Bradford Reporter

Towanda, Thursday, Dec. 17, 1874.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE S. L. & S. R. R. CO., have rented the office over Mercur's Bank.

☞ THE intense cold weather of the past few days, has laid the foundation for an ice bridge.

JOHN O. WARD has been appointed Agent of the Central Express Company in this place.

REV. HALLOCK ARMSTONG will preach at the Scott School House next Sabbath at two o'clock, P. M.

MRS. JOSEPH KINGSBURY, treasurer of the Ladies' Benevolent Society, thankfully acknowledges the receipt of $20, from the Rector of Christ Church as a contribution from his congregation.

THE LARGEST and best time-piece ever brought to this section has just been placed in the new Depot of the Pa. & N. Y. R. R. Co. The regulator was purchased of W. A. CHAMBERLIN, Esq., our enterprising jeweler.

THE annual meeting of Watkins Post, G. A. R., will be held on Friday evening Dec. 18. As officers for the ensuing year will be elected at this meeting, a full attendance is requested.

ABOUT noon on Wednesday the alarm of fire was sounded, and the announcement that the Means House was on fire quickly brought the fire department out, but the flames were extinguished before the boys reached the spot. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it originated in the porter's room. No damage was done.

THE FACT that R. V. S. J. LUSK has resigned the pastorate of the Baptist Church in this place, does not deter him from manifesting a lively interest in the prosperity of the congregation. He is now engaged in collecting by subscription, sufficient funds to purchase a bell for the church.

PERSONAL.—Judge STREETER was in town on Monday *en route* to Sullivan county, where he is holding a special court this week.

—Mr. RUNYAN, Assistant Superintendent of the Central Express, was in town on Wednesday.

ROLL OF HONOR at Towanda Graded School, or names of students with perfect record in attendance, deportment and studies, for the week ending Dec. 11: CHAS. BUFFINGTON, MARY BENNETT, IDA DODSON, FRANK FLOYD, BELLE HORTON, ALICE KING, WILLIE LANE, LAURA MCGILL, GEO. RYAN, DORA NORA RONK, NELLIE HOSFORD, SUSIE DARSTOW, ETTIE ADAMS.

List of pupils with perfect record as to studies, attendance, and deportment, at the Washington Grade1 School, for the week ending Dec. 11 1874:

GEO. SLOTBY, LINCOLN WELLES, JOHN KEELER, FRANK BOSWORTH, W. P. STAFFORD, H. W. STAFFORD, ANNIE STAFFORD, GEO. STAFFORD, KATIE CARTER, VIRGINIA WELLES, SARAH LEWIS, LAURA STAFFORD, EMMA FEE, LON HOLLENBACK.

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT.—Mrs. BENJAMIN HOOMB and Mrs. AUGUSTUS KELLY, of L. Boy, were returning to their home from this place on Tuesday afternoon last, when the horses became frightened and unmanageable at West Franklin. The buggy was upset, violently killing Mrs. HOOMB and quite seriously injuring Mrs. KELLY. Mrs. H. leaves a husband and three children to mourn her sudden and untimely death.

THE southern-bound train, which leaves this place at 7:20 P. M., was thrown from the track on Thursday afternoon last, near Laceyville. Two coaches were demolished in embankment, and turned up. Only one person of the place, Mr. M. ABBLE, Supt. of Wyoming Division, C. A. WARD, Express Messr., and the newsboy, were in the cars, and strange to say, all escaped uninjured save the latter, who sustained a broken leg.

CLEARED UP.—It having been reported that two men had mysteriously disappeared from the hotel of CHARLES DAY, in Athens, Mr. D. has taken the trouble to clear the matter up satisfactorily in the following letter received by Mr. DAY's bartender will show every one that the peddler is still living and in the city of Brotherly Love:

NEW YORK, Dec. 3 1874.
MR. A. DAY, ATHENS, PENNA.—These Shirts received Nov. 30, came to hand this day, and we enclose you a card. Please open the account as usual, dating for month of 1875, to your address. F. Swanson. I owe him C. S. (American Gold) Band, 6 N. W. Ter. State Map to Chart and Pub. Offices, N. Y., near that time. Your direct from store is perfectly to the point. P. T. Stanton is now seeing inquiries in Cincinnati, Ohio. His wife lives in Cincinnati. If anything further is wanted from me, let me know. Don't hesitate to call on me. Respectfully, G. WATSON.

The other man who was missing about the time of Mr. DAY's card was found in the office of a second form near Athens, returned to Athens Co., Ohio, alive and well. He will be home in a few days. He says he intends to pay us a visit on Monday last.

Mr. DAY's business and reputation having suffered from the reports which have been put in circulation in regard to those two men, we take pleasure in giving this letter to him to give the public satisfaction, and trust our exchanges who published the matter will publish this item.

