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ATTORNEY AT LAW, Franklin, Venango Co., Pa. tf.

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Attorney at Law.

—AND—

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TIONESTA, PA.

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D. BLACK PROPRIETOR. Opposite Court House, Tionesta, Pa. Just opened. Everything new and clean and fresh. The best of liquors kept constantly on hand. A portion of the public patronage is respectfully solicited. 4-17-1v

Holmes House,

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TIDIOUT, PA., J. & D MAGEE, Proprietors. The house has been thoroughly refitted and is now in the first-class order, with the best of accommodations. Any information concerning Oil Territory at this point will be cheerfully furnished. -1y J. & D. MAGEE,

Exchange Hotel,

LOWER TIDIOUTE, Pa., D. S. RAMSDELL & SON Prop's. This house having been refitted is now the most desirable stopping place in Tidioute. A good Billiard Room attached. 4-1y

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Dr. J. L. Acomb,

PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON, who has had fifteen years' experience in a large and successful practice, will attend all Professional Calls. Office in his Drug and Grocery Store, located in Tidioute, near Tidioute House.

IN HIS STORE WILL BE FOUND

A full assortment of Medicines, Liquors Tobacco, Cigars, Stationery, Glass, Paints, Oils Cutlery, and fine Groceries, all of the best quality, and will be sold at reasonable rates.

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This firm is prepared to do all work in its line, and will warrant everything done at their shops to give satisfaction. Particular attention given to

HORSE-SHOEING,

Give them a trial, and you will not regret it. 13-1y.

LLOYD & SON,

WATER STREET, TIONESTA, PA.

HAVE JUST OPENED an extensive Stock of

FLOUR AND FEED,

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS,

Which they offer to the public at rates as low as can be offered by any other establishment in town. Give us a call before purchasing elsewhere.

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Jos. Y. Saul,

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Now is the time to get goods of all kinds, cheaper than ever. We have now on hand

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## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

S. J. Setley, Treasurer of Forest County, in account with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for the year ending Dec. 30, 1871.

| | Dr. |
|---|---|
| To State Tax, 1871 | $139 50 |
| " Mercantile appraisement, 1871 | 281 50 |
| " Tavern licenses " | 170 00 |
| " Pamphlet laws " | 12 00 |
| " Peddlars' licenses " | 8 00 |
| " Co'on county acc't | 555 60 |
| | $1266 60 |
| | Cr. |
| By State Tr. rec. dated Jul. 12, 1871, | $299 07 |
| " " " Aug. 2, " | 232 43 |
| " " " " " | 38 44 |
| " " " Oct. 3, " | 43 35 |
| " " " " " | 20 00 |
| " " " Nov. 21, " | 400 01 |
| " " " Jan. 5, '72, | 271 42 |
| By exonerations State Tax | 29 88 |
| " 5 per cent. commission $239,50 | 11 90 |
| | $1296 60 |

S. J. Setley, Treasurer of Forest County, in account with the Funds of said County, for the year ending Dec. 30, 1871.

| | |
|---|---|
| To am't seated lands returned, 1870 | $084 14 |
| " " tax, 1871 | 8370 85 |
| " unseated tax, 1870 | 4630 12 |
| " " 1871 | 7742 23 |
| " ten day assessment, 1871 | 59 60 |
| " bridge tax, 1871 | 4031 50 |
| " rec'd for old shingles | 25 50 |
| " " from Tionesta Tp. on acc't S. Shoup | 267 61 |
| " " of Sh'f Davis, jury fees | 24 00 |
| " " of N. P. Wheeler, rent county lands | 8 00 |
| To 9 blank assessment books | 2 97 |
| To am't received of D. S. Knox for shingles | 18 75 |
| To am't redemption lands sold to county | 209 83 |
| To am't rec'd D. Black, Ex-Treas. | 851 18 |
| " 3 county maps | 6 00 |
| " 3 old stoves | 15 00 |
| | $37213 37 |
| To balance $17294 60. | |
| | Cr. |
| By county orders redeemed | $7239 97 |
| " " coupons | 389 00 |
| By exonerations and seated lands returned | 879 58 |
| By exonerations bridge tax | 220 96 |
| " " county tax on watches | 21 19 |
| By refunding order | 45 00 |
| By am't paid on State debt | 555 60 |
| By 6 per ct. on $7239.97 Co. orders | 434 39 |
| " " " 389,00 coupons | 23 40 |
| " " " 59,95 relief orders | 3 59 |
| " " " 850,97 road " | 51 05 |
| " " " 300,28 school " | 18 01 |
| " " " 45,00 refund. " | 2 70 |
| " " " 555,60 paid State | 33 33 |
| By balance | 17294 60 |
| | $37213 37 |

We the undersigned Auditors of Forest County, do hereby certify that we met at the Commissioners' Office in said County, according to law, and did audit, settle and adjust the account of the Treasurer of said county for the year ending Dec. 30, 1871, and find them as set forth in the above account.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands, this 9th day of January, A. D. 1872.

