# Bradford Reporter

Towanda, Thursday, Feb. 11, 1875.


## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

ROLL OF HONOR at Towanda Graded School, for the week ending Feb. 6: ARCHIE CORSER, EMMA NORTHROP.

Two men, who were caught applauding the verdict of a jury, on Tuesday evening, were fined by his Honor Judge Mercur five dollars each.

REV. Dr. NILES, of Hornellsville, will preach in the Presbyterian Church, this (Wednesday) evening, and on Thursday and Friday evenings.

L. T. ROYSE, who has served as High Constable for the past two years, will be a candidate for re-election on Tuesday next. No better selection could be made.

M. H. LANING Esq., and daughter MRS. RESSOR, started last week for the hot springs of Arkansas, and will remain at that "fountain of health" for several weeks.

THE friends of Rev. G. L. WILLIAMS will pay him a donation visit at the home of ASA WARNER, in Pike, on the afternoon and evening of Wednesday, Feb. 17, 1875. All are cordially invited.

MAJ. G. B. OVERTON, Receiver of Public Moneys for the district of Utah, has been confirmed Register of the Land Office at Fair Play, Colorado. The promotion will be appreciated by the Major and his many friends.

THE Post-Office at Athens having been advanced to the third class, Mr. MOSIER the present incumbent, has been appointed by the President, and confirmed by the Senate, Postmaster for four years.

OUR old friend, C. E. GLADDING has added to his usefulness as a granger an enterprising citizen, by taking unto himself a "help-meet." His usual excellent taste was displayed in the affair.

THE Republican Electors of the Third Ward are requested to meet at the Ward Grocery on Saturday evening next, Feb. 13 at 7 o'clock, for the purpose of selecting candidates to be supported at the ensuing election.

WE HAVE been having the longest "spell of weather" experienced in this section for many years. On Tuesday morning last the thermometer indicated 18 degrees below zero, and continued throughout the day to remain below zero.

THE concert given by Leavitt's Pal Rovers, on Monday evening last, was a treat to all present. The Manager, Mr. SMITH, is not unknown to our people, having appeared before them on several previous occasions, and has always received the hearty welcome, which he deserves. The gentleman can now realize the truth, acquired themselves well and all were loudly and frequently encored. They have a rich bass voice, and is one of the very best vocalists it has ever been our good fortune to listen to. We hope to see them all again soon, and from the very large after dance on Monday evening we have no doubt they will pay Towanda another visit.

PERSONAL.—HON. T. FOS ROCKWELL was in town on Monday. His official duties in the Senate have not hereto recently allowed him time for a visit, but hereafter expect one.

—"Judge MERCUR is visiting in Philadelphia.

—Prof. FISLER formerly Principal of the College Institute but now connected with LAFAYETTE College, is in town, superintending the removal of the WARD Library.

—A. E. MINARD is paying his friends here a visit.

—B. S. RESSLER, Esq., has been in town for the past few days. Mr. R. has many warm friends in Towanda, who are pleased to see him in the enjoyment of excellent health.

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT.—Our present common school law requires such an officer. Whether his services have been heretofore beneficial, need not be discussed; but whether they shall be, is an important question. It would seem that a man of thorough practical education, who has devoted twenty years of his life to the advancement of the science as a successful teacher, would be as likely to benefit one locality as any man. Such a man is Wm. H. RUSSELL of Stockbridge. Would it not be well for the School Directors of Bradford county to consider whether Mr. RUSSELL is not the best man for the place. OLD TEACHER.

SMITHFIELD.—The new Baptist Church was dedicated to the worship of God on Wednesday, the 10th inst., with appropriate ceremony, and without the usual begging; thanks to the committee having the matter in charge. The house was filled in the morning to hear an excellent and able sermon by Rev. Mr. PARKER, of the First Baptist Church, Elmira, from those words—"And they shall call his name Immanuel, which, being interpreted, is God with us." Matt. i: 23. The building is of brick, and cost $8,347; with only a small debt of $300 remaining unpaid.

The health of Dr. BULLOCK is not good this Winter. He retains his mental faculties well for a man 85 years of age, and is well post (where do you find better?) in history and current events.

Ph. the Post G. A. R. meets every Saturday evening, and when business is not pressing, lecture or debate is in order. A. O. S.

ST. VALENTINE'S DAY.—This day which has come to be very generally observed by the lads and lasses, is not a time for very choosing sweet love epistles, but for sending through curiousness, occasional Sunday new A.e. composition in Rome, who does not believe in decorating the day, sends us the following old-fashioned:

VALENTINE.

O Mary dear, I kiss the day,
When first I saw your face,
When first I called to converse Pa,
Y'n was calling on the race.

Your gentle heart and kinder words
I love to think of still;
I muse on them while on the road,
In valley or on hill.

Say, is it wrong to love my maid,
Since Cupid sent a dart;
Shure, love with me as there 'tis sint,—
I feel it in my heart.

