Bradford Reporter.

Towanda, Thursday, July 11, 1872.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

FRANK D. DECKER has purchased W. K. MARSHALL's house on Chestnut street.

Our young friend C. F. CROSS, has returned from his bridal tour, looking as well as could be expected.

The festival given by the Presbyterian congregation last week was quite well attended, and netted a handsome sum.

The contract for the new school house has been awarded to H. H. MANN, of Williamsport, for $15,621. Mr. M. is an experienced builder.

We notice that Capt. JAMES H. SHAW, late of Canton, was Chairman of the Republican County Convention, in Elizabeth City, N. C., last week.

The anniversary exercises of the Presbyterian S. S., came off on Sunday evening, June 30. Addresses were made by the Superintendent of the school, D. A. OVERTON, Rev. J. S. STEWART and Rev. O. L. GIBSON.

A camp meeting was held at Bernice, last week. Presiding Elder HUNTINGTON, preached on Sunday. A special train was run on the S. & E. R. R., and large numbers from this vicinity attended it.

The First National Bank of this place, declared a semi-annual dividend of 5 per cent., besides adding 4 per cent. to the surplus, on the 1st inst. Is there another bank in the State that can make a better exhibit? The management of the concern has fallen into safe and profitable hands.

O. J. BURLINGAME's house in Smithfield was struck by lightning on Saturday, 29th ult. The electric fluid followed down the chimney and stove pipe into the room where Mrs. B. and two boys were sitting. Mrs. B. was quite seriously injured and the house badly damaged.

During the absence of Rev. J. S. STEWART on his Summer vacation, his congregation added a kitchen to the Parsonage, replaced the old carpets with new ones, and in other ways manifested their regard for him. Such tokens of appreciation of a faithful minister must be cheering to him.

PERSONAL.—Rev. F. W. BARTLETT has accepted a Professorship in the State Normal School at Bloomsburgh. Although young in years he is a ripe scholar, and will prove a valuable acquisition to the institution. Mr. B. is spending a few weeks in this place previous to entering upon his new vocation.

LLOYD WILLIAMS, a prominent lawyer and oil operator of Baltimore, was in town last week, visiting his friends.

NATIONAL PROGRESS.—The Great American Institute announces its Forty-first Annual Exhibition, to be opened in the city of New York, on the 4th of September next. Applications for space to exhibit the best Agricultural Productions, Mechanical Inventions, Artistic devices, and valuable articles of American manufacture, are now in order. It is intended to make this the most extensive, useful and meritorious exhibition ever held in America.

Franklin Steam Fire Engine Co. No. 1, and Naiad Engine Co. No. 2, of this place, numbering about 35 men each, participated in the celebration at Wilkes-Barre, on the Fourth. We learn that the boys had a pleasant trip and a good time generally. Our Wilkes-Barre contemporaries pronounce them the finest appearing and most gentlemanly men that ever visited their city. Well, we expected they would say so.

The body of JAMES BRAY was discovered floating on the river just below the Bridge, on Monday morning, July 1. An inquest was summoned by Justice BOGART, and a verdict of accidental drowning rendered. The deceased was an intemperate man, and leaves a young wife.

Another young man named PATRICK KEEFE, was drowned while bathing on Sunday morning just below the dam. Search was continued all day Sunday and until Monday noon for the body, when a dispatch was received from Standing Stone that it had been picked up at that place.

The following officers of Towanda Division, 103, S. of T., were installed on Saturday last for the ensuing quarter:

W. P.—REXI. M. PECK.
W. A.—Mrs. C. H. ALLEN.
R. S.—TREAT B. CARR.
A. R. S.—MARY A. CLACSON.
F. S.—SAMUEL F. ROYLE.
Treas.—HENRY FRANKS.
Con.—Mrs. E. M. PARSONS.
A. Con.—CHARLES FRALEY.
Chap.—JAMES HARRIS.
I. S.—MIRA PARSONS.
O. S.—C. H. ALLEN.
P. W. P.—J. PERRY VANFLEET.

Division meets Saturday evening of each week.

At an appointed meeting held July last Barclay, Pa., by the Sons of Temperance Stem of Truth Division No. 82, the following officers were installed for the current term by WM. JOHNSON, D. G. W. P.:

W. P.—JOSEPH DOVER.
W. A.—JAS. DITCHKEN.
R. S.—W. V. DUGGAN.
A. R. S.—HENRY WRIGHT.
F. S.—ARCHIE HAY.
Treas.—EDWARD WHEATLEY.
Chap.—JAMES FOSTER.
Con.—JAMES JOHNSON.
A. Con.—JOHN PASSITT.
I. S.—JAS. DUNCAN.
O. S.—DAVID PHILLIPS.

