

Seduction and Breach of Promise.

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We briefly mentioned in our last that one Solomon Lombard, a widower, and lately employed at Gale's foundry in this place, had been arrested for misconduct with certain females in this place.

On Thursday Lombard was taken before Justice Nimocks, and examined on a charge of seduction and debauchery, based on a complaint made by Miss Harriet A. Harris, of this village. The Prosecuting Attorney appeared for the people, and W. J. Baxter, Esq., for the defence.

Miss Harris was sworn, and testified that the acquaintance between her and defendant commenced in January, 1859; that it progressed decorously up to some time in the month of March, when Lombard made overtures of marriage to her, which she expressed her willingness to accept, providing she would be more comfortably placed in life than she was then. He told her of the "housen things" and of the sundry paraphernalia which he had, and which would be useful. They talked over the details incident to the subject of their marriage, and seemed in a fair way to matrimonial felicity, apparently "mated" for each other, as deep attachment was expressed on both sides, such as might be indicated by kissing, sitting on his lap, etc.

But Lombard (shame to his villainy!) went further, and laid siege to the virtue of the young lady to whom he *professed* to be so deeply attached. Her evidence was that he made improper proposals, protesting that he would not harm or forsake her, and that "he wouldn't marry no woman until he knew her." She at length consented, and the unlawful intimacy thus commenced was kept up, with intervals, during the summer.

She testified that a day in August was appointed for their nuptials, which was postponed afterward to October. On the 27th of August she became *enciente*. Matters went on until the 25th ult., when Lumbard was married by a Justice of the Peace of Allen to Miss Marinda Pickell, of this village.

Complaint was accordingly made, and Lumbard was brought up to answer for the commission of the crime of "seduction and debauchery," as before mentioned.

No other testimony than that of the injured lady was taken, upon which the Justice directed that the prisoner give bonds for \$500 to insure his appearance for trial at the Circuit Court, in default of which he was committed to jail. The leading parties in this case are each about 35 years of age.

We understand that the case is not to come up for trial, no information having been filed, and yesterday negotiations were nearly completed for its settlement. A brother of Lumbard pays \$100 and costs, binding himself to adopt or support the off-spring of the guilty union.

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