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ERIE PRODUCE MARKETS.

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ERIE, Jan. 1, 1864.

Potatoes	50	Eggs	22
Turnips	40	Cheese	22
Onions	1 50	Lard	12
Beans	2 00	Dried Peaches	25
Dried Apples	25	" Plums	15
Green "	75	" Rasp berries	15
Butter	22	" Black berries	14½

The Night After Christmas.

'Twas the night after Christmas, when all through the house
Every soul was in bed, and as still as a mouse;
The stockings, so lately St. Nicholas' care,
Were emptied of all that was eatable there.
The darlings had duly been tucked in their beds,
With very full stomachs and pain in their heads;
I was dozing away, in my new cotton cap,
And Nancy was rather far gone in a nap,
When out in the nursery arose such a clatter,
I sprang from my sleep, crying "What is the matter?"
I flew to each bedside, still half in a doze,
Tore open the curtains, and threw off the clothes,
While the light of the taper served clearly to show
The piteous plight of those objects below.
For what to the fond father's eyes should appear
But the little pale face of each sick little dear,
For each pet that had crammed itself full as a tick
I knew in a moment now felt like old Nick.
Their pulses were rapid, their breathings the same,
That their stomachs rejected I'll mention by name:
Low turkey, now stuffing, plum pudding of course,
And custards, and crullers, and cranberry sauce,
Before outraged nature, all went to the wall;
Jes—lollypops, flapdoodle, dinner and all;
Like pellets, that urchins from pop-guns let fly,
Went figs, nuts and raisins, jams, jelly and pie,
Till each error of diet was brought to my view—
To the shame of Mamma and of Santa Claus too.
Scarcely turned from the sight, to my bedroom a step I took,
And brought out a vial marked "Pulv. Ipecac,"
Then my Nancy exclaimed, for their sufferings shocked her,
"Don't you think you had better, love, run for the Doctor?"
Gone—and was scarcely back under my roof
When I heard the sharp clatter of old Jalap's hoof,
Might say that I had hardly turned myself round,
When the Doctor came into the room with a bound.
He was covered with mud from his head to his feet,
And the suit he had on was his very worst suit;
He had hardly had time to put that on his back,
And he looked like a Falstaff half fuddled with sack,
His eyes how they twinkled! Had the Dr. ointment?
His cheeks looked like port, and his breath smelt of sherry;
He hadn't been shaved for a fortnight or so,
And the beard on his chin wasn't whi'e as the snow;
Inspecting their tongues, in despite of their teeth,
Drawing his watch from his waistcoat beneath,
Felt of each pulse, saying "each little belly
Will get rid"—here he laughed—"of the rest of the jelly."
Looked at each chubby, plump, sick, little boy,
Groaning when he said so, in spite of myself—
Gave a wink of his eye when he physicked our Fred,
Gave me to know I had nothing to dread;
Didn't prescribe, but went straightway to work
Dose! all the rest—gave his trousers a jerk,
Nodding directions while blowing his nose,
Buttoned his coat, from his chair he arose,
Then jumped in his gig, gave old Jalap a whistle,
Jalap dashed off as if pricked with a thistle;
The Doctor exclaimed, ere he drove out of sight,
"They'll be well by to-morrow; good night, Jones, good night!"

CITY BOUNTY.—The city Councils, on motion of Mr. Young, on Monday evening, adopted a resolution appropriating the sum $6,250 for extra bounties—making $50 to each person of the 125 required as the quota of the city. The measure passed the Common Council unanimously, and only one dissenting vote, that of Mr. Dunlap, was cast against it in the Select Council.

CHURCH FESTIVAL.—A delightful Sabbath School Festival was held in Rev. Mr. Pressler's church, on Christmas evening. Each member of the school and Bible class was presented with an appropriate gift, after which a beautiful silver cup was presented to the Superintendent, M. R. Barr, Esq., by the Sabbath School—Mr. David Kennedy, oldest member, acting as spokesman. Then followed the "grab bag," the "post office," and other pleasant features, all in attendance seeming to enjoy the fun heartily. Speeches were made by Prof. Jones and Capt. Graham, and at their close the company sat down to a sumptuous supper prepared by the ladies of the church. Many persons connected with other congregations were present, and every one we have met speaks of the Festival as a highly pleasant and successful affair.

