Bradford Reporter

Towanda, Thursday, Feb. 19, 1874.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

R. M. WELLES has sold out his coal business to PIERCE & NICHOLS.

E. T. GRIDLEY, of Orwell, will deliver a temperance lecture at Rome, on the evening of Feb. 27.

PIERCE & NICHOLS have filled a large ice-house, and will be prepared to supply the public during the coming heated term.

ONE of DAN WILCOCK'S horses fell dead in the street on Saturday. The animal was a valuable one.

B. LAPORTE, Esq., will address the citizens of Monroeton at the school-house, on Saturday evening, Feb. 21.

THE following Postmasters have been appointed in this county:

Mrs. CAROLINE A. MONTGOMERY, Merrijall
JAMES PIERCE, Smithfield Summit.

WE LEARN that Dr. VON MOSCHZISKER, who has been performing some remarkable cures in Elmira, is soon to visit this place. Persons afflicted with catarrh, or throat and lung diseases, can communicate with him at present by mail. His address is Elmira.

WE CALL especial attention to the appeal of the Lecture Committee, in another column. Every intelligent citizen should feel interested in educating the people by means of public lectures, and we know our citizens are not willing to allow the burden of sustaining them to fall upon a few.

A PLEASANT party assembled at Mrs. CASH'S, on Wednesday evening last, to witness the marriage ceremony of Miss MARY CASH and Mr. H. S. GERSWOLD. The bride was the recipient of many handsome presents, all of which were richly deserved. While we congratulate her on the happy event, we cannot but express regret that she is to leave our town.

MR. E. T. NOBLE, of the firm of POWELL & Co., led Miss ANNA TYLER to the hymeneal altar, on Wednesday afternoon. The interesting ceremony took place at the residence of Judge RUSSELL, and was witnessed by a large number of friends. We heartily congratulate the happy couple on their mutual good fortune in the choice of partners.

JUDSON HOLCOMB, Esq., of this place, is the able Washington correspondent of the Binghampton *Republican*. The Corning *Journal* writes as follows of him:

"The Binghamton *Daily Republican* is fortunate in having an excellent correspondent at Washington, who has written regularly for that paper for several years, during each session of Congress. His home is in Towanda, Pa., and he was formerly a member of the Pennsylvania Legislature."

EDWARD FEE, of Wyalusing, sends us the following twenty-two ways of misspelling the name of that town, observed on letters received at the Post Office: Wyalsosing, Whaglusing, Wagalusing, Welosesin, Wylusion, Wylusen, Wyalusbasing, Wilousiay, Yolousen, Wylousin, Wyolousing, Wyalousin, Wildigton, Wyelusing, Wilosoh, Wylween, Wyalusin, Wylousen, Wyloosa, Wylusingth, Wyalousing, Wylaccon.

DEPUTY Collector KINGSBURY is one of the most popular men in the county, and we are glad to know is appreciated in other parts of the district. The Danville *Mentor*, in referring to his recent visit to that county, says:

"Colr Kingsbury, of Towanda, the deputy collector of this district, paid us an official visit this week. Well, if all the officials of this Administration were of his stamp, there would be no seeking of a new Administration by those who put the present one in power. The Colonel has lots of friends here, as he deserves to have everywhere."

THE following are the names of the officers chosen in North Towanda, on Tuesday last:

Judge of Election—PETER HOFFIN
Inspectors of Election—JOHN HOUTEN and A. THOMPSON.
Auditor—SHAW VIELE.
Road Commissioner—JAS. FOOTE.
School Directors—W. S. RUSSELL, B. HOUSE.
Assessor—S. HAVENS.
Constable—E. R. D. LOVE.
Treasurer—S. A. MILLS.
Town Clerk—W. J. MYERS.

JAMES MURPHY, living about a mile and a half from Dushore, Sullivan Co., was found dead near his home on Tuesday. Cause of death unknown. He had been missed for nearly two weeks, and no clue to his whereabouts could be obtained by his friends. The last he had been seen was at the Boot & Shoe Shop of Mr. Bunker, of Dushore, where he had bought a pair of new boots. The boots were found by the side of the road leading from Dushore to Overton, in which direction he had evidently gone when he left the shop. He had on a heavy sheepskin overcoat, and had a pocket-book containing a small sketch. We have not learned the result of the inquest, which was held on Tuesday. Mr. Murphy was a temperate man.

The following officers of Northern Lodge, No. 253, I. O. G. T., were installed by Lodge Deputy C. H. Hamilton for the ensuing quarter:

W. C. T.—Mrs. L. ROSARIS.
W. V. T.—MATTIE WILBUR.
W. S.—A. T. PRATT.
W. F. S.—F. J. ROSS.
W. T.—C. L. CRONIN.
W. M.—E. B. PRATT.
W. C.—C. P. MCCLELLAND.
W. D. M.—LIZZIE DORCAS.
W. O. G.—JOHN MCKEE.
W. D. M.—BERNICE MCGILL.
W. A. S.—ERNEST ERDLE.

