THE OBSERVER.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1860. Democratic County Convention.

A Dismogratic County Convention will be held in the city of Erde, on Tuesday, the 7th day of February next, at 2 e'clock, P. M., for the purpose of appointing delegates to the finite Convention, and to transact such other business sit may come before the Convention, apparaining to the futbress of the party.

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Pythenry meetings will be held in the several Townships, Refougles, and wards in the County of Eric, at the meaning the County, and at the Select and Counton Council Rooms in the East and West Wards for the City of Eric, on Saturday the 4th day of February, A. D. 1800, between the heurs of S and 4 o'clock, P. M., except the City of Eric, which will be at I o'clock, P. M. at County and S. James T. 1800.

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A GENERAL BACK DOWN.

A few nights since there was a strange scene enacted in Rev. Mr. BEECHER's Church in Brooklyn-an edifice, as our readers will recollect, which was very appropriately called the "Church of the Holy Rifles," during the time when its pastor preached the doctrine that rifles were better christianizers than the Bible in Kansas From the New York papers we gather the particulars of this strange scene. It appears that parson Beecher, like some of the Re publican leaders, is inclined to a retrogade movement upon the slavery question, and that certain of his congregation. Mr. The odore Tilton at their head, wish to bring him into lineagain. The particular bone of of contention on the night in one-tion was the Foreign Mission Society, which Mr Til ton declares to be the parent of slavery: the question was, whether collections should be taken in the church for the American Board of Foreign Missions. Mr. Tilton made a speech two hours in length. His chief point was that the whole American church was in complicity with slavery, and its clergymen and members hold 600,000 bondsmen'; and it was their high duty to cut it away whenever opportunity offered -obeying the apostolic injunction of avoid ing even an appearance of evil. Slavery neutralized the missions in the Cheroke district, and he would have the missions neutralize slavery. Southern politicians the telegraphic report were now plotting the establishment of slavery in the Indian Territory, where the Cherokees lived, under the auspices of the Board of Missions. He wanted the power to his deserting troops. That gentleman of Plymouth church exerted against those had said the Democracy was demoral machinations, as was done in regard to Kansas, when twenty-five rifles were purchased and sent there to be used in behalf of freedom. To give additional force to to elect your nominee and failed. You this hard blow at the reverend Mr. Beecher he produced one of the identical twentyfive rifles which had so long before been cd with the Helper pamphlet, and adop sent from the same church amid profane as your candidate a man who is in favor of acclamations. Some one nervously in- figure slave law as it now stands. Let me ask quired if it was loaded . Mr. Tilton replied that it was not, but that it had been used at the battle of Ossawatomie. This statement created a great sensation and gave food for thought to some of those who furnished the money for the war. Mr. Beecher replied that he still considered slaveholding a sin, and a slaveholder unfit for a communicant in church: but if he could ake it appear he held the slave for the slave's good, and not for selfish gain, but with a view of giving him freedom, he was purged of the offence of slaveholding as generally understood. He would not attempt to say that such a man was not a slaveholder, for he did not believe in that circuitous route of refinament Which Was the peculiar logic of Mr. Cheever The American Board, in recent reports, had kept up with the times, and written de-nunciation of slavery. The anti-slavery spirit had become so great that it was factious. He also repudiated Garrison and Phillips, and hinted his desire to stay in the Union. Finally the meeting sustained Mr. Beecher, and voted to contribute to the funds of the Foreign Missionary Society, in spite of the assault made by Mr. Tilton with his Sharpe's Rifle. If Mr. Beecher's murderous gifts are to be presented at his own head in his own meeting house. he will probably be more cautious for the future in their selection. It will be remembered, in this connection, that the culogy on John Brown, one of Mr. Phillips' most recent and most abominable harangues, was delivered in the Plymouth Church, in Mr. Beecher's pulpit! Yet the thuslatter now finds it necessary to throw the

and John Sherman and his Helper book. BEECEINRIDGE IN LOUISIANA.-The New Orleans Orescent-one of the ablest, largest and most influential opposition journals in the whole Southern country—thus speaks of the eloquent and gifted BRECKINEIDGE. in connection with the Presidency

"John C. Breckinridge is one of Kentucky's noblest sons, and is an intellectually great man, as well as asplendid orator believe him to be a truly honest and patriotic citizen; and if elected to the chief magistracy, we think he would discharge the functions of that high office with fidelity, ability and patriotism. The rights of all sections, under the Constitution, would be faithfully maintained while he remained at the head of affairs; and the Southern as well as the Northern people might repose implicit confidence in his integrity, judgement and firmness of purpose. events, such is the estimate we have placed upon the character of the man

The Trenton American says that on the 21st inst. an abolitionist named Coates attempted to deliver an Abolition lecture in Haddonfield, Camdon county, and advertised his intentions by handbills on the same day. A large number of citizens collected at the place of meeting and interrupted his harangue by hootings, yells and himes; and upon his persisting to be heard, of the United States." they took hold of him and threatened him with a cost of tar and feathers. After offering him a number of indignities he con sented to leave, promising never to return. If this had occurred down in South Carolina, or any other slave State, what a howl would have went up from every abolition idency of the United States. The editor in that time has completely re-organize! throat in the country.