WAR MEETINGS.—The meeting called for Friday evening, at Gensheimer's Hall, to consider the best means for filling up the quota of the city, was poorly attended, and those who were present, thinking that a larger meeting could be obtained on Monday evening, adjourned to that date.

The second meeting was no better attended however, than the first one, and its failure is well calculated to discourage those who have been laboring to avoid the necessity of a draft.

There is a strange apathy on this subject which is hard to account for. Even the men of the city, who are most interested, take no active part in the matter, and if the quota is not filled by volunteering it will be mainly their own fault. One-half the energy on the part of those liable to draft, which has been shown in Buffalo, Union, Waterford and other places, would not only have raised the quota required on this call, but given us a credit on those that will follow. We fear the subject has been delayed too long now, to be successful, but if the young men of the city will put their shoulders to the wheel, appoint their working committees, and go at the work as if they really *meant something*, there may yet be a chance of furnishing the number required by volunteering.

The meeting on Monday evening, after some discussion, resolved that another should be held for Wednesday evening, and selected the following committee to make the arrangements: J. Van McCollum, Clark Ewing, J. Kuhn. The following additional committees were appointed: Committee to aid the City Commissioners in raising the bounty—Prescott Metcalf, Judge Marvin, Jno. Sheimer. Committee to collect subscriptions for giving an extra city bounty: G. W. Tamp, S. A. Davenport, S. S. Spencer. The City Councils having voted to pay an additional bounty of $50, we presume the services of the latter committee will be dispensed with.

The lights in the two Light Houses at this point were discontinued for the season on the 19th of December.

POLITICAL PREACHING.—The Democrat against political preaching. Hear Dr. Olds and other Republican Democrats in Ohio. That religion which teaches fealty to constituted governments and denounces treason, finds no favor with such as they. The world will continue to have uncomfortable Christians that will pray for the President, and pay their taxes, that war may not be made on our institutions, and that our country may be saved from the ruin that must follow a dissolution of the Union. That a minister has a right to belong to what party he pleases, no man of good sense will deny for a moment. That he has the privilege of voting what ticket he pleases, is no less indisputable. That he has the right to carry these opinions into the sacred sanctuary of the church, and there, in the sacred religion, endeavor to instil them into the minds of an audience gathered for a nobler and more important purpose, we deny, in the name of all that is left us worth clinging to, out of the mists of the past, and the sorrows of the present.

ROBBERY.—On Friday last, the book store of Mr. Oliver Spafford was entered by means of false keys, and the sum of $220 in bank notes stolen therefrom. Circumstances caused suspicion to light on a young man named William Davis, a painter by trade, who had been spending money very freely for several days, and on Tuesday he was arrested by Policemen Warren and McIntyre. An examination was held before a justice, and a Crawford County bill in his possession identified by Mr. Spafford and his nephew as part of the amount stolen. Davis had in his possession $133 dollars, which was taken charge of by the proper authorities, and then in default of bail, he was sentenced to commitment to prison. He asked permission to go to the house of his late employer, Mr. Sherwood, for the purpose of obtaining some clothes, which was granted him by the police, who accompanied him there. They allowed him to go up stairs in the house alone, and after waiting sufficient time for his return, they went to ascertain his whereabouts, and found "the bird had flown," having, through means of escape, it is supposed, by a back window. Vigilant efforts will be made to have him re-arrested.

LIBERAL BOUNTIES.—Certainly if liberal bounties will promote volunteering, we should have no difficulty in filling up our quota in this city. The following is the sum that will be paid to new recruits, those enlisting as veterans receiving one hundred dollars more:

Government Bounty,	$315
County Bounty,	300
City Bounty,	50
Total,	$665

This is independent of the regular monthly pay of a soldier, which is now $13 a month, besides clothing and food, and which will in all likelihood be increased to $18 or $20 before the session of Congress closes. The Governors of the various States have been notified that after the 5th of January, the only bounty paid by the Federal Government will be $100, so that all intending to enlist must do it at once, or lose two hundred dollars.

ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE.—The Sandusky *Register* of Friday morning last says that Gen. Archer, Gen. Jones, two Captains and one civilian, prisoners on Johnson's Island, attempted to escape from the Island night before last, by bribing the guard. The proposition was made to two of the guard and communicated to the officer of the day in advance, so that the final matter was anything but tragic. The guard permitted the men to escape from the enclosure and to reach a certain distance away, where they paid over the agreed sum, $200 to each of the guard—Greenbacks being short, the amount was eked out with two gold watches. One of the guard received $150 and a gold watch and the other about the same. As soon as the *quid pro quo* was handed over, the curtain dropped, other actors came upon the stage, and the five adventurers were ordered back to their old quarters—minus expenses.

THE LADY'S FRIEND.—This is the title of a new magazine published in our city by Deacon & Peterson, No. 319 Walnut street. As its title indicates, it is emphatically *the lady's friend*, and is replete with everything calculated to please and instruct. The corps of contributors to its columns embraces some of the best literary talent in this country and in England. The fashion plates in this number, January, are superb and of the latest style, while there is an abundance of patterns of all classes and descriptions. Gabriel Wilkin's "Return from the War" is a splendid steel engraving, from a design prepared expressly for the Magazine. This new enterprise is eminently deserving the patronage of our lady friends. Price $2 a year. Two copies for $3.—*Philadelphia Inquirer.*

OYSTER'S OYSTERS.—It is running no risk to say that the best Oysters ever brought to Meadville are those that come from Hugh Colley, No. 2 Washington Market, New York. He sends his oysters out in best order to suit families, hotels, restaurants, &c. Those of our citizens who want a supply for New Year's should send their orders to Mr. Colley, or procure what they want from one of his agents in this place.—*Crawford Democrat.*

The Girard *Union* says that Hubbard Wheeler, Girard's only draft subject left in the neighborhood known as the Francis settlement, Franklin township, went to Erie on Monday and enlisted. This neighborhood lamented all but two or three of her young men in the war, and nearly all have taken the mounting fever.

Brief Paragraphs.

A happy New Year to all our patrons.

The city assessors have about completed their duties.

The people of North East, Springfield, and other parts of the county, are making active efforts to fill up their quotas.

Three notorious liars—the "reliable contraband," the "reliable gentleman," and the "reliable refugee."

The firing of cannon heard in the city at various periods of late, has resulted from target firing on the part of the Michigan's crew.

O. H. Irish, formerly of this city, famous for Insurance exploits, is the member of the Republican National Committee for Nebraska.

The Cleveland Banks have put at a discount of one half per cent. all currency except Greenbacks, National Banks and State Bank of Ohio.

A "raid" was made by some petty thieves, upon the Canal House barn, on Saturday night, and three geese and eleven chickens stolen. The rascals were probably preparing for a good New Year's dinner.

The Republican papers of this section have all, or nearly all, expressed a preference for Mr. Lincoln as the next Presidential candidate of their party. The Conneautville *Record* of last week has his name displayed at its editorial head.

Our Carriers will appear on New Year's morning, with a well-written address, and we hope that the friends of the paper will encourage them by a liberal response. Let their hearts be made glad by an abundance of munificence.

On Sunday last, while the Sabbath School of the United Presbyterian church (Mr. Pressley's) was in session, the floor of the upper hall took fire from the furnace, and burned for some time, but was extinguished before much damage was done.

Walter Joy, of Buffalo, died on the 24th ult. He was one of the most energetic business men of the State, and had been for nearly forty years active in developing the vast Lake trade which has made Buffalo one of the most important business centers in the country.

Alphabetically speaking, a woman should be amiable, benevolent, charitable, domestic, economical, forgiving, generous, honest, industrious, judicious, kind, loving, modest, neat, obedient, pleasant, quiet, reflecting, sober, tender, urbane, virtuous, wise, exemplary, yielding, and zealous.

The Boston *Journal* says, with truth: "Not a tenth part of the local news which transpires in any country town finds its way into a city paper, and he who takes the latter, to the exclusion of his town or county paper, does not fulfil his duty as a citizen. Such a man is unworthy to fill a town office, for he certainly lacks local pride."