CHRISTMAS GOODS ABOUT TOWN.—PLEASE CALL AT ONE'S MISTAKE, AND IF YOU WISH TO BUY SOMETHING THAT IS BETTER THAN THE REST, GO TO THE STORE WHERE YOU THINK YOU CAN GET THE MOST FOR YOUR MONEY. We have been out on our annual tramp today, and some people are wondering why we ever that man will prate about hard times. Just look at the shop windows, and the throngs of buyers at the counters inside, and be convinced of some other political persuasion, and then have—if you can—a good laugh. Times are poor people, we admit, and there have been ever since the panic of 1873 quite a little boxful. And the effect upon trade has been reservative with us all. Yet, does not all in body with the force of the present time.

Everybody's spending, after more than eight years of Democratic and Christmas, and many cries of "hard times," "financial depression," "not money enough in the world to keep the wheels of industry and commerce from taking a long rest," and "we can't help it, while the rich and poor fight, it is bloody hands, and are sowing in fertile soil germs. And we are sorry to leave the old chronic cases of suffering to the Benevolent Association, and a thousand and one other "begging propositions for the poor ones." You furnish them with the shabby covers and the dodgings, and the big, fat, fleecing, indispensable charitable institution, Madame Benevolence, but we only going out on the blessed Christmas errand for sweets and delicious things, and instructions out of beauty out of the wilderness of dreary holiday life, for the little reindeers that stare through their meagre wraps, at the famishing lambs. Let us back with the above long sell, and the best of well-wishers, that and us so perversely, at these happy times, to the outlying range of poverty. Don't sit there so magnificently to do what we please, and throw us lightly onto the liberty of single-handed benevolence, in this precious matter, long our own heart itself as closely as ours to the throbbing pulse of Christian humanity. Down the street we go, like "the little white soul," to see come to the corner firm that made the boast of the *Bon* editor glad with a new hat. They and not improvised themselves in that setting effort. Their windows are brilliant with fancy goods, and beyond them lies a background of solid comforts, of which the Association fund merely furnishes the outside fringe.

In farm where grows Frostey, and we pass through the gaudy grandeur of heavy-piled velvet carpets, to the glowing warmth of the great stove, and find that like the St. Nicholas officials, they can furnish everything, from a bridal chamber down to the ghastly death-toilet. They have lovely Christmas things too, —work boxes and writing desks, and finely carved brackets, and pretty baskets that would hold a world of sugar plums for the "little ones." Now, we are at the new Jewelry Store, and it is evident that sham business is unpopular in this time-honored locality. Mine host of the shining array within understands the value of a substantial reputation and reliable goods; but we won't go in, poor darlings, for the beautiful watches and sparkling jewels hold in close fascination a throng of admirers, that might look askance at our shabby attire.

We are under the old mortar sign, by this time, and the familiar stand, with its graceful Bohemian toilet sets, and cut-glass bottles, are veiled with the Christmas glamour. The pleasant odor of clean drugs comes through the door, and a glimpse of beautiful utilities that must never be overlooked in the holiday inventory. Perfumed soaps and dainty hand mirrors, and vinaigrettes, and whole sets of brushes, that you should have had long ago, neglected little one. Good morning, good Sir! Perhaps the testimony that no one has come to grief through the careless handling of drugs in these parts, may be due to the fact that our town druggists have served a term of apprenticeship under your cautious supervision

Hurry on, past the Wolffe, and the Nelson monument, little feet! There are nice boys suits, and more jewelry, but we can't have them to-day, and we want our time at the dear old stand, where childish eyes have gathered with delight from time immemorial. We don't care for the huge yellow-curled beauties that stare from the windows, or the ambitious worsted work. It is the wee, common doll babies we are after, with the sweet, every-day, home look, and the tempting bits of juvenile domesticity, lying about loose, and the blessed miniature house-keeping utensils, huddled together in such aggravating attractiveness, that helps to nurture the girl's love for home engineering and mother brooding. We can't buy our carts and sleds here, for we are n't half way round yet, and the lubberly boys will bang them about our heels every step of the way. Bless me! here we are, at he peanut window, and it is crammed with chestnuts and Havana oranges, and great encroaching fruit stands, running over with clustering grapes, whose summery fragrance woos the passer with irresistible power. Then there is Kriss Kringle himself, with the frosty stars and the bewildering variety of confectionery, stretching back into the shadow, like a sugared ocean. Oh, had we but the purse of some success-thawed Democrat, would n't we make a nice Christmas for forty-eight children, that won't have much on the morning of December twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred seventy-four, to make their hearts glad, that the Christ-birthday has come!