A fire occurred at 113 Fulton street. New York on Sunday last, and destroyed Bonner as the press room of the Ledger .-The building extended from Fulton to Ann street, and was filled with paper, presses. and other printing material, steam engine, &c. Building 115 Courtland street, occupied by Ward Close & Co., was almost entirely destreyed. The aggregate loss of Wynkoop, Hallenbeck & Co., and Ward. Close & Co., was about \$175,000: understood to be immed.

A Speaker Elected.

Without a perceptible reason, other than a desire to exasperate the South, they put in nomination a candidate, in the person of Sherman, whose election would have been considered an insult by one half of the confederacy They were told repeat edly they never could elect him-they were told that, if they would put any con servative man in nomination, no serious opposition would be made, and his election cheerfully acquiesced in. But for eight weeks they held out, and for eight weeks their organs have reiterated the charge that the non-organization of Congress lay at the door of the Democratic minority .-On Friday, four or five of their number from this State, men who had made great professions of conservatism, unwittingly took a step that revealed the cloven foot of the party so clearly, that they were compelled to abandon SHERMAN, and concentrate their torces upon Pennington. of New Jersey, a conservative. On the day named, Morris, Scranton, M'Pherson, and Junkin, of this State, voted for Smirn, of North Cirolina in old line whig. The Democrats saw that by throwing their vote in solid column for Suith he would be elected. They did so, to the infinite dismay to the four Pennsylvanians named --Before the vote was announced, the e-four gallant Penn-ylvanians changed their votes, and thus prevented the election of a man they had just voted for. But the deed was done. The fact was demonstrated that it was not Democrats, but Republicans, that prevented an organization; and as the only course left to retrieve the defeat which stared them in the face, Serman was withdrawn, and Ex-Gov. Penningron put in nomination, and on Wednesday he was elected. Mr. P's political character may be judged by the remarks of Mr. Keitt, of South Carolina, while the vote which elected him was being taken. We quite from

"Mr. Kett made a speech, in which he alhided to Mr. Sherman's remarks accompanying the withdrawal of his name as a candidate, as a mournful valedictor ized by seeking affiliation with the el ements of opposition to the Republican party. Pray, gentlemen, how do you stand For eight weeks you have made an effor failed in your effort to adopt your plurality rule, you were obliged to take down your man whose name was connect these same gentlemen whether they think by going for a man who favors that law, and who was an Old Line Whio as he called himself, they do not demoralize themselves by the affiliation? The successor of Mr Inddings supports him.

The vote on the election of Pennington was as follows. Whole number, 233, nec essary to a choice, 117. Mr Pennington. 117: Mr. McClernand, 85: Mr. Gilmer, 16; Scattering 16

TAKING THE BACK TRACK .-- Com. STOCKrox, who carries New Jersey in his breeches pocket, has, as our readers are aware, been 'fishey'' for some years. He has been an American, and has coquetted somewhat with the Republicans: but the "impendback track, and once more enroll himself quate to the demands of the military spirocracy. As a matter of course he has written a letter, and has published it. In it the Commodore contends that the invasion of Virginia is the direct result of such teachings as those of Theodore Parker. from whose recent letter_dated at Rome. he maks liberal extracts: and while exculpating the great body of the Republican party from responsibility of Brown's acts. still holds that that party has been led "by its master-spirits" from one stage of excitement to another, "until it has reached that point in which a further advance must be over the broken and dismembered fragments of a once glorious Union." The of the evils which impend over the South,

"Against these designs and results the orator overboard, just as the Republican outh stands as one man on the defensive party has found it necessary to throw John they clearly perceive and fully appreciate the impeding dangers which fling their awful shadows over the whole breadth of Brown and his Virginia crusade overboard, their beautiful country. The borrors of a St. Domingo tragedy threaten to make desolate their homes: to drench their peace-ful plains with blood—to light up their midnight skies with the coflagration of their cities and plantation villages, and to convert their faithful and contented domestics into incarnate flends, inviting (after rivers of blood have flowed) their own extermination.

