THE OBSERVER.

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☞ We are indebted to HARRIS, of the St. [illegible] Hall, for a basket of Peaches and [illegible]

☞ The loss to the County resulting from [illegible] the Poor House, is estimated at [illegible]

☞ We saw this (Friday) morning of an [illegible] Erie and Cleveland road last [illegible] going west, near Fairview. [illegible] particulars

☞ The Franklin Pierce Rifle Company [illegible] on Monday evening, and [illegible] appearance for their numbers [illegible] were accompanied by Mehl's Brass Band

☞ The [illegible] on the Warren section [illegible] are to put up the bridge [illegible] at that place forthwith It is [illegible] and some of the timbers on the [illegible] The balance of the structure is on the [illegible] says the Warren *Mail*

☞ Orders have been received from the Secretary of the Navy, to put the U S. Steamer [illegible] into service as soon as the repairs [illegible] now in progress shall have been completed It is thought the vessel can be got [illegible] by the tenth of August

☞ The Erie Annual Conference of the M E Church assembled in this city on Wednesday Bishop JANES presiding About two [illegible] ministers are present Among the [illegible] we notice Rev Dr. CALVIN KINGSLEY, editor of the *Western Christian Advocate* and Rev Drs DURBIN and CARLTON

☞ Mr J W REYNOLDS, formerly an engineer on the Western Division of the Sunbury & Erie Rail Road, has been appointed by Supt. BLACK, Freight and Ticket Agent at this point. Mr R has a reputation for industry and energy, and his selection for this position will undoubtedly prove of a advantage to the company

☞ The *Republican* Westfield, complains that the Poor Master, of Erie, Pa, shipped a poor woman with two small children to that village the other day, by cars, to get rid of them and adds that such cases often occur We do not know anything about the facts of the case but presume the *Republican* has only a part of the story

☞ The members composing the Erie Base Ball Club have met for exercise several times on their grounds corner of Sixth and Parade streets, and are rapidly improving in the practice of their game We expect that next Summer should the organization hold as at present the Erie boys will be able to make a show with any of the crack clubs of our neighboring cities So look out for your laurels ye Lake Oaks and Niagaras!

☞ A Philadelphia paper says that Dan [illegible] whom so much has been said and written has recently been fascinating in Girard [illegible] The young ladies of the Presbyterian church got up a fair and appended to it a raffle for a collection Dan handed over [illegible] for purchasing a library for the Church [illegible] If this story is true it is we [illegible] that the religious folks will not [illegible] people civilize barbarians

☞ We learn from the *Gazette* that [illegible] the new Pennsylvania Agricultural Society a building suitable [illegible] desired for the Annual Exhibition It is to cost about $2,000 and to be [illegible] under the supervision of that accomplished architect JOHN HILL A draft of it may be seen at his office on Sixth street It is hoped the citizens generally will subscribe to the fund designed to cover the expense

☞ The Schooner IRVING, Capt S Sannan, [illegible] by Marshall & Walker of this port sailed for Buffalo on Sunday heavily loaded with coal and pig iron She has not arrived at Buffalo nor been heard from. We hear said her provision box has since been picked off Dunkirk Whether it is so or not she is undoubtedly foundered on Saturday night, and the boat I have perished Capt A leaves a wife and family in this city, and we believe a crew is the case with some of the crew.

☞ CHARLES ROGERS, son of Mr JOHN ROGERS of this City, was fatally injured at the Lake Shore Depot last Friday evening by being accidentally struck on the forehead with a heavy dumb bell which slipped from the hand of a man while exercising with it in the usual way His skull was crushed, so as to instantly render him unconscious and cause his death in a few hours. He was an active slightly and promising lad, and the affliction has fallen upon his doting parents with a heavy blow! —*Gazette*

☞ The Census Marshals are now taking the census of the city They sometimes rake up strange facts in people's ages One of these inquisitive gentlemen called at a house in the East ward this week, and on enquiring the age of the lady of the mansion was informed she was *twenty-seven* And how old is this young lady who I presume is your daughter said the inquisitive man with the big book "O, yes 'she's my oldest daughter, and she's *fifty*' Census man 'recorded it,' and went away fully satisfied that there are people who commence their maternal duties at a very early period in life!