The New Castle *Journal*, speaking of the rumored completion of the Erie & Pittsburg R. R. by the end of the present month, says "there is a pile of dirt and rock to be taken out of the way of the locomotive at New Castle before the cars can pass. The work on the road is pushed forward with much vigor; yet it will be some time in '64 before the cars can run direct through."

The quota of this county, according to the *Gazette's* figures, is nearly 700. That of the city is 125, of whom perhaps a dozen or a dozen and a-half have been procured. With the high bounties now offered, and proper activity on the part of the public, the number remaining could readily be obtained. If the quota is not filled up by volunteers, the number lacking on other quotas will be added to it, and a conscription made for the whole.

The *Dispatch* says that Capt. Graham, of this city, has been reinstated. He took an active part in electioneering for Curtin, and was removed for overstaying his furlough. We predicted at the time his removal was announced, that he would be re-instated. Had the Captain's speeches been made in favor of the Democratic candidate, he would have stood a better chance of crossing the ocean on a shingle, than of getting back his office.

We notice by the Oil Creek papers, that the owners of wells have determined to oppose the proposed tax on crude petroleum. The Oil City *Register* has a long article on the subject, conclusively showing that a tax on the crude article would have a very damaging effect on the business, and perhaps destroy it altogether. A meeting of prominent oil men was held at Oil City, last week, at which the following committee was appointed to proceed to Washington, and represent the interests of that section: Wm. A. Shreve, C. M. Titus, Geo. H. Bissell, John Mitchell, Jas. K. Kerr.

We know of no New Year's present that a young gentleman could present to a lady with more acceptability than a year's subscription to Godey's Lady's Book. It is the favorite Magazine of the other sex, and, remarkable as it may appear, we have seen ladies who would rather do with one new dress less a year, than without Godey. We are reminded of these facts by the receipt of the January number, and on looking over its beautiful pages, we are not surprised that the Book should be so popular. It is, beyond doubt, the best of its class in the country, and increases in excellence with each succeeding number. We furnish the *Lady's Book* and *Observer* for $4.

We were pained to learn of the sudden death of Mr. David Thomas, one of the best known citizens and most active Democrats of Millcreek, on Wednesday of last week, in the 59th year of his age. Mr. Thomas was a person of intelligence, enterprise and liberality. Considering his opportunities, we have met few men who possessed more general information, and who were better able to employ that knowledge in the practical uses of life. He was generous to the extreme,—no appeal was ever made to him in behalf of the unfortunate to which he did not freely contribute. A kind parent and good neighbor, a useful citizen and fair, though zealous partizan, his loss is deplored by all who knew him, and especially by those who knew him best.

The Warren *Mail* says that Mr. Scofield has recommended Col. C. B. Curtis, of that county, as the successor of Col. Campbell, in the Provost Marshal's office, and advocates his appointment. Alluding to the objections to his selection, made in this county, the *Mail* thinks that our people have no ground of complaint on the score of not receiving sufficient Federal patronage, and proves its position by the following statement: "That county already has some five paymasters in the army, one collector of customs and the collector of internal revenue, besides a deputy collector sent to another county and a large number of other officers, making probably one-half or three fourths of all the party patronage in the 19th Congressional District. The Provost Marshal was also conceded to her at first, and she could have had it to the end had she not surrendered it for something better."

On Saturday night, while two young men were passing by the residence of one of our citizens, they heard the crying of a small child, proceeding from the porch. Stepping to investigate matters, they found a baby only a few hours old, lying and warmly wrapped up in a market basket. The owner of the house was awakened, and made acquainted with the circumstances, to his great astonishment, but he at once decided to take the little stranger in, and make the best of the matter. We are not informed that any clue has been obtained to the party or parties who left the child.

—Since writing the above, we learn that the gentleman with whom the child was left, not desiring to take care of it, has given it in care of the Poor Directors, who are by law obliged to provide for it at the county's expense.

The Commissioners appointed by Court for the purpose of dividing Millcreek township, consisting of Wm. Benson, of Waterford, W. W. Eaton, of Fairview, and John Beasley, of Harborcreek, completed their labors on Monday, drawing nearly a straight line across the township from Walnut street, West of the Cemetery, to a point on the border of Greene.—*Gazette.*

This will be "newe" indeed, to many of the citizens of Millcreek. Several meetings have been held to consult upon the proposed division, but we were of the impression that they had decided against the movement.