"In this defensive attitude of the South,

he says "I, for one, will stand by them as friend, to the last gasp of my existence, and if a dissolution of the Union is inevitable, then I would have the lines of separations drawn along the Hudson and the lakes, rather than the Potomac and the the Legislature of Ohio to the capital of the Ohio. I have no doubt that in such an event the Northwestern States would unite with New Jersey, Pennsylvania and the South I will stand by them, because they are right; I stand by them because they have the Constitution and the law on their side. On these bulwarks we will plant our standard, and defy the hosts of fanatics.-The questions at issue now between the South and the Anti-Slavery party seem to be few but of great importance. The South demands that the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States shall be recognised as Supreme law-that the Fugitiv slave law shall be executed -and that they shall be free to take their slaves into the Territories which are the common property

...<u>-</u> THE PRESEDENCY.—At a Democratic Convention, held in Jonesborough, Tennessee, on the 6th ihst., the Hon ANDREW JOHNson, of that State, was recommended as the preference of the Convention for the Presof the Jonesbrough Union endorses the pre- the State Library, making it one of the ference warinly, and in doing so, pays a high compliment to the Hon. William arship and great literary reputation have BIGLER, of Pennsylvania, by naming him in given him facilities for acquiring rare works the building occupied by Wynkoop, Hallen- connection with (lovernor Johnson, as the and procuring odd volumes to complete beek & Co., job printers, and Mr. Robert choice of that section for Vice President. The Linion says

> "Gov. Bigler, of Pennsylvania, has many of the qualities of Gov. Johnson, of Tennes er such an officer. see. They are both self-made men; built from the foundation up of cemented ma-terial of their own merits, and their friends know upon what to rely. As we propose to revert to this matter again, we will at present close, by announcing our preference for candidates in the Presidential can-

The other Side of the "Sickles Affair in Warren."

The events of the past week have pretty effectively demonstrated that the disor-WARREN, Pa., 360 25 1859. B. F. SLOAR, Egg.—Dair Ser.—I property in the Observer of the 28th inst., in artists copied from the Warren Ledger shuitful, Sickles the failure to elect a Speaker for sight of nine weeks, was caused solely by the dog-Affair in Warren," which I believe, calculated ged obstinacy of the Republican leaders. to do great injustice both to Mrs. Whitney, and to the people of this place.

Judging from the article, the Editor of the Ledger must have been misadvised in relation to the affair. I think I speak within bounds when I say that a very large majority of our citizens believe that Mrs. Whitney is the victim of the most disgraceful conspiracy ever perpetrated, and in which her own husband was the principle conspirator. The facts are briefly these: Mr. Whitney sent his wife with her alleged seducer to Warren, -after having induced her to sign away her rights to the property under false pretenses secreted himself, and procured the services of several of the basest and most shameless creatures to act the spy, and after the driver entered the room where she was sleeping-no doubt by previous arrangement with the conspirators—they burst open the door, and a scene ensued which has no parallel for fiendish brutality. Whitney tore the garments away from his wife, and exposed her to the view of the crowd, stripped her of her rings and clothing, and indulged in s strain of impious obscenity which would dis grace the lowest den of vice at the five points. Exulted over his wife's ruin, declared himself s "happy man," drank whiskey and champague by the quart with his associates, and, in short, gave every evidence of a depravity, at

which the heart sickens and revolts He has since held a jubilee at his own hous with his particular associates, and made merry over the ruin of his household. He had once before tried the same plan to ruin his wife, but had not succeeded, and has been for weeks, as he declares, devising his hellish scheme. He had even brought an old tattered gown to town, intending to put it on his wife as he sent her away from the place These are but a part of the cruelties perpetrated. The facts were smothered up for a time, and Mrs. W. was permitted to leave, although so anxious was she to stay and clear up the matter, that she offered to stay and work as a domestic, if permitted But the wretches were too much elated at their success to let the truth remain hidden, and when it was made manifest to the community, a cry for justice burst forth which will

not soon melt into a whisper. Nark that I have not given you the facts which prove beyond preadventure that the whole matter is a conspiracy for the reason that it will be subjected to judicial investigation, though you might infer from what has been stated, that

such is the case I am not acquainted with Mrs Whitney, but she is very highly spoken of by those who know her as a woman of intelligence and refinement. Among the most unfortunate features of the case, is the fact that she has children, three I am told, from whom she has been driven in disgrace-betrayed and ruined, so far as he could accomplish it, by him who had sworn to protect her

i am very truly yours.

We are indebted to Adjutant Genral Wilson, for a copy of his annual report to the Legislature. It is a valuable contribution to the statistical history of the State, and will be read by our "citizen soldiers" with much interest. From it we militia of the State, is 350,000-of which 17.500 are uniformed and organized into volunteer companies"-a force, let us add, sufficient to take Cuba, Canada, and Mexico, and leave enough at home to take care of the women and children. The Report ing crisis" has compelled him to take the says the supply of arms is entirely inadein the ranks of his ancient party, the Dem- it of the State, and as evidence of the fact it is stated that "the whole number of arms issued to volunteer companies during the past year amounts to 2,740 muskets, leaving requisitions unfilled amounting to 12,370 muskets. The quots due to the State from the General Government, for 1860, amounts to 860 muskets."