☞ The Concert on Monday evening, by Miss CELESTIA OLIVIA, assisted by Miss CELESTIA, was a *perfect success* Farrar Hall was filled and judging from the frequent demonstrations of applause from the large audience all were delighted with the entertainment Miss JUVENALIA's voice is possessed of the rare qualities of evenness and clearness, and its highest pitch Miss CELESTIA has but few superiors as a contralto Both ladies have won in our city many warm friends, and with us who have listened to them a high appreciation of their musical talents

☞ "Mons SOLOMON the rope walker, who was announced for a tight rope performance on Wednesday afternoon, was on hand but went at tough his part of the programme to the entire satisfaction of the assembled crowd assembled in the city The cable was stretched from Rosenweig's Block corner of State street and the Park to the store of Messrs ROGERS & DAVENPORT a distance of about two hundred feet The passage was effected in about two minutes The return trip Mons S halted when near the middle of the rope and after securing a balancing pole, proceeded to perform some difficult feats such as hanging suspended by the feet, lying his full length upon the cable without side support, &c Altogether it was as dangerous and exciting a performance as we care to witness At 7 30 P M the crowd dispersed "Monsieur repeated his mid air performance, with the addition of various antics not on the bills

☞ WOOD WANTED, at this office, immediately, on subscription to the Observer.

RELIGIOUS NOTICE.—Rev. Wm. Taylor, the California Street Preacher, will Lecture this (Friday) evening at 8 o'clock. Admission 25 cts. The proceeds will be applied by the managers of the Dime Society to the furnishing of the new M E Church. *Subject*—CALIFORNIA AS A HOME

APPOINTMENTS by the Erie Annual Conference for preaching to-morrow (Sunday:)

Erie—First M. E. Church, Seventh Street—11 o'clock A. M., Bishop JANES; 8 P. M., Wm. Taylor. Simpson M E. Church—11 A. M., Dr C. Kingsly; 2½ P M., Dr. Carlton; 8 P. M., G. B. Hawkins. First Presbyterian Church—11 A. M., Dr. Harris; 8 P. M., N. Norton. Park Church—11 A. M., Dr. Durbie; 8 P. M, J. Tribby. Universalist Church—11 A. M., E. A. Johnson; 8 P. M., Moses Hill. Preaching in the East Park 5 P. M., by D. C. Wright.

Sunday School children will meet at the First M. E. Church Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock Several addresses will be delivered.

Missionary Anniversary, will be held at 8 o'clock Saturday evening at First M. E. Curch. Addresses will be delivered by Dr. Durbin, and Dr Harris

Love feast at 9 o'clock at the First M. E. Church Sunday morning

Westfield—W F. Wilson

Warren, Pa.—11 o'clock A. M., E J L Baker: 8 o'clock P. M., A. C. Tibbetts

Girard—10½ A. M., R. A. Caruthers. 2½ P M., N. G. Luke 8 P M, John Abbot

Fairplains—2½ P M., J. Leslie. Asbury Chapel, 10½ A. M., J. Whitely

North East—10½ A M, J. E Chapin 5 P M., H. D Fisher

Waterford—W P Bignall, T Graham, J M Green.

Harborcreek—T. B. Tait.

Quincy, N Y.—O S Mead

Wesleyville—C R Pattee.

