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TERMS INVARIABLY CASH.

Professional and Business Cards.

SMITH & MONTANYE, ATTORNEYS AT LAW.—Office, corner of Main and Pine St., opposite Dr. Porter's Drug Store.

W. H. CARNOCHAN, ATTORNEY AT LAW, Troy, Pa. Collections made and promptly remitted. [feb15-69tf.

H. W. PATRICK, ATTORNEY AT LAW. Office—Mercur's Block, next door to Express Office, Towanda, Pa. [jly17-73.

DR. S. M. WOODBURN, Physician and Surgeon. Office over O. A. Black's Crockery store. Towanda, May 1, 1872]*.

WOOD & SANDERSON,
ATTORNEYS AT LAW.
TOWANDA, PA.
AS. WOOD. [may27] JNO. F. SANDERSON.

FOYLE & McPHERSON, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, TOWANDA, PA. Will give prompt attention to all matters entrusted to their charge. Orphans' Court business a specialty.
W. FOYLE. [may21'73] I. McPHERSON.

PECK & STREETER,
LAW OFFICE, TOWANDA, PA.
W. A. PECK. [jan15,'71] H. STREETER.

DRS. JOHNSON & NEWTON, Physicians and Surgeons. Office over Dr. Porter & Son's Drug Store, Towanda, Pa.
T. B. JOHNSON, M. D. D. N. NEWTON, M. D. [jan1-75.

F. C. GRIDLEY,
ATTORNEY AT LAW.
April 1, 1875. TOWANDA, PA.

GEORGE W. BRINK, Justice of the Peace and Conveyancer. Also Insurance Agent, Le Raysville, Pa. March 1-875.

M. D. L. DODSON, DENTIST. Onland after Sept. 21, may be found in the elegant new rooms in 2nd floor of Dr. Pratt's new office on State Street. Business solicited. [sept. 3-'71.

W. B. KELLY, DENTIST.—Office over M. E. Rosenfelds', Towanda, Pa. Teeth inserted on Gold, Silver, Rubber, and Aluminum base. Teeth extracted without pain. Oct. 31-72.

PEET & DAVIES,
ATTORNEYS AT LAW,
MERCUR'S BLOCK
April 1-74. TOWANDA, PA.

W. H. THOMPSON, ATTORNEY AT LAW, WYALUSING, PA. Will attend to all business entrusted to his care in Bradford, Sullivan and Wyoming Counties. Office with Esq. Porter. [nov4-'74.

HALE & PATTON, Agents for CONNECTICUT MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.
Office No. 2, Griffith & Patton's Block, Bridge Sts.
March 26-74.

DR. G. A. BUSH,
CAMPTOWN, BRADFORD COUNTY, PA.
Treats Chronic Diseases by new methods. May be consulted by letter. [jan26-74.

OVERTON & ELSBREE, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, TOWANDA, PA. Having entered into copartnership, offer their professional services to the public. Special attention given to business in the Orphans' and Register's Courts.
E. OVERTON, Jr.] [sept4-70] N. C. ELSBREE.

MADILL & CALIFF,
ATTORNEYS AT LAW,
TOWANDA, PA.
Office in Wood's Block, first door south of the First National Bank, up stairs.
H. J. MADILL. [jan2-71] J. N. CALIFF.

C. S. RUSSELL'S
GENERAL
INSURANCE AGENCY.
May 2-70. TOWANDA, PA.

JOHN W. MIX,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
AND
U. S. COMMISSIONER.
TOWANDA, PA.
Office—North side Public Square. Jan. 1, 1875.

THE UNDERSIGNED, ARCHITECT AND BUILDER, wishes to inform the citizens of Towanda and vicinity, that he will give particular attention to drawing plans, designs and specifications for all manner of buildings, private and public. Superintendence given for reasonable compensation. Office at residence, N. E. corner of Second and Elizabeth streets.
J. E. FLEMING.
Nov. 7-1, Towanda, Pa.

DR. C. M. STANLEY, SURGEON and Mechanical Dentist, has located permanently in Dental Rooms over Montanye Store, Main St., Towanda, Pa. Teeth filled in the most perfect manner with pure Gold foil. All kinds of plates made and repaired at the lowest prices and warranted.

The much advertised FLESH COLORED PLATES are a new style of base for artificial teeth made for the few that may desire them.
Towanda, Jan. 1-75.

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REAL ESTATE, LIFE, FIRE & ACCIDENT
INSURANCE AGENCY.
Office, corner Main & State Sts.
March 19, 1872. TOWANDA, PA.

