Bradford Reporter.

Towanda, Pa., Thursday, Feb. 16, 1876.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THOMAS HARRIS, one of the oldest settlers of LeRoy township, died on Tuesday last, at the age of 84 years.

THE county is to be mulcted in a large bill of costs in the trial of DECKER for the murder of his father-in-law. The deed would never have been committed had the accused lec whisky alone.

PAST GRAND SIRE, J. B. NICHOLSON, will deliver a public lecture on the subject of Oddfellowship, in Redington's Opera House, Troy, on Friday afternoon, Feb. 18, commencing at 2 o'clock. The public are invited.

THE Troy Farmers' Club have accepted a gratuitous lease of land from A. D. JEROLEMON, and will erect suitable buildings for the Western Bradford Fair. The grounds are located near the residence of the late Gen. CASE.

H. L. LAMOREUX has purchased an interest in DEWERS' planing mill, and the establishment is now driven to its utmost capacity. They have a switch laid from the main track of the R. R., so that lumber can be loaded and unloaded from the cars.

THE "Bradford Rifles," of Canton, will have a banquet and ball on Tuesday evening, Feb. 22, in the new Town Hall. There will be an inspection of the company in the afternoon of the same day. Soldiers of the war of 1812 and the Mexican war will be admitted to the entertainment free.

L. O. OF G. T.—The next Quarterly Convention of Good Templars for the Northern District of Pennsylvania will be held at Towanda, Feb. 29, 1875, at 11 o'clock A. M. It is expected that in this central place a full membership will be represented.
M. E. CHUBBUCK,
D. W. C. T.

FAST WORK.—Messrs. DEWERS & LAMOREUX run 20,000 feet of hemlock boards through their planing machine on Tuesday last, in less than nine hours. The firm have a contract for planing the lumber for the Grange building in Philadelphia, which will require them to plain the same amount every weekday until the middle of May.

THE religious meetings still grow in interest. The Presbyterian church is filled nightly with attentive audiences, and at each service many ask for the prayers of Christians by rising. The preaching has been done mostly by Dr. STEWART and Rev. G. W. CHANDLER. Rev. Mr. PERKINS, of Philadelphia, is with them this week.

SHERIFF LAYTON and Register and Recorder ANDRUS have already demonstrated their entire fitness for the positions to which the people of this county called them last fall. The business in both offices is promptly transacted, and the officers and their assistants have won the admiration of all with whom they have come in contact.

JOHN O. WARD Esq., visits Ohio next week for the purpose of introducing the "Boss" Fanning Mill in the Buckeye State. Mr. WARD is well posted in the patent right business, and the merits of the "Boss" need only to be properly set forth, in order to win for it the public favor. It is destined to become the standard mill throughout the Union.

CAUCUS.—The Republican electors of the Third Ward, and all other persons in favor of a wise and economical administration of the Borough affairs, are requested to meet at the store of G. S. SMITH, on Friday evening, Feb'y 11, at 7 o'clock, for the purpose of nominating candidates to be supported at the election on Tuesday next.

AN AGREEABLE SURPRISE.—On the evening of the 26th, ult., some 20 ladies and gentlemen, friends of Rev. E. BROXSON and lady, called at their residence, at Monroeton, and spent a couple of hours in a very social way, and then retired, leaving substantial tokens of their good will and sympathy. Others not present, did the same by proxy, among whom were the pastors of both the churches. For this token of remembrance the above named return their sincere thanks. E. B.

THE large new hotel erected during the past season at Wyalusing, by the BARTLETT Brothers, will be formally opened to the public on Thursday evening next, 17th inst. The house is one of the finest hotelries in the country, and from the preparations made, we doubt not the opening will be an enjoyable occasion, and the "Bartlett House" will rank as a number one hotel. A train of cars, for the accommodation of those who desire to attend the party, will leave from the Court House switch at 8 o'clock, on the evening of the party.

The following officers were installed over Alvord Lodge, I. O. of G. T., on Wednesday evening, Feb. 2, by Lodge Deputy ——HANKINSON, of Meshoppen Lodge:

W. C. T.—WM. MAXWELL.
W. V. T.—CLARA LEWIS.
W. M.—H. ANGLE.
W. C.—N. W. ALVORD.
W. S.—J. W. JOHNSON.
W. F. S.—ANNA SCOTT.
W. T.—J. P. VANFLEET.
R. S.—STELLA PITCHER.
L. S.—ELLEN MOSCRIP.
D. M.—ANNIE KUYKENDALL.
A. S.—H. H. CONKLIN.
I. G.—EMMA HOUSTON.
O. G.—M. J. NICHOLS.

PERSONAL.—Judge STREETER and wife are spending a few days with their son, H. STREETER, Esq., at the Means House.

—Rev. Mr. PERKINS, of Philadelphia, is officiating for the Baptist church of this place for a short time.

