencing at 10 o'clock, a.m.

WANTED.—The following numbers of the REPORTER for 1870, viz: Jan. 27, Feb. 17, 24, March 10, 24, 31, April 7, 21, 28, May 26, June 9, 30, July 7, August 4, 11, 18, 25, Sept. 1, 29, Oct. 6, 20. A liberal price will be paid. Leave at this office for two weeks.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Towanda Iron Company was held on Tuesday afternoon last, when the following officers were elected:

A. G. MASON, Clerk and Treasurer.
Directors—G. F. MASON, H. L. SCOTT, J. A. CODDING, N. C. ELSBREE, C. L. TRACY, M. M SPALDING, T. C. DELANO.

BUSINESS LOCAL.

Mrs. CARTER keeps dolls and all kinds of toys.

For holiday goods, go to Mrs. ACKERMAN'S.

Your choice for One Dollar. Call at Mrs. ACKERMAN'S, on Bridge Street.

Go to CROSS'S and join his book club. It will be a good way to commence the new year.

A choice selection of Christmas Toys cheap, at Mrs. ACKERMAN'S, on Bridge Street.

"Early Times on the Susquehanna," will make a nice Christmas present.—For sale at CROSS'.

If you want to see the finest assortment of books and stationery ever offered in this market, call at CROSS'S. A book makes a beautiful Christmas present.

F. W. BROWN is a popular druggist—his store is a popular place—and he keeps for sale all the popular medicines of the day. The popularity of the people will not depreciate by patronizing him in PATTON'S Block, Main St.

PATTERSON & KINNEY will be prepared to accommodate everybody with poultry for Christmas, and are now—as ever—ready to supply customers with the choicest groceries and provisions as cheap as the cheapest.

Do not neglect to look in at CHAMBERLIN'S complete stock of jewelry and silver-ware. He keeps everything that is contained in any first-class establishment, and his prices are bound to give satisfaction.

Almost any and every article of bijoutry may be found at W. A. CHAMBERLIN'S long-established and well-known Jewelry Store on Main street, opposite the Court House. Also a large assortment of eye-glasses of every description, clocks, &c. Give him a call.

J. H. PHINNEY has rented the store recently occupied by ANDREWS & Co., on Bridge street, and is now opening a new and elegant stock of Furniture, purchased within the past few days. He is bound not to be undersold.

How your wife or sweetheart will prize a beautiful set of jewelry, or a silver tea-service, or a fine gold watch or ring, for a Christmas gift. CHAMBERLIN has all of these in profusion, and will sell them at living rates. Make your selections and purchases now.

W. A. CHAMBERLIN has received a magnificent selection of jewelry and silver-ware for holiday gifts. His long experience as a silversmith has enabled him to purchase a most valuable and beautiful assortment at low rates, and which will be disposed of at a small advance.

Call at Miss E. J. KINGSLEY'S if you wish to purchase nice Christmas presents. She is also closing out her large stock of Millinery at exceeding low prices.

Mrs. J. D. HILL has just received a large supply of Millinery Goods at a great reduction in price—likewise a fine assortment of new styles of Hair and other fancy goods for the Holidays. First door east of BRAMHALL & RIDGWAY'S, Bridge Street.

We have some of the finest Raisins ever brought to this town. Persons desiring something extra for the Holidays can please themselves at FOX & MERCUR'S.

MONEY IS SAVED by purchasing your Frames and Albums of HARDING & GUSTIN. A complete stock of all the new styles just received which is offered at very low prices for cash.

F. J. CALKINS, at the Post-Office Book Store, has a greater variety of goods suitable for Christmas presents than can be found at any other establishment in town, consisting of fine books, juveniles, primmers, stationery, fancy work-boxes, chromos, engravings, toys, wax, china and paper dolls, and in fact a thousand other things to make the little ones and the old ones, too, happy. His stock of miscellaneous books is unusually full, comprising all the latest publications, Christmas books, &c. We really don't think of any place where you can buy so many different articles for a small amount of money as at CALKIN'S.

Mrs. E. C. ACKERMAN has employed Mrs. AMANDA CARMAN, the popular dressmaker, who will after the 5th of December assist her in the duties peculiar to her vocation. To those who have employed her, the announcement will be sufficient; to those who have not been as fortunate we can only say, if you want your dresses cut in the most approved style and nicely fitted, give her a call.