INSURANCE AGENCY.
The following
RELIABLE AND FIRE TRIED
Companies represented:
LANCASHIRE,
PHOENIX,
HOME,
MERCHANTS.
May 9-1872. O. A. BLACK.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF TOWANDA.
CAPITAL.....$125,000.
SURPLUS FUND..... 50,000.

This Bank offers UNUSUAL FACILITIES for the transaction of a
GENERAL BANKING BUSINESS
IN THE BEST PAID ON DEPOSITS ACCORDING TO AGREEMENT.

CLAIMS ARE GIVEN TO THE COLLECTION OF NOTES AND DRAFTS.

PERSONS wishing to SEND MONEY to any part of the United States, England, Ireland, Scotland, or Wales, or any towns of Europe, can here procure drafts for that purpose.

PASSAGE TICKETS
Between the Old Country, by the best Steam or Sailing Lines always on hand.

PERSONS BROUGHT OVER AT REDUCED RATES:

Highest price paid for U. S., Bonds, Gold and Silver.

JOS. POWELL, Pres't. N. N. BETT, JR. Cashier.

AGENTS WANTED!
At the rate this work is now selling, it will attain a sale of
ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND COPIES
before the end of the complete. Prosperity in all parts, without charge to those on all health who will consider it by their ministers, teachers, students, laymen, and others, who desire to obtain a right, elevating and in a respectable occupation, are solicited to apply for an agency to sell
"THE HISTORY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH THROUGHOUT THE WORLD."
A beautiful large octavo volume, illustrated with Steel and Wood Engravings, which every Presbyterian family will want to possess. Application for exclusive territory, etc., should be made at once.
Address D. WITTER ALLENT & Co., 416 Broome St. New York. jan. 14, '75.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received by the School Directors of Towanda Township, on SATURDAY, April 17, at 1 o'clock P. M., at the school house near H. L. Scott's, for the erection of a school house on turnpike near Fisher's. The building to be a duplicate of the old Scott school house. The Directors reserve the right to reject any or all bids.
R. F. BOWMAN,
mch29-3. Secretary.

J. O. Frost & Sons.

SPRING OF 1875.

J. O. FROST & SONS

Are now receiving their usual supply of Goods for the Spring Trade, and have on hand, of their own make, a full line of the best furniture to be found in any

MARKET IN THE WORLD

We have in stock

OVER TWO HUNDRED

CHAMBER SUITS!

From $28.00 to $300, making the Largest and

BEST ASSORTMENT OF ANY

HOUSE

OUTSIDE OF NEW YORK!

While our assortment of

CHAIRS,

BEADSTEADS,

BUREAUS,

STANDS,

TABLES,

ROCKERS,

LOUNGES, &C.,

Was never better.

A COMPLETE ASSORTMENT OF

PARLOR SUITS,

IN

HAIR CLOTH,

TERRY,

PLUSH,

VELVET

AND

SILK GOODS,

ALWAYS IN STOCK, OR FURNISHED ON SHORT NOTICE.

If you are in need of anything in the line of Undertaking, you will find the

BEST ASSORTMENT,

BEST GOODS,

AND

LOWEST PRICES,

OF ANY HOUSE IN THE COUNTRY.

Remember, we are selling goods cheap, for cash.

GIVE US A CALL.

J. O. FROST & SONS,
Main Street.

March 1, 1875.

Deferred Local.

EARLY ADVERTISING IN OLD BRADFORD.

No. II.

That advertising took the place of local news to a great extent, is evident, since in the first year of Mr. Simpson's paper, 1813, there were not half a dozen of those bits of home news that make up to-day the chief feature of the home paper. Then, gossip supplied the place of the "local department," the gliding raft the place of the railroad mail, the frequent hunter of deer and bear the telegraph, and the interest of the newspaper reader was centred on the doings of our army, and the British on land and sea; with occasional glimpses of Napoleon's wonderful deeds. True, under date of April 26, 1814, we have a marriage, headed in the custom of the times, with a couplet:

"O god of love! be true to my enamoured breast,
Be kind to the flame, if dead to all the rest."

Married: At Burlington, by the Rev. Mr. Ripley, Mr. Jehiel Farres, age 75, to Miss Elizabeth Prouty, age 19; after a courtship of fifteen minutes." But this sudden case of January and May was not the first marriage notice published in Bradford county. That honor is due to that of "Thomas Overton, Esq., of Sheshequin, and Miss Mary Tracy, of this town," who were united by Burr Ridgway, Esq., Monday, Sept. 13, 1813. The first marriage notice was published some time before the first death notice, that of John Grant, of Orwell, who at the ripe age of 79 years, died on the 23d of November, 1813, his obituary appearing the 30th. The next, that of James Campbell, Dec. 28, relates the fact that Mr. C. was the father, grandfather and great-grandfather of 137 children. Verily, "the Campbells were coming," to do their share in settling the country. The "administartors" of the said James Campbell's estate, as Cephas and William Campbell announce themselves, afford proof that typographical mistakes occurred even in those unhurried days.