LENT SERVICES, CHRIST CHURCH, Towanda.—During Lent, until the week before Easter, there will be services in the Church, as follows: Tuesday, 4 o'clock P. M.; Evening Prayer. Thursday, 7½ P. M., Evening Prayer. Friday, 7½ P. M., Litany, short pretchal addresses may be expected on Tuesdays and Fridays.—On Thursday evenings, the Rector proposes to *read* to the congregation selections from distinguished authors, bearing upon the objects and time of Lent, as a season of special *preparation for Christ in life.*

The congregation of Christ Church will be very glad to welcome, at these services, as at all other times, any persons who should like to be present.

JUDGE RUSSELL and Ex-Sheriff VAN FLEET met with a serious accident on Friday afternoon last. As they were proceeding to this place from Greenwood, when crossing the railroad-track at the narrows, the poll of the carriage broke and the spirited team of horses ran at a furious rate. VAN FLEET succeeded in getting out of the wagon, but Judge RUSSELL, who had hold of the lines was caught between the wheels and dragged for a considerable distance, but fortunately escaped without serious injury, although he was quite badly bruised, as was also Mr. VAN FLEET. One of the horses—a valuable one, owned by W. G. TRACY—ran against the stone in front of WM. PARKS', and received a cut injury as to cause its death almost instantly.

THE following officers of Rome Lodge, No. 463, I. O. G. T., have been installed for the ensuing quarter:

W. C. T.—T. B. BARNES.
W. V.—GRACE KINNEY.
W. S.—M. E CHUBBUCK.
W. F. S.—ALLEN FORBES.
W. T.—MRS C. M. YONTZ.
W. C.—REV. P. P. MARRIOTT.
W. M.—WILLIE BENNETT.
W. I. G.—CHAS. E. GRIDLEY.
W. O. G.—HALLIDAY ALLIS.
W. A. S.—REESE HORTON.
W. D. M.—MRS DELLA WOODBURN.
W. R. S.—HATTIE TANNER.
W. L. S.—LIZZI CHAFFEE.

Our Lodge is still flourishing, having 109 members in good standing. We have a pleasant Lodge-room, and any member who may visit us will be greeted with a cordial reception in F. H. & C. M. E. C.

A CORRESPONDENT of the *Independent Republican* furnishes that paper with the following items from Warren:

"John Morris has just completed a splendid dwelling house for widow Davies in the Welsh settlement. Mr. Morris is one of the best builders and architects in this country.

"Wheat & Slocum have erected a new cooper shop in Podunck, so our butter packers can now save money by patronizing home trade and we are going to have a steam saw mill at Lake Meadows in the spring.

"Loren Pendleton has sold his farm near Warren Centre to Caleb Able, formerly of the firm of Kinney & Able, merchants. Mr. Able, having lately married, has resolved to turn farmer. Mr. Pendleton, we hear, intends going west in the Spring. JNO. SNIPE."

THE following correspondence which recently passed between a benevolent society and one of our respected and charitable ladies, speaks for itself:

Towanda, Pa., Jan. 16, 1874.

DEAR MADAM:—The Towanda Lodge of the order of 101 beg to intrust to your care for distribution among the deserving poor of our place, in such manner as you may think best, the sum of twenty dollars, which is herewith enclosed.

To Mrs. A. WATKINS.

Towanda, Pa., Jan. 16, 1874.

GENTLEMEN:—I send you the account of the way of spending the money you intrusted to me for the relief of the worthy poor, all of which was very thankfully received and the cause of much joy. Ten dollars given to a poor sick family; three dollars for a pair of shoes for a poor woman; two and a quarter dollars for a skirt for another poor woman; four and a quarter dollars to a poor, afflicted family, and fifty cents to a poor woman to buy medicine. May God bless and reward you. Yours, truly,

MRS. A. WATKINS.

To the Towanda Lodge of the order of 101.

HONORABLE DRUNKARDS.—In Mrs. J. MILLER'S able article on intemperance in the REPORTER of Feb. 5, she seems to think the local option law ought to be enforced. So it had, but the most of the cases as yet have been defeated. This is owing to the fact that so many of our prominent men are drunkards. Not that they are down in the ditch, like the man that has had ten drinks: if they have had five, they are half drunk; if one, they are one-tenth drunk. In my opinion it is not the last drink that degrades, but the first. Speak any of these ditch-drunkards about their condition, and you will be told that Judge A., or Dr. B., or Lawyer E. drinks: "I have as good right to drink as they. I saw on a festive occasion of recent date, some of these Honorables enter a closet in squads of two, three and four, and come out, wiping their mouths or chewing coffee to hide the smell of rum; their faces were flushed, and their hilarity had a suspicious sound, and afterwards their honorable names appeared in the columns of the newspaper as if the company had been honored by their presence."