—Rev. J. S. STEWART was the recipient of a "Centennial" present on Saturday evening last, in the shape of a bouncing boy.

—F. E. BARBER, Superintendent of the extensive mercantile establishment of A. PARDEE & CO., Hazleton, was in town last week.

—Rev. F. D. HOSKINS and wife paid a flying visit to this place on Tuesday last. Mr. H. was strongly urged to stay and participate in the union meetings, but was compelled to decline the invitation on account of an affection of the throat.

THE following description of a party recently given in Topeka, Kansas, will be read with lively interest by many of our readers. The parties mentioned are well known citizens of this county, only a few years since. We are glad to know that they are appreciated by their western friends. The Topeka *Times* describes the gathering as follows:

"The Bradford county (Pa.) residents of Topeka had a Gay and festive meeting on Wednesday night, Jan. 12, at the residence of D. L. MORSE. But the former citizens of old Bradford who are now residents of Topeka were not all there. The Opera House would have been required, could all have been present. But those who were at Mr. MORSE's had a gala time. There was much richness of speech and the eye, too, told merry tales, and uncle CHESTER THOMAS, a great lover of good things, led the party. Bradford county is rich in series and furnishes many good things historically. At the time Uncle CHESTER was sheriff of that county she was blooming and lively. Then there were his three nieces, A. S. THOMAS, CHESTER, F. and ELLA. The former, clerk of the U. S. District Court; young CHET—as he is familiarly known—is treasurer elect of this county, and BUCK is one of the proprietors of a large, well stocked and flourishing livery stable. Then we have the two lawyers, A. H. and M. H. CASE, both of whom have been successful pecuniarily, and socially and in business relations stand among our first citizens. E. E. STRAIT is an old Bradford county man, and where can you find a nicer gentleman; ask answers, where. M. H. CASE is a "hero," having won the appellation when fishing for trout and catching a "sucker." Mr. and Mrs. MORSE opened their house and gave the guests full swing, in addition to a supper fit for the gods."

So it seems "MILT" is still a faithful disciple of WALTON, as well as a distinguished expounder of Blackstone.

SYLVAN LODGE.—A big dinner with a big crowd at the Sylvania Hotel, on Tuesday, opened the ceremonies of the organization of Sylvan Lodge, No. 926, I. O. of O. F. At two o'clock the ceremony of institution of the lodge were proceeded with by G. W. BEACKMAN, D. D. of this county, and O. GEROULD, D. D. of Tioga. The lodge elected the following officers: J. H. CALKINS, N. G.; A. M. CARD, V. G.; G. P. MONROE, Sec.; A. L. TINKHAM, A. S.; J. F. WARDEN, T.; THOS. MONROE, W.; A. L. SMITH, Con.; PELEG PECK, R. S. N. G.; DEBERT BALLARD, L. S. N. G.; A. B. KINYON, R. S. V. G.; C. E. WALDO, L. S. V. G.; WM. STEVENS, R. S. S.; WM. MOSIER, L. S. S.; GEO. DICKENSON, O. G.; MORRIS SCOUTON, I. G. The ceremonies were attended by Odd Fellows from all parts of Bradford and Tioga counties. The lodge starts off with 28 members and in its handsomely furnished room can be congratulated on its successful institution.—*Northern Tier Gazette.*

THE TROY FARMERS' CLUB AND ITS ANNUAL FAIR.—The Troy Farmers' Club, comprising about 150 thrifty, practical farmers, is doing a good work for the agricultural interests of Western Bradford. The Club meets in the village every Saturday afternoon, in Pierce's Hall, where they discuss all questions pertaining to farming, with that spirit and intelligence characteristic of the Bradford county farmer.

Col. V. B. PIOLLET, the vetran agriculturist, who is equally at home on the platform or farm, addressed the Club on Saturday last at Long's Hall. His good humor, his telling hits, and withal his stanch good sense, are always pleasing to his hearers.

The Club will hold its next annual fair on grounds which they now little up for that purpose east of the town on Canton street. It is their aim to make their next exhibition far superior to any heretofore, and we have no doubt they will succeed, for they intend to give the farmers at least as fair a showing as the horse-jockeys—something not always done at our agricultural fairs. VISITOR.

THE BOSS FANNING MILL.—The grain Separater patented by J. W. JOHNSON, and christened the "Boss," has now been before the farmers of this section for two years, and has more than met the most sanguine expectations of the inventor. More than four hundred of them are now in use, and the demand is still largely in excess of the supply, although two extensive establishments have been employed in manufacturing them. The owners of the patent now contemplate forming a mammoth company for the purpose of manufacturing mills and selling territory throughout the entire Union. The enterprise cannot fail of success with such well known business men and capitalists as Capt. MANVILLE, C. F. NICHOLS, ex-Sheriff VANFLEET, JAS. W. NICHOLS, L. B. RODGERS and others, as stockholders and managers. We predict that in a very short space of time, this enterprise will become one of our most prosperous and important industries from which Towanda will reap a rich harvest, and to it as such establishment as this, the Eureka Mower Co., FROST & SONS, L. B. RODGERS, and DEWERS & LAMOREUX, that they are to depend for future growth.