Go in, good democrat! past the Whitman boxes, and the French mixed, if you please, and bring out a shower of Christmas goodies, that shall waken a shout of joy, whose echoing gladness will help to ring-you in through the portals of that city, inside which we had all better be storing more of the treasure of good deeds. We can't stop for the wisdom of Solomon, unfashionable though it be, and the Taylor windows come next. Neat prints and warm felt skirts lie meekly folded under the flowing, warm-hued winter fabrics, and furs and shawls that we have n't the heart to look at, or pray for, even in behalf of the "little ones." Never mind the streaked stockings, children. Come in here, where it is Bright rather than Black. Singing birds, and darting fishes, and green leaves, make the air radiant with the presence of summer. File around the great central China stand, and don't forget the nooks where the ferns are growing, for the sake of staring at the statues and the flashing plated ware. Santa Claus has waked up every sleepy corner of the establishment, but just get the boys out, and drag them past the hardware store, close by, before they get sight of the skates in the window.

Not a chicken of them will go by POWELL'S. They stop like a flock of geese that have been in the habit of coming here to feed. They know the way up stairs and down-stairs, and it carries our thoughts sotly back to the war time, when the "little ones" went not emptyhanded away from that door over the way, in the old block. Ah, well! has any one lost by it?—and may be there has been 'lending to the Lord."

Nobody will brown priously here, if we stop at the right hand counter and buy some excruciating vanities for the silly little feminines, but the midday rush has begun, and we must get out of the way. It is n't dinner time yet, and don't cease to stop at the restaurant, for here is Doug Store. See how clean and airy it is, and what dainty Christmas beauties are crowding the counters and window, and waiting invisible for the lightest inquiry. Then comes the cozy Book Store, tucked in snugly next door, and always alive with some new hint of a most attractiveness. We won't let our crowd in here, for they will light like Kansas grasshoppers on the exquisite prints and books that lie in orderly array on the counter. On we go, I tell the wind-swept and smiling, that stare as bravely as their being compers, and the corner provision store, down to the Bridge street rendezvous, short of which we seldom stop. "Are let the wind blash catarrh" cry the forty-eight as a breath. Such lovely fabrics and trimmings, and endless variety of rich and delicate goods peep from shelf and drawer, and show case, that all of the little ones might have new dresses, and bright ribbons, and dressy hats and caps, and pretty gloves, if only the fleet-footed Dr. Santa had been charged singly, like the apostles to decipher, with the business of Sickles. Count grant are the skates and jack-knives, which are better at the great central show-window, over the flashing cut-glass, and plated ware, and look longingly down the rows of table cutlery, and hardware tea sets, that we must go home without, I fear. We won't get depressed, however, and you shall have a sight and a smell of the honey boxes, and the Christmas geese, and the Scranton hams, at the south corner of the New Block. But don't get fugitives, or they may barricade the doors of the new Dry Goods Store, just beyond, where the bright, warm wraps, and the pretty tippets and muffs, and caps, and the cheap muslins and table linens are many a resolute-minded matron into purchasing. On! my little ones, for we can't have the fine hats, and rich scarfs, and uncelled beavers and broad-cloths they make up and sell here, at this first-class gentleman's furnishing store; but be sure you are not tempted by the naughty cigars, that pretty Lucian gal holds out in her brown hand.

You can reconnoitre for sledding here at the Pine street cross-ing, while we go higher up, and look in at the two millinery establishments that face each other so good-naturedly. The younger one is beautifully replenished for the Winter's trade, and coming vastly into favor, and the older one retains its standard merit of long-tested excellence. Back we come to Main street, into the region where the physical man can be Patched up to its last feible extent of sustenance, and where the lively auction sales send out their replenishing stores to the delight of prudent matrons and housewives of limited means. We go by the attractive niches of the up-town Shoe Store, and getting a stuff of an underground salon for the first time, dash wildly in at the old familiar Jewelry establishment. Here the pavements of the Celestial City been stripped up and wrought in peerless ornaments for Bradford beauties, that gold flashes in the face so profusely? Now, my little ones, comes the tug of self-denial, for don't we know of arms waiting to be freckled, and necks longing to be necklaced, and round fingers encircled by no jewelled ring, and watch pockets lying vacant, and does n't the splendor of these tangible brilliants grow into our longing thought, until the dim, distant prospect of pearly gates and golden streets pale out of our vision, like the shadow of a tar-off dream?

