Odds and Guds.

GEN. GRORGE P. Morris, one of the editors of the New York Home Journal; has been appointed U.S. Consul to Havre.

A girl named Ellen Vaughn, recently died in Troy, N. Y., in consequence of inflammation caused by perforating her ears for ear-rings.

The Louisville Journal says of a paper lately started in Providence to advocate the claims of Douglas to the Presidency that it "does not believe that Providence S. M. Pettengill, & Co., the enter-

prising and reliable newspaper agents at New York, have made a very handsome donation—five hundred dollars—to the Mount Vernon fund.

The General Assembly (O. S.) of the Presbyterian Church of the United States convenes at Indianapolis on the 19th of May next. A very large attendance is anticipated. The Queen of Spain has created

Prof. Merse a Knight Commander of the Order of Isabella the Catholic, and the Swedish Royal Academy of Sciences has elected him a member. A man arrived at Pittsford, Mich. a few days since from Elwood, Kansas, his

law, who had maltreated his wife. Having finished the business to the satisfaction of all concerned, he returned home. The sprightly and—we must say it -pretty widow editress of the Ashland Kentuckian, in reply to a correspondent who asks her if she wears hoops, exclaims:-"Hoops, indeed! why, we don't wear any

sole errand being to thrash his brother-in-

suppose she tells the naked truth. The Rev. William Watson, pastor of the Methodist church in Glenwood, Iowa was arrested last week for passing counter feit money. He made a clean breast of the matter, and said that he had joined the counterfeiters to get money to do good with. In default of heavy bail he was com-

The Italies are her own

mitted. A gentleman in Massachusetts, offers through the Treasurer of the Massachusetts Sabbath School Society, two \$10 Bibles, one each to be given to that person, old or young, who, during the year from April 1. 1859, to April 1, 1860, shall commit to largest portion of the Scriptures.

Gold has been discovered upon a farm in Bucks county, Pa., which has been sent to the mint at Philadelphia to be assaved. Considrable excitement prevails in that vicinity, and it is said the owner of the place has been offered a large price for his farm, but refused to accept it, until he learns the character of the discovery.

An affray occurred at Duncannon, Perry county, Pa., on Saturday night last, which resulted in one man being killed and in another having his nose cut off. The murderer is named George Murray, and is described as a most desperate character.— Last fall he was arrested in Johnstown for attempting to kill a man, but succeeded in making his escape. He has not been ar-

The Bombay Standard of December 24. relates what our newspapers generally would now call a "Sickles tragedy." A Mr. Bease, a newspaper publisher, of Kurrachee, in the province of Scind, discovering his faithless wife walking with her paramour in the street, repaired to his house. procured a double-barrelled gun, and de-liberately shot both the delinquents. This was making short work of it.

At Madison, Ind., on the 17th, The young lady had refused to dance with Lanciscas, on account of improprieties in his conduct, whereupon he declared that no one else should dance with her.

The New Orleans True Delta protests against cruel, arbitrary, or unjust legislation against free negroes in Louisiana, of whom there is a "large native resident population. correct in their general deportment, honorable in their intercourse with society, and free from reproach, so far as the laws are concerned; not surpassed in the inoffensiveness of their lives by an equal number of persons in any place, North or South."

On Monday evening last a collision occurred on the Ohio River below Cincincinnatti, between the Steamers, Nathaniel Holmes and David Gibson. The former sunk almost immediately/ in 40 feet of water, and the latter sunlain a short time. in 25 feet of water. The cabins of both boats parted from the vessels and floated down the stream, and thus most of the passengers were saved from a watery grave. Over forty lives were lost. It was one of the most terrible disasters that has have pened on the Ohio, for some time.

A white man named Alphonso Poursall has been arrested in Detroit for abducting a little negro girl named Jordan, He vows he is in love with her, and wishes to marry her; and she reciprocates his affection and seconds his matrimonial desires. But her father beheyes it is a scheme to take her to the South and sell her, and will not listen to it. Alphonso swears that if they keep him in jail two years he will as soon as he is released, fly to the arms of his Jordan. His course of true love refuses to run smooth. His Jordan is a hard road to travel.

They tell a good story of a worthy old divine in Massachusetts, who deemed the virtue of frugality an appropriate part of his Christian life and practice. Going into the hat store of a friend in Boston, the considerate merchant selected a tendollar beaver, and offered to make him a present of it The clergyman hesitated! It was too good an article for him to wear. Askingthe value of a differen article, and learning that it bore the moderate price of three dollars, he suggested that he would prefer the three dollar hat, and the difference between that and the ten dollar article in money!

"Snobbery" has been aptly described by an exchange when it says it "is an institution that "don't pay" in this country. Those who affect to turn up their noses at others, simply because they follow an honest calling, or d not happen to wear "store clothes" of the XX order, are really themselves objects of contempt Besides, change is written on all terrestris arrangements, and those who are uppermost to-day be down to-morrow. Mrs. Sophtpaight (Softpate) who fifteen years ago would not a low her children to play with those of mechanics is now in the retail washerwoman business, while her "dear Arabella" is now chamber maid on a flat-boat, and Clarence Augustus occupies the responsible post of sergeant-at arms to a manure wagon."