As investment for capitalists we believe the Fanning Mill Co., offers a rare opportunity, and we have no doubt many of our wealthy men will aid in building up the enterprise. "There's millions in it."

OBITUARY.—ETHAN B. MOORE died at his home in Ulster, Bradford county, Pa., Feb. 1, 1876, in the fiftieth year of his age. Six years ago last October he received so severe an injury, that until the time of his death he was entirely unable to perform any kind of manual labor. The disease of which he died was consumption. Perhaps it would be saying too much of him, or any other human being, "he was faultless." But from acquaintance formed when he was a lad 13 years old and renewed at intervals from that time until his decease, I could not, if I desired to do so, tell what was his "easily besetting sin". He became a happy Christian about 30 years since, and during all these years seemed to be earnestly laboring "to make his calling and election sure." He retained his consciousness until the last, and his dying testimony of the power of divine grace to sustain him there, was just what his Christian friends expected. More than half of his father's family had preceded him to that better land. He has left a wife and four children to mourn the loss of an affectionate husband and father; but while they have lost him from their earthly home, he has gained a home "over there"—a house not made with hands eternal in the heavens."
E. H. CRANMER.

Monroeton, Pa., Feb. 7, 1876.

CANTON.—This pretty and pleasant rural village continues to keep pace in growth and improvement with its sister towns. And why shouldn't it? For it has some of the most generous and public-spirited citizens, ever seen anywhere. With such men as DURBIN, THOMAS, WHITE and STORKS, and many others I might mention, no town could fail to make progress.

The Graded School, conducted by Prof. E. J. ANGLE, is one of the best institutions in the county.—and I had almost said, the State. As an instructor the Professor ranks high, and deservedly so.

Among our young attorneys, none are more popular than J. H. SHAW, who has lately opened an office on Towanda street. Combining genial manners with first-rate legal ability, he can hardly fail to work into a large practice.

The newly appointed postmaster, Mr. THOMAS AYERS, who took his position on Monday last, promises to give general satisfaction.

Lawyer WILLIAMS is having an office fitted up in the new block erected by E. S. MANLY, on the corner of Towanda and Troy streets.

Before closing, I must not fail to notice one institution of the village which all unite in praising—and that is the "Tuttle House," presided over by mine host TUTTLE. This is the travelers' home—"sweet home." With moderate charges and excellent accommodations, the guest always feels that *he* has had the best of the bargain when he settles up. VISITOR

AT A MEETING of Spring Hill Grange, No. 178, P. of H., held in their Hall Feb. 5th, 1876, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, It has been the will of the Great Master above to remove suddenly from our midst our beloved and worthy brother, STEPHEN LYON; therefore be it

Resolved, That in his death this Spring Hill Grange has lost one of its most esteemed and worthy members, the family a kind husband and a tender father, the community one that stood head and shoulders above the common people in all moral reforms, and a pillar of the church of Christ, true and tried in all the relations of life.

Resolved, That while we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well, we sincerely mourn his loss to our society and the community at large.

Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt sympathy and condolence to the widow, children and friends of our worthy, deceased brother.

Resolved, That our charter be draped in mourning, and that we wear the usual badge of mourning for the period of thirty days.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered on the minutes, a copy sent to the stricken family, and published in BRADFORD REPORTER, *Towanda Journal*, and *Bradford Argus*.

DEMMON ACKLEY,
MILTON LEWIS,
WM. L. SHUMWAY, } Com.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—A large and interesting meeting was held in the Grand Jury Room at the Court House, Monday evening, Feb'y 7, at 7½ o'clock. There was a good representation of the farming interest from all sections of the county. The room was well filled, and the session opened by the election of Hon H. L. Scott as Chairman and John E. Fox as Secretary *pro tem.* In the absence of the President, Secretary and Treasurer, it was impossible to obtain reports of the proceedings of the society for the past year. Mr. J. F. Satterlee made a statement of its operations and the state of its finances as well as he could in the absence of the books and files. Joseph Piollet was nominated and duly elected President of the Society for the ensuing year. Messrs. J. S. Maddin, Orlando Taylor, Lewis Russell, John Carr and C. F. Nichols, were elected Vice Presidents, Mr. A. C. Smith, Recording Secretary, Mr. John Fox, Corresponding Secretary, Mr. E. B. DeLong, Treasurer, and for managers I. A. Park, of Herrick, C. E. White, of North Towanda, Horace Horton, of Sheshequin, G. H. VanDyke, of Ulster, Geo. H. Fox, of Towanda township, J. F. Satterlee, of Monroe, John Baldwin, of Pike, John Payson, of Orwell, and Wm. R. Storrs, of Asylum.