But what is home without thy face,
O fairest love of mine?
Oh, then, design the hymn to grace,
And bless your Valentine! C.

IN THESE DAYS, when so much is said derogatory to the character of public men, it is a source of real satisfaction to find an occasional paragraph like the following. Every word said in praise of Mr. MCGREW is more than deserved. During an acquaintance of ten or twelve years, we have never found him a man above reproach in every particular. The following is taken from an article in *Our Fireside Friend*:

MR. J. M. MCGREW.

The 5th Auditor of the Treasury has his office in the Post-Office Department; he having the settlement of the accounts of the Post-Offices in the United States. This is an important Bureau now, has been such for many years, and is constantly growing with the growth of the country. Judge MARTIN, of Alabama, is at the head of this Bureau, and Mr. MCGREW is Chief Clerk.

He has filled this position for many years. I do not believe there is a more popular man in any of the Departments than Mr. MCGREW, and I am certain there is not one who is more deserving of the high estimation of all having public business to attend to. We all know Mr. MCGREW does not know about the post offices and post masters in these United States, from Maine to Texas, and from Florida to Alaska, is worth knowing. His knowledge is all at his finger command, too, and he does not have to send off papers and clerks to help him, as we any question. There is another thing about McGrew which desire to call attention. He has always labored earnestly in the interests of the clerks and employes in the Bureau, to the neglect of his own interests in the way of promotion. He was a leading Democrat of influence as the right man for the head of one of the bureaus of the Post-office Department when Governor Jewell took charge there, if not he could not turn over his hand as it is, and be able, honest man, but it could be as well filled, and more ably put into the affairs, were Mr. MCGREW at the head of it.

Personally, Mr. MCGREW is one of the best of men, and as accessible a companion as one will meet in a week's journeyings through the Department. In the time is not far distant, when I may be authorized to announce that he is at the head of a Bureau either in the Treasury or the Post-office Department. There is no Bureau in either of these Departments which Mr. MCGREW could not at once conduct with perfect success, to the good of the Government and the people.

THE WARD LIBRARY.—The extensive and valuable library of the late Hon. C. L. WARD, is being removed to LaFayette College, Easton. In common with all of our citizens we deeply regret losing this collection. We had hoped that when it passed out of the hands of the family, it might be secured in some way as a public library for Towanda, where it would serve the double purpose of continuing accessible to all who desired to peruse the rare works it contains, and, at the same time, be a memorial to the liberal, honored, and public spirited gentleman, whose brilliant intellect, fine classical taste, and philanthropic motives, prompted him in collecting a library of such a character. While he lived it was at all ways open to the inspection of the public. The rare taste with which the books and relics were arranged, was noticeable by all who visited the library. While it is to be removed from our midst, it is a source of congratulation to all who knew Mr. WARD, that the library has fallen to the leading educational institution of the State, and that it will always be known as the "WARD Collection." The generosity which prompted the children of Mr. WARD to donate so valuable a present to such an institution, is a beautiful illustration of the reverence they bear his memory.

THE Towanda Teachers' Institute held their usual meeting Saturday, Feb. 6. The semi-monthly reports were as follows:

| Teachers. | Total. | Absent. | Tardy. |
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| G. W. Reah, } | | | |
| P. C. Mills, } | 97 | 72 | 62 |
| C. E. Howes, } | | | |
| Ella Spalding, | 68 | 148 | 104 |
| Sadie Bitcher, | 62 | 73 | 91 |
| E. Pennepacker, | 55 | 82 | 48 |
| A. Chamberlin, | 54 | 40 | 45 |
| E. Moserip | 50 | 86 | 19 |
| E. P. Sealey, | 50 | 69 | 69 |
| W. W. Burton, | 72 | 68 | 26 |

The first fifteen minutes were devoted to spelling by sound. We then had reading a history. Mr. PITCHER then gave explanations for inserting the division in division of fractions, after which Mr. HORTON explained the same by objects. Mr. RYAN took up the subject of Grammar and Analysis.

Mr. REYNOLDS was elected a member, and gave explanations of the "time" problems in Mental Arithmetic.

The following topics were assigned for the next meeting:

Mr. WM. ALLEN: Mr. HORTON, Progression; Mr. SEELEY, Spelling by Sound; Miss MUNDY, Geography of North America; Mr. RYAN, Analysis in Grammar.

Adjourned to meet Feb. 20.