The first illustrated advertisement, was Jacob I. Johnson's, who in advertising his horse, April 26, 1814, puts in a small cut of an impossible steed, held by a very improbable man in black, a silhouette that must have much interested the rising generation, as a triumph of art. If this cut, an inch long by half that in width, was an evidence of the progress of the fine arts, the next number of the paper bore testimony to the growth of wealth and cultivation. The Commissioners of the "Silver Lake Bank," give notice of the times when the books will be open for subscriptions to the stock, the shares being $50 each, $5 to be paid on each share at the time of subscription, the notice being dated at Wysox, April 20. Eliphalet Mason and Samuel Cranmer give a "Library Notice," notifying all persons owning shares in the "Towanda Library," known as the Orient Library," to meet at the house of Elisha Cole, and all persons having books are desired to return them on or before that day. We learn, the next week, that James Cummings, who kept the "house with the sign of the Lion, in Williamsport," was manager of the "mail stage to Northumberland," and that the fare on that then much traveled route was $2.25, and $1 to Jersey Shore from Williamsport, or at the rate of seven cents a mile.

We should judge that Thomas Simpson had found some difficulty about conducting a newspaper, notwithstanding his being postmaster, for the last day of May, he gives a "Last Notice" to those indebted to make payment by the 30th of June, next, and with a tone which carries in it omen of jails and writs, says: "Those neglecting to comply with the above, may make their own inferences." This is a word preliminary to the three-fourth column announcement, the next week, of one W. Brindle, who informs us that he proposes after the 1st of Sept. to conduct the *Bradford Gazette*, as Mr. Thomas Simpson has disposed of the establishment. This is the same W. Brindle, who announces on the 8th of February, his intention to *recite* a weekly journal called the *Republican Argus*, in the town of Northumberland. Whether his name originated the slang phrase, "Let him brindle!" or not, we are unable to say, nor whether he achieved the design of running the *Bradford Gazette*, for the file we have closes provokingly with August 23, 1814, and when it recommences, April 12, 1815, Burr Ridgway is announced as editor.

June 9, W. Myers and Ashael Jarvis, of Wysox, advertise a set of carding machines in operation; very *apropos*, one might suggest, to the "merino fever," which was raging at that time, even in woody Bradford. Advertisements thicken of rafts and timber picked up in the river, showing that the lumber business was increasing.

And now, July 19, our friend, Editor Simpson, announces that he will start the *Lycoming Advertiser*, at Williamsport, as soon as (heed it, ye impecunious editors!) three hundred subscribers are procured. Advertisements appear during the summer, that on the 28th day of July, the 57th Regiment will be paid, and earlier, the 144th Regiment,—signs that the war, which had changed from land to sea, was not pressing the people at home. Information is desired of Jeremiah Gach, one of the missing; and August 2, $10 reward is offered for Daniel Kellogg, a deserter, by George Reed, Ensign of the 16th U. S. Infantry. W. Allen, of Wysox, advertises a "fulling mill," and solicits patronage; and two weeks after, John Brindle, of Pennsborough, Muncy township, advertises a printing office, with all the appurtenances.

The war had closed Jan. 8, but the falling off in the consumption of whisky had not begun to affect the market, we conclude, for about April 13, we find S. T. Barstow advertising "WHISKY!" at his distillery in Wysox. Temperance societies had not made it convenient to advertise it as "bitters" in those days.

W. Keeler advertises "950 pairs of ready-made horse-shoes," and David Ridgway, "fancy Windsor chairs, great and small spinning wheels," and other furniture, at his shop in Wysox. Thos. R. Cary, of Covington, offers $5 reward for a mare strayed or stolen; and Sterling Holcomb, of Canton, cautions people from buying a note of $177.50, given to Michael Griffin. This is May 23, 1815, and two weeks after, the stockholders of the Cayuga and Susquehanna Turnpike Road Co., are notified to meet at Athens to elect directors. A. C. Rockwell advertises [illegible]

March [illegible] 1, 1875.

big letters, "grass scythes;" Edward Herrick, a militia election, and Jacob Strickland the finding of "a ticket in the new Baltimore Lottery," which he generously promises to restore to the owner, "for a compensation, and paying for this advertisement."