Speaking of the State Arsenal at Harris burg, the Report makes the following suggestion, which we doubt not will meet with the cordial approbation af our citizens:

"The arsenal at Harrisburg contains a few old arms and accoutrements that belong to the State, that are not of much use, except the tents. This building is sadly in want of repair : the floors are giv Commodore then draws a horrid picture ing out, the doors are dilapidated for wan of paint and other protections, and many other repairs are necessary to make it proper place for the safe keeping of arms. would suggest to the Legislature the propriety of tearing down this building. It is of but little importance in its present condition, and it is scarcely worth repairing Indeed, I cannot recommend it being re built at the capital of the State. The one at Philadelphia, in case of necessity, would be ample in which to store the ammunitio necessary to maintain a large army in the eastern portion of the State. I would recommend the erection of one at or near the city of Erie, which is the frontier city both of our State and Nation in the west. The Canadas, governed by a foreign kingdom are within a few hours' ride, and should a collision unfortunately occur with that countrypan arsenal, in which safely to store ammunition to supply a force in the field, would be much needed at that point."

THE BIO OHIO DEUNE .- Our readers are no doubt aware that the Legislatures of Kentucky and Tennessee were invited by latter State to have a little spree : and that, the business being dull with the former, the invitation was kindly entertained .-Well, they went, and all got-home again, we suppose. Though there was a strong odor of Old Bourbon about the proceedings, we presume that no participator in the affair will regret it after he is once well over his headache. The Indiana Legislature joined the melee at Cincinnati, and the four States thus represented were magnified and glorified with no end of speech es, aky-rockets, serenades, suppers, military parades, and big squirts with the steam fire engines.

STATE LIBRARIAN.-The Senate of this State have unanimously confirmed the reappointment of Rev. WILLIAM R. DEWITT. D. D., as State Librarian. Dr. DEWITT has already filled this office for six years, and very best in the country. His fine scholbroken setts which few persons posse and the Governor and Senate deserve the thanks of the people for continuing in pow

MA A few days ago Orin-Carpenter, schoel teacher in Baldwin township, near Pittsbugh, fell dead while punishing one of his pupils for misconduct. The deceased was 60 years of vass in the names of 'Johnson and Bigler,'?' caused by mental excitement.

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A desler in whiskey at Dunkirk, he his advertisement "Grand Ascension!" Probably in order to attract the attention of these who wish to "get high."

The total receipts of the Brie Canal Company, for 1669, from tolls, water rents &c., was \$35,941,56; and the total expendi tures was \$56,912,71-leaving a bulance of 239,018,83

The New Hampshire Reguter says that n five free States in which elections have been hald since the John Brown raid on Virginia, the black republican strength has fallen off over thirty thousand votes.

Horse fiesh and runners had a rest les week, but the snow which fell this, set them going again. Hurra for good sleighing-for fast horses-plenty of robes-and pretty girls. May the sleighing and the horses last till spring-and the girls forever.

The Sons of Malta are going to have grand Re-Union Ball, at Farrar's Hall, on the 21st of February—the proceeds to be given. part to the Mount Vernon Fund, a d part for enevolent purposes in the city We anticipate a grand time. 'Tis well!

When you go to North East, always ston at the "Brawley House"-our friend Allison, who superintends it, keeps things all right, and is always on hand to show you the "elephant" behind a two-forty nag.

There is a man in Reading, in this state, who made one day last week, two hundred and twenty-five horse shoes, in nine hours and three quarters; and he wants some one to beat him, if he can! His name is Thomas Rambo! We guess he is the "champion."

It has been legally decided by Judge Balcom, of Tompkins county, N. Y., on an indictment for selling liquer to a person "guilty of habitual drunkenness," that a man who gets drunk once a month for a year or more is to be deemed guilty of habitual drunkenness.

A western editor has received sixteen offers of marriage since leap year set in, but he has'nt accepted one of them, the answer to this invariable question, "how much property have you in your own right ?" not being satisfactory in either case.

One of the handsomest papers publish ed in this state, is the Mining Record, at Pottsville. It is edited by Wm. B SIPES, Esq., gentleman who knows how to make a good paper, and we are glad to see he exercises that knowledge on the columns of the Record to the full extent.

The Board of Revenue Commissioners met at Harrisburg on the 2d of February .-All the appointments have been made, and the members are gentlemen of ability and much practical information.

Among the members of the Kansas Legislature, are Messrs. Alfred Gray and WILLIAM D. BLACEFORD, both formerly from Girard, in this county, and both representatives from Douglas county in that Territory.

The Council of Buffalo recently voted es one copy of the Ex learn that "the whole number of effective the Mayor, like a sensible man, vetoed it. He doubtless thought the members of the Council could, with equal propriety, vote themselves copies of the N. Y. Ledger, or meet out of his stall (he is a butcher) each morning for their brenkfint.

