

THE OBSERVER

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Every day we hear valiant Republicans—men who sympathized with John Brown—curse the President and denounce the message. Their ground of complaint is, that while Mr. BUCHANAN does not believe in the right of a seceder to pleasure, he doubts the constitutional power of the Government as well as the wisdom of the policy of using force to prevent her.

Has the Constitution delegated to Congress the power to coerce a State into submission, which is attempting to withdraw its troops, and to actually withdraw from the Union? It is a question which has been asked by the President's friends, and which has been answered by the President's enemies.

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General News.

The Free Lovers of Berlin Heights, Ohio, are selling out at that locality and removing to Lake County, Indiana.

The number of deaths from diphtheria in the United States, during the past year, is said to be no less than 10,000.

The case of the wife of Mr. Mary Ann Jones, late of Dinwiddie Co., Va., in which \$30,000 worth of slaves were set free, was decided last week at Petersburg in favor of the slaves.

The Kentucky Banks have refused to suspend specie payments, notwithstanding the call made upon them by the tradesmen to do so.

The Rochester Press says, there are one hundred and ninety-nine candidates for the Rochester Post Office, and that one of the editors of the Express thinks "going in" just to make up the even two hundred.

There was a good deal of excitement in Baltimore, on Tuesday, growing out of a rumor that the New York Tribune office had been mobbed, and Greely killed in the consequent row.

The Great Salt Lake lies at an elevation of 4,200 feet above the level of the sea, and is 20 miles long.

Some of the friends of Mr. Lincoln expressed the belief that as soon as he is inaugurated he will call an extra session of Congress, and send to get a final bill through, and coerce the South into submission.

The Union meeting held in that city on Tuesday evening, was the largest gathering of the people ever witnessed there.

A country couple, newly married, stopped at the Gibson House in Cincinnati a few days ago, and the groom called for some wine when asked what kind he would have.

A clerk in a store in Providence, R. I., was recently detected in a system of peculation from the till of his employer.

A man in Newark, N. J., was cleaning a gun, and blew into the barrel to see if it was loaded, the nipple being near a lighted candle at the head.

At a wedding near Springfield, when the clergyman stretched forth his hand to impart the blessing, the bridegroom, thinking it was the signal for him to surrender the wedding fee, which was burning in his pocket, clapped two half dollars in the minister's hand just as he was closing his eyes in prayer.

A terrible accident, with awful consequences, occurred in Adams county, Indiana, a few days ago.

At St. Louis, on Saturday week before last, T. St. Clair Potter shot Arthur Goodwin twice in the chest.

The citizens of Philadelphia, to the number of nearly ten thousand, assembled on Thursday in Independence square for the purpose of testifying their unalterable affection for the Union of these States.

Let us, then, with deep contrition and penitence, unite in humbling ourselves before the Most High, in confessing our individual and national sins, and in acknowledging the justice of our punishment.

WASHINGTON, December 14, 1860.

Local Items.

A freight train on the Erie and Cleveland road broke down near Girard, on Thursday night, causing several hours delay in the arrival of the night express.

We have neglected to call attention to the medical advertisement of Dr. BUNNOR, which has appeared in the Observer two or three weeks.

There can be no more acceptable Christmas or New Year gift, for a gentleman to present to a lady, than a Sewing Machine.

The Paris correspondent of the Boston Traveller, writes of a billiard table invented there, which may be used for a dinner table, a chest of drawers, a bed, a bathing tub, and a stove.

A painful and serious accident occurred at Old Pump Factory in this city on Thursday afternoon.

The Gazette says Mr. Buchanan occupies the same position on the question of secession that the great Stobbins did on the "Maine law."

The Gazette is down on "pneumonic influenza" on the table on New Year's day. The morals of the Gazette is evidently improving.

In Court last week, on motion of Wm. A. GARRATT, Esq., Mr. STRAW VINCENY, of this city, was admitted to practice in the several courts of the county.

The Connell Reporter has been shown a specimen of oil refined in that place from the crude Tidouite product.

The good feeling of last night is disappointed by authentic information that Judge Douglas, on Tuesday night, will deliver a speech taking strong ground in favor of coercion.

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MARRIAGES.

In Springfield, on the 16th ult. by Rev. H. W. W. JESSE EVERETT, Miss L. R. A. E. W. M. RATHBON, of West Springfield, to Miss A. JOHNSON, of Dover.

On Tuesday evening the 11th inst. by Rev. Amrose Dunn, Mr. JOSEPH MELICK and HARRIET A. OLIVER, all of McKean.

DEATHS.

On the 1st inst. of Consumption after a lingering illness, JUSTUS, in his 20th year, son of Theodore Hyman, Esq. of Grant.

To-Day's Advertisements.

LAW NOTICE. I HAVE this day associated with me the firm name of LANE & VINCENT, in the practice of law, at the office of the late J. W. LANE, at No. 100 N. 2nd St. Wm. S. LANE.

NOTICE.

THE Annual Meeting of the Corporation of the Erie County will be held at the Court House in Erie, on the 22nd inst. at 10 o'clock A. M. The business of the meeting will be to elect officers for the ensuing year.

HOLIDAY GOODS.

ANTHONY'S Jewelry and Variety Store, offers annual attractions in choice, elegant and adapted to the season.

BILLIARD & EATING SALOON.

FUEZ'S HALL. HAVING purchased the saloon at the corner of 10th and Erie streets, I have fitted up the same with the most complete billiard and eating saloon.

New Military and Dress Making.

EVERY description of MILLINERY and FANCY DRESS MAKING, done in the most elegant and fashionable style.

Assignee's Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Assignee of the Erie County Bank, J. W. LANE, has taken possession of the same.

AGENTS WANTED.

A BOOK. The Erie County Almanac, for 1861, is now ready for sale.

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