"STOLEN!" in big letters, is the title of a half column, informing the public of the loss by Samuel Griffin, of Canton, of "A Red Morrocco Pocket Book," containing a large amount of notes, and the reward of $20 is offered for the detection of the thief. The frequent notices of the settlement of estates, Sheriff's notices, the partition of property, and the constantly recurring evidences of domestic discord, as witnessed in the applications for divorce, or the notice of desertion, fill up the advertising columns pretty well. There oppears, just after the close of the war, a great many evidences that the stringency and irregularity of the money supply, did not trouble our fathers less than their descendants after the Great Rebellion. They were sharp after debtors, and the notices given were pointed and peremptory, as if the writers were moved to utter their deep thoughts in forcible, if not classic, English. We cannot but feel that the days immediately succeeding the war were gloomy days, even though Hope hovered with bright wing above the Pennsylvania woods.

Aug. 8, 1815, the Commissioners did a notable thing, in ordering the publication in the *Gazette* of the law for selling unseated lands, the law occupying three columns, and as the country was fast settling up with emigrants from Massachusetts, Vermont, and Connecticut, this law must have been read with general interest. The conflicts of the Pennsylvania claimants had resulted in violence in some cases, and there was a good deal of bitter feeling among those who were injured, or thought they were injured, by the settlement of claims. But gradually we see improvement. New names of townships appear. Murraysfield changes to Springfield; Wells appears in the list; we see notices from the *Tioga Gazette*, and in a thousand little evidences, the progress of the country appear. August 16, Chas F Welles, Prothonotary, gives notice that owing to error, the jurors drawn for September term are discharged, and the attendance of witnesses will not be necessary.

"At a communication of Lodge No. 70, held at their Lodge Room, in Athens, Bradford county, Pa., on Tuesday, 3d of May. A. D., 1814; A. L., 5814, Dr. David Sherwood Rice, was expelled said lodge for crimes of the darkest hue. Per Order. Joseph Kingsbery, W. M." This is a notice which recalls the later days of Capt. Morgan, and the great Anti-Masonic excitement. A "fist" notice adds, "Printers throughout the United States, friendly to Masonry, are requested to insert the above." In those days, when secret societies were rare, and every little village did not have two or three lodges of the I. O. of what-d'ye-call-ems, such a notice as the above, doubtless created a sensation, of which in these later days, when the spirit of secret societies has been tremendously diluted, we can form no adequate conception. We can just conceive of it, by supposing, for instance, that one of the fashionable ladies of the country, and one of irreproachable morals, should be some day detected performing the heathenish rites of Voodooism, and ending the ceremony by roasting one of her children and eating it with wine sauce.

In that day one man represented the counties of Bradford and Tioga; now, with greatly increased ratio of representation, three men represent Bradford alone. In 1815 several townships assembled at one place of voting, and the tickets of both parties are announced. September 5, "A Citizen of Hanover, Va.," advertises that he has commenced the writing of a "History of the War of 1812," and desires information to be forwarded to him, and documents bearing on the war. He promises a copy of the work to those newspapers that advertise it. The same number also contains an advertisement of the *American Magazine*, signed by Horatio Gates Spofford. Again, March 11, 1816, we find a half-column advertisement of a History of the War, by J. Russell, jr., with a notice that the work is for sale at the office of the paper. It is a curious fact that this, one of the first of subscription books, should have been published at Hartford, Conn., a city that has published more subscription books, and more successful ones, than any other city in the United States.

William Allen "Wanted" "Two Journeymen Boot and Shoemakers," in Wysox, Sept. 11, 1815, and S. T. Barstow, of "Fencelar Castle," in the same township, advertises "GOODS" quite largely, as also 2,000 bushels of rye and corn. Ezra Long, in the next number, offers for sale "The Stand formerly occupied by Jeremiah Decker, on Sugar Creek, near Rich's Mills, as a store." Wm. Keeler, of Wysox, who advertised liberally, announces with a full display, in the number for Oct. 2, "a few doors below Fencelar Castle, and on the south side of Pond Lane, and west side of Squabble-Hill street, (just received by the fast-sail ing boat Rose-in-Bloom, Capt. Griffin, in a short passage of seven days from Wilkes-Barre), a new and general assortment of goods, etc." Jacob Myer, jr., another Wysox man, announces Oct. 12 that he has "commenced making carding machines at Factory Hill;" Joseph Bloom advertises a saw-mill for sale on the Tom Jack, a branch of Sugar Creek, at Burlington. Aaron Chubbuck, of Orwell, not to be outdone by Keeler, advertises as "just received from old Connecticut, by the fast-running carriage (waggon), and for sale at my dwelling-house in Orwell, about seven miles north of Squabble-hill street," cotton goods, spelling books, readers, etc., and "first-rate American Powder." Joseph D. Woodworth, of Athens, early in November, informs the public that he "has commenced the *Axe Making Business*, at the shop occupied by John Redington, where people wishing, can be furnished with AXES, equal if not superior to any of the *Hyde* stamp." John D. Saunders wants to hire "One or two good Sawyers," to work by the year, but does not give his place of residence, which was probably Towanda. Although the county-town of a county which, in 1815, polled almost 900 votes, it was not so large a place as to make it difficult to find a man, since, four years later, there were only four houses on the main street, which the Court House [illegible]