Hon. Arnold Plumer, of Franklin. Venango county, arrived at the depot of the Pennsylvania Railroad on Tuesday morning on the 1:50 train from the East He took an omnibus for the St. Charles Hotel, directing the driver to take charge of the hand trunk which he pointed him on the platform. On arriving at the hotel the trunk was missing. The driver was interrogated, and stated that he had looked for the trunk, found it gone, and supposing that Mr. Plumer had taken it aside, had driven off without it. Lieux. Logan, of the night police, was immediately informed of the loss, and he issued directions for the arrest of any one seen in possession of such a trunk. The watchmen were thus on their guard, and half an hour after, officers Johnston and Richardson observed a man named Michael Flannigan entering his house in the Fifth Ward, with a trunk in his hand. The alarm was sounded, a posse of police surrounded the house. Flannigan was arrested, and a trunk found in the yard attached to the house, which on examination at the Mayor's office, was identified by Mr. Plumer. It contained some \$59,000 worth of property and papers, and clothing to the value of \$40, none of which had been disturbed. Flannigan was locked up in the watch house, and after an examination by the morning, committed to jail to answer the charge.—Pins. Post.

THE OBSERVER.

B. F. SLOAN, Editor. TERMS: 61 50 PER YEAR IN ADVANCE. · . # 7 7 E = = SATURDAY MORN'G, APRIL 2, 1859.

State Democratic Ticket. FOR AUDITOR GENERAL,

RICHARDSON L. WRIGHT. FOR SUBVEYOR GENERAL.

JOHN ROWE.

A DISORGANIZER EXPOSED.

The Express has defined its position. There is no mistaking where it stands .-Hereafter we shall neither have to drive it from cover, like the hunter does the cunning fox, nor be at less as to the genius of its Editor. Both have been uncovered :-Both defined. So far as the paper is concerned Instead of being democratic, as promised at the outset, it is now arrayed against the Democratic party of the State, repudiating its concession, platform and candidates This position does not disappoint us. It is the position we presumed it would take, somer or later, when it "came into this breathing world 'mine weeks since. The past politreal antecolents of its Editorall pointed to this - The leopard cannot change its spots nor the Ethiopian his skin-nor capit be ex pected that an Editor who fattened upon the public crib at claris-burg until, like Henry Clay's negroes he was "lat and sleek" and then deserted the party that fed him in the hour of its need, would long remain faithful in his allegiance to any party he might choose to honor with his folse in fact, and tolse in detail. There is battered political fortunes. But to leave generalities for particulars.

Our readers will bear us out that, in our article last week, as well as in our anmemory and faithfully repeat to his or her | nouncement of the advent of the Editor of allow any newspaper, or newspaper Editor, teacher, superintendent or pastor, the the Express among us, we were scrupulously courteous-that, neither by word nor insinuation, have we given that individual year after year without hope of official rethe slightest cause of offence. It is true, in our article last week, we concisely defined our own position in regard to the issues presented by the State Convention of the l6th, and called upon him to define his.-Certainly there was nothing discourteous in this. Certainly nothing personal; and, seing neither discourteous nor personal, certainly nothing that should have been eized upon as a pretext for the personal attacks of the Express this week.

In taking this course the Express evidently mistakes the question at issue. That question is not whether we have "lorded it over the Democracy of Ericcounty for some time," or not. It is not whether we run up the names of Banks and Brawley in 1853 a few weeks carlier or later-nor yet the fact that we hold an office under appointment from Mr. Buchanan-nor any other mere personal issue with which the public has nothing to do. The issue is. has Gov. Packer met the just expectations Stephen Lanciscas shot a young man named of the party that elevated him to power, or Hollis dead with a pistol, for dancing with has he not. Has he given the organization a young lady to whom he had been paying of that party the benefit of his position, and endeavored to strengthen it among the people. It he has, then the action of the late State Convention, in refusing to endorse him, was wrong. If he has not, if he has countenanced disorganization-if he has played into the hands of the enemy thereby proving himself ungrateful to tion was right. It was justified in repudiating him. Expediency may have counseled a different result. but right pointed with unerring linger to the course adopted. And here let us look at the political charges which were made, and not denied in the convention, against Gov. Packer First, it was charged, and the fact cannot be denied, that Judge Knox, his Attorney General, and chief member of his cabinet, took the stump in Chester county, at the last election, against the regular nominee of the party-that his speeches in that district were printed by thousands, and seattered broadcast all over the State, and particularly in the Clarion district—that because of his efforts in this latter district, Judge titles was defeated and a Republican elected. And yet, notwithstanding this treason to the party, Gov. BACKER retains Judge Knox in his cabinet, thereby endorsing his treason. It was charged, and the charge is true, that in Berks county the Governor's bosom friend, the recipient of the best office in his gift, the notorious GEO. M. LAUNAN, was mainly instrumental in disorganizing and defeating the Democracy of that heretofore impregnable citadel of the purty. And yet this treason of Latuan the Governor has winked at, countenanced and abotted. It was charged, and the charge is also true, that he recent ly removed from the office of Superintend ent of Public Printing, O. BARRETT, Loua Democrat who has never faltered, and bestowed the place upon a man who has not been a resident of the State six months. and who in the canvass last Fall, exerted all his talents and all his influence against the candidates of the Democratic party in New Jersey, where he then resided. These are a part of the political sins for which the Convention refused to endorse Wm. F. PACKER. That they are enough to justify its action no candid man can deny-that the convention itself was regular and legitimate-that the party is bound by its action, is equally clear; and hence, when the E_{ipr} as attempts to repudiate that convention, its candidates and resolutions, its acts or results, it becomes what we were certain it would become when established a description and a bolty. There we are con-