In our county of Bradford, where the local option law is in force, or ought to be, the men of law should be defending it, instead, as is often the case, of carrying bottles of intoxicating stuff in their coat-pockets; thus corrupting our young men by their bad example. When men in honorable standing refuse to taste or countenance the drinking of intoxicating liquors, then, and not until then, will this great evil die out. Why will they not deny themselves for the sake of others? LEGIS LOQUI.

ED. REPORTER.: Last evening, a Grange of the "Patrons of Husbandry" was organized at this place. During the day notice was given that Deputy S. W. BUCK, of the National Grange, would lecture at the School House on the subject of "The Grange." Early in the evening, many citizens had gathered to listen to his remarks. Capt. GRIFFIN called the meeting to order, and Deputy BUCK proceeded to explain the object and public work of the order; after which several of our prominent farmers, with their wives and daughters, adjourned to the store of HOYT & PLUMMER, to be initiated into the mysteries of this popular society.

The following is a list of officers for balance of 1881: Master, Capt. JOHN GRIFFIN; Overseer, FRANK S. MOELLER; Lecturer, G. M. HOYT; Steward, S. J. MORLEY; Ass't Steward, WM. K. WALKER; Chaplain, GEO. C. PACE; Treasurer, J. L. ELDRED; Secretary, MILLARD P. MURRAY; Gate Keeper, JOS. S. THURSTON; Ceres, Mrs. JOHN GRIFFIN; Pomona, Miss MYRA HOYT; Flora, Mrs. JOHN WATKINS; Lady Ass't Steward, Miss LUCY LANE.

It was voted to name the Grange in honor of State Grand Master, "MAUGER." Secretary pro tem. directed to furnish reports to county and borough papers for publication. Adjourned to meet in this place Friday evening, Feb. 20.

All were well pleased with the meeting, and hope only to see the prosperity of National Grange.

The Post Office address of officers of the Grange is Athens Pa.

WHAT PETUNIA says of *Sozoy* pro tem.

Green's Landing, Athens twp., Feb. 14

BIRTHDAY SURPRISE.—The seventy-first anniversary birth day of IRA BROWN, of Rome Township, was celebrated at his home, on Monday, Feb. 16 1874. The company consisted of Mr. and Mrs. IRA BROWN; Mr. and Mrs. DAN. BROWN and two daughters, ANNIE and EMMA, of Wyalusing; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. BROWN and four children, of the same place; Mr. and Mrs. A. H. KINGSBURY and four children, of Towanda; Mrs. COLBURN, of Wyoming; Mr. and Mrs. D. W. BROWN, and Mr. and Mrs. A. LEWIS, of Towanda, and J. B. SUMNER and wife, of Wyalusing.

The children had planned the visit without consulting father and mother, and when the company came rushing in with their baskets of provisions, wives and children all included—they were completely surprised.

The tall, healthy and active old man who remains hale as they left him at the age of twenty-one was found still at work, sawing wood with all the energy of a boy at twenty.

At 12 o'clock, P. M., down to a sumptuous dinner of roast chickens, and other delicacies, and two cooking stoves, with all the nice cakes and fixings which the Brown family know so well how to appreciate. The only thing lacking was a *cigarette* to complete such a beautiful dinner.

In the singing which indulged in, after which the father and mother, who have traveled life's journey together for forty-nine years, were still further surprised in the presentation of some valuable presents from the children, by their pastor.

To mother was given some glassware and a pair of gold bowed spectacles, and to father a silver tobacco-box and a beautiful silver-handled cane. After a few remarks and prayer, by the writer, the company dispersed with hearts overflowing with love and gratitude to God for his blessing up to this family and this seventy-fifth birth-day surprise. J. B. S.

Wyalusing, Pa., Feb. 16, 1874

BE SURE YOUR SIN WILL FIND YOU OUT.—The following, which we clip from the last *Journal*, furnishes another evidence that "truth is sometimes stranger than fiction":

"Once upon a time, on a certain Saturday, either in the year 1863 or 1864, Messrs. Pomeroy Brothers, bankers, of Troy, Pa., wishing to purchase some sound U. S. Bonds, sent to Elmira, by Mr. Geo. Davidson, who happened to be going to that place, for them. He was told to purchase bonds to the amount of $3,200 or 3,500, (we could not ascertain which,) and was given the exact amount necessary to buy them. Before starting, however, Mr. Horace Pomeroy stepped into the store adjoining the bank and borrowed a hand satchel in which to carry the money and bring back the bonds. Mr. Davidson went to Elmira but did not arrive until after the bank was closed; on going to one of the windows and making himself known he was admitted, and bought the bonds, but was obliged to pay one dollar and some cents more than the amount sent by the Messrs. Pomeroy, the interest being computed up to Monday instead of the day of purchase, on account of business having closed for that day. We mention the dollar and the odd cents for reason that will appear hereafter. Mr. Davidson returned to Troy and delivered the bonds to Mr. Pomeroy. The satchel was returned to the store from whence it was borrowed, and nothing more was thought of the matter for two years. After two long years the bonds were found to be missing, and could in no way be accounted for. After a fruitless search they were given up. At first it was the impression of Mr. Pomeroy that they had never been delivered, and that they had been stolen from the satchel, unbeknown to Mr Davidson. But Mr. D. was very positive, and called attention to the fact of the bank paying him the one dollar and odd cents, the amount advanced by him in purchasing the bonds. Although the matter was kept private as possible, every effort was being made to get close to them, but with no apparent hope of success, until (we believe) last Fall, when they were put on a track which led to their discovery, which will, perhaps, be brought to by going back and relating how they were lost.

