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ATTORNEY AT LAW, Oil City, Pa. Will practice in the various Courts of Forest County. All business entrusted to his care will receive prompt attention. 14-1y

W. W. Mason, Tionesta, Pa. George A. Jenks, Brookville, Pa.
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W. P. Mercilliott,
Attorney at Law.
—AND—
REAL ESTATE AGENT.
TIONESTA, PA.
27-tf

CLARK & FASSETT,
ATTORNEYS AT LAW,
WARREN AND TIDIOUTE, PA.
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Business promptly attended to in all the courts of Warren, Forest and adjoining counties.
JUNIUS R. CLARK, Warren, Pa. D. D. FASSETT, Tidioute, Pa.

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M. ITTEL, Proprietor, Elm St., Tionesta, Pa., at the mouth of the creek. Mr. Ittle has thoroughly renovated the Tionesta House, and re-furnished it completely. All who patronize him will be well entertained at reasonable rates. 29 1y

FOREST HOUSE,
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,
TIONESTA, PA., opposite the Depot. O. D. Mabie, Proprietor. Good Stabling connected with the house. tf.

Syracuse House,
TIDIOUTE, Pa., J. & D MAGEE, Propietors. 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

National Hotel,
IRVINETON, PA. W. A. Hallenback, Proprietor. This hotel is NEW, and is now open as a first class house, situate at confluence of the Oil Creek & Allegheny River and Philadelphia & Erie Railroads, opposite the Depot. Parties having to lay over trains will find this the most convenient hotel in town, with first-class accommodations and reasonable charges. tf.

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.
H. R. BURGESS, an experienced Druggist from New York, has charge of the store. All prescriptions put up accurately. tf.

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TIONESTA
SAVINGS BANK,
Tionesta, Forest Co., Pa.
This Bank transacts a General Banking, Collecting and Exchange Business.
Drafts on the Principal Cities of the United States and Europe bought and sold.
Gold and Silver Coin and Government Securities bought and sold. 7-30 Bonds converted on the most favorable terms.
Interest allowed on time deposits.
May 1st, 1871.

SLOAN & VAN GIESEN.
BLACKSMITHS
AND
WAGON-MAKERS.
Corner of Church and Elm Streets,
TIONESTA, PA.
This firm is prepared to do all work in their 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.
40-9m. LLOYD & SON.

D. W. CLARK,
(COMMISSIONER'S CLERK, FOREST CO., PA.)
REAL ESTATE AGENT.
HOUSES and Lots for Sale and RENT. Wild Lands for Sale.
I have superior facilities for ascertaining the condition of taxes and tax deeds, &c., and am therefore qualified to act intelligently as agent of those living at a distance owning lands in the County.
Office in Commissioners Room, Court House, Tionesta, Pa.
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MANUFACTURERS OF
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FORT PITT GLASS WORKS.
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DITHRIDGE & SON,
MANUFACTURERS OF
Dithridge's xx Flint Glass
PATENT OVAL
LAMP CHIMNEYS.
AND
Silvered Glass Reflectors.
These chimneys do not break by heat.
Ask for DITHRIDGES. Take no other.
DITHRIDGE & SON,
25-1y. Pittsburgh, Pa.

New Boarding House.
MRS. S. S. HULINGS has built a large addition to her house, and is now prepared to accommodate a number of permanent boarders, and all transient ones who may favor her with their patronage. A good stable has recently been built to accommodate the horses of guests. Charges reasonable. Residence on Elm St., opposite S. Haslet's store. 23-1y

Jos. Y. Saul,
PRACTICAL Harness Maker and Saddler. Three doors north of Holmes House, Tionesta, Pa. All work is warranted. tf.