G. W. RYAN, Pres.

F. C. MILLS, Sec'y.

ED. REPORTER: I see in a recent number of your paper an article on County Superintendent's salary, that Bradford county is now receiving less than many other counties of the State, according to the number of schools. This is very true, but are not many of the counties drawing a larger salary from the State appropriation than their Superintendents' services are worth? We decidedly object to the prevalent idea that Superintendents of common schools are to slice off all their conscience will allow, from the fund appropriated by law to common school purposes, under the specious plea that it *does not come out of the county treasury*. Do not pay a man according to what somebody else is paid, but according to what he earns. Whether the Convention which is to elect a Superintendent three months hence, leaves the salary at $1,000, or increases it to $1,500, in my own way of thinking, depends upon who is elected. If it selects a man fully qualified for the work, and who will give it his full time, moving here and there through the county where most needed, and open and voice "firing the public heart" in the interest of common school education, to earn his money even though he receive two thousand dollars a year. But if we are to have a Superintendent who consults his own ease, spends half his time looking after his own concerns, and merely goes through the motions as to get the pay, then thousand a year is too much. Therefore, we say select the man first and then adjust the salar question accordingly. If I were a director, I should vote for anybody whom suspected would circumvent the shady side of corner groceries during dog-days, with an old clay pipe in his mouth. Our boys are not in need of such examples to pattern after. Gentlemen directors, don't pass any poor timber for the County Superintendency, give us the best the county affords. Respectfully submitted,

JOHN DOE.

Feb. 3, 1875.

DEEDS left for record in the office for recording deeds, week ending Feb. 6:

Samuel Clark to Anson Beidelman, April 1, 1873, Athens; Francis W Keyes to J H. Clark, Nov 10, '74; Athens; J H Clark to Mary M Keyes, Dec 11, 1873, Athens; Jas E Cooper to Joseph Cooper, Feb 21, '73, Warren; Joseph F Cooper to Jas E Cooper, Nov 14, '74, Warren; P L Shaffer et al to Sherwood P Carey, Jan 20, '75, Warren; E F Tripp to Jas E Cooper, March 24, Warren; Jas E Cooper to Joseph F Cooper, Nov 14, '74, Warren; Pat Phelan to H H Maconber '74, Towanda Boro; Minerva Potter to N P Starr, Jan 6, '73, Springfield; Jacob Beardsley to A J Bloomfield, Trustee, Jan 7, '74, Canton; Solon Lindley to A J Bloomfield, Trustee, April 9, '74, Canton; M F Miller to Francis R Miller, Sept 27, '70, Albany; Myron Osborn to Mrs A R Taylor, April 27, —, Boro; Jas G Mason to Horace Dimmick, Nov 12, '53, Armenia; Wm Wilson to Elder Wilson, Dec 14, '74, Columbia; Wm Wilson to Wilson, Dec 14, '74, Columbia; John Morgan to Lewis H Smith, Jan 25, '75, Columbia; Johnson Colegrove to S S Purple, Nov 5, '74, Troy; Thompson Biddle, exr, to Eugene Underhill, Jan 8, '75, Rome; C Stockwell to Margaret Lamb, July 25, '7 , Canton; Wm Cornell et al to Sally Hollopeter, Nov 11, '74, Columbia; Sheriff to Edwin to J L and W F Grant, Nov 2 , —, Pike; Obadiah Gore to Betsey Hill, Feb 1, '75, Southeropin; Henry Youtz to Wm Rice, May 4, '68, Rome Boro; Martha B Warren et al to Rice, May 7, '73, Rome Boro; H A Chamberlain; Samuel Parmenter et al, Nov 16, '74, Springfield; John D Leonard to John Voorhis, March 2, 1870, Springfield; C Willing et al to Greele Voorhis, March 6, '69, Springfield; J M Smith, Sheriff, to J J Barnes, Sept 10, '74, Pike and Derrick; Frank E Weller to Ezra N Y Cole, Oct 1, '70, Jan 9, '74, Athens Boro; L A. Packard to E Miller, Oct 1, '74, Athens Boro; Eli N Merrill to Deletta Corbin, Dec 19, '74, Athens Boro.

LADIES' BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.—On Friday Jan. 29, the third annual meeting of the Ladies' Benevolent Association was held in the parlor of the Methodist Church, at 3 P.M. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. E. T. FOX, and after a prayer by Mrs. WM. WATKINS, (so sincere, so earnest, that it fell upon every heart, like a benediction) was open for business. The reading of the Annual Report, by the Secretary, Mrs. RAYMOND WELLES, proved that what was considered an experiment in 1873, in 1875 was a signal success! That the work so quietly begun, has been faithfully and earnestly persevered in, and the confidence of the community had been secured, and that it is now looked to as a permanent and established source of relief to the needy.

The Treasurer's Report, submitted by Mr. JOSEPH KINGSBURY, proved conclusively that the Society funds had been managed with care and forethought to secure the greatest possible benefits from the amount available. This treasurer, through the blessing of God, seems like the "widow's cruse," ever renewing and so far never failing, although at times very low. After the reading and acceptance of the reports, the next business in order was the election of officers for the coming year. The choice of President seemed already decided, and without a dissenting voice! Mrs E. T. FOX, who has so zealously served the Association since its organization has, by a vote so sincere and hearty that it must have been gratifying to the recipient, again been elected as President for the third year. This office, with all its attendant cares and perplexities, cannot be assumed without self-denial and sacrifice. Still, in this case as in all others, the generous good of the Society seemed the first consideration of the members.