"Immediately after the return of Mr. Davidson from Elmira, and delivery of the hand satchel containing the bonds, the satchel was returned to the owners, the bonds having not been taken out. The satchel was placed with a number of others, and soon after sold to a farmer of Granville town-ship this county. He found the bonds in the satchel; and at that time, nothing being known by Pomeroy Bros. of their loss, he did not, of course, know to whom they belonged, but supposed they were already in the satchel when it was bought with the other stock, by the proprietor of the store, and did not suppose an owner would ever be found.

"He took the bonds to Troy and, we are informed, sold them back to Pomeroy Bros., although they had a record of the numbers of the bonds which were missing. The lucky farmer expended the money thus obtained in purchasing more land and improving his farm and dwelling. In the meantime the loss of the bonds by the Pomeroys had become somewhat noised abroad, and had, we are told, come to the knowledge of the finder and his family. The best of friends fall out, and this is what proved to be the cause of discovering where these bonds had gone to. The man and some of his relatives getting into a quarrel, the aforesaid relatives took their revenge by disclosing all the circumstances connected with the loss and finding of the bonds. Messrs. Pomeroy Bros. immediately took measures to recover them or their full value, and after considerable diplomacy, obtained a judgment against the man's farm for the bonds with back interest on the money and all expenses incurred in the search and recovery. The amount of the judgment is about $5,500, which makes the present condition of the finder worse than it was before, as he had expended nearly the whole. Of course it was a great satisfaction to Messrs. Pomeroy Brothers to recover their property, which they believed was gone forever, and especially gratifying was it to Mr. Davidson who, although feeling not at all to blame, has been much troubled by the mysterious disappearance of the bonds. However, all's well that ends well. Moral: Never borrow a satchel.

DEEDS left for record in the office for recording deeds, for week ending Feb. 16:

Jeremiah O'Conner to Jeremiah Regan, Warren.

J. T. Bell to W. S. Halsted, Ridgbury.

Charles Streever to Reuben H. Bixler, Overton.

Ezra P. Lyon to Olive B'anding, Orwell.

Peleg Peck to Julia M. McCollum, Silvania.

Heirs of Levi Pease to Levi Terbush, Windham.

G. o. H. Foss to Emily Griswold, LeRoy.

John C. Welles to Mrs. Ann Stickler, Lot Athens Boro.

John D. Kinney to Wm. H. Darling, Warren.

Wm. H. Darling to Byron W. Vandermark, Warren.

Cyrus Cook, guardian of, etc. to Cyrus E. Bowen, Warren.

A. Bartlow et al. to Joshua Pettis, Windham.

Josiah Gilbert to John N. Darrow, Granville and West Burlington.

Allen McKean to Calista Gilbert, Granville.

John B. Hinds to Margaret Wood, Wyalusing.

H. M. & W. S. Thatcher to N. F. Smith, Athens.

H. B. Morgan, Guar., to John R. Post, Wyoming.

Amanda M. Allen to John R. Post, Wyoming.

Phebe Dunham to Miles Parks, Litchfield.

Mary M. Swart to Charlotte E. Sweet, Wyalusing.

Andrew J. Taylor to G. L. Wattles, et al., Tuscarora.

J. P. Van Fleet, Sheriff to Adelia R. Ferguson, Under.

Daniel Meehan to John Meehan, Wyoming.

M. Van Schoick to Thadeus B. Davidson, Ridgbury.

Emeline J. Terry to C. B. Tyrrel, Rome.