HILBRONNER & CO.,
ARE CLOSING out their fall and winter stock of goods at greatly reduced prices to make room for a
SPRING STOCK.
Now is the time to get goods of all kinds, cheaper than ever. We have now on hand
Jewelry Boxes,
Working Boxes,
Handkerchief Boxes,
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Lace Goods,
Hemmed and Stitched Hankerchiefs,
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Thread and Point Lace Collars,
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Germantown Yarns,
New Corsets, New Style,
Bustles, Hoopskirts,
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Ribbons, Silk and Cashmere Scarfs.
Great inducements by purchasing
HANDKERCHIEFS BY THE BOX.
GENTLEMAN'S LINEN AND UNDERWEAR.
Largest and best assorted stock of goods for Men's Wear in this section, which
WE MAKE TO ORDER
in the most approved style. No fit no sale.
A FULL LINE OF
GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS,
always on hand. A fine and well selected stock of
American & Imported Watches.
LADIES OPERA, LEONTINE, AND NECK CHAINS,
BRACELETS,
LOCKETS,
RINGS,
GENTS GOLD AND SILVER VEST CHAINS,
STERLING SILVER AND PLATED WARE,
Hats and Caps selling at cost.
BOOTS AND SHOES LATEST STYLES,
READY-MADE CLOTHING,
as cheap as can be bought in Pa.
New Infantry Soldier Coats at $2.
Valises, Carpet Sacks, Satchels, Trunks, &c., always on hand.
Carpets, Brussels, Ingrain, Hemp, and all kinds.
WALL PAPER, CURTAINS &C.,
FOR SALE CHEAP.
I. HILBRONNER & CO.
6-y

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
" Cr. on county acc't		555 60
		$1266 60
		Cr.
By State Tr. rec. dated Jul. 13, '71,		$299 07
" " " Aug. 2,	"	252 43
" " " " "	"	38 44
" " " Oct. 3,	"	43 37
" " " " "	"	20 00
" " " Nov. 21,	"	400 00
" " " Jan. 5, '72,		271 42
By exonerations State Tax		29 88
" 5 per cent. commission $239,50		11 99
		$1266 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	$981 14	
" " tax, 1871	8330 85	
" unseated tax, 1870	4036 12	
" " 1871	7742 23	
" ten day assessment, 1871	59 60	
" bridge tax, 1871	4631 59	
" rec'd for old shingles	25 50	
" " from Tionesta Tp. on acc't S. Shoup	257 61	
" " of Sh'ff 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	
		$27213 37
		Cr.
To balance	$17294 60.	
By county orders redeemed	$7239 97	
" coupons	390 00	
By exonerations and seated lands returned	879 58	
By exonerations bridge tax	220 96	
" county tax on watches	21 10	
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	
" " " 390.00 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
		$27213 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 accounts 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 6th day of January, A. D. 1872.

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

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 69
" " 1871		358 99
		$587 43
To balance	$521 02.	
By orders redeemed 1869	24 11	
" " 1871	42 30	
By balance	521 02	
		$587 43

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 00
" 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	5 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	$621 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 52
" " 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, } Auditors.
T. B. COBB,

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

		Dr.
N. P. Wheeler		
To Co. orders drawn		$96 86
" balance		68 04
		$161 90
		Cr.
By balance last settlement		18 90
" 38 days' services		108 00
" 350 miles traveled		35 00
		$161 90
By balance		68 04
		Dr.
Benj. Elliott		
To orders drawn		[illegible]
" balance		211 10
		$468 10
		Cr.
By balance due last settlement		77 75
" 82 days' services		246 00
" 668 miles travel		66 80
" time and expenses getting furniture for Court House		68 55
" extra expenses holding appeals		15 00
		$468 10
By balance		211 10
		Dr.
Jacob Mercilliott		
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
" 1130 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, } Auditors.
T. B. COBB,

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	509 00
Jury Commissioners	66 43
Constable	162 50
Court Crier	47 50
Road views	69 30
Fuel and lights	91 00
Elections	155 60
Commonwealth costs	299 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 84
Witness fees, county cases	187 51
Court House	402 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 Treas rer	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.

An Eventful Career.

Among the communist prisoners recently tried at Versailles was a lad named Broche, a pork butcher, who at the outbreak of the communal insurrection, was taken, much against his will, to serve in the federal battallion of national guards at Nuelly. He offended his comrades by declining to be made captain, and was accordingly tried by court martial and sentenced to be shot. His executioners, however, determined to hang him instead, and launched him from a second floor window. He contrived to save himself from total strangulation by clinging to the wall until cut down by some men of another battallion, who disapproved of the unmilitary mode of execution adopted, and with whom he remained for some days. At the end of that time he attempted to escape, but was so closely pursued that he jumped into the Seine, and swam to the bank occupied by the Versailles troops, who hospitably received him with a hailstorm of balls, one of which struck him in the leg. Being taken before a court martial of officers of the regular army, his protestations of innocence were disbelieved, and he was condemned for the second time to be shot. The executioners of M. Theirs, however, did not do their work any better than those of the commune, for though duly shot and left for dead, Broche escaped with two flesh wounds and a broken arm. He was hidden and nursed by an inhabitant of Puteaux, where he had been shot, and when the commune fell was again arrested and taken to Versailles, where he appears to have passed the last eight months in prison. Being tried a few days ago for the third time, the unlucky and yet lucky pork butcher was at once acquitted.