Keep away from here, dear reader, if you are doing the last of gold, for they show it up freely. They don't keep back the extra silver for the "best custom," as the feminine caterers have it, and leave you to feel like a fool, when your better comes out with the overtopping finery, that annihilates your ambitious venture. It is n't the prospective feasting on upper glories that makes us lay down the elegant cross in Etruscan gold, and the matchless lockets with their massive chains, but the hungry look of the famished lambs, takes hold of us, and, with a hurried glance at the flashing silverware on shelf and show-front, we come resolutely out of the door, with a tiny silver thimble marked "——." More millinery, more Havana oranges and cigars, and here we are at the foundation base of all social performance and domestic cheer. Boys and girls, those beef quarters and split hogs and and hams, and sausages and oysters, and fowls, aren't particularly comely to look at, but how would it go with the wearers of millinery and jewelry, and the sled guiders, if those trusty men at the clean marble tables, stopped hewing and sawing through bone and muscle from daylight until dark? Throw up your shabby hats, and away with you, past the handsome new Drug Store, for Christmas cookies and pies at the Bakery. You need n't rush for the store over the way, where the *free* fountain played all Summer, for it is removed to the BEIDLEMAN row down town, and the pleasant-faced foreman won't meet you at the door. Stop a bit, and stare at the revolving lights and the grand holiday presents in the last Drug Store, if you choose, and then for the Post Office News Room. You shall see beautiful picture books, and illuminated mottoes, and games and toys, and unutterable things that maketh the heart of childhood glad, and then, poor darlings, you must go home, for we want to stop awhile by ourselves. Is n't it nice here? They have got everything you want, and if they have n't, they can get it while you are looking at the catalogues. You don't have to be rich, or influential, or flourish your credentials, to be waited on, and they don't snub you, because you are a Republican, which last, dear reader, is a noticeable feature in these latter days.

COURT PROCEEDINGS—CONTINUED.—Nathaniel Boughton vs Elizabeth Boughton. On motion court continue the appointment of J F Gillett as commissioner to take depositions.

D M Campbell vs Alonzo Ross. Court grant a rule to show cause why the appeal shall not be stricken off.

In the matter of the adoption of Claude Murray and Lennie E Woodward, as the children and heirs of Samuel Cobb. On reading petition, and on motion, court make the usual decree of adoption.

Daniel Bastian, guardian, vs Charles Stockwell, guardian. Court grant a rule to show cause why the judgment shall not be stricken off.

George W Warren vs M C Mercur. Court grant a rule to show cause why this suit shall not be removed to the U S Circuit Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

John W Mix's use vs A Wolff and A Loder. Court grant a rule to show cause why A Loder shall not be subrogated to the rights of the plaintiff.

J E Bullock vs Elisha Rockwell and J G Rockwell. Court grant a rule to show cause why J G Rockwell shall not be subrogated to the rights of the plaintiff.

Brink & Bowman vs Joseph C Gale. Opinion of the court filed, wherein the rule in this case is set aside.

M C Mercur vs John Ransom. Opinion of the court filed, wherein the rule to open judgment is made absolute upon conditions.

Valentine Smith's executors vs Continental Life Insurance Co. Opinion of the Court filed, wherein rule to strike off the appeal from award of arbitrators is made absolute.

R M Manley's use vs George Rogers and C H Wilber. Court grant a rule on plaintiff to show cause why he shall not be enjoined from proceeding further on writ in this case.

George Nichols vs Mary Jane Decker. Court grant a rule to show cause why execution should not be set aside, and judgment opened, and defendant let into a defense.

J H Schrader's use vs Emanuel Miller. Court grant a rule to show cause why the Venl Ex. shall not be set aside.

W W Decker vs Joel Bennett. Court grant a rule to show cause why judgment should not be opened, and defendant let into a defense.

Norman Rockwell's use vs P Watkins. Court grant a rule on the plaintiff, to show cause why the subrogation shall not be stricken off, and satisfaction reinstated on the record, and defendant let into a defense.

Susannah Vargarson vs Amos Vargarson. On motion court appoint L B Camp a commissioner to take depositions.

Morton Adams vs Lucy L Adams. Court direct a subpoena in divorce to issue.

Com vs Daniel Slavin—Assault with intent to commit rape. The defendant being arraigned in open court pleads guilty. The court sentence him to pay a fine of $100, and costs of prosecution, and undergo an imprisonment of four years and ten months in the Eastern Penitentiary.

Com vs G P Tracy—Selling liquors without license.

Com vs same—Selling liquors to minors.

Com vs same—Selling liquors on election day.

On motion court direct a *nolle prosequi* to be entered in each of the above cases, upon payment of costs.

Nettie Campbell vs Emerson Campbell. On motion court appoint A J Layton commissioner to take depositions.

M H Weites vs David Schwauk and Daniel Sicker. Court grant a rule to show cause why the sheriff's sale shall not be set aside.

Pomeroy Bros. vs N Van Name and J W Bailey. Court grant a rule on plaintiff and sheriff to show cause why they shall not be directed to sell certain lands of the defendants, before selling other lands.