C. B. Tyrrel to Simon Russell, Rome.

J. M. Smith, Sheriff, to C. H. & Daniel Donovan, Tuscarora.

PROF. BLISS and wife, of Chicago, have been holding a convention in Honesdale and a correspondent of the Scranton *Republican* speaks of it in the highest terms. As the Professor and his excellent lady were formerly residents of this county, we know readers will be interested in the notice, which we append:

"Last week a number of our leading singers and musicians started Honesdale for the purpose of aiding 'The Second Musical Convention of Wayne County.' It opened on Tuesday, Jan. 27, and closed on Friday evening with a grand concert, and, as the affair was under the direction of the distinguished musician, Prof. P. P. Bliss and lady, of Chicago, it could not fail to be a success, which it was in every respect. Among the members of our little party from Olphant, were Mrs. S. N. Callender, the accomplished vocalist, Wm. H. Hall, Esq., the silver-toned tenor of our choir, Mr. T. E. Jones, the gifted comic singer, Wm. Brandage, the well-known bass, Miss M. E. Kenyon, the accomplished musician, and a number of other ladies. Frank Callender was special car agent, provided by R. Melville, Esq., of the Del. & Hud. R. R. Co., transported our company and also Scranton Cathedral to Honesdale and return." Arriving at Honesdale, we were met at the depot by the reception committee in carriages, and escorted to Kopke's Hotel, where we were furnished with good and substantial refreshments in the model hostelry. The convention was the best we have attended, and we think it is safe to say that many of the singers have never sung better together. The concert was a musical treat, and was attended by a large and appreciative audience. One of the best pieces of the entertainment was the Session drill by Prof. Bliss and choir. The evening's entertainment, to everyone, was strong and well drilled in every particular. At the close of the concert the following was read by Mr. J. E. Richmond, and moved to the resolutions were unanimously adopted and duly entered upon the minutes of the convention:

"Resolved, That the thanks of this convention are hereby tendered to Prof. P. P. Bliss and wife for their very pleasant presence and valuable services rendered to this convention, and we desire to express to them our appreciation of their kindness, courtesy and ability as musicians and gentlemen and ladies, and we desire that for pretty girls and pleasant society, Honesdale has no equal, and although we are rather aged and are not supposed to care much for such things, we thank them for it just about right. We shall remember this pleasant excursion for a long time and always associate it with the happy days of our life."

THE election in this place on Tuesday was conducted very quietly, although considerable interest was manifested in several of the offices to be filled. Below we give the returns from the several wards:

	1st Ward	2nd Ward	3rd Ward	Total
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE				
Nathan Told.	137	129	82	348
Wm. H. Morgan,	51	98	93	242
SCHOOL DIRECTORS				
S W Algord.	101	165	125	391
J N C Bet	110	158	121	389
John Holmes	142	160	120	442
M J Long	55	50	54	159
Will anna I	49	34	7	90
Wm Tighe	70	83	24	177
ASSESSOR				
J M Nevins	176	213	163	553
CONSTABLE				
Johnson Wells	188	221	172	581
HIGH CONSTABLE				
L T Boyce.	92	91	114	297
L E Buffington	69	131	69	269
AUDITOR				
W S Vincent	133	228	166	524
OVERSEERS OF THE POOR				
J W Lyman	151	223	179	577
Wm Mix	181	224	171	576
COUNCILMEN				
T M Woodruff	173			
D S Pratt		172		
W Paton		45		
E T Fox			114	
H B McKean			60	
JUDGES OF ELECTION				
Daniel Sullivan	127			
J M Collins	52			
J A Codding		172		
F S Wattman		54		
M A Rockwell			112	
W B Decker			60	
INSPECTORS				
C D Passage	112			
E G Kromer	65			
C F Taylor		162		
Eli Ford		56		
H H Everett			117	
Joseph Oran			54	
WARD ASSESSORS				
J H Phinney	20			
G H Wood		92		
Dennis Sweeney			65	

LENT, WHAT IS IT?—Lent has come again, and people ask what it means and what good it is intended to do.

We have heard some persons speak of it as a superstitious custom—a remnant of popery—which the Church of England was in the habit of observing in the times before the Reformation, and which she forgot to change when she purified herself in so many other ways. We have heard others sneer at it as a time when fashionable people find it convenient to rest after the dissipations of the winter in order to enter with new zest into the dissipations of the summer.

But suppose that there are persons, calling themselves christians, who are capable of so abusing what is meant to do them good, ideas that make the Lent-n season any the less profitable to those who use it rightly? Or even suppose that the custom was found in the Church of Rome before the Reformation, are there not many other good things which were retained by the Reformers and thought worthy of being continued in our Protestant Church?

The Church of England and the Episcopal Church in the United States, observe the season of Lent as a most important part of their system of Christian education. Their endeavor is to educate their people—as boys and girls are trained in our schools and colleges—in an orderly and systematic manner. They do not undertake to make intelligent christians by selecting a fact here and a duty there, and teaching the Bible in a desultory and hap-hazard manner; but they seek to systematize the great facts and duties of the Holy Scripture, and teach them to their people in their proper order and connection. So arranged, all the great truths of christianity may be reviewed once each year, every doctrine being considered in its own natural place, and every duty enforced without confusion or omission.