Mrs. ACKERMAN also keeps a fine assortment of real laces, embroideries, patterns from Madam DEMOREST; also the greatly celebrated L. M. JILLSON'S Improved Chart for cutting ladies', misses' and children's dresses, basques, sacks, &c. Charts of instruction to be had only of Mrs. E. C. ACKERMAN, Bridge Street, Towanda, Pa.

Turk Island Salt, the only kind that is fit to preserve meat, for sale at MCCABE & MIX'S.

No present is more appropriate than a good book. It is appreciated by old and young. You can find a large stock to choose from during the holidays at C. F. CROSS'S.

SEASONABLE GOODS—Consisting of Nubias, Ladies' & Children's Leggings, Crochet Mittens, &c., at EVANS & HILDRETH'S, Bridge street, Towanda, Pa.

Lace Collars, Lace and Embroidered Handkerchiefs, suitable for Holiday presents, at EVANS & HILDRETH'S.

Another large lot of Dress Goods just received at EVANS & HILDRETH'S.

HOME MADE CLOTHS—The best Goods for service, can only be had at EVANS & HILDRETH'S, Bridge street, Towanda Pa.

The best place in all this section for purchasing Christmas presents, is at WICKHAM & BLACK'S. Their assortment of Toys comprises everything novel in the line, and their stock of silver and plated ware, cutlery, &c., was never so full. If you want a real nice present for your wife, just buy a sewing machine, or a set of beautiful china. Either can be had very cheap at WICKHAM & BLACK'S.

CHRISTMAS PARTY.—To be given at the Hall over L. L. Moody's store, in Rome, Pa., on Monday evening, Dec. 26, 1870. Supper in the Temperance House opposite. Bill $2 00.

S. A. CANNAN, Prop'r.

COWELL & MYER, at their Meat Market, keep a good supply of Fresh Meat, Poultry, Oysters, &c., on hand at all times. But they have an *extra* lot of *very fine* Poultry engaged for Christmas.

Misses KINGSLEY & EATON, having used Madame L. M. JILLSON'S greatly celebrated improved chart for cutting and fitting, for some months, take pleasure in recommending it to the public as the most perfect one in use. Measures different; perfect fit secured. Instructions given reasonably.

As this is the last issue before the holidays, we feel it a duty to again call attention to Mr. FROST'S large and beautiful assortment of Furniture. Nothing would make a more acceptable present to a wife or child than some article of furniture, and you can't think of anything in the line that FROST hasn't got.

Everything nice in the grocery and provision line finds its way to the store of MCCABE & MIX. You can always find there the plumpest chicken, the fattest turkey, the sweetest butter, and the purest groceries. In fact, they never touch anything that is not strictly first-class. So well-known has their house become, that many of the officers of the Lehigh Valley R.R. Co., residing at Bethlehem and Philadelphia, order their goods directly from there. Every day adds new customers of this class to the already extensive list. While in their establishment the other evening we were shown fifteen slaughtered hogs, averaging nearly 400 pounds each; so it seems that farmers who have anything nice to sell know where to go with it.

COUGHS AND COLDS.—During the wet, changeable seasons of fall and winter, when throat and lung diseases are so frequent, persons should bear in mind the importance of promptly arresting their progress by using the proper remedies. The thousands who die annually from consumption were first attacked with what they took to be only a slight cough or cold, erroneously leaving it to cure itself, instead of using the proper remedy. Hence the fatal result so common in consumption.

HASSO [illegible] fails [illegible] in curing the [illegible] at [illegible] hoarseness, catarrh [illegible] for [illegible] and asthma. It is an [illegible] whooping-cough. It is no pr[illegible] preparation, being prepared under the [illegible]diate supervision of a graduate of the Pennsylvania Medical College, and prescribed by some of the leading physicians in the United States. It is strictly a scientific preparation, containing all the medical virtues of the Pine Tree Tar in a concentrated form, combined with the best demulcents and expectorants known to the profession. Price 50 cents per bottle. Sold at F. W. BROWN'S Drug Store, Towanda, and KEELER & VAUGHN'S Drug Store, Wyalusing. RUSSEL & LANDIS, Proprietors, Philadelphia.

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MARRIED.

MEREDITH—MORLEY.—At the residence of the bride's father, in Johnstown, Pa., Dec. 14, 1870, by the Rev. Mr. Miller, of the M.E. Church, Mr. John Meredith, of Towanda, to Miss Mary E. Morley.