> form and organization | And knowing this, no amount of personal abuse of us will drive the fact from their minds. We would like to know by whatau thority Murray Whallon purrepresented Eric County in the late Harrisburg Conven-

tion?—Express.

Gen. Whallox represented this District as a substitute for Mr. ROBERT PATTERSON. of Meadville, the Senatorial Delegate.-Any more questions to ask?

tent to leave it. Its cloven foot has been

exhibited a little sooner than he expected

party of the county it has not been exhib

ited too soon. The members of that party

know now just where it is-they know that

ts Editor was a candidate before the Re

publican convention of Warren county las

summer for a nomination for the assembly

-that he has been but nine weeks a pro-

fessed Democrat, and now at the end of

that nine weeks, he bolts the party, repudiates

its State Convention, balts its candidates, its plat-

-but for the welfare of the Democratic

A Slander on the Democracy.

We dishke exceedingly to devote so much room to the Ecpress, but the Democratic party has a claim upon us to defend it whether assailed by professed friends or open foes. The Express, as some of our readers are doubtless aware, is a new paper here. Its reputed Editor is a Democrat, if a Democrat at all, of nine week's standing -his citizenship in Erie county dates from the same auspicious moment as his Democracy. Less months ago than we have been years in the service of the Democracy of Erie, this Editor was a candidate before the Republican Convention of Warren county for its nomination for the Assembly. Had he received that nomination he would be now, at this moment, preaching Republican doctrine and casting Republican votes among the Republicans of the present legislature. Such are the political antecedents of the Editor of the Express-and yet this Editor, with antecedents like this, fresh from the ranks of the Republican party, with his skirts yet draggled, and his hair yet crisp and kinky with its pollution, has the unblushing effrontery to accuse the Democrats of Erie county "with having been lorded over for some time by the Observer!" Here is the exact language: "The Cheerver has lorded it over the Democracy of this county for some time, and told them what they must and what they must not say and do until it has become so inflated with its own vanity, so hold and offensive be as impulates that I has come to believe itself the sole exponent of Democratic principles, the sol quardate of Democratic interests, and is ready to met was men in but oh be role will not seen imen to its claime." So far as this charge concerns us we care nothing about it-but so far as it relates to the Democracy of Erie county, we pronounce it 1915 in inference not a word of truth in it -- it is a slander not so much upon us, as upon the Democratic party. The members of that party have hever, and we presume never will to "lord it over" them. They are free independent, honorable men; contending ward for the principles they cherish. They are neither the slaves of this man nor that man, they are their own masters, their own "lords," and do their own thinking, reading and otting. And when the Expres assumes, as in the extract we have quoted that such has not been the case heretofore. and that, by a little well directed personal abuse of the Editor of this paper, it will be able to usurp the position it fancies we hold, and become itself the "lord" of the Eric County Democracy, it puts forth an assumption it will find is much more read ily put in type than in practice. No, Mr

time-and the charge that they have, comes with an ill grace from one who has boxed all points of the political compass, the last one of which was in the Republican convention of Warren county. " Birds of a Frather."-In speaking of the signers of the eall for Formy's Conven-

tion, which is to assemble in Harrisburg on "Among the names are those of about twenty residents of Berks county. How many of them really signed the call, we do not know; but we do know that they are all men who either went away from the Democratic party years ago, as Know-Nothings, or were engaged in the disorganization of the last campaign. If the action his friends, then the action of that Conven- of this Forney Convention should result in the permanent separation of these factious spirits from the Democratic party, it will e doing a good thing; for they have not been of the party for a long time, and have made a pretence of remaining in it only to disturb and divide it. Open hostility is always to be feared less than secret treachery."