CAUSE OF BLUSHES .- A writer in the American Medical Gasette, furnishes the following lucid description of the cause of blushes in young ladies: "The mind communicates with the central ganglion; the latter, by reflex action through the brain and facial nerve, to the organic nerves in the face, with which its branches inosculate." Clear as mud !

The Jamestown Journal says "the Erie papers complain of dull times." We wish our Jamestown cotemporary, and others who sin in the same way, would designate the particular papers in Erie, when making statements upon the authority of "Eric papers." We are constitutionally opposed to creaking, consequently do not wish to have the odium of i when not guilty.

Boss, of the Polo (Ills.) Advertiser, has been elected a corresponding member of the Wisconsin Historical Society. This is as i should be. Boss is an inveterate "historian," as we know from observation, and as his mem orable "Historie of O' Gull Countie" abundant ly shows only we don't think he is quate reliable on questions pertaining to "our rail-road system !"

There are two things that have not taken place, and yet the Republicans have abandoned Sherman. First, Tom Corwin said he would continue to vote for Sherman until Gabriel's trump should sound. That trump has nt sounded, we believe. Another member said they "were going to vote for him, if necessary, until hell freezes from shore to shore." Well, at last accounts no such "freeze" had taken place; and yet every mother's son abandened him. What has become of that "back bone" we have heard so much about.

The Buffalo and Cleveland papers are considerably disappointed at the result of the award of the contract for repairs of U. S. Steamer Michigan. They indignantly inquire if the Contracting Board "did'nt know there were machinists and boiler-makers nearer Lake Erie than those of New York ?" Of course they did; and they knew, too, that the Erie City Iron Works made a lower and more favorable bid than either Buffalo or Cleveland; and that neither of the latter places stood any show whatever, whether the Novelty Works had received the contract or not.

insunance .-- A bill has been introduced in to the Legislature, requiring an exhibit of the husiness and assets of each Insurance Company doing business in the city of Philadelphis and county of Allegheny, in such manner as to afford an opportunity to discriminate intelligently between companies worthy of cenadence, and those termed "Bogus." The bill has been carefully prepared, and will provide a much needed regulation in the insurance basiness. If the provisions of some such act should be extended to the whole state, it might prove advantageous to all parties concerned.

The Ball given by the Wayne Guarda at Parrar's Hall on Thursday stiming, was, by all accounts, a resemificent affair. Owing to a demestic a liction, which the reader will see under our springery hand, we were not present, consequently cannot speak of it in detail; but we learn that the beauty and elite of the city were present in all their glory-that the presentation of the flag, on the part of the ladies of Brie, by Mrs. Gana, was done according to of friends in the state. The "revolt" against the thode military," and that every body eajoyed themselves and were satisfied. In the company was a goodly springling of the beauty Formey, and Mr. Would-be-Republican-Clerkage, and his death is supposed to have been and hahion of Warren, headed by our gallant of the House Forney! Let 'em "revolt," say friend, Gen. Bnown.

We publish below, for the information of those interested in the Lake trade, a schedule of all the vessels laid up at and belonging to this port, the present winter, together with those laid up at the different Lake ports of Ohio. It will be seen that the shipping of Eric a exceeded by only one port in the list. The

schedule was prepared by Mesers. William & CARRY, Attorneys and Proctors, Cleveland: PORT OF ERIE. STRANGES. -Queen City, U. S. str. Michi-

SCHOOMERS.—St. James, St. Andrew, Citi-sen, Susqualizana, Geo. Worthington, Corres-pendent, Columbia, Hudson, Illinois, E. C. Williams, Armsda, Post Boy, L. D. Coman, Mary Scott, Arbuckle, Mary Morton, Matt Root, W. Adair, S. J. Eason, Washington Irving.
Scows.—George Neville, Pacific.

BRIG.—Paragon.
REVENUE CUTTER.—Jeremish S. Black. CLEVELAND. STEAMERS.—North Star, Hendrick Hudson PROSELLERA. -- Mohawk, Elmira, Jersey City New York, Oswego, Jefferson, Northern Light Granite State, Evergreen City, Galena, Nile Iron City, Forest Queen, Gov. Cushman, Cali fornia, Genesce Chief, Bay State, Prairie State

Akron, Vermont. BARCES. -Invincible, Illinois.