ELI HOLEMAN, WILLIAM CLARK, T. B. COBB, } Auditors.

S. J. Setley, Treasurer of Forest County, in account with the School Funds of said County, for the year ending Dec. 30, 1871.

Barnett Township.

| | |
|---|---|
| To am't seated lands ret. 1870 | $ 19 75 |
| " unseated tax " | 208 60 |
| " " 1871 | 358 99 |
| | $587 43 |
| To balance $521 02. | |
| By orders redeemed 1870 | 24 11 |
| " " 1871 | 42 30 |
| By balance | 521 02 |
| | $58 743 |

Jenks Township.

| | |
|---|---|
| To am't rec'd from Treas. Siggins | 41 20 |
| " seated lands returned 1870 | 24 99 |
| " unseated tax " | 702 47 |
| " " 1871 | 1206 78 |
| | $1975 02 |
| To bal. $1795 08 | |
| By orders redeemed 1868-69 | 17 37 |
| " " 1870 | 73 54 |
| " " 1871 | 89 43 |
| By balance | 1795 08 |
| | $1975 02 |

Hickory Township.

| | |
|---|---|
| To am't unseated tax, 1870 | 208 81 |
| " " 1871 | 236 24 |
| | $445 05 |
| To balance $445 05 | |
| By balance | 445 05 |
| | $445 05 |

Harmony Township.

| | |
|---|---|
| To am't rec'd from Treas Siggins | 41 90 |
| " seated lands ret. 1870 | 228 39 |
| " unseated tax " | 7 02 |
| " " 1871 | 33 05 |
| | $310 36 |
| To balance $308 44 | |
| By orders redeemed, 1868 | 1 92 |
| " balance | 308 44 |
| | $310 36 |

Howe Township.

| | |
|---|---|
| To am't rec'd from Treas. Siggins | 8 22 |
| " seated lands ret. 1870 | 10 29 |
| " unseated tax " | 390 48 |
| " " 1871 | 181 15 |
| | $590 20 |
| To balance $568 30 | |
| By orders redeemed 1868-69 | 4 34 |
| " " 1870 | 16 56 |
| By balance | 568 30 |
| | $590 20 |

Kingsley Township.

| | |
|---|---|
| To seated lands ret. 1870 | 101 02 |
| To am't unseated tax 1870 | 270 20 |
| " " 1871 | 250 70 |
| | $621 92 |
| To balance $321 92 | |
| By balance | 621 92 |
| | $621 92 |

Green Township.

| | |
|---|---|
| To unseated tax 1871 | $113 32 |
| To balance $113 32 | |
| By balance | $113 32 |

Tionesta Township.

| | |
|---|---|
| To am't seated lands ret. 1870 | 124 24 |
| " unseated tax, 1870 | 549 46 |
| " " 1871 | 607 62 |
| | $1281 32 |
| To balance $1281 32 | |
| By balance | 1281 32 |
| | $1281 32 |

Tionesta Borough.

| | |
|---|---|
| To am't seated lands ret. 1870 | 5 40 |
| " unseated tax " | 5 60 |
| " " 1871 | 7 00 |
| | $18 00 |
| To balance $18 00 | |
| By balance | 18 00 |
| | $18 00 |

Millstone Township.

| | |
|---|---|
| To am't rec'd from Treas. Siggins | 33 66 |
| | $33 66 |
| To balance $3 95 | |
| By orders redeemed | 29 71 |
| " balance | 3 95 |
| | $33 66 |

S. J. Setley, Treasurer of Forest County, in account with the Road Funds for the year ending Dec. 30, 1871.

Barnett Township.

| | |
|---|---|
| To am't rec'd from Treas. Siggins | $ 18 94 |
| " unseated tax 1870 | 115 89 |
| " " 1871 | 241 59 |
| " Treas. Siggins' road com. | 80 42 |
| | $456 94 |
| To balance $410 45 | |
| By orders redeemed 1868-69 | 18 94 |
| " " 1870 | 45 |
| " " 1871 | 27 00 |
| By balance | 410 45 |
| | $456 84 |