We would say that while Intemperance is doing its work in our community, and the Demon is blasting the fair prospects of many, the Division is still making steady progress, and endeavoring to fulfill her noble mission and prove herself worthy her name—the Stem of Truth.

W. J.

Barclay, Pa., July 1.

CAMP MEETING.—The Wyalusing Camp Meeting will be held (D. V.) on the ground occupied last year, at Meshoppen, Wyoming Co., Pa., commencing August 14, '72, and continuing till August 27. Rev. LEWIS PECK, Presiding elder of the District, will conduct the meeting, and his experience and ability are a sufficient guaranty of good order. Arrangements are being made to supply every resident *camp meeting convenience*. A good working tent will be kept on the ground with responsible parties in charge to board. *No huckstering* will be allowed. For lumber and board tents apply to T. Mowry, Esq., Meshoppen. For tent sites apply with J. H. WESTON on the ground. Persons occupying tent sites last year, can retain same by giving due notice on or before the 20th of July, otherwise they will be let to other parties. The committee will meet, and all persons interested are invited to meet on the ground July 31, at 9 o'clock A. M., to make such further improvement on the premises.

And remember, brethren and friends, what we do *must be done* God give last year, so be sure and come this year and bring along your neighbors. Room for all. "Behold! the Lord's hand is shortened that it cannot save." By order of Committee.

Meshoppen, Pa., June 27, 1872.

FRIEND ALVORD: Topeka, the capital of Kansas, is situated on the south side of the Kaw or Kansas river. The main part of the city extends back from the river on a high rolling prairie, forming a beautiful site. It is well laid out, with broad streets, and has some very fine public and private buildings. The Capitol building—the east wing being nearly completed—is a fine structure, built of cut stone obtained from this State. The Court House, Churches, Hotel, and a large number of churches, all compare well with similar buildings in the Eastern States. Kansas Avenue, the main street in the city, runs north and south, crosses the Kaw river, and extends through North Topeka to the city limits. This is the chief business street of the city. All the important dry goods and grocery houses, banks and other places of business, are situated along this avenue.

The bridge connecting North and South Topeka, is of iron, costing $100,000. It is certainly a fine structure—a first-class bridge. The Depot of the Kansas Pacific R. R. is situated in North Topeka; also the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe R. R. centres here, with Depot on the opposite side of the river. This part of the city contains some fine public and private buildings. I noticed a school house, nearly or quite equal to the Lincoln School House, besides churches, depot, and the Adams Second National Bank. The railroads centering here are grand trunk lines, leading west and southwest through the State. These railroads pass over some of the richest, best watered and timbered portions of the State of Kansas—the companies owning a land grant from Government of ten miles on each side of the roads, which is now in market at reasonable rates with a long time for payment. And yet they are talking earnestly of more railroads centering there, and that their future as a great railroad centre can scarcely be conceived. I spent three days in Topeka, making my headquarters at our mutual friend M. H. CASE's. By the way, our Bradford county people are doing well. I notice one-half the offices in the Court House are filled by Bradford county men, and all full of business—each owning a fine dwelling house and lot, apparently well fixed for the future. CASE, RYAN and MCDOUGALL are practicing law with a good business. Court was in session during my visit in the city. Dr. BAKER lives in the city—has made some very good investments in city lots, owns some store houses on the Avenue which he rents, a good dwelling house and a large number of lots where he lives; does but little business, is partially retired and well situated in any part of the world.