BRIGS. —Isabella, Iroquois, Gen. Worth, Am SCHOONERS.-T. P. Handy, Sargeant, Shook E. C. Roberts, Cuyalsoga, Fortune, M. Court-right, A. Handy, Samuel Andrews, St. Paul, Tracy J. Bronson, Yorktown, Valeria, Willing. ton, John F. Warner, R. H. Harmon, Marsh field, Flight, Twin Sister, Dream, Middlesex Vermont, Golden Harvest, T. Baker, Star of the North, Berlin, Summit, Union. Fidelity Twin Brother, Watts Sherman, D. R. Martin Lowland Lass, S. Bobinson, L. J. Farwell Speedwell, Midnight, George Davis. Scows.—Juno, Bescue, I. C. Pendleton, R Boows. Juno, Rescue, I. C. Pendleton, R. Hays, A. Frederick, Ellen White, May Queen,

Albion, Mary & Lucy, Free Mason. Stoors. - Monarch of the Glen. Orr Tugs .- S. C. Ives, L. L. Lvon, D. P. Rhodes Maria Martin, Peter Smith ASHTABULA.

SCHOORERS.—Caroline E. Bailey, New Libson, Onedia, Flash, America, Arctic, Madison, Sioux. Scows. - Union, J. H. Hill.

HURON Horn, Restless. Scows .- Brant, E. S. Taylor FAIRPORT

SCHOONERS .- Mary Collins, Wild Rover Marseiliott, Wm. Ross. Scows.—Nebraska, Fremont, Hellen, High-land Chief, Pilot, Valley, Ritch. Gen Scoti CONNEAUT

Baig. - Lucy A. Blossom SCHOORER.—Lewis Cass Scows.—Times, N. G., Red Rover SANDUSKY Baigs.—Acadia, S. C. Walbridge.

SCHOOMERS.-Condor, Leader, R. B. Hubbard, Pame, Rush, H C Post, U S schr Watchful. STEAMERS.—Island Queen, Swan Scows.—Gaselle, Harlequin Scows.—Wm. R. Hanna, Almina,

Eagle, Liberty VERMILLION. SCHOONERS.—Queen City, New London, B Parsons, Challenge, C T Roeder, John L. Gross, Australia, F T Barney, A. Bradley, Luca Long.
Scows.--Mountain Maid Spanker, Comet.

TOLEBO

PROPELLER -Orontes SCHOONERS.—Wm. Mathews. Freeman, A. Buckingham, Waurecan, Richard Mott, J. C. Premont, Myrtle, St. Albans, Josephine Wil son, Miami Belle, Maize, Levi/Wells, Phoenix Hiawatha, R. J. Skidmore.

Scows.—Sea Lion, Mark Well. Sarah Jane.
Somersef, Pontiac, Lime Rock BLACK RIVER.

SCHOOKERS -- Resolute. Alice Return, Planet, Ontario, Reid. Scows.—Roeno, Orleans, Prince of Peace, Cousin Mary, Black Swan. Leo. J. P. Hale, Fair Play.
BRIG.—Gladiator.

Ice is a good "institution." It is cap-

ital to skate on. It is first rate in sherry cobblers. It is not bad to use in the manufac ture of ice cream. It is said to be good to allay thirst, especially if mixed with a little Brandy and water: and we have heard it said by physicians that it can be used with effect upon the craniums of hot-headed and feverish minded politicians. Notwithstanding this we assert our firm conviction that, take it all in all, the good with the bad, it is opposed to morals. and an enemy to pure and undefiled religion. And why? Simply because it has the power to make one rip out the hardest, longest, and most earnest oath that ever rolled from the ton-gue of man. We noticed a case in point the other morning. A gentleman was about crossing one of our streets, which one it is not material, when his feet, encased in something less than an sere of shoe leather, slipped upon the ice that covers the whole of that locality, and down he came, squat! a posteriori. We stopped, as if rooted to the earth, and gazed on the unfortunate son of Adam. His cycballs blazed, his ruddy cheeks grew white with anger, and his outstretched hands seemed to be feeling for straws, or something else to grasp, that he might raise himself, and then he opened his mouth and spake -no! he hissed it out -one of the biggest, squarest, deepest, tallest, widest, heaviest, ten-ton oaths that ever fell from the lips of a human being. Our hair stands on end whenever we think of it, and it is no wonder that we fied in dismay We flatter ourself that we could stand an earthquake pretty well, provided it is a young one, but Heaven deliver us from hearing another such "swear" as we heard that day-all owing to a few feet of ice. In view of this fact, we think our case is conclusive; ice is opposed to morals and conducive to "profane swearing."