☞ The Conneaut *Reporter* records a sad accident on the Cleveland and Erie road on the night of the 4th. It says on that night the engineer on the freight train going east, on his arrival at that station, discovered evidences that this train had passed over the body of some person, and that a man's foot was hanging to the cow catcher Men were immediate dispatched west in search and near the crossing, three miles east of Kingsville, the remains of a human body was found terribly mutilated, which were afterwards identified as those of James O Hinkle, son of J D C Hinkle, and resides about a mile East of where the accident occurred Young Hinkle had been to Geneva on Wednesday to spend the Fourth, and on his return home got off the Accommodation train at Kingsville station A young man who accompanied him says, that after tarrying an hour or so in the vicinity of the Railroad station, the two started together down the track; the boy arriving first at his home, after a walk of a mile and a half when he bid Hinkle good night. Hinkle remarking that he was sleepy, but thought he could walk in the centre of the track without difficulty About a mile and a half from where Hinkle and the boy separated, are the first traces of the accident, and it is quite clear that, having been up the night previous, he sat down on the cattle guard to rest, with his feet hanging over the excavation, and there went to sleep The freight train west passed that point about half past ten o'clock and must have struck him while in a sitting position, carrying the body several rods west, where it was passed by the night Express and where the freight train afterwards came in contact with the body

FEARFUL TORNADO —Titusville, famous as the centre of the oil excitement, was visited by a very destructive tornado on the evening of the 4th It commenced at about 7 P. M., and laid waste everything in its course The loss of property is estimated at $10,000 Thirty buildings were damaged to a greater or less extent trees were torn up and carried long distances, and scarce a sign remains of the outbuildings and fences which were in the direction of the tempest Several had arms and ribs broken, besides being otherwise bruised. two or three received internal injuries All it is hoped will recover Those who were caught in the tempest were violently seized and hurled about in various directions—some against buildings, trees and fences, and many were tossed from place to place until quite senseless Some were injured by tree-tops, boards, roofs of houses, and pieces of timber which flew in all directions. Several buildings were lifted from their foundations and carried a considerable distance The greater number of the damaged buildings were unroofed, among which was the dwelling of Mr George Brewer a nice two-story house, elegantly furnished, which now lies a mass of ruins One horse was killed, and one had a leg broken The tornado passed through the village in a southeasterly direction, and seemed to spend its fury in a timber lot near the Barnsdale oil well The rush of people to and fro beggars description

PITTSBURGH AND ERIE ROAD —We take pleasure in noting the increase of freight and travel over this route The American Express Co, have transferred the Meadville route, via Edenboro, to this road, and are sending goods via the new route to Conneautville, and thence by wagon to Meadville With such men as Jesse Peck for conductor, and Mr Cornwall for engineer, the traveling public will always be satisfied, for two more obliging and careful men were never in charge of a train. The increase of business is not rapid but perceptible, and sufficient to authorize the utmost effort to prosecute the route through to Pittsburgh —Passengers now leaving here at noon may reach Pittsburgh next morning by this route This is done by meeting packets at Sharon in the evening, and Capt. Duffy & Co, will land passengers, after a good night's rest on packet, at New Brighton, connecting with the train run expressly for that connection by the P Ft W & C R Co, and thus arrive at Pittsburg at 8, 30 A M —*Girard Republican*

RAILROADS ALMOST ANNIHILATING SPACE — A traveler by rail, between New York City and New Orleans, writes that he took breakfast at Rochester, N. Y., dinner at Erie, Penn, and supper at Cleveland, Ohio; then breakfast the next morning at Seymour, Ind, dinner at Olney, Ill, and breakfast the next morning at Columbus, Ky, being only one meal in each of those large States as he swept through them—having left Chambers street at five P. M one day, and arrived in Cleveland at twenty minutes past five P M. on the next; making the whole distance traveled, six hundred and forty-one miles, in twenty-four hours and twenty minutes, and passing through the States of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky

LAST YEAR'S FROSTS —The Meadville *Republican* referring to the effects of the June frosts of last year upon Crawford County, gives the following importations of flour and wheat, as a consequence, in the months of May and June alone

	Bbls Flour.	Bushels Wheat
May	1,175	3,727.
June	1,562	4,159.

The writer calculates that county has paid over $100,000 during the year, for flour alone as the actual result of the frosts

☞ Mehl's Band discoursed sweet music to the good people of Conneautville on the 4th, and from the "puffs" in the papers we are inclined to think they were well received, and the people satisfied At least we so "record it."