The Vice Presidents chosen were Mrs. MAUNCY S. RUSSELL, Mrs. P. D. MORROW and Mrs. F. J. CALKINS, and Mrs. Dr. TURNER.

Mrs JOSEPH KINGSBURY, declining to accept the office, so unanimously tendered her for the second time, nominated Mrs. STEPHEN W. ALLEN as treasurer in her place. Mrs. ALLEN was elected by a general vote. Mrs. R. M WELLES was, by most cordial and hearty expression of satisfaction of confidence, re-elected Recording Secretary, and Mrs. ELMAR M. MYER Corresponding Secretary. After the election of officers, a vote of thanks was tendered to the ladies who had so earnestly served the Society, energetically working through the days of its infancy and effort (and consequently greatest need,) and here now retiring from office. Mrs. NOBLE N. BETTS and PAUL D. MORROW then offered two resolutions, so judicious in their plan of systematizing the work, as certainly to relieve hearts and hands here-to-fore often overburdened. These resolutions were at once gratefully accepted, as aids to future success. The meeting then closed with the most cordial expressions of good-will and kindly feeling, and with renewed resolves for increased zeal and effort for 1875. Most Respectfully,

MRS. HIRAM M. MYER,
Cor. Sec'y Ladies' Benevolent Association.

TROY ITEMS.—A Troy correspondent furnishes the following interesting items to the Elmira *Advertiser*:

"The entertainment by pupils of the Graded School at Redington Opera House, last Friday evening, was a decided success. All the essays read were exceedingly fine. Two of them, "The Thistle," by Miss Minnie Grobe, and "Precious Stones," by Miss Ferguson, deserve special notice. Miss Grobe added much to the real excellence of her essay by her clear and distinct enunciation. The declamations were also excellent, and reflect much credit upon the young men who took part. A large majority of the audience would doubtless have voted the first prize for declamation to the young man who received the second; but the committee were desirous more critical, and, on the whole, evidently seem to be well satisfied.

"Prizes were awarded as follows: Wor Penny, 1st prize to Miss Grobe. 2d prize to Miss Ferguson. For Declam tions. 1st prize to Master Frank Pierce—2d prize to Master Willis Grant.

"The musical part of the entertainment was very creditable to the ladies and gentlemen who furnished it. Prof. S. T. WOOLLUM is a superior instructor, and our Graded School has never been more prosperous than at present.

"Considerable sickness is reported in this place and vicinity, principally a mild form of diphtheria and an affection of the eyes.

"Reynal W. SWEENEY, of Pomeroy Bros., Bankers, is much relieved over his recovery from the effects of an accident that has confined him to his house for some time past, and which threatened at one time to lay him aside permanently.

"Arrangements are being made to erect a large number of fine dwellings in this village as soon as spring opens. We also hear that there is prospect that the Presbyterian society will commence the erection of their new house of worship early this year. It is a great wonder to many that it has not been done before.

"The Y. M. C. A. is in a very flourishing condition, and its prayer-meetings well attended every Sunday evening. Rev. R. A. TAGGART, State Secretary, is expected to visit it during the present month.

"The meetings held during the past two weeks in the Methodist and Presbyterian churches, have been well attended and have resulted well. Several have united on profession with the latter named church.

"Butter has suffered a decline all, and is now quoted at less than thirty cents; the present seem to be that it will fall lower. Farmers who refuse only cents a show time since, and held for more, are now sorry for their greed. At forty cents butter is higher than any other article of provision and twenty-eight cents is as high as it ever should go. The very high prices have been a well to farmers generally, leading them into practices closely akin to stock gambling. It has led some to assume great ake, and in many cases will result in great and sudden losses. X. L."

ED. REPORTER: To the voters of the Borough of Towanda, I would respectfully give my opinion. I have had my attention called to two articles in relating to water works in the borough. The writer in the REPORTER desires to have water works, but is opposed to the borough running in debt for them, but is willing to give by a loan to a company $10,000 or $20,000, and he also suggests an experiment of an artesian well.

The article in the *Argus* admits the necessity of water works, but thinks the Town Council not competent to construct them, and suggests that the Gas and Water Company of Towanda "will erect water works when Towanda has reached sufficient stature to warrant their erection. It seems to me that these two articles have been written in the interests of the Gas Company. Water can be carried through the borough at a cost not exceeding $80,000. This will furnish water for all, for mechanical and domestic purposes, for a population of not less than 20,000 persons, and would enable the borough to dispense with all of the steam fire engines, and only retain a hose company for each of the three wards.

To raise the $80,000, let the borough issue her bonds payable in 20 years at 7 per cent. interest per annum. The amount would stand as follows:

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| Interest on $80,000, 1 year at 7 per ct., | $ 5,600 |
| Running expenses, repairs, etc. | 3 400 |
| To the Sinking Fund | 6,000 |
| Total | $15,000 |
| Credit by water rents one year | 15,000 |

By this arrangement, in a little short of four years, the property-holders would own the water works free from debt.