PATERTIC. -- Our readers will recollect the report, among a thousand others equally ridiculous, that were floating about the country with regard to the execution of Old John Brown, that the prisoner stepped out of his way while going to the gallows for execution and kussed a little niggar baby in its mother's arms Well. Whittier, the half crazy poet-laureate to the "Republican" party, heard of it, so he straightway proceeds to "immortalize" the act in verse, which he contributes to the New York Independent. The verses are in imitation of the "Execution of Montrose," and are a ludicrous parody upon Aytonris stirring lines The following is an extract, which, for blubbering pathos, is enough to draw tears from the most cynical

"John Brown of Ossawatomic They led him out to die . And lo !-- a poor slave-mother With her little child pressed nigh Then the bold, blue eye grew tender, And the old, har ifac w mild, As he stooned between the ring ranks And kissed the negro ch

"Should the Reading Convention managed by the Federal officers in Philadel-phia and Pittsburgh—by expectant candidates for assistant marshals to take the census—b superserviceable postmasters, and by appli cants for valuable contracts in the last hours of the General Administration, it will be the signal far such a revolt in the Democratic party as has never been witnessed in the State

That is tall bragging for a man that, outside the Republican organization, has nt got a score the aution of the Reading Convention will consist of John W. Forney, Col. Forney, Chevaller

We see by the Gazette that "Conductor " CASEMENT, of the Sunbury and Eric Construction train, some times called Lieut General Casement, some times Judge Casement, but more frequently Jack Casement, "caned" Mai. JAMES WORBALL, Chief Engineer of that road. in Harris' asloon on Monday night. The instrument with which the assault was made, was manufactured from the wood of the flag ship Lawrence, handsomely mounted with gold, and enscribed "to JAMEL WORRALL, Chief Engineer, from the Enginee. Corps of the Westorn Division Sunbury & Erie Railrond, Erie, 1859;" and on the aides, "Perry a Victory, Sept. 10, 1813; wood from the Flag Ship Law rence." At the moment the assault took place, the following ourt and pointed dialogue en sued between the beligerents . "Lieut. Gen. Ocoment-"Mr. Worrall that

Maj. WORRALL - "Lieut. General, is that th cane ?

The beligerents were then separated by Corporal Harris pouring five bottles of Champaigne, three gallons of Pittsburg ale, and one hund red and seventy-five mugs of lager down their throats, together with the necessary bivalveto mix the fluids. Record it '

GRAPE CULTURE .-- An "inexperienced ' correspondent of the Fredonia Adverture, asks the following ten questions, and requests answers from those who are "posted. We have in Erie County some of the finest vineyards, and as intelligent vine-growers as can be found in the country; and we should be glad to give the Chautauqua fellows the desired information. Who sends us the answers

lst Is it a good investment What soil is best

8d. The preparation of the soil 4th. What varieties are best to cultivate " oth. Which is the hest, the trellis or stake

6th. Pruning, on the spur evetem 7th. The expense per acre of setting qui

Grapes : 8th. The cost of treilis, wire or stakes which 9th. Which is best to set out, cuttings or on-10th Will the Grape growing be over

The public should be on their guard against all kinds of impositions likely to be practiced by traveling institution. When men or women want goods they had better go to a

regular established store or trading place and get good articles, than pay large prices for damaged articles at some one-horse traveling institution. If you want a good pair of pants, or any other clothing, go to some well established house and you will not be cheated If you want boots and shoes, do the same thing. If you want Watches, Jewelry, or any other goods, be sure and find a house that is a permanent institution, and you can do this by referring to our advertising column-

The Buffalo Commercial, in an article reviewing the Barley trade of the past season, remarks that "the demand for Barley will b very much increased during the present season for malting, owing to the near approach of the Presidential Election. We apprehend the Commercial man is mistaken in his speculation These "good old times, when were glass lager" done more for the "preservation of the Union" than all other agencies has be used passed away; that ancient blarney of "sweet German accent" is about "played out, and yields in potency to "tangle-foot whiskey, which is found to be surchard ism, and does more voting than twice the quantity of lager Six transit alors Dore !

THE VENANGO OIL WELLS. - The Venange Spectator, says the Company at that place has succeeded in striking oil at the depth of 209 feet. Boring has been continued since and several more veins have been opened. It is now thought the yield will be equal to expectation. This settles the mooted question of the existence of oil in that vicinity and along the valleys of Frenchcreek and the Allegheny. The well of Messry, Caldwell & Co., near the mouth of High street, is regarded as a paying institution already, although but 100 feet in depth. Prospecting in the valleys of Big and East Sandy is going on briskly The Wells on Oil creek continue as productive as ever

The Armstrong Democrat mentions as a singular circumstance, that a gentleman of that county while out sleighing, discovered a garter anake crawling on the snow We admit the "circumstance" was rather "singular, if it is related correctly -but we are inclined to think the relator used just one world too much- hat of "snake. Leave that off and the story probable, because in our younger days we recollect to have seen several "garters in the snow, but there were always, legs in them

A daring burglary was committed a few days since in Troy, New York : the lodge room of the Sons of Malta of that place was entered, and among the articles stolen were 27 pitchforks, 8 grindstones, 7 pistols, 39 muskets. cavalry swords. 30 corn cobs, a bag of cats, one small brass cannon, and one family Bible A reward of \$50 has been offered for the apprehension of the burglars, and \$500 for the recovery of the property