THE following is the list of Granges in this county, with the names of Master and Secretary and the night of meeting. The list is copied from the *Farmer's Friend*, and should there be any errors in it we will thank any member of the order to notify us:

No. 39, Bradford, Pike; Master, John Baldwin, LeRaysville; Secretary, G. N. DeWolf, Bushville.

No, 56. Wyanking, Wysox; Master, V. E. Piollet, Wysox; Secretary, E. G. Owen, Wysox. Meet Saturday of each week, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

No. 63, Tuscarora, Tuscarora; Master, A. P. Ruman, East Springhill; Secretary, J. H. Atkins, East Springhill.

No. 83, Columbia, Columbia; Master, Finley Furman, Sylvania Post-Office; Secretary, Miss L. Florence Lilley, Sylvania Post-Office. Meet every Wednesday evening at the residence of C. E. Gladding.

No. 95, Rome, Rome; Master, S. O. Allen, Rome; Sec'y, W. H. Shaw, Rome.

No. 99, South Hill, Orwell; Master, Capt. I. A. Park, South Hill; Secretary, C. C. Stewart, South Hill. Meet 1st and 3d Wednesday evenings in each month.

No. 111, D B Mauger, Athens; Master, Wright Dunham, Athens; Secretary, Clarence Watkins, Athens.

No. 124, Wyalusing, Wyalusing; Master, Edward Vaughan, Wyalusing; Secretary, J. R. Taylor, Wyalusing.

No. 137, Aspinwall, Wells; Master, Timothy Gustin, Aspinwall; Sec'y, Geo. W. Noble, Wells.

No. 188, South Creek, South Creek; Master, Daniel Chase, South Creek; Secretary, Robert Clark, South Creek.

No. 142, Oscaluwa, North Towanda, Master, E. R. DeLong, Towanda; Secretary, A. C. Smith, North Towanda.

No. 145, Sheshequin, Sheshequin; Master, J. P. Rogers, Sheshequin; Secretary, E. T. Parks, Sheshequin.

No. 153, Open Hand, LeRoy; Master, S. B. Morse, LeRoy; Secretary, J. N. Holcomb, LeRoy. Meets every Tuesday evening in each month: from Oct. 1 to April 1 at 7 o'clock; from April 1 to Oct. 1 at 7½ o'clock.

No. 154, Springfield, Springfield; Master, J. W. Huggins, Big Pond; Secretary, Z. Cornell, Columbia X Roads. Meets every Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock.

No. 155, West Burlington; Master, M. L. Rockwell, West Burlington; Sec'y, J C. Rockwell, West Burlington.

No. 160, Burlington, Burlington; Master, J. D. Soper, Burlington; Secretary, J. A. Morley, Burlington.

No. 169, Cascade, Wyalusing; Master, O. W. Stevens, Camptown; Sec'y, Cyrus Avery, Camptown.

No. 170, Herrick, Herrick; Master, T. S. Camp, Herrick; Secretary, J. L. Camp, Herrick.

No. 173, Ulster, Ulster; Master, O. A. Vincent, Ulster; Secretary, Jas. Mather, Ulster.

No. 174, Ondawa, Springfield; Master, Alfred H. Havens, Big Pond; Secretary, S. S. Huggins, Big Pond. Meet every Wednesday evening.

No. 178, Springhill, Tuscarora; Master, Wm. Shumway, Springhill; Sec'y, G. S. Ackley, Springhill.

No. 181, Potterville, Orwell; Master, H. G. Frisbie, Potterville; Sec'y, W. L. Frisbie, Potterville. Meet first Saturday evening of each month.

No. 182, Troy, Troy; Master, L. G. Vanhorn, Troy; Sec'y, B. F. Newberry, Troy.

No. 188, Wappasening, Windham; Master, Jacob E Weller. Windham Summit; Sec'y, R. W. Darling, Nichols, Tioga county, N. Y. Meets 1st and 3d Wednesday in each month.

No. 193, Highland, Litchfield; Master, A. D. Munn, Tioga valley; Sec'y, A. J. Layton, Litchfield.