Some make an objection that this will create a large debt and tax. This would be paid by the water rents, for the occupants of each house would be willing to pay an average rent of $15 per annum, to which add the water rents of hotels, machine shops, etc., and it would readily without difficulty $15,000 per annum.

I am of the opinion that if any person will look over this matter, without prejudice, he will come to the conclusion that one of the great wants of Towanda is water works, and we can no be had if the people so direct.

You will observe in the foregoing statement that no charge is made for fire plugs, for which, if the borough had to pay a company, it would be an expense of not less than $4,000 per annum.

The difference between the building of water works by a company, or by the borough, is: a company would charge as much water rent as the borough, and you would have to pay it for all time to come; but by paying to the borough, you own the water works free from debt in about fourteen years.

More might be said upon this subject, but I leave it to your good sense to fill up and expand the argument. Will you look at and discuss the subject so as to vote intelligently.

A CITIZEN.

A BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF THE LIN-TS ALL.—Lively report says that the Linds ball on Thursday evening last was a success. Like the fishman at the Thunder Gorge, Niagara we would say in all simplicity, "What on earth there was under it?" There were three prayer meetings that same night. We hope they were successful. There were lovely women at the ball; and some fair girls at the prayer meetings, we are told. The dilapidated fence seems to have been in the toilets, and the air of enjoyment pursued. From the stress given to the description of the more worldly event, we infer that our friend of the "Court Journal," as a member of the judiciary designates that ambitious sheet, is strongly in sympathy with the current the sets in that way. He is a nice young man, and it is easy to follow the precedent he has established, of devoting observation exclusively to the details of the gentlemen toilet, the severe editorial air with which he surveyed the brilliant scene, as well as the unexceptionable neck-tie that formed the crowning joy of his immaculate linen, cone *corsage montant*, would never have been given to an eager public.

If pretty Miss I— was the "Belle" of the evening, she is probably aware of the fact, and if absorbed, in her spotless attire of fleecy white, like any queen, caught in a shower of roses, it will not be for us to say: but the best of it is, dear reader, that her own deft fingers shaped the consummate skill in the more serious department of domestic utility, as they are in manipulating bewitching finery. Our young friend A— D— D was indeed "White tartatan, with lavender trimmings," in the "Court Journal." We will be excused if we dwell a little more minutely on this pretty and appropriate dress. It was girlish and softly outlined with a tracery of variable beauty, like that which over and anon catches and mystifies the beholder in her bright face and be widening voice. The young lady and her attire were more than ordinarily interesting, because a touch of genius had united them in a species of expression that contains the truest and simplest secret of dress.

Miss N— S— was one of the most gracefully moving figures upon the floor. Her toilet of white tartatan was effectively blended with soft falls of Spanish lace and confined at the waist with an elegant sash of blue gros grain. She wore a feathery plume of blue in her lovely blonde hair, with sprays of lilies of the valley, the effect of which was charming and inimitable.

Miss E— P— was more than once spoken of among the prettiest girls in the room. Her dress like one we have already alluded to, was prettily significant of her youth and innocence, and the chaste beauty of the natural flowers resting at her throat, and among the soft tresses of her bright brown hair, were the loveliest ornaments that could have been selected.

Mrs. B—, of Auburn, N. Y., wore a heavy brocaded silk of silvery blue, with marvelous accompaniments of point lace and diamonds, and full length gloves.

The dress of Mrs. P—, of Binghamton, was one of those exquisite, unattainable hues, that no rival tint or treacherous light can throw into the shade, and which is conventionally designated as cameleon colored, in the "Court Journal." Those two toilets, with their elaborate trimmings, were pronounced by competent judges to be the most elegant dresses worn on the occasion.

Mrs. W— M— was arrayed in rich blue moire antique, with point appique trimmings, and mauche gas diamonds, that brought out her blonde beauty with signal effect.

The petite figure of Mrs. P— G— E was attired in a heavy silk of delicate pink, with handsome point appliqueie, and a puffy looped neck and arm

Another toilet of deeper pink, with rich black lace trimmings, and overskirt adorned the delicate blonde. Mrs. M— S—.

The sisters, Misses B—, of Wilkes-Barre, added to the variety and coloring of the scene by costumes of corn colored and white tartatan. One of the young ladies whose dresses were ruthlessly victimized by broad sewed boots, left many souvenirs of her disgraded dress among the amused groups she chanced to grace.

Piquant little Miss A— E— was appropriately dressed in white organdy, over a ground of blue silk, the effect of which was as pleasing as her unassuming and graceful movements. Miss M— K— wore a lovely dress of white silk waist and tartatan drapery, the delicate adornments of which were particularly adapted to her rose pink cheeks and bright blond hair. The toilet of Miss S—, of Munch Chunk, consisting of blue silk skirt, with waist and overskirt of organdy, interlaced and overwrought with elegant insertings and frills of Valenciennes lace, was pronounced by connoisseurs to be a marvel of intricate and elaborate workmanship the effect of which was artistic and delicate.