The 11th day of June the unterrified Democracy of Kansas met in State convention, to elect delegates to the National Convention to be held at Baltimore. The hour of meeting being 2 o'clock P. M., I was on hand in time to see the opening and close of the assembled wisdom of the Democracy of Kansas. They organized temporarily, passed some unimportant resolutions, made a few red-hot Democratic speeches, when a committee was appointed to draft resolutions effecting a permanent organization. They soon came in recommending Gov. SHANNON as permanent chairman. The report was adopted and the Governor took the chair and proceeded to make a strong GREELEY speech. He reviewed the history of American politics at some length, going back as far as JACKSON's time and the old National Bank, and came down step by step to our present National Bank and our currency, saying that the people were satisfied with it, and that really the only question dividing the two great parties of the day was a slight difference in regard to the tariff and universal amnesty; that Mr. GREELEY had taken the broad ground of universal amnesty in advance of both parties, when it was hazardous to his political and pecuniary interests to do so, and that it was the part of wisdom and true generosity to take him as their standard-bearer for the coming campaign. At the conclusion of his speech the house came down with rousing cheers for GREELEY. I had supposed from what I had heard and seen on the streets during the day, that Mr. GREELEY's chances were poor, but the Governor is a leading spirit among them, and furnishes thoughts and even brains for the mass of the party in the State. It was the burying of the hatchet, and a general, old-fashioned political love-feast of the Democrats and sore-heads. GRANT will carry the State by 20,000. But enough; I am digressing from the subject matter of my letter.

The balance of my time in that city I spent in looking about the country surrounding the city. The prairie is quite rolling, with here and there a belt of timber resembling orchards and artificial groves of trees. These groves or belts of timber are along streams on bluffs or divides—the bluffs or divides being poor lands (what are termed there alkali lands) underlaid with stone which crop out in many places. The lands just about the city are not as well settled or cultivated as about Lawrence, but equally as good, and in some respects better. They claim in Topeka as a reason for this, that all the lands about the city were bought up by speculators when it became settled that the Capitol was to be located there, and hence this vast amount of prairie contiguous to the city. These lands are held for a high price, and there being millions of acres still farther off at ten shillings per acre, emigration moves on farther West. This will be re-visited and soon settled. The city wants a good, rich agricultural surrounding to back it up, and its growth will be marvelous.

On the 11th inst. I left the city for Oskaloosa, the county-seat of Jefferson county, a distance of 30 miles by rail and by hack—the route being down the Kaw river 11 or 15 miles, and the balance of the distance leading back from the river on a high, rolling prairie. The Kaw bottom lands are very rich and very productive. Many fields of corn at this date being waist-high, and wheat nearly ready for the sickle. The wheat crop throughout the State is considered light, corn being the staple crop. I saw on these bottom lands some of the largest and the most forward, fields of wheat and corn, I visited in the State. I hear, and am inclined to believe it, that the lands along this river, with all their productiveness, are inclined to breed fever and ague—not as healthy as back on the high, rolling prairie. Give me the prairie in preference to either first or second bottom lands.

We arrived at Perryville at 2 P. M.; left soon by way of hack which carries the mail to this place. The first three or four miles of the road runs through the most sterile land I have seen in Kansas—ravines and bluffs covered with small stunted timber, the stone cropping out on the bluffs and along the ravines. After passing this barren section we came right out on the broad and, in many places, unfenced prairies, extending as far as the eye could reach, covered with thousands of cattle and horses. For some distance it was sparsely settled, but the nearer we approached the city the more the lands were cultivated, and the quality of the farm buildings gradually improved. I reached the city about 6 o'clock P. M., stopped at the Oskaloosa House, found a very gentlemanly landlord, accommodations good, and servants kind and obliging. I remained with my friends, W. D. LANE and W. E. STANLEY, until the 18th, and through their kindness I was enabled to see a large portion of the county of Jefferson. The 15th, the day following my arrival, we procured a livery and went to the small town of Winchester, distance nine miles, and then to Grasshopper Falls, 12 miles farther. We passed through a rich, productive country, well improved, surpassing anything I had seen, in general appearance—farms well fenced, cattle of a good quality, farm buildings and orchards in first-class order. We returned home that evening. The next day being Sunday, we attended the Methodist church, and also Sabbath-school. C. F. NICHOLS.

P. S. MESSRS. LANE & STANLEY are associated together in the practice of law, and are doing a good business. They are both deserving young men, of good moral principles and sound judgment.

GRANT AND WILSON CLUBS.—We have had several applications for Constitution and By-Laws for GRANT Clubs, and subjoin the following as suited to the wants of most localities:

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This Association shall be known as the GRANT AND WILSON CLUB of.....in.....County,.....; and its object shall be to secure, by the use of all honorable means, the election of General ULYSSES S. GRANT to the Presidency of the United States.

ARTICLE II. Its officers shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall perform all the duties usually appertaining to such offices, respectively. They shall be chosen at the time of the organization of the Club, and shall remain in office for such length of time as may be prescribed by By-Law.