The particular truths and duties assigned, in the general arrangement, to the season of Lent, are profoundly practical and important. For forty days the minds of the congregation are kept fixed on one great thought—the sufferings and dying death of the World's Redeemer. As day after day brings them nearer to the anniversary of that wonderful sacrifice for human sin, they are taught what preparation of heart, and what manner of life, is required in order to partake of its saving benefits. The Lenten cry is continually "Repent ye! Repent ye!" As the Saviour's death was the price paid for deliverance from the guilt of sin, so those who would share in that deliverance must forsake their sins and seek to live a holier and a purer life. And this is just as necessary at all stages of a christian's life, as it was at first when he was called to become a christian.

The first disciples of Christ were very long in learning entire consecration of themselves to his service, and entire submission of their own wills to His will as their Divine Master, and it is just the same with christians now. There are always many sins still to be overcome, and much unfaithfulness still to be repented of. A man may be a sincere christian, while at the same time he is a very imperfect christian; but he ought not to remain such. He must be continually striving to be better, more under the control of the love of Christ, more obedient to God, and more consistent and brave in his example before the world. And this is what Lent is designed to accomplish, by the blessing of God and our own earnest endeavors. It is a season of special effort to make one's christian life a more real and practical matter. It calls men to a strict examination of their conduct and motives. Sins are to be searched for and war proclaimed against them. Self-control is to be strengthened and self-denial increased. All graces of christian character are to be cultivated with new energy, and all duties—even the most minute—purified and fulfilled with greater conscientiousness. In a word Lent is intended to bring the hearts of christians into closer contact with the great lessons of the Saviour's Cross, and in increased conviction of what he has done for them, and requires of them, to inspire them with stronger desires and determinations to live more faithfully as his disciples, and to commend his gospel more attractively to the multitudes about them.

If this be indeed the meaning and intention of Lent, who will venture to condemn it as superstitious, or to despise a season so calculated to do them good.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.—Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 11. The case of Emister vs. Huntington and Pike, was submitted to the Jury. They find for the plaintiff the sum of four hundred and twenty-seven dollars and forty-eight cents.

The next case taken up was Joel Bennett's use vs. G. W. Moffitt and J. Williams. H. B. McKean, Esq. for plaintiff, and James Wood, Esq., for defendants. After the Jury had been sworn, the parties agreed to a continuance until May term.

Wednesday evening. Judge Morrow presiding. The case of Peter Brady vs. Ira Wolcott, was taken up. Ejectment case. Peet & Davies and E Overton, jr., Esq., for the plaintiff. H. W. Patrick, Esq., and I. N. Evans, Esq., for the defendant.

The following Sheriff's Deed was acknowledged in open Court by the Sheriff, J. Monroe Smith:

To H. Beecher Morgan, a house and lot in Towanda Boro, sold Jan. 3?, as the property of A. E. Smith. Consideration $4,300.

Thursday, Feb. 12. Hon. P. D. Morrow presiding, and Associate Judges Harkness and Russell on the bench.

The case of Brady vs. Wolcott was continued through the day, and submitted to the jury.

The case of S. Walborn vs. G. P. Cash, was next taken up. Appeal. H. B. McKean, Esq., for the plaintiff. Overton & Elsbree for the defendant. The case was submitted to the jury this evening.

In the case of Brady vs. Wolcott the jury find for the defendant.

Friday, Feb. 13. Hon. P. B. Streeter presiding, and Associate Judge Harkness on the bench.

In the case of Walborn vs. Cash, the Jury find for the plaintiff the sum of seventy-three cents.

The next case taken up was Wm. Snyder vs. Asa D'ay. Replevin. Peet & Davies for the plaintiff. DeWitt & Maynard for the defendant. The case was submitted to the jury this evening, who found a verdict for the plaintiff.

The next case taken up was W. C. Brister's use vs. A. R. Moe and John B. Hinds. Issue. Foyle & McPherson and S. W. Little, Esq., for plaintiff. Peet & Davies and E. Overton, jr., Esq., for defendants.

Saturday, Feb. 14. Hon. P. D. Morrow presiding, and Associate Judges Harkness and Russell on the bench.

The case of Brister vs. Moe and Hinds, was continued during the day, and submitted to the jury this evening. They find a verdict for the defendants.

In the matter of the lunacy of Hester Taylor. On motion Court appoint E. Overton, jr., Esq., an auditor to distribute the money in the hands of L. T. Fox, the Committee of Hester Taylor, etc.

In the matter of the petition of the Commissioners of Albany twp., for authority to levy an additional tax. Upon presenting the petition of the Commissioners of Albany township and statement of the account of said twp., on motion of Smith & McInanye Court order and direct that the Commissioners be authorized to levy a tax as prayed for, not exceeding ten mills on the dollar.

On presenting the petition of citizens of Leroy twp., Court appoint B. J. Smith Constable to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of C. E. Stone from the township.

Monday, Feb. 16. Hon. F. B. Streeter presiding, and Associate Judge Russell on the bench.

The day was occupied by transacting the usual preliminary business.