Mrs. W. Y— wore a rich black silk, with lace overskirt, and sleeveless jacket of velvet, ornamented at the neck with a lovely cluster of pink blossoms.

Mrs. H— M— presented as usual a rare originality of design and execution in her toilet. The rich corn colored facings of her velvet waist, toned off with thread lace, was brought into fine but not glowing effect with her marked outline of heavy dark hair and eye brow, and highly intellectual cast of features.

The dress of Miss K— P— was singularly fresh and attractive, with green, waxen leaved vines running over its fleecy folds and going astray into the shadow of the rich white sash at her waist.

The delicate face and figure of Miss J— P— was never more chastely beautiful, than with their pure but elegant appointments on the evening of Thursday last.

Miss S—, of Chicago, struck us, rather, by her classical outline or contour and form, than by her tasteful and unpretending dress of white tartatan, adorned with lovely pink rose-buds.

The pleasing contrast of black and blue, on the person of Miss C— B— was decidedly gratifying in the profusion of white tollets.

The rare effect that can sometimes be brought about by a combination of rich brown and scarlet was apparent in the toilet of Mrs. J— M—.

Miss N— P— wore a dress of white organdy trimmed with black velvet, which was more than ordinarily becoming to her bright face and graceful figure.

Many of the rich and elegant toilets in black, with their varied and appropriate adornments, were compelled, by lack of space rather than inclination to pass over. We missed two or three superb toilets, that graced the ball room at the Linds Reception last year, and we were unable to get at a view, whose costumes we were anxious to inspect.

We have evidence that the whole affair was conducted without regard to expenditure of money or effort.

It has proven an indisputable success. We admired intensely the white robed maidens at the ball. Beauty and elegance and magnificence swept by us, and on devouring glances drank them in greedily. Jewels and precious stones flashed in the gas-lights. We have scriptural warrant that the eternal hills gleam with the brilliance of Sapphire and Amethyst, and that Diamonds sparkle along the golden sands of the celestial water courses; but Talmage of the Tabernacle says, "Such cries of poverty and appeal come up around me that I cannot have two pairs of shoes." God be merciful!

OBSERVER.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.—Wednesday, Feb. 3.

The Grand Jury sposed of the following cases:

A TRUE BILL.

Com vs Stanley V Powers and John J Powers —Murder.

NOT TRUE BILLS.

Com vs Thos Randolph—Larceny.

Com vs Joseph Bailey—Bigamy. The prosecutor, John Wood, for costs.

The Grand Jury was discharged on Wednesday afternoon.

Com vs Elisha Smith and Comfort Smith—Aggravated assault and battery. Continued to May term.

Com vs Mortimer Moe—Assault and battery. Dist. Att'y Califf, DeWitt & Maynard for Com'th & Montanye for defendant.

Com vs Mortimer Moe—Breaking doors of a dwelling house. Continued to May term.

Com vs Wm Allen: Surety of the peace. After a full hearing, the Court sentence the defendant to pay the costs of prosecution.

Com vs Wm. Peet—Nuisance. The court direct a *nolle prosequi* to be entered on payment of costs.

Com vs Adam Stemburg—Selling liquor without license. Dist. Att'y Califf for Com. S C Gridley, Esq., for defendant. The jury find the defendant not guilty. County for costs.

Com vs Daniel Hughes—False pretences. Dist. Att'y Califf and J B Reeves, Esq., for Com. W Little, Esq., for defendant. The jury find the defendant not guilty, but that he pay the costs.

Adeline Noteware vs School Directors of Warren District. Opinion of the court filed, wherein rule for new trial is discharged.

R M Bowman's use vs J R Cowo. On motion, court grant a rule to show cause why judgment shall not be opened, and the defendant let into a defence.

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

To M L Rockwell, for a piece of land in Burlington twp., containing 55 acres, sold Jan 28, as the property of Nelson Burlingame. Consideration $500.

To M L Rockwell, for a piece of land in Burlington twp., containing 40 acres, sold Jan. 28 as the property of F H Davies. Consideration, $1,000.

To Benjamin Feever, for a piece of land in Wilmot twp., containing 88 acres, sold Jan 28, as the property of Seth Abrams. Consideration $1,980.

To Wm Doan and H F Maynard, for a house and lot in Windham twp., sold Jan 28, as the property of G.W Webster. Consideration $10

To S P Harkness, for a piece of land in Springfield twp., containing 62 acres, sold Jan 28 as the property Z Y Bailey. Consideration, $1,070.

To Dana F Park, for a piece of land in Athens twp., containing 157 acres, sold Jan 28, as the property of Isacher Drew. Consideration, 100.

To Ulysses Mercur, for a piece of land in Wilmot twp., containing 90 acres, sold Jan 28; as the property of Wm A stoddard; considera 100, 5.