☞ A military Court of Inquiry, convened by order of Adj. Gen. Wilson, to inquire into the facts of the contested Brigadier Generalship of the 20th Division of the Pennsylvania volunteers, met at the Armory of the Wayne Guards, in this city, on Tuesday. The Court was composed of Maj. Gen. Wm. H. Keim, 5th Div. P. V., Maj. Gen. George Hay, 4th Div. P. V., and Col. L. S. Cantwell, 1st Reg. 2d Brig. 18th Div. P. V. The contestants were Gen. J. K. St Clair, of Crawford, who had received and held the commission of Maj. General of the division; and Gen. M. Schlaudaker, of this city, who contested his right to the commission. Benj. Grant, Esq., appeared for Gen. St. Clair; and J. Ross Thompson, Esq., for Gen. Schlaudaker. The following is the decision in the case:

"Having maturely considered the evidence, the Board of Officers decided that a number of the votes cast was illegal, and therefore rejected, and that from the testimony Mathias Schlaudaker received the highest number of the lawful votes polled; and was duly elected Major General of the 20th Division P. V. and that J. R. St Clair is not entitled to his commission."

A MODEL DUN.—Is not this the most delicately done dun that ever was done? It is a circular to delinquent subscribers from our cotemporaries of the New York *Home Journal*, and is certainly a model in its way.

HOME JOURNAL OFFICE, 107 Fulton-st,
New York, ——, 1860

Dear Sir. In the hurry of your engagements you have doubtless overlooked and forgotten, as a small trifle, the small sum of a year's indebtedness to the *home Journal*; but as the rivers are kept running by the drops of falling dew, so it is necessary to our continuance that the falling dew should come punctually to the fountain head By dropping your dew into the post office, for us, you will oblige.

Yours, with respect,
MORRIS & WILLIS

Will such of our readers who have received the *Observer* a year, and have failed to remember the small trifle they owe us, take this modest dun to themselves, and drop the dew into the Post office Uncle Sam's mail will bring it to us safe

CAUTION TO OWNERS OF CATTLE —The Pennsylvania Railroad Company of late have been very much annoyed by cattle and other live stock running upon the tracks, and the General Superintendent has issued a notice calling the attention of parties owning live stock to the following extracts from an opinion given by Chief Justice Gibson, in the case of the Railroad Company vs Skinner, 7 Harris, page 298

1 An owner of cattle suffered to get at large, and which are killed or injured on a railway, has no recourse to the Company or its servants; on the contrary he may be liable for the damage done by them to the Company or its Passengers

2 A Railway company is a purchaser in consideration of public accommodation and convenience, of the exclusive possession of the ground paid for to the proprietors of it, and of a license to use the greatest attainable rate of speed, with which neither the person nor property of another may interfere No needless damage, however, must be done

3 The question as to whether the owner of the animal killed knew of his jeopardy, was not a material inquiry in the case

☞ A new Comet is now visible in the north western part of the heavens, a few degrees above the horizon Through an inverted telescope it resembles a red-heated ball gently reposing on the apex of a perpendicular and copious jet fountain of white light The train is broad, and displays a dark stripe like the axis of a cylindrical cone, with slender streamers like the long tail feathers of the lyre bird About nine o'clock, or a little before, it may be seen in a clear evening, considerably higher and much more northerly than the planets Jupiter and Venus It seems to be very busily engaged in attending to its own business and generating its own pyrotechnic splendor

☞ The *Farmer and Gardener* comes to hand this month in an entire new dress It is neat in appearance and certainly a great improvement on the old style It contains 64 pages of matter indispensable to every Farmer and Gardener in the Country and ought to receive a large circulation from all engaged in agricultural pursuits One dollar per annum is the price of subscription to this deserving magazine

☞ We call attention to the advertisement of Plantation Toddy in to-day's paper I C Burnham & Co are Wholesale agents in this city