Tuesday, Feb. 17. Hon. F. B. Streeter presiding, and Associate Judge Russell on the bench. The case of J. W. Oman's use vs. Daniel Hill, jr., was commenced. Elbanan Smith and H. W. Patrick, Esqs., for plaintiff. DeWitt & Maynard for defendant. The jury returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff, the sum of one hundred and sixty-two dollars.

The next case taken up was John Mack's use vs. James Fincell. Action on debt. Foyle & McPherson for plaintiff. H. N. Williams for defendant. The jury rendered a verdict in favor of the plaintiff, the sum of fifty cents.

Wednesday, Feb. 18. Hon. F. B. Streeter presiding, and Associate Judge Russell on the bench.

The case of Edward Overton, jr., vs. John S. Campbell et al., was next taken up. Ejectment case. Peet & Davies and Overton & Elsbree for plaintiff. Elbanan Smith, Esq., H. B. McKean, Esq., and DeWitt & Maynard for the defendants.

"JAKE" MARSH, whom everybody knows, while out on the river the other day, accidentally broke through the ice and came near being drowned. When fished out by some friends, who were luckily present, he coolly remarked that the water was "rather too chilly for bathing purposes!"

BUSINESS LOCAL.

☞ You can buy fresh Groceries cheap for cash at CALKINS' new Grocery.

☞ Teas a specialty at the Red, White & Blue Store.

☞ Apples, Potatoes and Dried Fruits wanted at CALKINS' New Grocery.

☞ Go to WHITCOMB & SHAUT'S, Mercur's Block, for your Books and Stationery.

☞ For the best Roast or Steak go to MYER & RUNDELL'S.

☞ If you want good goods cheap remember the old Red White and Blue Store.

☞ Several valuable Farms and Houses and Lots for sale by BARTLETT & TRACY.

☞ Ladies, we advise you to try that prepared flour at F. J. CALKINS' new Grocery.

☞ BRAMHALL, the founder of the Red, White and Blue Store, invites his old customers to give him a call.

☞ Astral Oil, warranted non-explosive, and very nice, at CALKINS' new Grocery, Mercur's Block, Main street.

☞ Winter Millinery Goods at cost, to close out for the Spring Styles, at Mrs. J. D. HILL'S, Bridge-st.

☞ BRAMHALL & HAIGHT invite the attention of cash buyers to their superior stock of groceries at the Red, White and Blue Store.

☞ Old Gold and Silver bought and highest prices paid, at M. HENDELMAN'S, Bridge street.

☞ The best place to buy ready-made clothing is at No. 4, 2 doors west of CODDING, RUSSELL & Co's.

☞ IMPORTANT.—People living up-town can order their groceries at CALKIN'S new store, thus saving considerable t avel.

☞ Large stock of Pictures and Picture Frames, at WHITCOMB & SHAUT'S, Mercur's Block.

☞ If you want a Sewing Machine, send word to O. A. BLACK, Towanda, and you can be supplied with the best.

☞ Wall Paper and Curtains cheap at WHITCOMB & SHAUT'S, Mercur's Block.

☞ For sale cheap, my house and lot, on Chestnut street. Enquire at the office of BARTLETT & TRACY. W. G. TRACY.

☞ If you want fine Hair Work made up, or desire to purchase any, go to E. LAVOIE, a reliable hair dealer, Bridge-st., at Mrs. J. D. HILL'S Fancy Store.

☞ If you will call at HENDELMAN'S Jewelry Store, Bridge street, and price his goods, you will be satisfied that it is the place to purchase.

☞ Are you in doubt as to which Sewing Machine is the best? Then try the Singer Improved. If you want to try one, send word to O. A. BLACK, Towanda.

☞ Teachers of music can purchase Sheet Music and Music Books at Teachers' rates, at the Temple of Music, Towanda, Pa.

☞ If you want *the best* Cook Stove extant, call at JUNE'S, in Mercur's Block.

☞ An endless variety of heating stoves at JUNE'S, which are being sold very cheap.

☞ An opportunity that does not often present itself is now offered. We have a good house worth $3,500, which we offer for sale for $3,000, and will take half the amount in monthly payments. A. J. NORTH & Co.

☞ Fancy Goods and Stationery for the holidays, better and cheaper than elsewhere, at C. F. CRO-S.

☞ The "Girl of the Period" is to be seen in the window of LAVOI'S Hair Palace, on Bridge-st., at Mrs. J. D. HILL'S Fancy Store.

☞ C. F. CRO-S has the best and largest assortment of fine Books ever offered in this market.

DONATION.—The friends of Rev. GEO GREENFIELD will make him a donation at the Town Hall, in Orwell, on Friday evening, February 27. A general invitation is extended.

☞ Do you want any Crockery, or China, or GLASSWARE? Consult your own interest, and call on O. A. BLACK, at the old stand of WICKHAM & BLACK.