To Jesse F Bullock, for a piece of land in Canton twp., contain ng 150 acres, sold Jan 28 as the property of Niram Rockwel; considera tion $3,005.

To Ezra Williams, for a piece of land in Canton twp., containing 90 acres, sold Jan 28 as the property of Niram Rockwell; consideration, $1,000.

To P H and Henry Yawger, for two lots in Athens twp., sold Jan 28 as the property of A S Lincoln; consideration $375.

To Betsey Allen, for a piece of land in Franklin twp., containing 100 acres, sold Jan 28 as the property of Mahlon and M S Allen; consideration $300.

To Walter G Tracy, for a shop and lot in Towanda Borough, sold Jan 28 as the property of M C Mercur; consideration $650.

Com vs Henry Patterson—Murder. The jury in this case was impanneled and the case was opened on Wednesday afternoon. On account of sickness of one of the jurors, the case was adjourned from Thursday morning until Friday morning. In the afternoon Wm Foyle, Esq., made the first argument for the prisoner. He was followed by I. McPherson for the prosecution. Hon B S Bentley for the Commonwealth, closed the arguments. Friday evening Hon Judge Morrow delivered his charge to the jury. The jury retired, and after an absence of a few minutes returned. They find the prisoner guilty of voluntary manslaughter.

Rozelle Smith vs Daniel Smith. On motion, court direct an alias subpoena to issue.

On motion of Elhanan Smith, Esq., court admit J M C Rank, Esq., a member of the bar of Luzerne county, to practice in the several courts of Bradford county.

B W Lane vs S M Laporte. On motion, court grant a rule to show cause why the judgment shall not be opened.

In the matter of the alleged lunacy of John Mulligan. On motion court direct a writ of *lunatico inquirendo* to issue, and appoint A B Porter, Esq., a commissioner to take depositions.

Com vs Charles Green—Aggravated assault and battery. Dist. Att'y Califf, H J Madill, Esq., and Foyle & McPherson, for Com. Watkins & Little for defendant. The Jury find the defendant guilty. The court sentence him to pay a fine of $50, the costs of prosecution, and undergo an imprisonment of sixty days, in the county jail.

Com vs Henry Patterson—Convicted of manslaughter. Court sentence him to pay a fine of $100, an l costs of prosecution, and undergo an imprisonment of three years and four months in the Eastern Penitentiary.

IN ACCORDANCE with our usual custom, of giving every side a fair hearing, we print in another column a communication from "Citizen," in favor of water works at borough expense.

In the outset, we beg leave to inform "Citizen" that the article in the REPORTER was not written in the interest of the Gas and Water Company, but in the interest of the people of the borough.

Instead of costing $80,000, as estimated by "Citizen," the proposed works, if constructed by Council, would cost nearly double that sum. Indeed, the champion of the scheme has already said that "we [the Council] will bond your town for $100,000." The management of the majority of the Council for the past year, ought to satisfy any one that they are not safe custodians of the public interests, and that if empowered to construct water works, we shall find ourselves mulched in a debt more burthensome than the one inflicted on the City of New York by the notorious "Tweed Ring." The gentleman from the First Ward who introduced the resolution, and who seems to have a peculiar influence over his colleagues from the same ward, has shown a reckless disregard of the opinions of the minority of the Council and the wishes of tax-payers, and if he is allowed to continue his domination over the Council by dictating who shall be his colleagues during the coming year, we fear that the next report will show a still larger increase of the borough indebtedness. His opposition to every measure calculated to benefit the whole public, and especially the public school, has been marked and unrelenting. This same model Councilman is one of the men who has been loud in his denunciation of the extravagance of the county administration. The expenses of the county are less than double those of the Boro' while the population of the latter is only about one-twelfth of that of the county.

If the tax-payers have not lost all interest in public affairs, let them turn out on Tuesday next and rebuke the recklessness and extravagance of the majority of the Council, by electing men pledged to economy in the management of our borough finances.

SEMI-ANNUAL report of the Ladies' Benevolent Association for the year closing Jan. 25, 1875, of Towanda:

STATEMENT

of the receipts (in cash), and expenditures, of the Ladies' Benevolent Society of Towanda, for the year ending Jan 25, 1875.

MRS. JOSEPH KINGSBURY, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE ABOVE NAMED SOCIETY, DR.

To amount received from Mrs. Howes, late Treasurer ..... $266 37
To amount received during the year.. 157 33
Total ..... $423 70

MRS. JOSEPH KINGSBURY, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE LADIES' BENEVOLENT SOCIETY, CR.