After the election of officers, interesting speeches were made by several of the gentlemen present. Mr. Piollet said that he would do all in the power to cooperate with the managers in making the fair a success.

J. S. Maddin said that in travelling through the State, as it became necessary for him to do in his connection with the Eureka Mower Co., he was present at many exhibitions and fairs of a character like our own; that he saw no reason why we ought not in this county, large and prosperous and fertile as it is, to make as fine an exhibition as any. He saw no fair anywhere to equal that in our adjoining county, Susquehanna. It would compare favorably with the State fair, and there was every reason to believe and hope that we will accomplish as much here.

Mr. Parks said that in order to succeed there must be united effort coming from all parts of the county. A healthy competition in stock and productions and an exhibition of them, and that the interest must broaden and deepen from this point and all putting their shoulder to the wheel, lending their assistance, we would move in this enterprise to a successful issue.

The Board of managers and officers elect will meet at the Grand Jury room on Monday, Feb. 14, at 2 o'clock P. M., when a report of the working of the society for the past year will be expected from the retiring officers, and for other purposes.

Proceedings of this meeting ordered to be published in the county papers.
JOHN E. FOX, Sec'y.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.—Court convened at this place on Monday, Feb. 7th inst. Hon. P. D. MORROW presiding, and Associate Judges HARKNESS and RUSSELL on the bench. The usual preliminary business was transacted.

Monday afternoon the following persons were sworn in as Grand Jurors: D. F. Wells, Foreman; Orange Bowman, Rufus Cahff, Benj Denton, I C DeWitt, Hiram Elsbree, W H Giddings, C N Gurnet, Lewis Hanford, J T Hested, C W Mallory, Lawrence Manley, Isaac McKean, Edward Mingos, Jas Molyneux, Lecompt Munday, Elijah Pelton, Chauncey Pomeroy, Clark Smith, J Wardell, jr, Wells Wilcox.

The constable returns were made and sworn to.

N. Edminster vs J M Pike. B A Pettis' Trustees vs M J Long. Sheshequin School District vs French, Watkins & French. Cyrus Stevens vs A. Waltman and J R Wear.——Chamberlin vs Lewis Ruger. Rules in each of the above cases discharged.

P S Miller vs A T Dunbar, Garnishee. Rule made absolute.

Henry Morgan vs Wm Crooks' T T et al. Rule to show cause why judgment should not be stricken off.

Thos Muir & Co vs Dr F Fleshut. Dewey & Co vs E S Heavlander. Henry Morgan vs Samuel Simpkins. Rule to show cause why judgment should not be opened and the defendant be let into a defense in each of the above cases.

S W Bronson's use vs W B Parks. Ulysses Mercur vs M C Mercur. J W Hollenback vs Elizabeth Welles. H N Williams' use vs A J Beers. Auditor's Reports in each of the above cases filed and confirmed *ni si*.

Francis Fisher vs Jas P Fisher. Court appoint Geo W Sterigere, Esq, a commissioner to take depositions.

Ruth E Olmstead vs Nathan Olmstead, Ezekiel Mayo vs Elizabeth H Moyo. Court appoint W J Young, Esq, a commissioner to take depositions in each of the above cases.

Tirzeh Wright vs Jas Wright. Court direct Sheriff to make proclamation.

Emma Levering vs Chas S Levering. Court direct a subpena in divorce to issue.

Joseph C Gale vs Sarah A Gale. On motion of, I N Evans, Esq, Court direct the usual order and decree of divorce.

Calvin Dodge vs E McClelland. Court dismiss the bill in equity, at the costs of the defendant.

Pomeroy Bros vs R R Phelps, Plynn Phelps and D Bourne security. Rule to show cause why sheriff's sale shall not be set aside.

Dewey & Co vs E S Heavlander et al. Rule to show cause why execution shall not be set aside.

Com vs Polly Kelly—assault and battery. District Attorney Calliff and Wm Foyle, Esq, for Com, DeWitt & Mayhard for defendant. The jury find the defendant not guilty, but that such party pay half of the costs.

Com vs Edgar Rought—Larceny, Com vs W O Thurston—Selling liquor without license, Com vs W E Armstrong, same. Each of the above cases continued to May term.

Com vs George McCallister—Larceny. Rule for new trial made absolute, and case continued to May term.

Overseers of Ridgbury vs J Driscoll and D Driscoll. Case settled by order of Court.

Overseers of South Creek vs Overseers of Ridgbury. Court reverse the order of removal, and order South Creek twp to pay the costs.

In re, the widening of Troy street in Canton boro. Report of viewers filed and confirmed *ni si*.