The Grand Jury disposed of the following cases:

TRUE BILLS.

Com vs James Burke—Fornication and bastardy.

Com vs Truman Harris—Assault and battery.

Com vs John Baldwin, David Blackman and Wm B Stevens—Nuisance.

Com vs Henry Patterson—Murder.

Com vs W P Arnold—Assault and battery.

Com vs Daniel Kellogg—Selling liquors without license.

Com vs P D Wilcox—Selling liquors without license.

Com vs J W Wilcox—Selling liquors without license.

Com vs Joseph Baxter—Burning a barn.

Com vs Stephen Dragoo and Wm Thomson—Assault and battery.

NOT TRUE BILLS.

Com vs P B Sanford, jr., and Frank Forrest—Larceny.

Com vs same—Larceny.

Com vs David H Burnham and Harrison Burnham—Assault and battery. The prosecutor, David G Knapp, for costs.

Com vs Peter Landmesser—Assault and battery. The prosecutor, Joseph Van Scioter, for costs.

The Grand Jury were discharged on Thursday afternoon.

On motion court direct an alias subpoena to issue in the following cases: Chauncy B Guthrie vs Rebecca Guthrie; L G Meckler vs O B Meckler.

Mary E Ward vs Albert Ward. On motion court direct Sheriff to make the usual proclamation in this case.

Com vs A Snell—Embezzlement of public money.

Com vs E C Kellogg, Morris Shepard, and Benjamin Kuykendall—same. On motion of District Attorney court direct a *nolle prosequi* to be entered in each case upon payment of costs.

The following Sheriff's deeds were acknowledged in open court by the Sheriff, J Monroe Smith:

To Josiah Patterson, a piece of land in Wyalusing twp., containing 300 acres, sold Dec 3, as the property of M C Mercur. Consideration, $12,550.

To Ezekiel Newman, a piece of land in Canton twp., containing 38 acres, sold Dec. 3, as the property of Ansel Blakeman. Consideration, $550.

To Samuel F Pomeroy and Horace Pomeroy, a piece of land in Columbia twp.; containing 7½ acres sold Dec 3, as the property of John Morgan. Consideration $300.

To Alanson Palmer, a piece of land in Columbia twp., containing 25 acres, sold Dec 3, as the property of John Morgan. Consideration $600.

To Judson W Stone, a piece of land in Canton twp, containing 60 acres, sold Dec. 3, as the property of Jacob Horning. Consideration $1,550.

To Penn Mutual Insurance Co. of Philadelphia, for Mercur's Block, in Towanda, Bro, sold Dec 4, as the property of M. C. Mercur. Consideration $19,000.

To Peter Brady, a piece of land in Smithfield twp., containing 70 acres, sold Dec 3, as the property of M S Dibble. Consideration $100.

The court appoint R B Powers, Stenographer to be attached to the court during the pleasure of the court.

Jas Wristley's use vs Darius Bennett. On motion Court strike off the levy on land in this case.

R M Welles vs Freeman Sweet. On motion court amend the record by adding the names of E C Sweet and H N Sweet, as defendants in said case.

Com vs Henry Patterson—Murder. Continued to February term.

Com vs Albert Brown—Murder. Dist. Att'y Reeves and H N Williams, Esq., for Com. H. W Patrick and J F Sanderson, Esqs., for the prisoner. The jury in this case was impanneled during Wednesday afternoon and evening. The case was opened Thursday morning, and the evidence closed Friday noon. Friday afternoon District Att'y Reeves made the first argument on behalf of the Commonwealth. He was followed by J F Sanderson and H W Patrick, Esqs., for the prisoner. H N Williams, Esq., for the Commonwealth, closed the arguments. Friday evening His Honor Judge Morrow delivered his charge to the jury, which occupied an half hour. The jury retired, and after an absence of fifteen minutes returned. They find the prisoner guilty of murder in the first degree.

B W Lane vs J O Vought et al. On motion court make the rule absolute.

G P Tracy vs Thomas J Jones. On motion court grant a rule upon plaintiff to pay costs into court, on or before the 25th inst., or show cause why an attachment shall not be issued.

Codding & Russell's use vs Michael Myers. On motion court grant a rule on the Sheriff of Sullivan county, to return writ in his hands, issued on above judgment. Returnable on Dec 26.

Isaac Babcock vs Michael Kelley and Michael McDonnell. On motion court grant a rule to show cause why the administrator shall be allowed to go upon the record in the case as defendant.

C Hunnicker vs John S Williston—On motion, the court order and direct that this case be restored and placed on the issue list for trial.