"Bob, is your sister at home?" "Yes, but she won't see you to-night." "Why?" "Because she said she was going to have one more mess of onions if she never had another beau."

Our Drunken Bridegroom.

BY PRESIDENT TUTTLE.

We were riding over the prairies on that finest of railways, the "C., B. & Q." as the people there call the "Chicago, Burlington and Quincy." We were on the Pacific Express, and rode smoothly and swiftly. The prairies were in their most attractive dress. People talk about the beauty of the *wild* prairies, but I once saw these very ones when they were wild, but how inferior to the same acres covered with corn and meadows, the greenness of which is in fine contrast with yellow wheat and oat fields visible in every direction! It was a delightful scene, and we felt satisfied with it.

Our train contained the usual assortment of people, rough and gentle, old and young, intelligent and not so very intelligent. But for one fact these common-place statements would not have been made. Two seats forward of us were two young people and a glance showed that they were "the inevitable newly marrried couple" which, as often said, never fails to adorn every train. The wife seemed too young for such a position, seventeen years old, or at most eighteen. She was dressed very neatly, and her bearing was becoming. You felt at once that such an one must have been an important member of her home, the very one for her father to fondle and a brother to be proud of. To such a place the young girl can find only one superior, her own home where shall preside a husband worthy of her. For such a home she had so I thought as we rode along given up that in which she had dwelt since she was born. What a venture she runs who makes such an exchange!

The young husband was asleep in the seat before her, and I noticed that she had to exhibit the tickets. He had them in his pocket, but she had to get them. This was a suspicious circumstance. His face was red, and when he awoke, his eyes heavy—so I hoped—with sleep. And yet I feared the hope was not well founded. The poor girl's face wore an expression of anxiety and mortification. It is true her husband was well dressed, and that he had on his left little finger a plain gold ring which matched with a similar one on her left fore finger.

But it seemed to me very plain that the fact of marriage, the good clothes and the plain rings did not make the young husband appear to any greater advantage, nor his young wife to appear any less anxious. Meanwhile our magnificent train sped swiftly through those acres.

After a while the young man got up, took from the lunch basket something and in spite of her gentle appeal went into the forward car. I suppose it was a flask that he took, but whatever it was it did nothing to make the wife cheerful, or his face less red. In a little while he was back and seated with his wife. It was distressing to see the two, he "drunk as a lord," she thinking—I guess—of what she had left and what a fate must be in store for her. He was maudlin, silly, and uncontrollable. Could she only have put him to sleep again, and so cover up the disgrace, she had felt less satisfied, but—in his own opinion—he was smart, and grand, a husband to be proud of! and his wife ought to be proud of him! His own wide mouth laughter seemed to himself amiable, and his foolish incoherences also. Now he ate, and now he laughed, now he reposed on her shoulder, and thence staggered to the water-tank for a drink, and there was no concealing it. The young girl, his wife, just on her way to his home, on the first day met this fact, that her husband loved drink so well that even the fascinations of the young bride whom he had taken to the altar, could not restrain his appetite.

And that was what we saw that morning as we rode in the "Pacific Express" on the "C. B. & Q. R. R.," that July morning when the prairies of Illinois were in their most gorgeous apparel. And I wondered what would be the feelings of the father and brother of the bride could they see what we did.

I do not flatter myself that these words will warn any trusting girl not to trust a lover who tipples, but I feel better for describing this new phase of the meanness of a habit that has blighted so much that is lovely and of good report. Approach it from which way you will, by a scaffold or a bridal chamber, by a bier or a marriage altar, and the habit is in all cases mean, with no compensation. A little fellow not far from me blacked boots for people in the street to get money to pay his mother's rent, and the father stole that money and with it made himself instantly drunk. In the same place a woman supported her family by daily work at the wash tub and ironing table. In this way she obtained bread even for a lazy husband. One day their little girl died, and the mother, who thought she could, in such a case, and for such a purpose get a decent coffin for the sweet child they had lost, the man, entrusted with such an holy errand, spent that money in a drunkard's debauch at a low saloon with other drunkards. And now I see this young man drunk, not six hours since he took his fair young girl from her father's house to the marriage altar.