No. 194, Central, Sheshequin; Master, W. M. Shores, Towanda; Sec'y, L. E. Post, Hornbrook; Meet every Wednesday evening in Smith's Hall, Sheshequin.

No. 200, Towanda, Towanda; Master, H. L. Scott, Towanda; Sec'y, James M. Piatt, Towanda.

No. 204, Towanda Valley, West Franklin; Master, E. H. Crayton, West Franklin; Sec'y, J. E. Spalding, Franklindale.

No. 205, New Albany, Albany twp.; Master, Amasa Heverly, New Albany; Secretary, F. N. Wilcox, New Albany.

No. 208, North Orwell, Orwell twp.; Master, Wm. A. Sibley, West Windham; Sec'y, H. E. Dimmick, North Orwell. Meet first and third Saturdays of each month at 7 o'clock P. M.

No. 211, Asylum, Asylum; Master, B. Laporte, Asylum; Sec'y, Dwight Kellum, Macedonia.

No. 213, Washington, Athens; Master, G. H. Sible, Orcutt Creek; Sec'y, George Rightmire, Orcutt Creek.

No. 214, Smithfield, Smithfield; Master, A. O. Tracy, East Smithfield; Sec'y, E. P. Tracy, East Smithfield.

No. 222, Minnequa, Canton twp.; Master, C. B. Taylor, Minnequa; Sec'y, J. W. Ketcham, Minnequa. Meet every Saturday at Minnequa House.

No. 231, Monroe, Monroe twp.; Master, J. B. M. Hinman, Monroeton; Secretary, A. G. Cranmer, Monroeton.

No. 237, Lincoln, Ridgbury; Master, V. S. Vincent, Ridgbury; Secretary, H. S. Owens, Ridgbury. Meets 2d and 4th Tuesday in each month at 7 o'clock P. M.

No. 238, Towanda Glen, Towanda; Master, E N Decker, Highland; Secretary, Francis Gregg, Towanda.

No. 245, Mercur, Standing Stone twp.; Master, H. Wood, Mercur; Secretary, H. C. Stephens, Mercur.

No. 257, West Granville, West Granville; Master. V. S. Landon, East Canton; Secretary, M. T. Shoemaker, Granville Summit.

No. 287, Evergreen, Terry twp, Master, John E. Dodge, Terrytown; Secretary, J. H. Schoonover, Terrytown.

No. 298, West Warren, Warren twp.; Master, J. S. Rodgers, West Warren; Secretary, H. E. Brainard, West Warren.

No. 309, Granville Centre; Granville twp., Master, O. Taylor, Granville Centre; Secretary, S. A. Rockwell, Granville Centre. Meet every Wednesday evening at Granville Centre.

No. 336, Beech Flats, Canton; Master, J. R. Wright, Canton; Secretary, F. W. Hickok, Canton.

No. , Wilmot, Wilmot; Master, Martin Sax, Wilmot; Secretary, B. Ryder, Wilmot.

DEEDS left for record in the office for recording deeds, week ending April 10:

Gordon F Mason to Thomas D Crane, March 28, '68, Towanda; W S Ford to Edwin Ford, Jan 30, '75, Pike; W A Kellogg, et al., to James Wells, April 10, '72, Asylum; W A Kellogg to James Wells, Sept 30, '74, Monroe and Asylum; Lyman G Hollon to Edward E Mingos, April 13, '74, Monroe Boro'; F X Homet to Burton R Ross, Feb 19, 1866, Asylum; W O Tubbs to H J Madill, Jan 14, '75, Towanda Boro'; H J Madill asn't, to L B Rodgers, March 26, 1875, Towanda Boro; E Walker to Edmund Lockwood, Oct 26, '74, Ulster; Betsey N McCrery. et al to J E Higgins, Apr 3, '75, Warren; A C Higgins, to John Phillips, April 5, '73, Orwell; same to same, April 5, '73, Orwell; Nancy Allen to George Allen, March 26, '75, Herrick; Morris Run Coal Co., to Patrick Lynch, March 15, '75, Bradford county; S A Mills to Martha Hawkins, March 15, '73, Bradford county; Levi Stull to Mary Jane Smith, Jan 30, '75, Canton; Robert Watts to J W Griffin, March 19, '75, Canton; Peter Brady to Justin Morley, April 3, '75, Athens; Perry Albro et al to Warren Ayres, April 1, '75, Albany; Amos B Randall to J C Kirby, Aug 4, '74, Albany; J P Van Fleet, Sheriff, to F G Bennett, et al. Dec 7, 1871, Ulster; F G Bennett et al., asn't, to E B Cooper, Nov 21, '72, Ulster; E B Cooper to [illegible] Aug 4, '75, Ulster; [illegible] Chamberlain et al, adm'rs, to P S Brewster, May 4, '67, Wyalusing; P S Brewster to R E Park, March 18, '75, Wyalusing; J & E Johnson to M Heman, July 18, '70, Terry; James Foster to Cyrus H Webb, May 29, '73, North Towanda; Cyrus H Webb, asn't, to L H Shearer, March 19, '74, North Towanda; Chas S Coxe, ex'r, to Reuben Hickok, 2d, June 16, '73, Warren; Burton Kingsbury to Thomas Curran, April 10, '67, Towanda Boro'; J F Means to Charles R Smith, April 8, '75, Thomas Crotty to James W Suffern, Apr 7, '75, South Creek; Edward Welles to Susan Baldwin, April 7, '75, Athens; W H Phillips to Luman Parkhurst, Dec 7, '66, Granville; J M Smith, Sheriff, to Jos. Powell and N C Elsbree, trustees, Feb 10, '75, Towanda Boro'; J J Griffiths to E T Fox, March 29, '75, Towanda Boro'; S C Means et al to Braund & Hill, Sept 25, '73, Towanda; Edward Overton to Chas. L Brown, April 7, '75, West Burlington; E B Moore to John Brosnan, April 6, '65, Ulster; Isaac Powell to Michael Pender, Feb 18, '75, Wilmot.