By amount disbursed during the year. $156 70
By balance in Treasury, Jan. 29, 1875.. 267 00
Total ..... $423 70

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Comfortables, new, 1; second hand, 1; bed ticks, second hand, 1; 1 second hand blanket; 1 second hand sheet; 1 new sheet; 6 new pillow cases; 1 second hand man's suit; 1 2nd hand man's overcoat; 5 2nd hand boys coats; 6 new boys coats; 5 new vests; 7 2nd hand vests; 5 2nd hand pairs of pants; 5 new pairs of pants; 3 new hats; 2 2nd hand hats; 2 2nd hand overcoats; 5 2nd hand shirts; 4 new shirts; 2 2nd hand scarfs; 2 pairs of 2nd hand mittens; 4 2nd hand and 3 new women's dresses; 2 new nightgowns; 6 new chemises; 4 new skirts; 5 2nd hand skirts; 4 pair new drawers; 10 new and 7 2nd hand girl's dresses; 5 new and 4 2nd hand skirts; 3 new quilts; 1 lounge spread; 8 2nd hand spreads; 1 2nd hand doubtgown; 2 2nd hand chemises; 2 2nd hand nightgowns; 3 pair new and 9 2nd hand drawers; 10 new hoods; 4 new and 8 2nd hand capes; 2 infant slips; 2 skeins woolen yarn; 13 bandages and 3 2nd hand pairs of stockings; 8 2nd hand and 7 new pairs of shoes; 1 child's crib; 1 pair spectacles; 1 glass jelly; 1 bottle liniment; 6 chickens; 87 yards of cloth. Paid out for washing $4, cutting wood $1; provisions $10; cash paid out $25 10; 2 bbls coal.

This closes the second year of the work of this society. In retrospect we can truly say that success has attended every effort; our most sanguine hopes have been achieved. In a community like this, and in times of especial financial perplexity, astonishing throughout the county to almost a crisis, we have received such support and encouragement as to astonish us. We cannot express our gratitude for the interest manifested in our work and the cordial responses to our every appeal. Our wants have been anticipated, and our hands upheld in every emergency. We cannot specify every contribution or donor, for they have been too numerous—but the "God who loveth a cheerful giver," will bless and reward in His own good time and way. The annexed list will prove however, that the Society and its work has been a means of great success and relief to the needy and suffering among us. We desire to offer to the M. E. Church our especial thanks for the church parlors, so kindly placed at our disposal, for our society and sewing meetings during the winter. The benefit of rooms so central and so cordially tendered, can scarcely be sufficiently estimated.

We renew our work under very encouraging auspices, and we still desire and solicit the support and confidence we have so fully received in the past. At all times the funds and donations placed in our hands for distribution will be carefully considered and we trust judiciously applied. With a renewed confidence in the constant watch and care of our Heavenly Father, and earnest resolves for the zealous perseverance in well doing for the coming year, as a society, the above report is respectfully submitted.

MRS. R. M. WELLES, Sec. Soc'y.

THE meeting for the purpose of getting a Good Templars' Lodge at work, will take place as announced last week, at Fern Grove Hall, Friday, Feb. 12, at 7:30 P. M. All persons who have been, are now, or are willing to become, members of the order, are requested to be present. District Deputy WHITE will be present.

THE building occupied as church and school house, on the turnpike, near Dr. Decker's, was destroyed by fire on Monday afternoon last. The Towanda Glen Grange which held its meetings in the building, lost all its regalia, etc.

THE friends of Rev. E. H. CRANE will make him a donation visit on Wednesday, Feb. 17, afternoon and evening at his residence in Monroeton. All are invited.

## BUSINESS LOCAL.

☞ Don't fail to call at HENDELMAN'S, if you wish to buy anything in the line of Jewelry, Silver and Silver-Plated Ware.

☞ An immense stock of Ladies', Misses', Children's and Gents' Hosiery and Gloves, at EVAN'S & HILDRETH'S.

☞ Switches made at Mrs. HENRY KING-BURY'S dress making rooms, Arcade Block, over hair and combings also.
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☞ If you want to purchase LAND, read the B. & M. advertisement in another column.

☞ Music boxes and Musical Clocks, at HENDELMAN'S.

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

☞ 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.

☞ READY PAY.—CHAPTER VII.—PAT struck his right a shovel and an ax, and was leaving without paying for them. The clerk pointed to a card on which was printed in large letters—"PAY DOWN." He looked with astonishment, and repeated the words, "pay down, pay down." "And sure," said he, "an' I'll send it down in the spring along with my brother when he comes to town." We politely informed him that we must have *ready pay* for our goods. "Well," said he, "as it is the *readiest* plan to find it in a lether." We told him we did not care to charge goods to any one. "You need n't charge it all, at all; and then there will be no mistake in keeping the account. An' I will pay it *down* the first time I come to town." He was told he must pay for the goods or leave them; that we were done selling goods on credit, and were determined to have pay for our goods. That if he run into debt it might be difficult for him to pay it when it fell due; that it would be better for him to get the money and pay for his goods when he bought them; that it would be much more pleasant for us both to adopt and adhere to this plan. He scrooped the shovel and ax, and sung out: "Be done with your prachin'—you just wait till I send a Democrat President, and we'll show you how we can buy goods. [To be continued.]