Com vs D E Campbell—Selling liquor without license. District Attorney Calliff for Com, H F Maynard and W E Chilson, Esqs, for defendant. The jury find the defendant guilty. Court sentence him to pay a fine of $200 and costs of prosecution.

Com vs Samuel Hawkins—False pretenses. Court direct a *nolle prosequi* to be entered in this case upon payment of costs.

Com vs Chas Dutton—Assault and battery. Continued to May term.

Wm H Fowler vs Caroline C Fowler. Henry C Leonard vs Mary E Leonard. Court direct a subpoena in divorce to issue in each of the above cases.

Ida May Taylor vs H E Taylor. Court direct Sheriff to make proclamation.

Towanda Eureka Mower Co vs S W Chapman. Auditor's report presented and confirmed *ni si*.

W E Newton's use vs H W Miller. Rule to show cause why judgment should not be opened and the defendant let into a defense.

Com vs Frank Granger and Patrick Lally—Aggravated assault and battery. Court direct a *nolle prosequi* to be entered as to Patrick Lalley upon payment of costs.

The Grand Jury disposed of the following cases:

TRUE BILLS.

Com vs Patrick Lalley—Aggravated assault.

Com vs D E Campbell—Selling liquor without license.

Com vs same—same.

Com vs Francis Granger and Patrick Lally—Aggravated assault and battery.

Com vs Charles Dutton—Assault and battery.

Com vs Moses Depue—Forgery.

Com vs C W Cole—Surety of the peace.

Com vs R H Fish—Selling liquor without license.

NOT TRUE BILLS.

Com vs Benj Lewis—Larceny.

Com vs C B Nichols—Larceny.

Com vs David Beardsley—Selling liquor without license. County for costs.

Com vs R J Watts—Same. County for costs.

Com vs W S Cranmer—Same. County for costs.

Com vs George Bullock—furnishing liquor to habitual drunkard. County for costs.

Com vs Frank Green—Larceny.

Com vs Henry Decker—Murder. Dist. Attorney Calliff and Davies & Carnochan for Com, H W Patrick, Esq, and Smith & Montanye for defendant. This case was commenced this (Wednesday) morning, and the jury are being empannelled as we go to press.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.—Mondoy evening, Jan. 31, 1876.

Present—JAMES MCCABE, Burgess, and Councilmen BRYANT, DITTRICH, FOX, JORDAN, PRATT and WOODRUFF.

On motion of Councilman Jordan, A. J. Fisher was permitted to erect show case on his place of business, to project not exceeding six inches, in accordance with a diagram presented.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to draw orders for the payment of Auditors Vincent, Ridgway and Record, for auditing the School Treasurer's account for 1874, and allow them interest from July 1, 1874, on their bills.

The committee appointed at the last meeting of the council to confer with Hook & Ladder Co. Mo. 4, in relation to the purchase of hats and belts, submitted the following report:

To the Burgess and Town Council:—GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned committee, appointed at December meeting, to confer with Mantua Co., No. 4, as to the number of hats and belts necessary to uniform the company, and to ascertain the cost of such equipment, would respectfully report that there is needed forty hats and belts each, and that the lowest price at which they can be purchased is $6.50, for each equipment.
E. T. PUTNAM,
JAS. BRYANT,
Committee.

By Councilman Jordan:

Resolved, That the sum of $260 be, and that amount is hereby appropriated for the purpose of purchasing hats and belts for the equipment of Mantua Hook and Ladder Co., No. 4. Adopted.

By Councilman Pratt:

Resolved, That the Mantua Hook and Ladder Co., be authorized to contract to have forty hats and belts delivered to them by the 15th day of May next, to be paid for by the borough ninety days from date of delivering, at the rate of $6.50 for each set. Adopted.

Councilman Pratt submitted the following report:

The committee appointed at the last meeting of the council to confer with a Committee of citizens on the subject of giving them possession and allowing them to remove the Franklin hand engine to a point near J. O. Frost & Sons' factory, for use in case of fire on the hill, would respectfully report in favor of granting their request and would recommend that any hose the fire department can spare, be also turned over to them for their use, providing they will find a suitable place to house the same at their own expense.
D. S. PRATT,
T. M. WOODRUFF,
Committee.

By Councilman Jordan:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Burgess, to ascertain the cost of building a suitable house for the purpose of housing Franklin hand engine and hose carriage on the property owned by the county if the commissioners will grant the borough the privilege of erecting such building.

The yeas and nays were called on the above resolution and resulted as follows:

Yeas—Bryant, Jordan, Pratt and Woodruff.

Nays—Fox and Dittrich.

The Burgess appointed Councilmen Bryant, Fox and Pratt said committee.

By Councilman Pratt:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Burgess to examine the ground on Olive and 4th streets and take such action as they may deem expedient and necessary to establish the grade of said streets. Adopted.

The Burgess appointed Councilmen Means, Dittrich and Woodruff said committee.