Green Township.

| | |
|---|---|
| To am't unseated tax, 1871 | 113 32 |
| " extra tax, 1871 | 113 32 |
| | $226 64 |
| To balance $226 64 | |
| By balance | 226 64 |
| | $226 64 |

Howe Township.

| | |
|---|---|
| To am't rec'd of Treas. Siggins | 9 56 |
| " seated lands ret. 1870 | 20 57 |
| " unseated tax " | 780 32 |
| " " 1871 | 722 90 |
| " rec'd from Treas. Siggins | 1 70 |
| " " " road commission | 36 79 |
| | $1571 84 |
| To bal $1327 18 | |
| By orders redeemed 1870 | 135 00 |
| " " 1871 | 109 66 |
| By balance | 1327 18 |
| | $1571 84 |

Hickory Township.

| | |
|---|---|
| To am't rec'd from Treas. Siggins | 2 00 |
| " unseated tax 1870 | 130 72 |
| " " 1871 | 118 12 |
| | $250 64 |
| To balance $234 54 | |
| By orders redeemed 1870 | 16 10 |
| " balance | 234 54 |
| | $250 64 |

Harmony Township.

| | |
|---|---|
| To am't rec'd from Treas. Siggins | 41 90 |
| " seated lands ret. 1870 | 93 91 |
| " unseated tax " | 5 40 |
| " " 1871 | 25 35 |
| | $165 96 |
| To balance $165 96 | |
| By balance | 165 96 |
| | $165 96 |

Jenks Township.

| | |
|---|---|
| To am't rec'd from Treas Siggins | 48 85 |
| " seated lands ret. 1870 | 16 30 |
| " unseated tax " | 702 47 |
| " 1871 | 1002 76 |
| " rec'd Treas. Siggins, road commission | 92 |
| | $1771 30 |
| To balance $1690 09 | |
| By orders redeemed, 1868 | 5 88 |
| " seated orders redeemed, 1870 | 3 20 |
| " unseated " " | 20 39 |
| " " " " 1871 | 51 74 |
| " balance | 1690 09 |
| | $1771 30 |

Kingsley Township.

| | |
|---|---|
| To am't seated lands ret. 1870 | 65 92 |
| " unseated tax, " | 208 38 |
| " " 1871 | 227 94 |
| | $490 87 |
| To balance $473 87 | |
| By orders redeemed, 1871 | 17 00 |
| " balance | 473 87 |
| | $490 87 |

Tionesta Township.

| | |
|---|---|
| To am't seated lands ret. 1870 | 65 92 |
| " unseated tax " | 366 30 |
| " " 1871 | 405 74 |
| " " extra, 1870 | 366 30 |
| " " " 1871 | 405 70 |
| | $1610 00 |
| To balance $1164 39 | |
| By orders redeemed 1870 | 333 13 |
| " " 1871 | 50 94 |
| " " extra 1870 | 24 52 |
| " " " 1871 | 37 02 |
| By balance | 1164 39 |
| | $1610 00 |

Tionesta Borough.

| | |
|---|---|
| To seated lands ret. 1870 | 10 13 |
| " unseated tax " | 7 00 |
| " " 1871 | 10 00 |
| | $27 13 |
| To balance $27 13 | |
| By balance | 27 13 |
| | $27 13 |

RELIEF FUNDS.

| | |
|---|---|
| To am't rec'd from Treas. Siggins | $59 95 |
| By orders redeemed | $59 95 |

BIG LEVEL OR STATE ROAD FUNDS.

Howe Township.

| | |
|---|---|
| To am't unseated tax, 1870 | 1171 00 |
| " " 1871 | 1084 53 |
| | $2255 53 |
| To balance $2255 53 | |
| By balance | 2255 53 |
| | $2255 53 |

Jenks Township.

| | |
|---|---|
| To am't unseated tax 1870 | 1054 33 |
| " " 1871 | 3008 05 |
| | $4062 38 |
| To balance $4062 38 | |
| By balance | 4062 38 |
| | $4062 38 |

We the undersigned Auditors of Forest County do hereby certify that we met at the Commissioners' Office in said county according to law, and did audit, settle and adjust the accounts of S. J. Setley, Treasurer of Forest County with the Road and School Funds of the said Townships, for the year ending Dec. 30, 1871, and find them as set forth in the above statement.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands this 10th day of January A. D. 1872.