DEEDS left for record in the office for recording deeds, week ending April 17:

Elias Harris to E W Warren, April 8, 1875, Towanda Boro; Charles Larabee to Jane Ladd, April 6, '75, Albany; L D Minier to Charles Chaffee, April 8, '75, Sheshequin; Delos Varguson to Edward McCormick, March 18, '74, Wysox; J P Van Fleet, Sheriff, to Dennis H Crimmins, Feb 14, '72, Terry; Elizabeth Welles et al, ex'rs, to same, March 23, '75, Terry; J D Montanye to John F Means, April 1, '75, Towanda Boro'; E T Elliott to John F Means, April 12, '75, Towanda Boro'; Elijah H Horton to Isaac Vosburg, April 3, '75, Towanda Boro'; P C Morgan to Geo Billings, June 15, '71, Columbia; Jas A Rogers to John G Mason, March 15, '75, Canton; A P Dunbar, to Alvin T Dunbar, March 16, '74, Canton; A T Dunbar to John L Ferguson, Dec 8, '74, Canton; Marcus P Ayres to John L Ferguson, April 8, '75, Canton and Granville; J H Marsh to W M Platt, April 6, '75, Pike; J W Comstock to H Williston, March 17, '75, Pike; W D Munn et al to H A Miller, March 10, '75, Litchfield; C Stockwell to Mary Ryan, March 31, '75, Canton; Edward Overton, jr., to S D Sterigere, April 7, '75, Albany; George Gordon to Patrick O'Brien, Nov. 1, '55, Durell; Theodore F Espy to Fred Wattles, Jan 4, '75, Towanda Boro; G W Burdick to C Robinson, Oct 1, '74, Albany; Amos York to Jas H Cron, Oct 3, '74, Wysox; J M Wattles to same, Oct 3, '74, Wysox; H S Parks to Harry L Parks, Jan 17, '63, Orwell: Jacob Reel to Margaret Carmody, March 2, '74, Athens; Harriet E Oyer to Jervis S Chaffee, Oct 13, '74, Orwell: Howard Elmer et al to John Steele, March 22, '75, Sayre; Geo G Mingos to Horace Heath, Sept 1, '71, Burlington; Tioga Point Cemetery to John Fitler, Dec 3, '70, Athens; same to Tritia Case, May 1, '74, Athens; Wm Patton to Oliver L Vincent, Dec 17, '74, Towanda; Oliver L Vincent, as'nt, to R Bennett, April 17, '75, Towanda; Samuel Smith to E G Fitch, Feb 23, '75, Athens Boro'; Cynthia C Palmer to G B Pennell, March 22, '75, South Waverly; J L McMahon to Ruth E Olmsted, April 16, '75, Towanda Boro'; E J Young to Charles Shaler, Nov 12, '74, Springfield; Moses Eilenberger to Isaac Coon, Aug 12, '74, Asylum; C E White et al, adm'rs, to same, April 15, '75, Asylum; C G Manley to Sallie W Rice, Feb 26, '75, Alba Boro; N N Gamble to H & S Dodd, Nov 31, '74, Wilmot; Wm Grace to D Ross, Jan 28, '74, Springfield.

ABOUT EATING AT NIGHT.