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Com vs J W Wilcox. Com vs P D Wilcox—Selling liquors without license. Continued to Feb term.

Com vs Tru an Harris—Assault and Battery. Dist Atty Reeves and H N Williams, Esq for Com; W T Davies, Esq and Watkins & Little for the def. Verdict guilty. The court sentence him to pay a fine of $5 and costs of prosecution.

Com vs Truman Harris—Deserting his family; verdict guilty. Court sentence him to pay the cost of prosecution and direct that he enter into recognizance with surety in the sum of $500 dollars, conditioned that he pay to Julia Harris, his wife, $25 quarterly on the first day of February May, August and November, until further ordered by the court.

D L Gamble vs C A Gamble, Clark A Ellsworth vs Lucy Ellsworth, Addison Grace vs Annie E Grace—On Motion court direct Sheriff to make proclamation in each case and appoint A B Porter a commissioner to take depositions in the first case, Albert Gallup, and Stephen McClure in the second case, and John W. Mix Esq in the third case.

Elmer D Brock vs Alice M Brock, Ira Goodrich vs Pendleton Goodrich—On motion court directed an alias subpoena to issue in each case.

Harriet M Lockwood vs Edmund Lockwood, Eliza Jane McFarick vs Thomas McFarick—On motion court direct a subpoena in divorce to issue in each case

Mary G Ackerman vs John H Ackerman—On motion court directed an alias subpoena to issue and direct the sheriff to make proclamation.

Emma Williams vs Charles Williams—On reading depositions and on motion of W H Carnochan, Esq. court makes the usual decree of divorce.

Mary E Ward vs Albert Ward—On motion court appoint A S Hooker a commissioner to take depositions.

Wescott, Kent & Co vs M S Allen, A B A Briggs vs Sylvester Week—In each case judgment for want of an appearance.

J C Schoonover vs A L McKean, Cowell & Myer vs John W Whalon, S S Strait vs Peter Herdic, D V Franks vs Stephen Baugh and Abram Waltman, the Wood Sewing Machine Co vs Morgan Pitch and J S Fitch—In each case judgment for want of a plea and affidavit of defense

John Bundell vs Henry Cole—Judgment upon two *nihils*.

Timothy Hireen vs P A Johnson—On motion court permit to ask for judgment for want of an appearance on Wednesday Dec 16

S W Wolcott vs R W McClelland—Judgment against the garnishee for sum admitted to be in his hands

Jefferson Lauchland vs A W Fellows—On motion court grant a rule to show cause why the inquisition should not be set aside.

Hiram Taylor's use vs W N Dobbins—On motion court grant a rule to show cause why the appeal from the award of arbitrators shall not be stricken off.

E Pomeroy vs C C McClelland—On motion court grant rule to show cause why judgment should not be opened so as to discharge the lien of their judgment.

O D Bartlett vs John W Goodwin and Robert E Allen—On motion the court allowed the amendment of the declaration in this case by adding a copy of the book account for goods sold and work and labor done, and material furnished for which the action is brought.

In the matter of the incorporation of the Mill City Cemetery Association—On motion of Dilos Rockwell, Esq. court make the usual decree of incorporation.

Com vs W P Arnold—Assault and battery; Dist Atty Reeves and Overton & Elsbree for com; W T Davies and Foyle & McPherson for def. Verdict guilty; court sentence him to pay a fine of $25 and costs of prosecution

Margaret Dann vs F. D. Chase et al—The opinion of the court filed wherein the rule to subrogate is made absolute.

B S Bentley vs T V and J M Tompkins—Judgment for want of an appearance.

Obediah Titus vs Hollet Titus—Auditors report filed and confirmed *nisi*.

Montanyes vs A Heverly, James Foster vs Jay Chaspel—Auditors report is confirmed finally.

Bass & Clark vs J B Johnson—Auditors report confirmed unless exceptions to the parts to which exceptions were filed.

E Pomeroy vs C C McClelland and David Thomas son terre tenant et al—On motion court grant a rule to show cause why the judgment shall not be amended so as to discharge from the lien thereof a certain piece of land in Leroy twp.

Com vs Wm L Robinson—Setting fire to defraud an insurance Co; Dist Atty Reeves and Mason and Cahff for com; Isharan Smith and S W Little for def. On trial.

Albert Brown, convicted of the murder of Cora Greenleaf, was brought into court Wednesday afternoon to receive sentence.

On being asked if he had anything to say, the prisoner replied in the affirmative, when he arose and addressed the court for nearly half an hour in a rambling and incoherent manner. He neither admitted nor denied his guilt. His stolid, indifferent manner did not tend to create sympathy in the hearts of his hearers. He requested the Judge to have the day of execution fixed on the 28th day of August next, at 10:30 a. m., that being the time he first became conscious that he was charged with the murder of the little girl. At the conclusion, Judge MORROW in a very feeling manner pronounced the following sentence, which was listened to with the most intense interest, and tears were seen trickling from many eyes "unused to the melting mood."