MEARS—POWELL.—In Christ Church, Towanda, on Tuesday, Dec. 13, 1870, by Rev. Wm. McGlathery, James A. Mears, of Pittston, and Helen L., daughter of B. F. Powell, of this place.

CRAYTON—ROBERT.—In Franklin, Dec. 14, 1870, by Rev. E. Burrouchs, of Camptown, Mr. Elias H. Crayton, of Osceola, Clearfield county, and Miss Emma J. Robert, of West Franklin.

STURDEVANT—BENNETT.—In Tuscarora, Dec. 17, 1870, by the same, Mr. Henry L. Sturdevant and Miss Ann E. Bennett, both of Tuscarora.

IRVINE—ELTON.—At the residence of Calvin Rockwell, Esq., in Liberty Corners, on Thursday, Dec. 15, 1870, by Rev. C. L. F. Howe, Mr. Samuel Irvine, of Monroe, and Miss Addie Elton, of West Burlington.

DIED.

HEATH.—Walter J., son of J. W. and A. M. Heath, born May 12, 1869, died Nov. 22, 1870.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

A large stock of *very fine Teas* selling off at cost at COWELL & MYER'S until Jan. 1. Now is your chance to lay in a supply. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded.

COWELL & MYER.

Fresh Oysters by the gallon, quart or dish at the Bakery & Dining Rooms.

D. W. SCOTT & Co.

2w.—Towanda, Dec. 20, 1870.

DOG WOOD WANTED.—Apply to HAWES BROTHERS, Greenwood.

Dec. 15,'70—tf.

For insurance against loss or damage by fire, in reliable companies, apply to JOHN W. MIX, Agent, Towanda, Pa.

Office Mercur's Block, north side of Public Square. Dec. 1, 1870.

Call at Miss E. J. Kingsley's for the Moody Corset, she being the only agent in the county. We would recommend it as possessing many advantages over any other. In addition to its fine shape, it is highly recommended by the medical faculty as a supporter.

Dec. 12, 1870 —tf.

For a first-class PARLOR STOVE, at a reasonable price, go to the Wyalusing Hardware Store.

G. F. CHAMBERLAIN.

Wyalusing, Dec. 5, 1870—tf.

Fresh Oysters at wholesale, at the Oyster Depot. Office at the Red, White and Blue Store, Bridge street, Towanda, Pa.

Dec. 8, 1870.

New Year's Party at Union Hotel, in Rome borough, on Friday evening, December 30, 1870. Good music will be in attendance. Bill $2.50. A. A. TER[illegible], Prop'r.

New Year's Party at Greenwood Cottage, on Friday, Dec. 30. Good music in attendance. Bill $2.50. E. W. NEAL, Prop'r.

New Year's at the Holcomb House, Leroy, Pa. All are invited to attend a dance, Friday evening, Dec. 30, 1870. Music: Smith's Cotillion Band. Bill $2.50.

C. D. HOLCOMB, Prop'r.

New Year's Party will be [illegible] Franklin, on Friday evening, Dec. [illegible] and music will be furnished. Bill, $2.50.

H. L. SIMPSON, Prop'r.

Go to the Bakery, first door north of Ward House, for fresh Crackers.

Oct. 27, 1870. D. W. SCOTT & Co.

Great reduction in Teas at the Red White & Blue Store, Bridge St.

BRAMHALL & RIDGWAY.

A. F. BALDWIN, (successor to Aspinwall & Baldwin,) dealer in Hardware, Tinware, Stoves, Nails, Iron, Rope, Belting, Paints, Oils, Putty, Sash, Glass, Doors, and everything usually kept in a Hardware Store. Goods sold at wholesale and retail very low. Terms cash.

Dec. 22, 1870—tf.

A special examination of teachers will be held at the Public School-house in Towanda, on Saturday, Dec. 31, and at the Public School-house in Troy, on Saturday, Jan. 7th.

It will be necessary for each applicant to bring "a written request signed by at least three members of the board, stating that they wish to employ said applicant in their district."

Exercises will commence at 9 o'clock, a.m.

A. A. KEENEY, Co. Supt.

Dec. 22, 1870.