The Editor of the Express says tien. Whallos misrepresented the Democracy of Erie county in the late Democratic State Convention. As this knowing gentleman, who thus assumes to speak so authoratively, has been in Eric county about two months-has been out of the Republican party just that length of time, and no longer; and as he was a candidate for the legislature before the Republican convention of Warren county last fall, and defeatedof course, with such antecedents, he, of all men in the county, is best qualified to state whether Gen. Whallon did, or did not, misrepresent his constituents in that convention. The one has been a working, reliable, never faltering Democrat over twenty years-the other, has been out of the Republican party just non weeks .-Comment on such impudence, and such assumption, from such a source, is quite un-

Better send Mr. Whallon back to 'alifornia to assist in controling the con-

vention there.— Euross Perhaps a better plan would be to send the Editor of the Ecouse back to Warren county to seek a nomination again at the hands of a Republican county convention. His failure in that enterprise exiled him to Erie, to head our bolters and disorganizers -and a most appropriate leader he will make, too. First a Democrat -then a follower of Wilmot until his hobby became unpopular-then an office holder at Harri-burg when Bigler was Governor-no sooner out of office than out of the partyvoted against Burnanan-voted against PACKER-wanted to go to Harrisburg as a Republican member of the Legislature; did'nt go because he could'nt get the nomination-emigrated to Erie nine weeks ago, and in that nine weeks has run the political gamut down from the highest notes of National Democracy to the lowest key of Forney's tin-whistle. Capital leader, is'nt he for bolters; beautiful teacher to teach Democrats their duty, and order such party men as Whallon to emigrate!

lt is quite unnecessary for us to reply to the tirade of personal abuse which the Erpress deems it necessary to heap upon us because we exposed the sham by which three of its peculiar friends got their names announced as delegates to the Democratic State Convention from this County. The Democracy of ticenty-four townships and boroughs in this County, who know there were no delegates from those townships to that pretended Convention, will bear us out in calling it a "sham!" That the Convention was legally called we do not deny, but that the call was not responded to by twenty-four out of the twenty-nine districts entitled to delegates, is a fact that cannot be controverted. If it can, the way to do it is to publish the names of the delegates in attendance. Let us have them.

-The water will be let in the Canal on the

Tocal and Titerary. Gov. Packer has vateed "An act to in

corporate the Union School directors in Wattsburg in the County of Eric." Well, the old adage has proved true-March came in bright and joyous, and has gone out cold and disagreeable. Thursday

was decidedly raw and disagreeable. There was a jumping match at Fort Erie, C. W., on Saturday between a Buffalonian and a man from this city, in which our man

KENDIG & Co.

the Observer-will be pleased to learn that Mrs Curtis is filling up her store with the finest assortment of Millinery Goods ever brought to Erie Advertisement and particulars next week Our thanks are specially due to D W Howard, Esq., of Wayne township for a large

list of new subscribers. One such active

friend in each township in the county would

Our lady readers-and all ladies read

run our list up to 2,000 in less than two We learn from the Girard Republican of last week that Mr. A Burr, of Springfield, was killed a few days since by a colt. He had haltered the colt in such a manner that when leading it the animal started and his hand be came so entangled that he could not extricate

Success.-()n Sunday last an old man named Joseph Albeich, aged 76 years, living near Wayne P. O., in this county, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head with a pistol. He expired immediately. Trouble is assigned as the reason for the act

Our friend J. G. BARR is gone East for new Stock. In the article of Boots and Shoes he calculates to be ahead of all competition in the quality of work and scale of prices. His oreman. Mr. Cotter, is a superior workman and can't be beat by any cordwainer in northern l'a., in getting up a fine boot.

The April No. of that unrivalled far mer's monthly, the American Agriculturist, is on our table. It is well filled with the choicest articles of valuable information for the farmer and gardener. We do not see how any farmer can be without it. 'The price is only one dol-Ermiss, the Democracy of this county have lar a year. Orange Judd, publisher, 189 not been "lorded over" by this paper, or Water St . New York. We will furnish the its Editor, either "for some time," or for any Observer and Agriculturist, to new subscribers, both one year for \$2,25 cash in advance.-Send along your names and money.

> The Conneautville Courar of last week ays: On Wednesday last Mr. Stephen Hacket of Beaver to . met with an accident and narrow escape from instant death. While adjusting a heavy pole on which his sugar kettles were hung, it fell knocking him over a log, and crushing his right leg, from the knee to the oot On Friday his leg was amputated, and now we understand he is in a fair way of re-

> tract on the Albany and Susquebanna Railroad. We, in common with all who know and esteem him, regret to lose so enterprising and worthy course with him he has been courteous, upright and centlemanly and wherever his lot may be cast his prosperity and happiness.

much ability and worth

We are under renewed obligations to extending the circulation of the Observer -Our list is increasing steadily and rapidly .-

The Crawford Journal say. Tuesday night last the mu-cum of A. B. Gien-NOND, Esq., on the Fair Ground, was broken open and the bogus coin which was kept as a curiosity on exhibition, together with mould-, stolen. It amounted to about \$100. It was the money taken from Powell and another man. who were convicted and sent to the l'enitentiary a year or two since. Mr. Richmoxicotters \$50 fresh and new and strong public safe vitefor such information and evidence as will lead to the detection and conviction of the thieves In the mean time let all keep their eyes open The "pewter" was well finished and calculat-

The Espress has announced the or ganization of a new party, and proclaims itself the organ thereof. It calls it the "anti-Sloan" party. The Express has a circulation corresponding to the strength of its party. Since we assumed the entirenwnership of the Observe office we have added to our list near 200 new subscribers, a larger number than the entire list of the Express,-and our advertising has increased near three hundred dollars; which is more than the entire advertising patronage of the Express; and our Job work is steadily increasing. With this to encourage us, we say go ahead with your "Anti-Sloan party."