What a habit it is!—*Boston Congregationalist.*

Repartees of Mr. Stevens.

He was always ready, and his satire was sharper than bayonets. The people of Lancaster never tire of repeating his sayings. He tried a case before a judge not celebrated for his great wisdom. The judge gave a ruling that disgusted Mr. Stephens, as his face clearly indicated. "Does the court understand the counsel to express contempt for its ruling?" said the judge. "No, may it please your honor, I was trying to suppress contempt." When the rebels burnt his iron foundry and property at Gettysburg—which they did with great relish—Mr. Stevens remarked: "Had Lee burned up my liabilities at the same time, I would have been much obliged to him." When Kite, of South Carolina, attacked Mr. Stevens, and told about a pious deacon he had on his plantation, Mr. Stevens asked what the price of deacons was in his district, and how much more a negro would bring for being a deacon. A Lutheran minister, of Lancaster, left the pulpit and became a democratic politician. He met Mr. Stevens soon after, and inquiring about his health, received as an answer: "I am very well; I take care of my system and above all things keep my conscience pure. I suppose you have heard that I have abandoned politics and am studying for the ministry." In his last sickness the doctor said to him one day: "Mr. Stevens, I think your appearance is better to-day." "It is not my appearance that troubles me," was the reply, "but my disappearance."—*Springfield Republican.*

A distinguished German scholar, Herr Kelb, in a recently published work, considers that he has fixed the true date of the Crucifixion. He shows that there was a total eclipse of the moon concomitant with the earthquake which occurred when Julius Cæsar was assassinated, on the 15th of March, B. C. 44. He had also calculated the Jewish calendar to A. D. 31, and the result of his researches confirms the fact recorded by the Evangelists of the wonderful physical events that accompanied the Crucifixion. His astronomical calculations also show that on the 6th day of April, A. D. 31, there was a total eclipse of the sun, accompanied, in all probability, by the earthquake spoken of in Mathew. This mode of reckoning is verified by another calculation, made by calculating backward from the great total eclipse of April, 1818, which also gives April 6th as the date of the new moon, A. D. 31. As the Vernal equinox of the year fell on March 25, and the Jews at their feast of the passover on the following new moon, it is clear that April 6th was indentified with Nisan 14 of the Jewish calendar, which moreover, was on Friday, the day of preparation for the Sabbath, and this agrees with the Hebrew Talmud, so that astronomy, archæology, traditional and Biblical history seem to unite in fixing the date of the Crucifixion at April 6, A. D. 31.

Washington Brigadiers.

During the early months of the warlike year of 1863 the Senate was blessed with a rare independent Committee on Military Affairs. Two of them were Pacific—we mean from that coast—Latham, of California, and Nesmith, of Oregon. Much presure was brought on Lincoln to appoint brigadiers. Much delay and reflection were had. "Old Nez," as Senator Nesmith was called, lost his temper on that question. During a heated debate he attacked the inefficiency and cowardice of a class of brigadiers who always congregated about the hotels in Washington when there was imminent danger of a battle at the front. "Senators!" said he, "go down to Willard's Hotel! observe the fluctuations of our national conflict! If a battle is near, the brigadiers are afar off: they snuff it at a safe distance. I passed Willard's last night at dusk. An unruly dog was besieged by unruly colored boot-blacks. Stones were thrown at the dog, and sixteen brigadiers lay wounded on the gory pave; *and it wa'n't a good night for brigadiers either.*"—*Harper's Magazine.*

The bill offered by Mr. Sessions, of New York, some time ago, to increase the pensions of the following classes of pensioners—viz., those who have lost total eyesight, those who have lost both legs, those who have lost both arms and those who have lost one leg and one arm—meets with approval, and it is expected will be favorably reported. This class now receive but twenty-five dollars per month, and the increase will not take more than $15,000 from the Treasury in addition to what is now paid for pensions. Of the navy pensioners there is but one who would be benefitted by the increase.

Fifty-one persons were convicted last year of violating the postal law.