ELI HOLEMAN, WILLIAM CLARK, T. B. COBB, } Auditors.

County Commissioners of Forest County account for the year ending Dec. 30, 1871.

| | |
|---|---|
| N. P. Wheeler | Dr. |
| To Co. orders drawn | $93 86 |
| " balance | 68 04 |
| | $161 90 |
| | Cr. |
| By balance last settlement | 18 90 |
| " 26 days' services | 108 00 |
| " 359 miles traveled | 35 00 |
| | $161 90 |
| By balance | 68 04 |
| Benj. Elliott | Dr. |
| To orders drawn | 257 00 |
| " balance | 211 10 |
| | $468 10 |
| | Cr. |
| By balance due last settlement | 77 75 |
| " 82 days' services | 246 00 |
| " 608 miles travel | 60 80 |
| " time and expenses getting furniture for Court House | 68 55 |
| " extra expenses holding appeals | 15 00 |
| | $468 10 |
| By balance | 211 10 |
| Jacob Mercilliott | Dr. |
| To Co. orders drawn | 343 94 |
| To balance | 34 06 |
| | $378 00 |
| | Cr. |
| By balance due last settlement | 24 40 |
| " 75 days' services | 225 00 |
| " 1136 miles travel | 113 60 |
| " extra expense holding appeals | 15 00 |
| | $378 00 |
| By balance | 34 06 |

E. L. Davis, High Sheriff of Forest County account for the year ending Dec. 30, 1871.

| | |
|---|---|
| To Co. orders drawn | $165 45 |
| By fees | $165 45 |

We the undersigned Auditors of Forest County, do hereby certify that we met at the Commissioners' Office in said county, according to law, and did audit, settle and adjust the accounts of the High Sheriff and County Commissioners, for the year ending Dec. 30, 1871, and find them as set forth in the above report.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands this 13th day of January, A. D. 1872.

ELI HOLEMAN, WILLIAM CLARK, T. B. COBB, } Auditors.

Statement of the expenditures of Forest County, A. D. 1871.

| | |
|---|---|
| County Commissioners | $ 886 60 |
| County Commissioners' Clerk | 480 00 |
| County Auditors and clerk | 179 90 |
| Interest on county orders | 101 61 |
| Furniture | 457 01 |
| Fox bounty | 24 80 |
| Jury fees | 1116 19 |
| Assessors | 249 48 |
| Printing | 503 00 |
| Jury Commissioners | 66 43 |
| Constable | 162 50 |
| Court Crier | 47 50 |
| Road views | 69 30 |
| Fuel and lights | 91 00 |
| Elections | 135 60 |
| Commonwealth costs | 269 30 |
| Books and stationery | 289 70 |
| Registry expenses | 109 37 |
| Paid J. P. Siggins | 691 35 |
| Carrington bridge | 1197 59 |
| Coroner's fees | 116 00 |
| Counsel fees, 1870 | 50 00 |
| Prothonotary fees | 116 75 |
| District Attorney fees | 5 00 |
| Teachers' Institute | 62 35 |
| Bridge Repairs | 81 81 |
| Witness fees, county cases | 187 51 |
| Court House | 492 26 |
| Sheriff fees | 165 45 |
| Jail expenses | 278 85 |
| Paid State debt | 555 60 |

Statement of Finances of Forest County for the year ending Dec. 30, 1871.

INDEBTEDNESS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Am't of County Loan | $25,000 00 |
| County and bridge orders outstanding | 8,547 25 |
| Interest due on coupons | 2,538 00 |
| Due County Commissioners | 313 20 |
| | $36,398 45 |

ASSETS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Am't tax uncollected in hands of Treasurer | 17,294 60 |
| Am't of seated lands ret. 1871 | 772 69 |
| " due from Tionesta Twp., on acc't S. Shoup | 71 00 |
| | $18,138 29 |

FOREST COUNTY, ss:

Pursuant to law we the undersigned Commissioners of said County, publish the foregoing exhibit of the receipts and expenditures of said County, for the year ending Dec. 30, 1871.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands this the 13th day of January, A. D., 1872.

BENJAMIN ELLIOTT, JACOB MERCILLIOTT, } Co. Comm'rs.

Attest, D. W. CLARK, Clerk.