The fishing business promises to be quite active and lucrative during the season. Those engaged in catching and packing white fish and lake trout have already commenced operations, and their labors thus far have been rewarded by profitable loads of the finny beauties. The business has steadily increased from year to year and if it continues to advance proportionately in the future will become one of the most important branches of our local trade. From all that we can learn ten times as many boats and men might engage in the business with profit. The home demand is almost as great as the supply, and immense quantities can be shipped to advantage to distant points. The fish are taken with gill-nets exhaustible. As a delicacy they are not ex-

unusual activity in real estate and in local improvements. Already we believe a larger amount of real estate has changed hands since the first of January than during any previous year since 1887. The brightening prospects of our city, the certain and speedy completion of the Sunbary & Erie & Erie & Pittsburg Railroads

italist that this is a desirable point to make in-

On the eve, therefore, of a new era in the

vestments.

Among the business changes in the city this week, is that of Wm. P. RINDERNECHT, who has removed to Wright's Block, and formed a partnership under the name of BECKNAN,

JOHNSTON & BRO. are moving into Rindernecht's Block. They will be heard from next week. They have an immense stock of groceries, to which they invite public atten-

it, and Mr B was dragged over a mile, and

died shortly afterwards

rovering.

Our friend T R BLAKE, Esq. having sold out his extensive Millinery Establishment, s about to remove from our city to the neighborhood of Albany, where he has a heavy cona citizen from our community In all our interhe will bear with him our heartiest wishes for

Rev. JOHN R. HAMILTON preached at Park Church last Sabbath evening He is a young man of fine talents and gives promise of usefulness in his sacred calling. We understand that he is about to take charge of the Presbyterian Congregation at Fairview We congratulate the people of that vicinity in their good fortune in securing a gentleman of so

nany of our friends for their active efforts in Bear in mind that clubs of five or more subscribers to one address can procure the paper for \$1,00 a year in advance

At present the market is well supplied with very abundant.

our unrivalled commercial advantages by lake and land, all indicate clearly to the shrewd cap-

history of our beautiful city, it is important came out ahead just two inches. Hurrah for that we do not, by our own want of foresight, and a too great desire to realize fabulous prices. divert capital from our vicinity and send it to seek more profitable investments elsewhere. We must not be too nenny-wise nor nound-avaricious. We must consider ultimate as well as present advantages, and have a vigilant eye to the growth, advancement and permanent prosperity of the place. If strangers coming among us see around them all the evidences of an enthat we manifest a disposition to be up with the times in city improvement, and a determination not to be behind either the large or small cities in the introduction of every facility for the benefit of commerce and society, they will have an almost irresistible incentive to purchase and locate among us. If, on the other hand, they find us plodding and carcless, miserly in securing ample facilities for the safe and profitable conduct of business, and indifferent about lending a helping hand to every enterprise calculated to make a wealthy and populous city. they will pass by and take their money in len terprise to localities where it will be better appreciated, and yield a more certain profit. And, further, if they find property holders grasping and ataricious, eager to secure the last dollar of the purchaser of real estate, leaving him nothing to make improvements; governed in prices by exaggerated visions of future demand or the seeming necessity or anxiety of the buyer, they will very soon bid us acheu and leave unimproved property on our hands. The time for hoodwinking or skinning men in real estate is gone by. The experiences of the past have taught men severe lessons, and there are very few capitalists who can be induced to pay two or three times what property is worth, merely because the seller holds up a glowing and over wrought picture of the future. Men who have had the shrewdness to accumulate capital and hold it securely through the commercial storms of the last five years, have also the shrewdnes

> every investment they may make. Those, therefore, who hold unmay roved rea estate which they desire to sell, should ha the a prices according to the actual worth of property now, and not according to extravagant co timates of the probable value of the same prop erty three, five, or ten years hence. Having once fixed a proper value upon the land they should sell to the first good purch a cr who will accept their terms, and let him enter upon the work of improvement at once

to estimate pretty correctly the advantages of

In this connection very properly we may be permitted to speak of a much desired improve ment which we trust will not longer be delayed That is the lighting of the principal business streets. This is imperatively demanded all must admit who have the interests of the city at heart. Our Councils should act promptly in this matter. It is a stigart upon the enterprise and liberality of the city that people should have to grope their way in darkness in the business part of a city with a population of swelthousand inhabitants