In the month of August last you ravished and then murdered Cora Greenleaf, under circumstances too horrible to mention. She was an innocent, helpless child. Like to her she was sweet, and its morning had only dawned upon her. Yet innocent and young as she was, to satisfy your wicked lust you committed upon her person an inhuman, a diabolical crime—a crime which it is almost impossible to believe that any creature in human form could find it in his heart to commit; still, not satisfied with this act—which would probably have resulted in her death,—you murdered her in cold blood. Of all this the jury have found you guilty, after a patient, full, and impartial trial. With this verdict we are entirely satisfied. Indeed, it could not have been different, for the evidence, together with your confession, clearly established your guilt—establishing beyond all cavil or peradventure. Your counsel, with all their effort and ability, were unable to shield you. They did for you all that man could do, and yet a jury, almost of your own selection, unhesitatingly found you guilty of murder in the first degree, and it remains for us to impose the penalty woven in the law attached to your crime. This is a solemn duty and we pray that we may discharge it conscientiously, and with becoming firmness and care—to the end that the majesty of the law may be vindicated, the power felt and respected. And now, as you stand condemned before the law, how powerless you are to help or save yourself. As your victim was now cloed in your murderous grasp, to save her own life, even less power have you now to escape the penalty of your crime. Late in the hour of agony and death she raised her little hands to heaven and cried to see her mother, so in your hour of agony raise your hands to heaven and may be God will be merciful even to you, who showed no mercy.

The penalty of your crime is death, and we entreat you not to hope or expect to escape it. It will soon be executed upon you. You will soon experience the great change which death works; but you will not cease to exist, even if you so wished. "Death is not an eternal sleep"—neither "is it all of death." And when the eternal world dawns upon you, whether that dawn will be one of cheer or despair it is a question between you and the God of all grace, to whom we commend you, that, if so be, through this infinite mercy and love through the blood of Jesus that cleanseth from all sins—even the murderer may find peace and rest for his soul. Try to do, then, for there is yet our only hope. "Every Word of God is pure; he is a shield unto them that put their trust in Him."

The sentence of the Court is, that you, Albert Brown, be taken from hence to the jail of the county of Bradford from whence you came. And from thence to the place of execution within the walls or yard of the jail of said county, when the executive, by his warrant, may direct, and there to be hanged by the neck until you are dead. And may God have mercy on your soul.

THE APPROACHING HOLIDAY SEASON.—SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING APPROPRIATE GIFTS.—"It is better to give than to receive." This beautiful passage of Scripture is commonly understood to refer to the consciousness of doing what is right in the way of almsgiving—in the gratuitous and disinterested bestowment of gifts upon the poor. Donations are clothed with more dignity; they are usually gotten up to benefit some public object. A present is a compliment—an expression of kindness or a symbol of love. The French word, *souvenir*, signifies a remembrance; generally, a token not liable to perish, but which can be preserved for years, ever reminding the recipient of the giver. But in all these instances of making others happy, there is often more hearty pleasure experienced by the donor than the receiver.

We are fast approaching the holidays, the merry season which is such a boon to the toiling millions, when presents of all sorts, from the one cent tin trumpet to lovely gems of almost fabulous price, will be exchanged. Preparations are already in progress for Christmas and New Year's gala days. Our leading merchants have their respective stores handsomely dressed out in all the dazzling beauties of fancy knick-knackery, and crowds throng their rooms in search of something suitable for a present. A great deal of money is wasted in buying what is only fit to be used once, and must then be thrown away. In selecting gifts, let your choice rest upon the useful and ornamental.

Don't select anything merely because it looks pretty or dazzles the eye, but on account of its worth or wear. Rather than spend your money for that which can only serve a particular purpose and be utterly unfit for anything else, take something that will always be interesting or amusing. There are plenty of toys that can be utilized in this way. Toy blocks are especially adapted to please and instruct. Some contain letters, some figures, some have pictures on them, and are constructed in such variety of shapes that it would be impossible to enumerate them. It is this kind of toy that will be found in these times the most economical. In the way of decoration, popped corn strung together and hung up in fantastic shapes, gives a Christmas tree, for instance, a very attractive appearance.

There are other means which can be thus employed and prove both useful and ornamental, but space forbids our entering too much in detail on this subject. This is a mere hint at what may be done, and while all no doubt will somehow or other enjoy the coming festivities of the closing year, if this hint will prove of any service it will have accomplished the object in view.