The Secretary was instructed to draw orders for the following bills:

James Bedford, labor on streets,		$ 27 57
John Baker,	" "	11 80
Jas. Nestor,	" "	10 87
Dennis Lynch,	" "	15 12
Pat Kennedy,	" "	20 31
John Scanlan,	" "	11 25
Geo. Shelker,	" "	15 75
John Manix,	" "	13 75
David Nealon,	" "	11 25
Thos. Quinlan,	" "	11 87
Lawrence Butler,	" "	13 12
Michael Hays,	" "	13 12
Ransom Bennett, side walks,		8 00
Rockwell & Titus, teaming,		21 76
John Kerwin,	" "	5 25
Geo. McCabe,	" "	23 75
Jas. A. Noble,	" "	22 50
Dan. Walborn,	" "	9 75
J. M. Watts,	" "	4 50
Gas & Water Co., gas for streets,		$113 40
	do Linta house,	7 65
	do eng. house,	11 70
	do police station,	2 25
	do music stand,	2 70
	do gas coal,	142 65
Chas. Sage, extinguishing gas,		7 00
J. R. Vannest, lumber,		12 75
E. Walker & Co.,	"	7 20
L. Frost & Sons,	"	49 06
J. D Montanye,	"	6 00
H. S. Luther,	"	33 92
J. F. Means,	"	42 75
Robt. Green, Treas. N. E. Linin Hose Co., new hose, fire dep.,		3 88
J. King-bury, Treas., for freight on same,		648 72
John McIntosh, hauling coal, fire dep.,		5 53
Chas. Bowman, hauling engine to Meehan fire,		50
James Bryant, fire dep.;		1 50
Barron & Colburn, fire dep.,		41 80
J. C. Lang, repairing steamer No. 1,		30
W. S. Vincent, auditing school acc't 1874, $19.50, interest $1.85,		8 25
do do $11.50, interest $1.09		12 35
Geo. Ridgway, do do $17.25, interest $1.64		33 94
J. A. Record, do $17.25, interest $1.64		18 89
E. A. Lamoreaux, do 1875		4 50
W. S. Vincent, do do		13 35
Geo. Ridgway, do do		3 00
John Carter, cleaning crossings,		5 00
do do gutter,		1 00
Geo. V. Myer, engineering,		95 00
C. H. Barron, street,		94
Andrew Shelker, repairing tools,		6 10
E. G. Kromer, " "		12 09
G. A. Burns, police duty,		87 50
Geo. Fenenden, town clock,		10 00
Codding & Russell, hook & ladder Co., $3.00 street,	7.74	15 74
N. N. Betts, earth for street,		19 49
C. H. Webb, service as witness,		2 00
P. Seebich, repairing tools,		1 02
E. J. Clauson's estate, printing,		10 00
		$1656 23

Action taken by the council in relation to Senate Bill No. 32:

WHEREAS, Information has been received that Senate Bill No. 32, authorizing appeals in cases of summary convictions, from decision of Mayors or Bugresses, to the Court of Quarter Sessions has been reported favorably; on motion,

Resolved, That the Burgess and Town Council of the Boro of Towanda, respectfully protest against the passage of said bill, as the same would entail useless litigation, and that under the present system the ends of justice are better subserved than they could be by the proposed bill.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the members of the Legislature from our county, and the Senator from this District, respectfully urging them to oppose the passage of said bill or the enacting of any like measure. Adopted.

Report of Police Justice Young for the month ending Lanuary 31, 1876, of cases tried by him:

Martin Gallagher, Jan. 16, disorderly conduct, fine, $1, cost, $2, paid. Edward Britton, Jan. 17, disorderly conduct, fine, $10, cost, $2, paid. James Boyle, Jan. 17, disorderly conduct, discharged with reprimand. Lucretia Britton, Anna Caswell, Anna Foreman, Ella Heath, Jan. 17, disorderly conduct, fine, $1 each, cost, $2 each, paid.

Chief Eng. Walker submitted the following report, which was read and ordered printed:

OFFICE OF CHIEF ENGINEER, T. F. D.,
TOWANDA, Dec. 31, 1875.

To the Honorable, the Burgess and Common Council of the Borough of Towanda:

GENTLEMEN:—In accordance with Art. 8, Sec. 2, of the Constitution of the Towanda Fire Department, I respectfully submit my first annual report for the year ending December 31, 1875, and with it some suggestions for your consideration, that, in my opinion, will, if carried out by your Honorable body, tend to largely increase the protection against fire, to all that portion of our town lying west of 2d St., and especially to that portion lying between College St. and the Plank Road.