☞ Why is it that TAYLOR & DAVIES dress men and boys better and cheaper than any other house in Towanda. The reason is, they stocked their new store during the money panic, and are satisfied with very small profits.

BARGAINS—SPECIAL SALE.—I shall offer the balance of my Winter Stock at lower prices than ever, in order to make room for a large and beautiful stock of Spring Goods. Call early and secure bargains at ALEX. SOLOMON'S, the One-Price Clothier, 123 Main-st.

☞ PIERCE & NICHOLS are selling all varieties of coal very cheap. They are sole agents for the sale of the celebrated Barclay coal. Coal by car load at a discount.

☞ The best place to buy Sash, Blinds, Doors and all kinds of Lumber, is at FROST & SONS Factory on Charles street. Office 107 Main street. They sell cheap for cash.

☞ Fearing the Solons at Washington, in their superior wisdom, may stop the bill now pending in Congress to reinstate the tax on tea and coffee, McCABE & EDWARDS have purchased an immense stock, and are thus enabled to offer purchasers bottom prices.

☞ Why run the risk of an accident, when you can get a ticket good for $3,000 in case of death, for 20 cents a day, by calling on FRANK BURNHAM, at upper depot?

☞ It is not generally known that H. C. WHITAKER, at the Book Bindery over the REPORTER office, makes Blank Books in any style of ruling and binding desired. If you want a new Ledger, Journal or Docket, give him a call.

☞ I wish to sell $10,000 worth of Furniture within the next 90 days! To accomplish which I shall sell at the very lowest prices. JOSEPH HINES.

No. 4 Bridge street, Towanda, Pa.

☞ Mathushek, Weber, Hoofman, Knickerbocker, and other Pianos for said cheap and on easy terms, at COLE, Passage & Co's Temple of Music, Towanda, Pa.

☞ Hair Work of every description will be sold at 25 per cent. less than New York prices. Call and examine at E. LAVOIE'S Branch Hair Palace, Bridge-st., in Mrs. J. D. HILL'S Fancy Store.

FOR SALE.—The new house on Main street, second door north of Chestnut street lot about 100 feet front. Terms easy. Enquire on the premises of Mrs. HOWES and of E. T. FOX.

☞ George Wood & Co., Taylor & Farley, and Jubilee Organs, at low prices and easy terms of payment. Send for circulars, or call to see and hear them at the Temple of Music of COLE, PASSAGE & Co.

☞ Dealers in Strings will do well to call at the Temple of Music, where they will find a large assortment of French, German and Italian Strings, at New York prices.

A MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION.—The Wyalusing District Ministerial Association will convene for its third and last meeting for the present conference year, at the M. E. Church at Wyalusing, Monday, Feb. 23, 1874, at 7 P. M. The opening address will be delivered by Rev. GEO. GREENFIELD. Preaching on Tuesday evening by Rev. J. S. LEWIS. Preaching on Wednesday evening by Rev. J. H. WESTON.

S. ELWELL, Sec'y.

REUNION.—There will be a reunion service at the Litchfield M. E. Church, on Wednesday, Feb. 25, 1874. Preaching in the morning at 11 o'clock, also in the evening at 7 o'clock. Presiding Elder D. D. LINDSLEY and the former pastors will be present.

C. F. OLMSTED, Pastor.

☞ The last assembly of the season will be held at FRED CASE'S, on Friday evening, Feb. 20, 1874, at the LeRaysville House, LeRaysville, Pa. This is his opening party, and we sincerely hope he will be greeted with a full attendance, as he keeps a splendid house and knows how to entertain company.

TAKE NOTICE.—Any one in want of of Men's and Boys' Clothing, Gents' Furnishing Goods, Hats, Caps, etc., can get better bargains than ever at the one price, square-dealing Clothing Store of ALEX. SOLOMON, as we wish to make room for a large and beautiful stock of Spring Goods.

☞ New Goods just received. Our stock is now complete. Everything in the line of Books and Shoes, Rubber Goods, Gloves and Mittens, Trunks, Traveling Bags, Shawl Straps, etc. Remember we are always willing to show Goods, and will sell them at the lowest bottom prices. CORSER & COONE.

☞ Go and see ELIE LAVOIE, who has just returned from New York with an immense stock of Human Hair, which he bought at bankrupt sale, and which will be sold at lowest cash prices, at LAVOIE'S Branch Hair Palace of Elmira, N. Y.,—Bridge-st., Towanda Pa.

☞ Mrs. E. J. MINGOS has now received a full line of Millinery and Fancy Goods, for the Fall and Winter trade. She will display the finest assortment of trimmed Hats and Bonnets, in Towanda, on and after next Saturday, Oct. 11.

☞ The PERRY ORGAN, manufactured at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., has the only *Patent Reed* in use; also, the exclusive use of other valuable improvements in organs. Every instrument fully warranted; the cheapest and sweetest Tone organ made. Liberal discounts to agents. Illust