As the season for repairing the streets is most at hand, we trust the Councils willtake such action as may be necessary to secure the thorough and permanent improvement of State and the adjacent streets on which our heave t businers is done. This will have to be some sooner or later, and the sooner, the better, for every dollar spent now according to the street system of the past is only so much money thrown away This must be apparent to every man of common sense consers my with city it fairs. Let us commence at once the wac plants. zing of State street and continue and ex end the work as vigorously as possible from this

By pursuing a policy stan as we have in itcated, we think it requires no great prophetic vision to discern that we will invite expitaires o come among us and give them substintial encouragement in every enterprise they any

MUNICIPAL MURIER will soon be the subject of judicish maunity unless something is done with that deadly trap which toffers over the canal on Sixth streets one of the principal thoroughfares in the city-opening upon its business centre. In sight of much of the public and private architectural elegance of the city the thing is a lot and determity as a

trust for human life to is a cryinc. betive heavy damages ago not the radioals and all public exeriers. say the judger and the junes if the slightest enclessness, negdect, or want of vigilance is proven agapted them - Better they should stater bravily in burse than that one human being should be mutilated, or dashed into sterms, by dienwant of caution. This structure is new its own conclusive condemning testamony against whoever is responsible for it. When a was quired that its sides should be protected by railings. One of there has long been gone, atter hanging in tottering aspense over the heads of those passing beneath it, leaving now an unguarded open fall to the chasm below A part of the other has now tumbled in rutenness, while the remainder hangs a dangerous deception to any hand which tany to tupon it It seems to be admired that it i use less to guard against the dangers of the sides, while those of the mid passage are so glaring Crumbling abutments, open traps in the sidewalk, worn and broken planks in the middle, warped and rotten beams beneath make up the persistent and teckless consparacy against the lives of wayfaters for which the

It is one of the greatest and most desperate gambling places in the community, for every one who drives a team across it, makes a bet of his life against the city treasury, and few of them can afford to lose. But some make the venture who cannot calculate the wager A short time since two children, strangers to the vicinity, were rescued by some chance observers from the dangerous brink upon which they were heedlessly playing and over which

they seemed momentarily about to tumble Erie seems in some respects like that class of worthies so rich in good qualities they take every pains to hide them; said by those who know them, to be the best fellows in the world but their own worst enemies, and therefore judged harshly by superficial observers. A friendly-acquaintance sometime since enthusi cally commenting upon the attractions of the in very deep water, from three to six miles off place to a group of New York gentlemen men this port, and the quantity appears to be in- tioned the blessing of gas. A malignant a mong his auditors under the influence of prevcelled by any other fish in the world, and as alent slanders, exclaimed "Have you gas an article of food are very cheap and whole- there! I'm glad to hear it No place needs light of some kind more." Our city was ear nestly vindicated against such revilings, but fish taken from the harbor and neighboring the confession had to be made, that though we ponds. Fine pike, bass, muscalonge, &c., are were a coal mart, had good gas, cheap gas, pipes, posts, an accommodating gas Company, who favor him with their orders.

The coming season promises to be one | and all that, yet, when the shades of night fell upon us, our streets were left in the mud an idarkness of a logicabin settlement on a glay prairie. 'Why?" was asked. "I'm not sure. but I believe it is because those who live on by and remote streets will not consent to light those where 'men most do congregate

"Then you all stay at home ofter dark? You have no business on your principal streets after night. No public meetings, assemblies, churches which gather your population together, no travelers and strangers finding their benighted way to your homes and hotels. People never come from your bye and border streets from ordinary human necessities-no midnight calls for physicians, friends and medicines. It the hurried messenger whose lantern, blows out of a dark, windy night breaks his leg or head in your city darkness while wife or child are waiting for relief it may be another case of loss of horse and rider tore

want of a horse shoe nail " Our friend fell back upon the usual defence of "the best fellows in the world," claiming terprising and thriving community, if they see that Eric was so excellent, exceptional and original a place, she could afford to dispense with the mere routine wisdom which is necessary for commonplace and ordinary localities However common thinking people must be ex cused if they cannot see in hunting out personal vices in hidden places which the hand of authority can seldom reach, however worthy and commendable the impulse, any compensation for tangible and practical improvement, any justification for corporate crimes against the public welfare, any reason for giving the treedom of the city over to darkness and burglar and some the the mending of streets and bridges may be not only one of the most efficient duties of official trust, but an obligation of humanity and morality

A GRAND IMPROVEMENT -It has been our pleasure to announce many beautiful and subgantial incorovements in our goodly city, and it is with more than ordinary satisfaction that we lay before our readers a description of the handsomest dry goods establishment in Northern Pennsylvania

In our last we gave notice that the magnifi cent new Store Rooms of our enterprising townsman WM A. GRISWOLD, Esq., would be opened on Wolnesday for the reception of vis tors Promptly to the hour the opening took place, and the rush of fair customers was truly a great sight