I would recommend the building of cisterns on 2d St., at each crossing of the streets running east and west, each cistern to be of at least 500 barrels capacity, and, if practicable, have them so constructed that they would be filled by surface water, from rains and snows; then, should it become necessary to use the water for fire purposes, they would always have a supply ready for use; we could then set our steamer at a cistern nearest the fire, and get to work without delay, and set the other steamer at the river, to force water into the cistern from which water was being used, and thus always keep the supply good. I think one steamer could deliver water through an open butt hose in sufficient quantity to supply the other steamer and a hand engine for fire duty. It would only require six cisterns to be built, and they can be built for, say $100 each, making an expense to the Borough of only $600, a small sum indeed, when compared with the cost of some other improvements, not more necessary or beneficial to the citizens of the boro than this is, or would be.

I would also recommend the encouragement of a movement now being made by a number of the resident and property holders west of 2d St., to organize company No. 5, of this department. The company to be a hand engine company, and located in the vicinity of Frost & Sons' factory. I believe they organize that you give to them for service at fires the Franklin hand engine, now unused, but in good condition, and a set of suction hose, and a leader hose, now on hand, and the pipes, nozzles, &c., necessary to make it effective; and purchase at least 400 feet more of new hose, (in addition to that already ordered,) for the steamer companys.

In addition to all this, I would recommend the purchase of some efficient fire alarm. I will not say of what description, but will at any time give you all the information I have from circulars sent me by parties interested in the manufacture and sale of such goods; and further, that whether you purchase anything new in that line or continue to use the Court House bell, as at present, that you adopt some uniform way of having alarms sounded, and different from the ordinary way of ringing a bell; and, if possible, have your patrolmen attend to it nights, and have it continued at least 14 minutes, and longer if that does not call the firemen to their engine houses; continuing the alarm until there is enough cut to handle the apparatus.

I will not make any statement of the Department or Company expenditures paid by the Boro in the last year, as you already have it published in your Clerk's reports from month to month, except for the present month, which you will see in due time. The proper time, with a full report for the whole year, I will make as correct a report of the strength and condition of the Department as to members and apparatus, as is practicable for me to do.

MEMBERS.

Franklin Steamer Co., No. 1:—	121
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APARATUS.

Franklin Engine Co., No. 1: As a Hand Engine Co., organized April 11, 1854; as a steamer Co., 1870. Located in Fireman's Hall. Property in charge: One 3d class rotary engine and pump, built by Silsby manufacturing Co., Seneca Falls, N. Y., put in use Dec. 11, 1870; cost, $4,600; attended by one four wheeled hose carriage; capacity, 600 feet of rubber or leather hose, at present carrying 300 feet of rubber hose; one two wheeled hose cart, carrying 250 feet of leather hose; two service pipes; 1 16 inch; eight spanners; six spanner belts; one 21 foot suction hose; one fuel cart; five lanterns; 6 in leather and one wooden bucket; five nozzles, following sizes, ¾, ⅝, ⅝, ½, 10-4 inches; one axe.

Naiad Hand Engine and Hose Co.: located in Firemen's Hall; property in charge: one 3d class hand engine, needs some repairs; one two wheel hose carriage, carrying 450 feet, 3½ inch hose; one service pipe, 3 nozzles, 2 axes, 2 lanterns, 2 spanners, 2 buckets, with full roper, &c.

Linta No. 1, organized as a Hose Company April, 1857, chartered as a Steamer company in May, 1871. Located in Linta engine house on Poplar St. Property in charge, one 3d class steamer with rotary pump, manufactured by Silsby Manufacturing Co., cost $4,500, first used in fall of 1870, Oct. 12, one 4 wheel hose carriage, capacity, 600 feet rubber hose, at present carrying 300 feet; one two wheel cart, carrying 300 feet leather hose; one fuel cart, one axe 2 pipes 4 couplings and one spray nozzle; 6 lanterns with spanners, wrenches, oil cans, &c., all in good order, except two pipes somewhat battered.

Hook and Ladder Company No. 4. Organized in summer of 1872. Located in hose building north side of Park St. opposite Firmen's Hall; property in charge: one four wheel truck, five ladders, 14, 20 28, 34 and 40 feet long, two forks, four axes, three lanterns, one chain hook, 8 pell hooks, two pikes, one bar, one firing rope, two side ropes, all in good order.

In addition to the above the department has 400 feet of rubber hose, and 150 feet leather hose not reliable for steamer use, and about 500 feet of worthless rubber and leather hose.

FIRES.

Jan. 1, alarm at 12:30, a. m.—Fire in H. Taylor's clothing store, Tracy block, Main St.; supposed to have caught from lighted cigar being thrown into a pail of dry saw dust; fire put out by H. H. Patch, T. Kennedy and others. Franklin No. 1 and Naiad No. 2 out as far as Main St., but learning that their services were not needed they were returned to the engine house.

Jan. 6.—David Sheridan's house near the upper R. R. depot burned to the ground. Loss on house, $1200, on furniture $400, cash of Sheridan's, $112, cash belonging to S. P. H. Society, $380; insurance on house and furniture, $1200; no alarm; none of the department out; cause, defective flue.