DISTRICT CONVENTION.—The District Convention I. O. G. T., met at Rome, Nov. 25 and 26, in the hall of Rome Lodge. Called to order by D. D., C. E White, W. C. T., pro tem. Vacant offices being filled by appointment, pro tem., for morning session.

Convention opened in regular form, with reading scripture, prayer and singing.

Com. on Credentials—Bro. Smith.

Com. on Resolutions—Bros. Dartt, Butts and Chamberlin.

Com on good of the Order—Bros. Dartt, Chrispell and Yontz.

On motion, Bro. Wm. Smith was admitted as delegate from North Towanda Lodge. Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opened at 1½ o'clock. W. C. T., Lewis Lantz, in the chair. Prayer by Rev. Hollbrook. Singing. Minutes of last convention read and approved.

Bro. Dartt, from Committee on Resolutions, offered the following:

Resolved, That our District Deputies be requested to assign the work of organizing Good Templar Lodges into small districts, to such discreet Brothers as will serve to canvass, and use their utmost endeavors to establish an organization of good templars within the boundaries of every township in the county within the next sixty days, or, at farthest, by the first of March next.

Discussed by Bros. Dartt, White, Keefe, Gridley, Chrispell, Butts and Barnes. Unanimously adopted.

Com. on Credentials reported as follows:

Rome Lodge, No. 469, Bros. Yontz, M. D. Carey, T. B Barnes and Lizzie Chaffe.

Canton Lodge, No 498, B. D. Barnes, Sisters B. D. Barnes and Martha Spaulding.

Franklindale Lodge, No. 497, Bros. F. D. Rockwell.

North Towanda Lodge, No. 539. Bro. Wm. Smith, and Sisters Anna Mitchell and Alma Horton.

Liberty Corners Lodge, No. 1062, Bros. J. M. Piatt and C. Cummins.

Elevation Lodge, No. 770, Bro. Richard Woodward, and Sisters Jennie Walmot and Jenette Shrader.

Wyalusing Lodge, No. 472, Bros. S S, Butts and Wm. Chamberlin.

On motion, Brother and Sister Stevens were admitted as delegates from Franklindale Lodge. There were also present District Deputies, White Chrispell, Lancaster and G. W. C., Dart. Reports show Lodges in a flourishing condition.

Consideration of the best method of training our children for temperance. Discussed by Bros. Keefe, Piatt, Dartt, Lancaster, Butts, Young, Taylor and Chrispell.

On motion, adjourned to meet in the Baptist Church at 6½ o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

Opened with singing. Prayer by Rev. Hollbrook. The opening address of the evening was delivered by Hon. B. S. Dartt, followed with remarks by Rev. Hollbrook, Smith, Chamberlin, Chrispell and Gridley, interspersed with music, select readings, &c. A three hours session was closed with a thrilling recital, by Miss Bernice Wattles, of Rome, of the poem entitled "Found Dead."

2ND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Interesting Degree meeting at 8 o'clock. Regular Convention opened at 9½ o'clock, with singing and prayer.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Bro. Dartt, from the Committee on Resolutions, made a further report, viz:

Resolved, That a Committee of nine be appointed by the Chairman, whose duty it shall be to appoint a Visitance Committee in each election district in Bradford county, and call a county convention in the month of August or September next, for the purpose of putting in nomination suitable persons for county offices.

Discussed by Bros. White, Lancaster, Yontz, Boardman, Smith, Chrispell, Dartt, Keefe, Chamberlin and Taylor. Bro. Dartt offered an amendment to strike out the words "in the month of August or September next," which was agreed to and resolution adopted.

Committee: C. E. White, North Towanda; Alex Keefe, Rome; B. S. Dartt, Canton; F. M. Piatt, Liberty Corners; C. A. Stowell, Sugar Run; Wm. Chamberlin, Wyalusing; A. H Spaulding, Athens; Thos. Blackwell, West Burlington; Chas. Hall, Towanda; W. C. T. and W. S., ex-officio members.

Bro. Butts made a report from the committee on the revision of the constitution, rules and by-laws of the Convention.

On motion the report was recommitted with instructions to more perfectly complete the report and report at next meeting.

Moved and carried that unfinished business be attended to on the first day of next Convention.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention be extended to Rome Lodge for the use of their beautiful Hall and to the trustees of the Baptist church for the use of their church for public session. Also to the good people of Rome for the kind hospitality extended to members of the Convention from abroad. Adopted.

Receipts of Convention, $4 55.

Remarks for good of the Order, by, Wm. Coolbaugh, Keefe, Hall, Butts, Woodward, Chrispell, White and Dartt.

Adjourned to meet at Monroeton, on the last Wednesday and Thursday of February next.

O. F. YOUNG, Sec., *pro tem.*

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