The building is three stories in hight, with tine initiation marble front. It is 80 feet deep by 28 in width. The Architect was SAML. M. Lytte: Builders, J. P. Chook. Co.: Painter, C. Lynch, Owner, John Moori. The office teffects great credit upon the enterprise of the projector, and the skill and workmanship of all concerned in its election

The first floor is the Refall Room in which skept ad articles belinging to the regular Dry Goods department. The large glass doortire conditionment, entire by day or might, is complete, so that enstoners can examine the boost firm with the atmost satisfaction A circular counter runs the chare leads of the store, and is covered with stacks of anothers cest goods . The rosas are heated by a large

the the right side about and way on first floor. hald to or disbursed pass through the hands of the cashier at the desk, and the system of managing the business is so hear perfect that it is mapossible for mistakes to occur without being

At the fatther end of the Sales Room is the stan way to the Carpet. Rocal on second floor. actuared with English Velvets, Brussels, and by and American Corpets. Mesaic and

the a Rugs On Cloths, Brocatelles, Damasks Lace Curtains and Novelties of various kinds, in House turnishing goods, Ac. The loging of splendid and costly Carpets and Rugs in this Room is alone worth a visit to the e-tabli-hineat

The third floor is set apart for the Jobbing basiness-which is already becoming quite in motor tant branch of trade in our city

The establishment throughout is perfectly arranged for carrying on the large business with the utmost dispatch and safety. It rivils in buish and arrangement many of the bost class establishments of the large cities. And the quantity and quality of goods and lew prices is all that the most fastidious could

Whilst speaking of this commendable local in the vement we must not forget to say a word in praise of the worthy head of the establishment, Mr. Grasword - He is a model business man in the fullest sense, and by his integrity, enterprise and graceful centesy, has wen the esteem of the whole community. A more correct dealer and thorough gentlem in cannot be found. In business or in social life he is alike conticous and upright. It is a real pleasure to deal with soch a min. He has been archihas crowned his industry and energy is substantial evidence of his worth and capacity In the best times and the severest commercial revulsions he has \$10 we honself a prempt man of henor. It is last sumple justice to speak of such men in terms of approval. Laudable enterrise and honesty deserves honorable men tion in these days when there is so much pecu lation, deception and dishonesty We may also say that he has a full corps of experienced and accentive Salest en -oight in mulaber - who are ever ready to give prompt and satisfactory attention to the wants of his numerous cus

M. At the instance of our public spirited town-man, Maj Scott the gas-lamps around the Park were lit up last Monday night in honor of the election of the new Councilmen who are tavorable to lighting the streets. In a shor time we hope to chronicle the favorable action of the Councils in this question. We understand that according to the provisions of a supplementary act which has passed the Legislature that the Councils are authorized to levy a tax for lighting any street where the majority of the taxables petition in favor of light. We hope petitions will be circulated at once in the portions of our city where lights are most

In the case of Johnson we Cochran, Kennedy, Braley, and others, for damages for destruction of the Constitution in April 1856 the jury rendered a verdict against Wm. C Broky for \$3,250, and found for the defendants as to Cechran. Kennedy and others!

CHANGE OF TIME. -- On and after Monday next rtins going East will leave Erieat 1.30 A. M .: 2 02 P. M.: 7.00 P. M. Trains going West depart at 1 40 P. M.; 7.21 P. M.; 12.30 A. M.

PAPER HANGING .- Our friends who have l'aper Hanging to do cannot entrust the business to a more competent hand than Mr. CALER C. June. He is a master workman in his line and will give the fullest satisfaction to those

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By Wynkyn de Worde OUR ATTIC! We passed from our crib tothe

attic couch, and began to be a youth. We went up the stairway where the steps and the dark ness were boxed up together, and dreamed of heroes. Up there we shaved for the first time and began to be a man. It was our bed-room wardrobe, museum, armory, study, laboratory observatory, and machine-shop. The antier of the first deer we shot supported our plow ng suif. Over the little book-case brooded stuffed owl. Opposite, over the gable window were the wings of an eagle, shot on the day that Polk was elected President] A fourth-of July newspaper served as a body in which the hones were fastened. In one corner stood the banners used on independence-day along with the fishing-tackle. The double-reined bridle and the martingale with ivory rings, were suspended from the locks of the double-barreled gun, along with the shot-pouch and game-bag Some congress man sent us a patent-office report, -his eye had been on our growth-and it was the biggest book on our shelves. Beside it stood the "Tattlers and Guardians." These were kept quiet by the "Vicar of Wakefield. "The Pilgrim's Progress" stood next, and after reading Nat. Hawthorne's "Railroad to the Celestial City" in his "Mosses from an old Manse," we wrote on the blank leaf of the Progress the following ink-dash:

The modern pilgrim, says the rumored story, Prefers to travel in a different mode; He goes by Railroad-it sometimes is gory!-At lightning speed, where Pilgrim slowly trod. The very journey has a touch of glory,

There are no "Sloughs," no "Giants" and And of Apollyon not a moment's fear, He'll keep the track for he is engineer.