January 10.—Fire, caught in the floor of Churr Hogan's outbuildings, by locket service; damage slight; cause, over heated stove.

Jan. 22, 3:20 a. m.—House on Main street owned by J. F. Means, occupied by J. Fitzgerald as a residence and saloon; No. 1 and 2 out, worked 2½ hours; roof and some portions of partitions in upper story burned; loss $250; do not know about insurance.

Apr. 28.—House at corner of 4th and Bridge-sts, owned by J. F. Means, occupied by Jack Williams, totally destroyed; Franklin steamer set but no work done on account of insufficiency of hose; loss unknown but uninsured.

May 7, at 1:23 p. m.—Fire near Frost's planing mill, on Poplar-st; Franklin steamer out and fired up, not used because of fire being so far from any supply of water; fire put out without much damage; loss unknown.

July 16, 10 p. m.—Carpenter shop near R. R. bridge, owned by Pa. & N. Y. R. R. Co.; total loss; no insurance.

July 24, 4 a. m.—General alarm in answer to call from Washington; Linta No. 3 went down by rail; arrived too late to be of any service.

Sept. 22.—T. Brennan's house near the mill works entirely consumed; loss unknown; firemen not out.

Oct. 17; 12:30 a. m.—One double house and two small houses, all connected, on Lombard-st, opposite Methodist church; the fire had made considerable progress before the alarm was sounded; Franklin engine No. 1, Naiad engine No. 2, Linta No. 3 with hose, no engine, and Hook and Ladder No. 4, were out, but too late to save the buildings already on fire; but wooden buildings within a few feet on all sides of the burning buildings were saved without being even scorched; furniture mostly saved; cause, defective chimney; loss from $2,000 to $2,500; do not know about insurance.

Oct. 16—Keeler's paint shop on corner of Bridge and 3d-sts, burned to the ground; loss on building and contents, $1,200; insurance, $700.

Oct. 22.—Fire set in back kitchen of Dr. Smith's residence on Park-st; put out with pails by J. C. Lang and others; companies Nos. 1, 2, and 3 out but not used; no damage.

Dec. 4, a. m.—Fire broke out in 2d-st, caught fire in roof; companies No. 1, 2, 3, and 4 out; fire put out by Nos. 1 and 2; damage $300; no insurance.

Dec. 22, 10:30 p. m.—Fire in I. K. Harris' millinery store; put out without the use of engines.

Dec. 24, 1 a. m.—P. Fogerty's house, corner 5th and Bridge-sts, burned to the ground; No. 2 on the ground, not used for want of water; Nos. 1 and 4 out, did no service; loss $450, insurance $400.

Dec. 24, 2:30 a. m.—Fire broke out a second time in the store of I. K. Harris, Chamberlin's block; the store and its contents entirely destroyed except the walls; the building also the two upper stories occupied by the family of D. L. Montanye; the next building occupied by W. A. Chamberlin as a residence, was badly damaged and the first floor, occupied by Chamberlin as a jewelry store was slightly damaged; a large water tank fell from the attic, crashing through the lower floor into a room occupied by Geo. Ennis as a billiard room, crushing one table; two other tables were badly damaged by water; Ennis' loss from $400 to $700, fully covered by insurance Harris' loss from $4,000 to $5,000; insurance $4,500; Montanye's loss $3,000, no insurance; Chamberlin's loss on building $5,000, insurance $2,000, recovered, $1,213; furniture, carpets, bedding, &c., $3,500; insurance recovered, $1,000; all the companies out and every man tried to assist his neighbor in hard and effective work; the Hook and Ladder boys especially distinguishing themselves as good, brave and active firemen.

In conclusion I tender my most sincere thanks to the Honorable Burgess and Council for favors granted, and to my assistants, to the officers and members of the different companies in the whole department, for the prompt and efficient manner in which they have aided me on all occasions, and to their bravery and pluckiness we owe our success in conquering the fiery element and preventing its spreading beyond the buildings in which it originated, and I am proud to say they are not to be excelled by the firemen of much larger towns than Towanda, and with better hose can do better work than heretofore has been done.

I beg leave to acknowledge the honor conferred upon me by the majority of the members of the department by re-electing me to the position of Chief Engineer, as it is a department no man can but feel an honest pride over. For any shortcomings in judgment on my part, at fires, I beg you to attribute to lack of experimental knowledge of the duties devolving upon me.

Trusting this report will receive all the consideration it deserves, I remain,
Yours Truly,
E. WALKER,
Chief Eng. T. F. D.

The minutes were approved when on motion the council adjourned.
JAMES MCCABE, Burgess.
Jos. KINGSBURY, Secretary.

THROUGH the kindness of a friend in the Postoff