The Winter Term of Williamsport Dickinson Seminary, at Williamsport, Pa., a school for both sexes, will begin January 5, 1871, with buildings thoroughly improved, new Philosophical Apparatus, new pianos, a full corps of efficient teachers. The school is worthy of public patronage. Buildings commodious—situation delightful.

Total charges per year (English branches), $178.00.

For further information address the President, or send for a catalogue.

W. LEE SPOTTSWOOD, D.D.
Nov. 10, 1870—2m. President.

MISS BRANDT'S, the most fashionable Millinery and Dressmaking Establishment in Towanda, one door east of M. & Mercur's Bank. Nov. 3, 1870.

WANTED—100,000 feet Beech, Birch and Maple Plank, for which the highest price will be paid.

Also, two good Cabinet Makers.

T. I. LACEY.

Wyalusing, Nov. 7, 1870—tf.

C. O. D.

I beg leave to inform my old friends, and the public generally, that I have opened A NEW GROCERY AND PROVISION STORE IN BEIDLEMAN'S BLOCK, BRIDGE STREET, and respectfully invite an inspection of my goods and prices. As my stock has been purchased entirely for CASH, and as I propose to sell for READY PAY, I feel confident that my prices will compare favorably with any establishment in the country.

I have paid particular attention to the selection of GROUND SPICES, and warrant them pure.

My assortment of TEAS is complete, and ranges in prices from SIXTY CENTS to ONE DOLLAR AND FORTY CENTS. Coffee ground to order, and sold at the lowest price. Give me a call.

GEO. L. KEELER.

Towanda, July 14, 1870.

We guarantee satisfaction in all the work we do. We cut, make, and trim clothing for men and boys wear.

H. HARRIS & Co,
4 Bridge Street, Towanda, Pa.

1826. MONTANYES 1870.

Have just opened a large and carefully selected stock of goods for the fall trade. Dress Goods, Sheetings, Flannels, Prints, &c. Teas, Sugars, Syrups, and Groceries of all kinds at New York prices. Crockery and Glassware of our own importation, in fact too extensive a stock to itemise, bought exclusively for cash, and guaranteed to be sold at lower prices than ever offered in this market.

Dr. H. C. Porter, Son & Co. keep Taylor's celebrated Electric Oil for sale.

Nov. 3, 1870.

The very best place to buy Fresh Oysters, is at the Red, White and Blue Store, Bridge street, Towanda, Pa.

Dec. 8, 1870.

Burnett's celebrated flavoring extracts, for sale by M. J. LOXO.

June 16, 1870.

Second-hand Sewing Machines for sale at a bargain by Wickham & Black. Also, Machine Needles, Oil, Thread, Silks, &c., &c.

April 28, 1870—tf.

HENRY HARRIS, Merchant Tailor, Bridge street.

STRAW.—I will pay market price for five or six tons *clean threshed* Rye or Wheat Straw, to be delivered on Towanda Flats.

Dec. 1, 1870. R. M. WELLES.

W. DITTRICH'S Music Store, east of Mercur's Bank, first door, where you will find Pianos, Melodeons, Organs, Violins, Guitars, Banjos, Strings, Accordeons, Clarionets, Flutes, Sheet Music, Instruction Books for all Instruments, Music Books and all kinds of Musical Merchandise. April 14, '70.

RED ASH COAL.—This coal requires less draft than the hardest white ash coals, and burns freely and all up clean—leaving heavy, red ashes, of less bulk than those of any other coal. It will particularly please those housekeepers who have been using soft or Barclay coal, as it gives a steadier, more durable and cheaper fire, and much less objectionable on account of flying ashes.

I would be pleased to have the citizens of Towanda and vicinity give this coal a fair trial; and am confident it will give good satisfaction. I have all sizes and at same prices as other coal.

Orders left at my Office, No. 3 Mercur's Block on Park street, or at F. J. Calkins' Book Store (Post-office) will receive prompt attention. R. M. WELLES.

Towanda, Nov. 9, 1870.

The course pursued by the Cascade Mills, of selling good flour at the lowest possible prices, is productive of numerous advantages. It makes a ready market for the superior wheat of our vicinity; supplies consumers with a cheap and wholesome article of fresh ground flour, and as a natural result makes active business for the Mills. War in Europe, drouth, and short crops, are having the effect to raise prices; but this Mill at all times sell at minimum prices.

July 28, 1870.

Highest price paid