A legend of ancient times, handed down from generation to generation, through century upon century, still obtains in almost every household to the effect that if one eats just before going to bed one will surely see one's grandmother. Now there seems to be something terrible about the appearance of this nocturnal grandmother, but as we never conversed with any one who had been subjected to one of her phantomic visits we are disposed to be incredulous, and flout the legend in the face of the bearer. However hungry one may be at bedtime, the temptation to satisfy the cravings of the appetite is always met by this "old wives' fable," and it always serves to bar the pantry door against an evening intrusion. There's no telling how much suffering has been brought about by this idea, and now we believe the time has come when hungry men, be it at bedtime or meal time, ought to burst the legendary bonds which have thus far bound them, and eat when they are hungry. Apropos to this subject we find a most sensible article in *Scribner's Monthly* for March, and we copy it for the benefit of those who have less fear of the fabled grandmother and the horrors of a gnawing stomach. As somebody says, "we'd rather have a good coat to our stomach than a good coat to our back," and if this gnawing goes on much longer, we'll have no coat on the former and a wooden one on the latter. But here is what *Scribner's* says on "Easy Sleep":

"To take a hearty meal just before retiring is, of course, very injurious, because it is very likely to disturb one's rest and produce nightmare. However, a little food at this time, if one is hungry, is decidedly beneficial; it prevents the gnawing of an empty stomach, with its attendant restlessness and unpleasant dreams, to say nothing of the probable headache, or of nervous and other derangements, the next morning. One should no more lie down at night hungry than he should lie down after a full dinner, the consequence of either being disturbing and harmful. A cracker or two, a bit of bread and butter, cake, a little fruit—something to relieve the sense of vacuity, and so restore the tone of the system—is all that is necessary.

"We have known persons, habitual sufferers from restlessness at night, to experience material benefits, even though they were not hungry, by a very light luncheon before bed-time. In place of tossing about for two or three hours as formerly, they would soon grow drowsy, fall asleep, and not wake more than once or twice until sunrise. This mode of treating insomnia or sleeplessness has recently been recommended by several distinguished physicians, and the prescription has generally been attended [illegible]

Selected Poetry.

MIND YOUR OWN CONCERNS.

Mind your own concerns, my friend,
For they are yours alone;
Don't talk about your neighbor's faults,
But strive to mend your own.
Suppose he does not always lead
A truly pious life;
What matter if he sometimes frets,
Or quarrels with his wife?
Don't meddle—let him know, my friend,
Your better nature spurns
To act the spy on him or his—
Just mind your own concerns.

Yes, mind your own concerns, my friend,
And presently you'll find,
That all your time is occupied,
And you've got enough to mind;
What need you care if Snooks or Spooks
Should wed with Sally Jones?
What matter if your neighbor C.
A half a million owns?
The money is not yours, my friend,
Though golden stores he earns;
So do not envy him his wealth,
But mind your own concerns.

Yes, mind your own concerns, my friend,
It is a better plan,
Than always to be prying out,
The deeds of brother man.
Remember that all persons have,
Thoughts hidden from your view,
Thoughts that to them of right belong,
And not at all to you;
And also bear in mind, my friend,
A generous nature worms
No secret from a neighbor's breast,
So mind your own concerns.

Miscellaneous.

NOTES ON THE INTERNATIONAL LESSONS.

MAY 2, 1875.

JUDGES, xvi: 25-31—GOLDEN TEXT; PROV. xiii: 20.

SECOND QUARTER. V.

The death of Samson implies his life. Hence, chapters 13-16 must be carefully read. Samson was the son of Manoah, of the tribe of Dan. He was born at Zorah, which was situated on a high, conical hill, overlooking the plain of the Philistines, and near the western border of Judah. The name Samson (Heb., Shimshon) is explained by some to mean "little sun;" by others, "strong;" by still others, "awe." He was indeed "the Sunny"—the most bright, beaming, frolicsome, wayward creature that the nation ever produced. Not less characteristic was his marvellous strength; while his whole career formed a constant series of astonishments—an almost unbroken period of awe to his enemies. He was from birth a Nazarite—consecrated to this character by his mother before his birth. The order of Nazarites had been for a long time in existence; Numbers vi. It was the nearest approach to a monastic institution in the Jewish church. There seems to have been an unusual tendency towards this asceticism at this period. Although Samson is the first recorded instance of a Nazarite, he was soon joined by Samuel; to whose mother, Hannah, the history of Samson's exploits probably first suggested the idea of dedicating her son to the Nazareate. The order, thus begun, was probably continued to the last days of the Old Dispensation. Elijah, in outward appearance, was under the same rule; there seems to have been a flourishing institution of Nazarites in the days of Amos (ii: 11, 12), although this may be merely an allusion to Samson and Samuel; and we find the habits and aspects of