

APRIL 10, 1861

Page 2:4 - DEATH OF JUDGE McCLEAN - This eminent jurist, for many years a member of the Supreme Court of the United States, died at his residence in Ohio, on Wednesday evening. He was at one time Postmaster General, and has filled many important offices.

Page 2:6 - DIED - In this Village on Wednesday last, 3d inst. Mrs. Adaline CONWAY, in the 74th year of her age.

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Page 2:3 - THE MORRISON MURDER - On Wednesday evening last, Jefferson W. BENNETT, of this Village, was arrested by three Albany officers on suspicion of being engaged in the murder of Robert MORRISON which took place on the night of the 27th of May 1859 near his residence. BENNETT was conveyed to the Albany jail, and his examination commenced before Justice COLE in that City on Friday - District Attorney SCHAFER conducting the prosecution and William J. HADLEY of Albany, and Samuel STOVER of Troy appearing for the prisoner. The principal witness against BENNETT is a woman about 50 years of age named Lucy WILKINSON, who has lately been residing in Boston. She testified that she was employed at the Lansing House, kept by BENNETT at the time of the murder, and from a window in the second story of the house, witnessed the horrible transaction, detailing with minuteness all the circumstances - how a person in company with BENNETT knocked MORRISON down; that BENNETT struck him afterwards, causing death that he then took from him, his pocket-book and that BENNETT and his companion together carried the body to the side-cut and threw it in; that she afterward while in her room heard conversation between the parties relative to the division of the money in the pocket-book. The only reason which she gives for having the story so long to herself is that she feared if she told it, she likewise would be murdered. The woman's character is none of the best (she having been confined in State Prison on a charge of arson), and this, coupled with the fact of her swearing so strong inclined some to disbelieve the whole story, while on the other hand there are many who think that the perpetrator of the murder has been found. The examination of BENNETT is still progressing. The name of the party for the witness WILKINSON alledges was engaged with BENNETT in the murder has not transpired.

Page 2:6 - DIED - In this Village on the 10th inst. Ann WATKINS, wife of John M. JONES, in the 52d year of her age.