He knows the grade, and marks the rate we re And we may chatter, chide, or silence keep

A way of groans this darkness and this deep Death's vale and river scarce are worth the

ohn Bunyan's footpath is not worth the know

They re bridged, and let us pass them in our

Ah! traveler see! alas this patent route! The bridge is crashing! 'twas hung on a doubt!-, In that attic, on Sundays, we studied the catechism, read that "best of Books," and sung through the "Carmina Sacra." On winter evenings we developed Bourdon and Legendre, and puzzled our brains over the Latin notes in Gibbon and D'Aubigne. On rainy days we left the plow to rust in the track, and either went a fishing, or looked from the attic window on the blue-jays catering about the corn-crib, or the king-hird dashing from the poplar and ruffling the feathers of the hawk and the crow. or saw the sheep in the meadow, and frequently the cows in the corn On Summer evenings and wood we an to be dispray the interior with we looked out on the lawn, starry with fire-flies, nne effect to the passers by The year end is and to the Katydid in the trellis a long, sly. highted with a large ky light. Two large and soft green fellow, hid in the honeysuckle leaves. costly chandchers with ten lights each, light at our ear yelled out "Katy dident!" We shut up the rooms at high. The lighting of the en- closely the windows and door, barring out all the brown pinchers, and the winged troops of every tribe and size, long and short, brown gray and green, litale and big, lank and full orbed, sharp-tood and needle-toothed-which buzzed and boomed around the solar-lamp had night When all their mustered forces, from a guat up to a bat, with all their wings and stings, are fairly thumping, and bumping, and the counting effice. It is a model of neat- whizzing, and runting, and roaring, and bangrun our fingers through our locks and puff, and wish it were cooler, our roguish brother comes in with a straw hat, filled with all the kindshe could catch in kitchen, and seven of each kind. and sets the hat on our lamp-stand We talk about game and glory. The game begin to rise They buzz with glory He does not smile, nor do we. He sings, so do the little planets and comers whirling about the lamp. He thinks

> which we were reading, and begins, "A mighty maze, but not without a plan -We open the window and study the stars Our attic would have done for the "Autocrat to lie awake in during the evening- after April showers Three hundred yards distant lies a little lake, and about every twenty rods on the circuit of three miles around it, is established an orchestra, each claiming an antiquity. back to which the "memory of man runneth not to the contrary Drury-lane and Covent-Garden, in the days of Garrick, Irvin and Foote, were not scenes of more viracious

Gardiner ought to have written his "Music

of Nature ' in that attic, when the night-birds

shuffled under the gables, and the frogs blend-

ed their rivalries into harmonies which organ-

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we have a fine orrery He takes up our Pope

uniders have never imitated. A new organ--top could be invented there in a night. Lisen! One, shrill voice on our left eeps and peeps, until he is lost in a "transcendental epopee, snother puts in his ex, ibex, brekkex, and ka-ploong, is heard the sub-base of a huge swell-throat as if the rock where a perch - slumbering, had exploded. In the winking if the choristers eye, five hundred more voices are started up, than sung at the first celebration of Handel's master-orators in Westminster Abbey. Gently soothe these voices into cadencesin (and die away, as the night-owl skids in at odr window and snugs himself on the anhers gazing at Dead Owl the Great. Then, at our right, the ecp-keep-cheap, is heard, rising from the nook where the water-cresses of yes terday sdinner were gathered and a ka-ploong-a loong-maroon-oon, as if the base string of a har] huger than ever hung in Tara's Halls, had been e aped from, by a Chinese frog, with a kick that lett all resounding. Every vowel, from A to U. is sounded, with more variations than English will allow, even if analized by a phonographist at a Teachers' Institute. All that softens down. until it is as gentle as the tones produced by the play of flies on the strings of a tuned guitar. From a choir across the lake, where the bloom of June-berries have whitened the waters, comes the mingling of melodies, which almost put the nerves to sleep. The sound of choruses is complete. These, however, are but rehearsals for one grand concert. And when all have practiced the tune, the hour comes, and then such a tremendous vocality and antheming. Such solos, such duattessuch quartettes, such choruses, accompanied by all that sweet or rapturous, soothing or threl ling, in harp, and lyre, violin and piano, flute and trumpet, and varied by dulcimer and dispason, bell and bassoon, Clarabella and Vi-D'Amour, and uttered forth from every string that trembles, every seed that quivers, every pipe that peals and roars, and every chest that swells, were never heard away from rustic

It will be recalled only when vocal obediene is randered to the sublime entreaty-

"Praise the LORD from the earth, ye dragon and all deeps:

Fire, and hail; snow, and vapour: sterm;

wind fulfilling his word: Mountains, and all hills; fruitful trees, an all cedars: Beasts and all cattle: creening things, an

flying fowl: Kings of the earth, and all people; prince and all judges of the earth: Both young men, and maidens; old men, an

children: Let them praise the name of the Lorb for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above

the earth and heaven. "