The Postoffice Department has just made an important decision regarding the transmission of newspapers by mail, which is of considerable interest not only to publishers but to the people generally. Under the new construction placed upon the law, no name or memorandum can be made on a newspaper inside the wrapper on which the address is written. It is barely permissable to mark an article with pen or pencil. More than this subjects the paper to letter postage, and the violator of the law to fine. Neither must any printed card, handbill or advertisement, written notice, letter or slip of any kind whatsoever, be folded in the paper. Printed slips posted on the out side or folded in paper or periodicals, soliciting notices, are also violations of the law. These facts are of importance, and should be borne in mind.

The following extract from an editorial in the Lorain, O., *News* explains itself: "A little more than a year ago, the price of the *News* was reduced to one dollar and a half by way of experiment. That experiment did not succeed. In fact, since the price was reduced, the subscriptions have not paid for the type-setting and press-work. Mr. Butler, the late proprietor, purposed returning to the old terms on the first of January, 1872. We shall defer the change until the seventh of March. It is a folly for country papers to attempt to compete in price with city weeklies. A paper, if worth anything, is worth what it costs to produce it, and, although it may not receive the support to which it is entitled, enough men of sense and justice will be found to sustain it."

Thus it is that a cotemporary answers that good woman, Mrs. Livermore: "What Shall We Do With Our Girls?" asks one of the suffrage-shriekers in her lecture. If her girls are likely to resemble their mother much, we think she had better drown them.

Oil and truth will get uppermost at the last.

## Where There's a Will Theres' a Way.

I met the young people at a picnic, and was not long in discovering their sentiment toward each other. It was plain Tom Tilby loved Bessie Welfit, and it was impossible to doubt that the feeling was reciprocated. I took an interest in the young couple because I had been the intimate friend of their fathers, when they were young, and before the business of life led us apart on separate roads.

Tom Tilby *pere* and Sam Welfit had been fast friends both at school and at college; fast friends, boon companions, and sure partners in every scrape as in every stroke of luck.

Until they took their degrees they were inseparable. After that of course their paths were bound to diverge somewhat. As for me, I left college two or three years before they did, for my means were slender, and it was necessary that I should, as soon as possible, undertake the management of my father's practice as an attorney, as he was growing old and feeble.

I went up to the University on a special invitation to be present at the parting super given by Tom and Sam when they had taken their degrees. It was a great occasion, that supper! I can well remember how the two returned thanks for the toast of their "health and success!" standing up hand in-hand and making one speech between them, Tom beginning a sentence, which Sam finished, and then beginning another for Tom to complete, and so on.

Next day I was instructed to draw up their wills, in which each left all he possessed to the other, if he should survive him. The documents were drawn up, signed, and witnessed, and I was requested to take charge of them. From that period I saw very little of either. Tom in regular course served his curacy, and at last got his living. Sam got into a good practice, and I went on plodding at my business, which, though not vast, was sufficient to keep me occupied and to supply me with a modest competence. I heard occasionally from both parson and barrister, but the letters were generally brief and of a business nature, for I was their legal adviser whenever they chanced to need such assistance, which was but rarely. I was glad to learn therefore—dear me! how the time must have slipped away, said I to myself--that the pretty golden haired girl at the picnic was the daughter of my worthy friend Sam Welfit; and that the hand some manly young fellow who was paying such attention to her was the son of the Rev. T. Tilby, who was best known to me as Tom Tilby.

Of course I lost no time in introducing myself. To my surprise, the young people did not seem overwhelmed with joy to hear I was an old friend of their fathers. They exchanged looks of surprise and consternation. What could it mean?

I was not to be left in ignorance long. Tom, tearing himself with evident reluctance from the side of his charmer, asked me to favor him with a word in private. To my surprise, his first request was that I would not mention the picnic, and the fact that Bessie and he met there, to either his father or hers. My surprise was changed to sorrow when I heard the reason of his request. Those confounded wills were at the bottom of it! The two friends had begun to suspect each other. Tom Tilby thought Sam Welfit wished him dead that he might have his money; and Sam felt certain that Tom Tilby would not be grieved to hear of his decease. Friendship grew cooler—at last cold and stark.

Why, you ask, did they not make fresh disposals of their money when their marriages made the old wills void? Well, I can't exactly say, but I fancy that either they thought it a point of honor to stand by their old arrangement, or else they were ashamed to ask me to make alterations, when, after drawing up their marriage settlements, etc., I had to redraft their wills.