ARTICLE III. As soon as practicable after the formation of the Club, the President shall appoint an Executive Committee of ....members, whose duty it shall be to have charge of all the interests of the Association generally, and to see that all its orders and resolves are faithfully executed. They shall provide for meetings of the Club; for the collection of all moneys; for the circulation of Documents; for attendance of voters at the polls; and shall, with the aid of the officers, endeavor to so increase its membership that it shall become AN ENROLLMENT OF EVERY GRANT VOTER WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE CLUB.

ARTICLE IV.—After the organization of the Club, it shall be the duty of the President to see that the Secretary shall report to the Corresponding Secretary of Central Grant and Wilson Club at the County Seat of each county a full list of its officers and members, and semi-monthly thereafter a list of all accessions to membership or change of officers. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Central Grant and Wilson Club at the County Seat of each county to furnish the Secretary of each Club notice as soon as practicable after he shall have received the name, together with the number of the original formation of the Club, and of all additions reported to him.

ARTICLE V. Any Club may adopt such By-Laws, not inconsistent with the Constitution, as may seem expedient.

ARTICLE VI. Any qualified voter may become a member of this Club by signing the Constitution, or authorizing the same to be done for him, and announcing his intention to support the objects for which it has been organized.

BY-LAWS.

1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings, and in case of his absence one of the Vice Presidents to fill his place; to sign all orders drawn on the Treasurer; shall also be a member ex-officio of the executive committee.

2. It shall be the duty of the Vice Presidents to aid and assist the President, and in absence of President to fill his place.

3. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a correct account of all meetings in a book provided for that purpose, also a list of the names of the members of the Club; to sign all orders drawn on the Treasurer; and to conduct the correspondence of the same.

4. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds and contributions that may come into the possession of the Club; to pay out the same only on order signed by the President and Secretary; to take charge of flags, banners, transparencies, or such other property owned by the Club and see that the same is ready for use.

5. The Executive Committee shall see that all orders of the Club are carried out as expressed by a vote of the same; to see to procuring speakers, and that places for meetings are provided; to procuring music, flags, banners, etc.; and that every Grant and Wilson voter is brought to the polls on the day of election; and *especially that teams and carriages* are provided for those living at a distance from the polls.

Remember the GRANT & WILSON club meeting on Friday evening.

The Building Association meets on Monday evening next.

BUSINESS LOCAL.

C. F. CROSS keeps a full line of fine stationery.

Especial attention is called to our children's line of Hosiery. Bee Hive Store.

Job work, of every description, neatly and expeditiously executed at this office.

Handsome "Jet Sets" for $1.25, at the Bee Hive Store.

The American Sewing Machine is the best.

Flour and Feed at retail, at Towanda Steam Flour Mills, delivered free.

Keystone Clothing Palace, Main street, next to First National Bank.

Fine boots made to order at L. L. MOODY & Co's.

The best lot of Marble Tables in town. FROST & SONS.

If you want a *good* Corn Cultivator, call upon R. M. WELLES for the best.

Ground Plaster $6.00 per ton, at Towanda Steam Flour Mills.

Nitrous Oxide Gas for extracting teeth, at KELLY & STANLEY's.

Cross is supplying his customers with everything in the line of Books and Stationery.

A large assortment of Brackets just received at FROST & SONS.

The American Sewing Machine is the best.

Mrs. E. J. MINGOS has the largest variety of straw goods in this vicinity.

Large stock of Red and White Wheat Flour, at MCCABE & EDWARDS'.

The finest assortment of Gentlemen's Handkerchiefs in town, at the Bee Hive Store in Mercur's Block.

"Maltese," "Climax," and "Dollar Reward" Soap. Try them. For sale at M. J. LONG's.

Grenadines (at cost) at the Bee Hive Store.

Imported Silks (at cost) at the Bee Hive Store.

RIDGEWAY & EVERETT, at the Red, White & Blue Store, are the first to give notice that they have reduced the price on their Tea, Coffee and Tobacco, in accordance with the new duty law.

Beaver Brand Alpaccas, (at cost) at the Bee Hive Store.

Linen and Straw Goods at exceedingly low rates, at N. GOLDSMITH'S Keystone Clothing Palace, Main street, next to First National Bank.

Elegant Organdies (at cost) at the Bee Hive.

Hats and Bonnets, an elegant assortment, at the Bee Hive.

Mrs. E. J. MINGOS has just received the Madame Foy Corset Skirt Supporter in all the sizes.