An exchange says that a few nights since some thieves entered a female Seminary at Wheeling, Va . administered chloroform to the pupils, and then deliberately carried off all their jewels, money and apparel, not forgetting to kiss all the pretty girls as they lay reposing in bewitching beauty. We hope no such mihap will befull any of our school girls

The New York corresponded of the Philadelphia Ledger under date of Jan 20 says: Helper, the reputed author of the impending Crisis Book, it may be worth while to say, has not derived any pecuniary benefit from the extraordinary sale of the work, the profit thus fa having enured to the benefit of the publisher But he informed a friend of mine this morning, that the Executive Committee charged with dissem inuling the work, on behalf of the Reput bean po ty, are to have a meeting this evening with a view to securing him a share of the proceeds So, sa; the Republican party does endorse the Helper infamy, after all

A Legislative prayer meeting was inaugurated in Harrisburg on Wednesday Some twenty or thirty members of both Houses were in attendance. The exercises, says the I degraph, were conducted by Hon Win M Francis, Speaker of the Senate, who delivered an appropriate opening address Similar meet ings will be held daily in the same place north committee room of the Capitol building; commencing at half past eight a clock in the morning

Pending the discussion of a bill grant ing a divorce in the Nebraska Legislature, one of the members related an incident of therp practice of a couple resident in that Territory They applied to the Legislature and obtained a divorce, and immediately the man and wife pre-empted one hundred and sixty acres of lands a piece, and having proved their title thereto, were married again the next day, after securing one hundred and sixty acres of land by the operation . Sharp practice, that

PERHAPS. We see a statement that of George W Brown Editor of the Herald of Freedom, and former , ville, has sued for a liverce shape adultery and brutal treatment enabled ocal episties from Brown - to Alecter at have fallen into Mr. Brown . bank caused her to take the step she has being on. This may be true and may had has many enemies since he has falling the "Saintahip of that othe Brown be glad to injure him at the extense

We notice that Marriagh . tog Co., have been Dressing and R. Peathers for several days part a Bailey's new patent Steam I cacher near the Keystone Hotel in this i work is performed on an entirely 1 design ory from that of any similar machine introduced to the public and recommended by several of the lead have tested the great improvement water to feathers which have been spetter | 100 this truly valuable invention for the are made much livelier and light a forever freed from moths or wire.

stroy somany feathers, be-pleasening a. ly cleansed and purified Processes ner Bed ; a liberal reduction h water when several beds are dressed to or when the beds are delivered to he of Dressing We advise our trients Office near the Keystone

A VERT COMMON CASE -Mr & d na nicks writes as follows My wife in a very weakly state for severa, years latterly so troubled with Weakness and tens twitching and jerking of the limbs, estern at night, that she was very miverar . get very little sleep, and that little so 1. and uneasy that she would rise in the z z quite unfreshed, and more nervilla 11 comfortable than when she retired tried Physicians and various kinds 'se cines without any real benefit, and were discouraged about her case By the aira a friend, some three months or so ago being Erie, I called on Messrs. Carter & B related my wife's condition, took one their Female Restorative and two boxes : Pills, and the use of these two med net done more for her than all else the the taken for the past two years. She rea yee like another person and enjoys lite a she has done for a long time before person is anxious to know the partie this case they can obtain it by can be to wife. Our residence is at BEREA to Jan 25, 1860

MARRIAGES.

On the evening of the 24th January Rev Edward F. Barkley, rector at Episcopal Church, St. Louis, Mr. W. ashier of Bank of Commerce L. Miss ANNIE HODKINSON, of a In Edinbaro on the 26th ult . 13 E : 2 Rogers, Mr. HOWER E POWELL State na, Portage Co . Ohio to Miss I VI R

DEATHS.

In this city, on Sunday evering and esidence of her son, B F. Sloan he at of the Observer, after a lingering at a In this city, on the 24th are Evely ELIZA, daughter of Gustavas at a les, recki, aged 21 months and line. In Greene, on the 25th alt. Me. RINE DROWN wife of the De a tear-

In Cherry Creek N. Y. Jan. 40 SMITH son of Philip M. Son hosged . On the 26th of January at Pages county EDWARD D intant . . Lydia L. Hathaway aged 2 weeks On the other! December

GEO, W. DRURY (got really On the 22d of January on Sponghe ! JANE DRIGHT nged or years

To-Day's Advertisements Treasurer Erie Cemetery in Account 1860. DR.

1859. CR.

Aug 23. By Cash paid office expenses Goodrich, Bil. Brick Laborers to date. S Low, "up! Cash in Lands Freasure.

We the undersigned, a Committee appeared as the account of L. Dobbins, Treasurer of the kind offer Company, do certify that we have examined for sereguing account, and had the same corre Erre, Jan 1d, 1300

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