Time went on. Suspicion begot indifference paving the way for hate. Of course each was conscious of a change in the other, but did not observe it in himself, and so the mutual dislike deepened, and the breach widened imperceptibly. As luck would have it, young Tom, who was entered at Lincoln's Inn, met Bessie, who had come to stay with some friends in town, and they fell desperately in love with one another. They wrote to their parents, like good and obedient children, informing them of their acquaintance, and perhaps revealing unconsciously what that acquaintance had ripened into. That brought matters to a crisis. The Rev. T. Tilby told his son that Bessie was, no doubt, a designing minx; she was not likely to be a fig, spring as she did from a thistle like Sam Welfit. He threatened to cut his son off with a shilling, if he heard any more of his nonsense, and forbade him to see her again.

Sam Welfit was equally stern. He told Bessie that young Tom was a mercenary adventurer, and, like his father, probably a rake, an idler and a scoundrel. If he heard any more of her having any more to do with the scamp he should bring her visit to an abrupt end.

Naturally, in spite of threats, the young people did meet, and their love was intensified by the opposition of the parents. It was a bad case, and I told young Tom so. He implored me to keep their secret. I consented—and what is more, I promised to aid them. That very night, in my lonely bachelor chambers, I laid my plan and acted on it. I wrote two letters--one to Tom Tilby and the other to Sam Welfit. I asked them, for reasons alleged, to meet me on the following Tuesday—Tom at twelve and Sam at one. Then I dispatched a little note asking Bessie and young Tom to lunch with me at three o'clock on the same day.

The day came—the hour came—and the men came! Old Tom Tilby arrived at 12, dressed in deep mourning, and carrying in his hand my black-bordered massive bidding him to come here, to proceed with me to the funeral of our old friend Welfit. I asked him to sit down, and began to talk of old times. Tom had been on recalling the past, his heart was touched. Tender recollections came in a flood, the old love revived, and by a quarter to one the old boy was weeping bitterly, and wishing he had been more just and true to dear old Sam.

Presently came a knock at the door. Tom begged me to let him get out of the way, not to show his emotion to strangers. I put him in the next room, left the door a little open, and then gave order for the admission of my next visitor. Sam Welfit, of course! I could see about his tremulous lip, the moment he entered, that I should have an easy task with him. He spoke softly, luckily, or Tom might have recognized his voice, but, as a precaution, I monopolized all the talking, and spoke in a low tone, until I had Sam blubbering like a child.

"After all, Sam," said I raisng my voice, "you benefit by the death. Tom Tilby would have been pleased enough if it was your funeral instead of his!"

"No, he would not," said Sam, with emphasis; "and for the money, I won't touch"—and then turned white as a sheet, and stared at the door, from which Tom Tilby came rushing, with tears in his eyes.

"Tom!"

"Sam!"

The two shook hands with such persistence, I thought they would never leave off. But at last they turned round to me, and intended to lecture me for practical joking.

"His wit was not of the highest order old times--was it, Sam?" said Tom Tilby.

"It's improved vastly," said Sam. "It's the best joke he ever was guilty of!"

"No," said I, "I've better in store!" and with that I opened the door, at which I heard a gentle tap that had escaped their notice—and led in Bessie and young Tom! Of course, those trembling culprits fell on their knees when they saw their respective parents, expecting a severe reprimand. That reprimand was in each case, as I need hardly say, exchanged for a blessing!

Those old wills have been destroyed, and I have drawn two new ones, by which Tom and Bessie inherit all the properties of their respective parents.

I am very glad I went to that picnic after all.—*Tom Hood.*

A Wyoming woman judge was obliged to vacate her seat on the bench a few days ago, and the cause, briefly stated, was twins. Recovering her health, she desired to attend court, but her husband steadfastly refused to take care of the twins. At last accounts the judge and her husband were discussing the matter in the most frantic manner, and the court in question was under adjournment, waiting the result.

"Your dress," said a husband to his fashionable wife, "will never please the men." "I don't dress to please men," was the reply, "but to worry other women"

A Green Bay girl won a bible at a lottery the other evening, and the next morning traded it off for a self-adjusting pannier.

Mankind are very odd creatures—One half censure what they practice, and the other half practice what they censure.

The hardest thing in this world to deal with, is an old pack of cards, says one who is presumed to know.

When a wife reigns it seems natural that she should storm, too. She does so sometimes.

Who pays the highest price for a home? The woman who marries for one.

Young people grow most in love. It increases their sighs wonderfully.

Why is flirtation like plate powder? Because it brightens up spoons.

Should auld acquaintance be forgot? Not if they have money.

How to prevent your wife scolding you? Don't marry.

A Cincinnatian married the divorced wife of his own son.