

FIRE.—Many persons building new houses are using the Baltimore and Spear heaters for warming their rooms. If properly set and applied they are useful, economical and convenient. If not properly set they are very dangerous.

Wilcox is growing and thriving rapidly. The Lumber Company at that place have a large lot of Hemlock lumber on hand ready for market.

OCEAN STEAMSHIPS.

We have not much faith in the ability of our people to compete with the manufacture-exporting nations of Europe in building and running Iron Steamers across the Atlantic.

As to allowing steamships to be built for us on the Clyde and the Tyne, admitting them free of duty, registering them as American, and christening them Ontario, Albany, Massachusetts, &c., it will never go down.

The best way to encourage American Steamship-building is to offer and pay so many dollars per ton for every first-class Ocean Steamship that may hereafter be built, mainly of American materials by American workmen in American shipyards.

LIVINGSTONE'S explorations in Africa show that somewhere in the interior of that vast continent is a region highly elevated and salubrious, and of remarkable fertility and already the keen-sighted traders are speculating upon the advantages which will accrue to the nation first breaking into that virgin field of operations.

FUNDING THE GOVERNMENT DEBT.

Senator Corbett introduced a bill, Dec. 13, for the funding of the Government debt. It authorizes the issue of coupon and registered bonds of the United States to the extent of \$1,000,000,000 in bonds of one thousand dollars each, and having thirty-five years to run, the interest payable semi-annually, principal and interest in gold.

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ENGLAND.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—Thirteen iron steamers are building on Tyne for the navigation of the Suez Canal.

Mr. Ashbury, of the yacht Cambria, who sailed through the Suez Canal, writes that after taking careful soundings he is of the opinion that no vessel drawing over nineteen feet of water can pass through the canal.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Prices of rebel bonds have considerably improved recently, in view of the proposed settlement of the Alabama claims.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The government will take possession of the telegraph lines of the country on the first of February, according to the provisions of the new law recently enacted.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—The steamship Brazilian, of the port, which was built expressly for the Suez Canal traffic, has been found to draw too much water. A despatch announces that she attempted to make the passage a day or two since, but was obliged to discharge half of her cargo to get through.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The British steamer monarch, having the remains of Mr. Peabody on board, has not yet put to sea, owing to the prevalence of a heavy gale.

Much alarm has been created by the sudden breaking out of the rinderpest among the stock in the great cattle show in this city.

SAD DROWNING CASE.

CHESTER, Dec. 13.—On Saturday afternoon last the city of Chester was thrown into a condition of sad but intense excitement by the sudden and unexpected taking away of two much-loved and highly respected young people, well known residents of this city, named respectively Miss Mattie Irwin and Harman Cocheran.

Gen. Thomas has been to Alaska, and what does he find that we have for our seven millions and more of sterling coin? Ice and snow, of course, and a few abandoned coal mines, the care of a few hundreds or thousands of degraded Aleut and Koloshe Indians, most of whom "seem to have no control over their "passion for strong drink," and several millions of seals which, to be worth anything, must be protected by a garrison of from two to three hundred men with a revenue steamer, as a cost that will probably far exceed all the revenue that will be derived from them.

A NEW YEAR'S GIFT.—Any gentleman that wants to give a lady friend a present ought to send her PETERSON'S LADIES' NATIONAL for 1870 as it promises to be better than ever, and Peterson always keeps his promise. The January number of this most excellent Magazine is on our table, with two of the most splendid steel engravings that we ever saw.

FUNNY INCIDENT.—Rather a funny incident in Russia shows how easily red tape may sometimes be untied by a skilful hand. A surgeon was hastily summoned to care for four men injured by an accident in a town in the interior.

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A CALIFORNIA COUNTY WASHING AWAY.—Alameda county, bordering on the bay of San Francisco, is gradually disappearing. The force of the waves washes away a strip of the sandy soil, varying from three to seven feet every year, and now that land there has risen greatly in value, some device is necessary to protect it.

MEXICO.—The Hon. William H. Seward and party arrived at the city of Mexico on the 15th ult., and were received at the railroad station by President Juarez and his Cabinet, and a commission of the notables of the city.

On her way to Egypt the Empress of French passed through a village, the depot of which the loyal villagers had decorated with a festive arch; the inscription was as usual, "Vive l'Empereur!" but in the middle of which were the letters N and U.

The rumor is revived with great force that the President intends to offer the vacancy on the Bench of the Supreme Court, created by the resignation of Justice Grier, to the illustrious Edwin M. Stanton.

John Pratt, a wealthy citizen of Zanesville Ohio, was arrested the other day on a charge of violating the person of a Miss Thompson, and released on three thousand dollars bail.

New Advertisements.

GUNSMITHING.

The undersigned respectfully announces to the citizens of Elk, and adjoining counties, that he has recently established a Gun Shop in Ridgway at the head of Main and Depot Streets, in the basement of the building occupied by W. S. Service as a tin shop, where he will attend promptly to all orders for work in his line.

REGISTER'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the following accounts have been filed in my office and will be presented at the next Term of the Orphans' Court of Elk County for confirmation: Account of A. W. Gray, Administrator of V. S. Brockway, deceased.

FRED. SCHENNING, Register, 10n 4t

IN ELK COUNTY COMMON PLEAS. No. 8 January Term, 1869. In the matter of the Voluntary Assignment of Burke & Woods.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned, Auditor appointed by the Court of Common Pleas of Elk County to distribute the funds in the hands of the Assignee will attend to the duties of his appointment at the Prothonotary's office, in Ridgway, on Friday, December 31st A. D. 1869, at 3 o'clock P. M., when and where all persons interested may attend if they see proper.

New Oyster Saloon.—I would inform the citizens of Ridgway and vicinity, that I have fitted up the room back of my Store Room, as an Oyster and Eating Saloon, for Ladies and Gentlemen, where at all times, I can furnish Oysters Raw, Stewed or Fried; also other eatables in season.

DR. C. H. FULLER, BOTANIC PHYSICIAN, RIDGWAY, PA. Will attend promptly and efficiently to all professional calls. nov27y

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TOYS! TOYS!!

Just Received at BAIRD'S VARIETY HALL, a fine assortment of Toys for Holiday Presents consisting of PARIAN FIGURES, JEWELL BOXES IN Endless Variety, Vases All Kinds, Toilet Sets, Toy Tea Sets, For The Little Ones, Harmonicas, Accordions, Dolls, Doll-Babies, Toy Speaking Animals.

A THIEF.—He has been traveling about hawking druggists and private parties, mixing up and selling a base compound which he calls WOLCOTT'S PAIN PAINT. All of Wolcott's genuine remedies have a white outside wrapper (with signature large). Look out for counterfeiters.

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Smoking Tobacco is an excellent article of granulated Virginia. Wherever introduced it is universally admired. It is put up in handsome muslin bags, in which orders for Meerschaum Pipes are daily packed.

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Chewing Tobacco.—This brand of Fine Cut Chewing Tobacco has no superior anywhere. It is, without doubt, the best chewing tobacco in the country.

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That the MASON & HAMLIN CABINET and METROPOLITAN ORGANS are the best in the world is proved by the almost unanimous opinion of professional musicians, by the award to them of SEVENTY FIVE GOLD and SILVER MEDALS or other highest premiums, at principal industrial competitions within a few years, including the Medal at the Paris Exposition, and by a sale very much greater than that of any similar instruments.

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The subscriber begs leave to inform the citizens of Ridgway and vicinity that he has opened a store where may be found

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