

# THE BEAVER ARGUS.

December 9th, 1866.

## LOCAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

MR. BISHOP, Jr., 65 Fifth st., Pittsburg, is the authorized agent for the Aztec in that city.

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CHARLES IN SHERIFF'S OFFICE.—On Tuesday of last week Joseph Ledin, Esq., retired from the Sheriff's office, and Gen. J. S. Littlefield became his successor. Ex-Sheriff Ledin made a very efficient and accommodating officer, and carries with him to his retirement the warm wishes of a large circle of friends. Gen. Littlefield has every reason to believe, will make an active, trustworthy and fearless officer, and the public will no doubt find in him a worthy successor to the many good men that have successively filled that office in this country. The Union Republican party of Beaver county never elected a man to fill that office, upon whom there was any "discount."

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LOVE ON THE WING.—On last Tuesday evening we accidentally dropped into the National Hotel, of this place, and while there we were informed by the landlord that a young couple had arrived a couple of hours before who desired to be made one flesh. The landlord had already procured the promised services of a minister, and the ceremony was to take place in a few minutes afterwards. On receiving an invitation to do so, we repaired to the parlor, and witnessed the tying of the knot. The parties belonged to Ohio, and we presume their "wedded partners" had forbidden the match; and not wishing their golden hopes to be thus broken, they took "wing" and came to Beaver, where, as we have seen, they were "put through." The groom had been a soldier, and we presume his military experience had taught him that if he could not fight it out on one line, he could on another; hence, when he ascertained that calculating traps and swindling lay stored between him and a bride, he changed his base; came hitherward, caught and carried off his beauty. The couple left on the morning train for Ohio, and we presume ere this have passed through the "very ordeal," and been forgiven. So let us hope, at all events.

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ANNOUNCED COURT.—An adjourned session of the Court of Common Pleas for this county was held on Friday, 30th inst., by Judge Chamberlin. The following cases were disposed of:

Commonwealth vs John Flowers—Motion for new trial; argued, and new trial granted.

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THANKSGIVING DAY.—The day set apart by the President and Governor, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer, was very generally observed by our citizens. The business houses were closed, and services held in the churches. The day was very stormy, and the rain made it very unpleasant out doors. Almost everybody kept them selves quiet at home.

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"The Camp, the Battalion and the Hospital" or Lights and Shadows of the Great Rebellion, is the title of a handsome volume just issued by the National Publishing Company, 507 Minor Street, Philadelphia, Pa. The Author, Dr. L. P. Stockwell, has deserved most ingeniously amongst the masses of curious incidents which have marked the late war, and has grouped and classified them under appropriate heads, and in a very attractive form.

There is a certain portion of the war that will never go into the regular histories, nor be embodied in the same or poetry, which is a very real part of it, and if preserved, conveys to succeeding generations a better idea of the spirit of the conflict than many dry reports or careful narratives of events, and this part may be called the gossip, the fun, the pathos of the war. This illustrates the character of the leaders, the humor of the soldiers, the devotion of women, the bravery of men; the pluck of our heroes, the romance and hardships of the service.

The deceased was a man of steady habits, possessed the confidence of his neighbors, and was a member of the M. E. Church of this place. His conduct had been quite strange for some time previous, and his family believed him to be laboring under a slight aberration of the mind. He never, a wife and several children to mourn his loss.

Distributions.

We would call attention to the opinion of one of the leading papers of Canada on this subject:

Most of our readers have no doubt read some of the numerous advertisements of Gift Entertainments, Gift Concerts, &c., which appear from time to time in the public prints, offering most tempting bargains to those who will patronize them. In most cases these are genuine humbugs. But there are a few respectable firms who do business in this manner, and they do it as a means of increasing their wholesale business, and not to make money.

From such firms, it is true, handsome and valuable articles are procured for a very small sum, and what is more important, no one is ever cheated. Every person gets good value for his dollar; because, as we have stated, it is intended to act as an advertisement to increase their ordinary business.

We have seen numbers of prizes sent out in this way by SIRMAN, WATSON & COMPANY, of Nassau Street, N. Y., and there is no doubt that some of the articles are worth eight or ten times the money paid for them; while we have not seen or heard of a single article which was not fully worth the dollar which it cost. But this is only one of the exceptions of this rule, for in a general thing the parties engaged in this business are nothing but clever scoundrels.

(Saturday Evening Post, Montreal, C. E., Jan. 13, 1867.)

Amusement as well as instruction may be found in every page, as graphic detail, brilliant wit, and authentic history, are skillfully interwoven in this work of literary art.

It is just such a volume as will find numerous purchasers, and just such a one as persons seeking to act as bookagents should add to their list.

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AN ATTEMPT TO SWINDLE.—The editor of the *Local* some time ago, in order to mislead us in a business transaction of his own proposing, sought to make the impression on our mind that he was the owner of the *Local* office. A little investigation has shown us that he never did; does not now, and probably never will, own \$5 worth of the establishment! And yet all the while he was trying to make us believe that its ownership was in himself, and we presume his military experience had taught him that if he could not fight it out on one line, he could on another; hence, when he ascertained that calculating traps and swindling lay stored between him and a bride, he changed his base; came hitherward, caught and carried off his beauty.

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ATTENTION!

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Also, constantly on hand, Crude oil by the barrel, and crude oil burners.

JOS. McCURRY, Ag't, Beaver.

Notice.

M. R. JOHN REEVES has this day retired from our firm, his interest having been taken by the remaining partners.

Mr. David Shields is admitted into partnership with us.

WILDE, SHIELDS & CO.

New Brighton, Nov. 1, 1867.

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