Baby wagons are a necessity of the season, and WICKHAM & BLACK have just opened a new stock. Prices from $3.50 upward.

Hosiery and Gloves, (at cost) at the Bee Hive.

Mrs. E. J. MINGOS has just received a fresh supply of ladies' ties and bows, in all the new shades.

Houses and Lots for sale, on easy monthly payments, or to Rent. W. BRAMHALL.

Poplar street, Towanda, Pa.—tf.

For fine clothing, inspect N. GOLDSMITH's immense stock, Main street, next to First National Bank.

The best assortment of Gents' Furnishing Goods at N. GOLDSMITH's Keystone Clothing Palace.

Toy wagons, carts, wheelbarrows, etc., etc., just received at WICKHAM & BLACK's.

More Spring and Summer Goods at N. GOLDSMITH's Keystone Clothing Palace.

Dolly Varden Prints and Cambrics, at EVANS & HILDRETH's, Bridge street.

McCABE & EDWARDS have Butter Tubs, Firkins, and ½ Tubs; a fine lot of Ashton Salt, sold at lowest figures.

Now is the time to buy sugar cheap, as it always advances during the Summer season. McCABE & EDWARD's have a large stock.

Buy your Tea, Coffee and Spices at the Red, White and Blue Tea Store, Bridge street, Towanda, Pa. RIDGEWAY & EVERETT.

If you don't know what you want in the Book and Stationery line, call on C. F. CROSS.

75 cents per pound for good Chewing Tobacco, at the Red, White and Blue Store, Bridge street, Towanda, Pa. Try it and see for yourselves.

FOR SALE.—A large building lot on Poplar street. Size 83x131 feet. Would make two good lots. New barn on back end. Will be sold cheap, as the owner wishes to leave town.—Terms easy. Enquire at this office.

We invite all such attention to the fact that Horne, Gore & McMahon, Merchant Tailors, have on hand the finest assortment of Cloths, Cassimeres, etc., ever opened in Towanda. They have a first-class Cutter, and warrant all their work. Call and see them. One door east of Mercur's Bank.

EXCELSIOR WATER DRAWER, OF *Improved Well Curb and Bucket*. A good demand is springing up for this convenient article. It is a good thing. Give the Excelsior Water Drawer a trial and you will like it. R. M. WELLES sells it.

J. O. FROST & SONS wish to put a Woven Wire Mattress in every house in Towanda, on a month's trial; and if it does not suit them, they will call and take it away. Now is your time to get perfect sleep. Be sure you try, and then you will buy.

We have on hand and offer at bargains:

1 Grover & Baker Sewing Machine,
2 Ladd & Webster's " "
1 Wheeler & Wilson's " "
1 Franklin " "
1 Leather " "

Call at the agency of WICKHAM & BLACK.

The Sullivan Anthracite is the Coal for Spring and Summer use. Nothing like it. It kindles easily, makes a quick fire, and can be as small as desired, a quart burning as readily as a bushel. It never dies out, burning all down to white ashes, and renders coal sieves of no further use. The pleasantest and cheapest in this or any other market for domestic purposes.

WARD & MONTANYE, Sole Agents.

Our enterprising furniture dealers J. O. FROST & SONS, have secured the agency for the celebrated Wakefield Earth Closet, and have an assortment on hand. The Earth Closet has been tested for several years, and gives universal satisfaction wherever used. For the sick room it is almost a necessity.

FRESH FLOWERS.—As the Summer has opened with its genial breezes and lovely flowers, B. A. PETTER & Co. have the best selection of Millinery Goods and Flowers in Towanda, for the lowest prices, at the sign of the Big Bonnet.

Have you ever paid any attention to the question, "*Will it pay me to buy and use a Wheel Hay and Gleaner. Rake in place of the good old Revolver?*" If not, it is worth your while to do so. Like a sensible farmer, send to R. M. WELLES, Towanda, for a copy of his Illustrated and Descriptive Catalogue.

The edition of the Road and Poor Laws of this county, compiled by Capt. W. H. CARNOCHAN, is limited, and township officers who desire to procure copies, should apply soon. The work is for sale at this office.

THE BEST WHEEL RAKE.—There are a number of very good Wheel Rakes, each having some good quality; but, all things considered, the Tompkins County Wheel Rake we believe to be the best; and then it has, as an attachment, the best Broad-Cast Plaster, Grain and Grass-Seed Sower now known