W. H. Knapp, formerly of this city, but more recently of Westfield, Chautauqua County, N. Y., who was convicted last July of presenting false vouchers, and has served six months in the Monroe County Penitentiary, has been pardoned by the President and was set at liberty on Saturday. The pardon was based on services rendered in recruiting for the National Army, and other palliating circumstances.—*Gazette.*

Why not tell the whole truth, and admit that the "other palliating circumstances" are, that he votes and works for the Abolition ticket?

We are in receipt of the "Annual Register of Rural Affairs," published at Albany, N. Y., by Luther Tucker & Son, who are also publishers of the "Country Gentleman" and "Cultivator." The work is exclusively for farmers, and contains a great number of valuable suggestions on agricultural subjects. It is copiously illustrated, and we should judge, would be worth fully ten times its cost to any enterprising farmer. The price is 25 cents per copy; or five for one dollar.

The following is an extract from an order issued from the Provost Marshal's office, and dated December 8th: "The President has ordered that every citizen who has paid the three hundred dollars commutation shall receive the same credit therefor as if he had furnished a substitute, and is exonerated from the military service for the time for which he was drafted, to wit: for three years."

The January number of Peterson's Magazine has arrived, excelling any of the previous numbers. Two beautiful steel engravings beside one colored fashion-plate, with numerous other fashion diagrams, with the original stories and fine selections makes it complete. Terms, one copy one year $2; a club of sixteen copies $20. Address Charles J. Peterson, 306 Chestnut street, Philadelphia.—*Tioga County Banner.*

Nobody except a horrible old bachelor could ever have perpetrated the following:

"Why is matrimony like a beseiged city? Because those who are in it wish to be out, and those who are out wish to be in."

The cruel-hearted wretch! He ought to have his ears pulled by all the girls in Christendom.

Enlisting has been going on at quite a vigorous rate within the last week. We understand that Col. Schlandecker has enlisted about a hundred recruits up to the present time, thirteen of whom were obtained on Tuesday. There is no question but the full quota could be raised by united and earnest effort.

A man from Springfield, named John Ferguson, very old and totally deaf, was run over by a runaway double team in West Girard last week. He was knocked down and rolled along the road for the space of several rods, but, strange to say, he was scarcely hurt, although badly scared and very muddy.

The signs of the times indicate that, within the coming two years, our laboring population must pass through severe trials. The prices of all the necessaries of life will go higher and higher; there is no possibility that wages can keep pace with them.

The latest novelty has just been produced in Philadelphia, in the shape of a cradle that rocks itself, fans the baby, and drives away the flies. Well may the maker exclaim, "oh, what a blessing to mothers!"

The shipments of iron ore from Lake Superior during the season of 1863, says an exchange, have been 183,965 tons, which have been divided between Detroit, Cleveland, Erie and Buffalo.

Artemus Ward's receipts on the night of his first lecture in San Francisco were sixteen hundred and twenty-four dollars in gold—equal to $2,320 in legal tenders.

We call attention to the advertisement of Messrs. Riblet and Spooner, who have just opened a new Furniture store in Gabel's block. They are enterprising and deserving men.

The *Observer* may always be found for sale, immediately after publication, at the news stand of Mr. May, in the Post office, and at the bookstore of Mr. Ensign, Brown's Hotel. tf

Mr. Austin Jessup offers for sale his farm in Harbor Creek, containing 70 acres, under good cultivation, and with the necessary improvements. A chance is given for an excellent bargain.

It is now positively ascertained that none of those who paid commutation last fall, will have their names placed in the wheel, to be drawn in the draft ordered for next month.

A Grand Union Ball and Oyster Supper will be held at National Hall, (Cronesberger's) on Wednesday evening, the 13th inst.

The *Gazette* learns that the 111th regt. has re enlisted for the war.

We are informed that Waterford and Union have filled up their quotas.

TEACHERS' SALARIES.—It is indisputable that the salaries paid to the lady teachers are too small. We doubt whether there is any other class of professionals in community who perform as much severe mental labor for so small an amount of pay as do lady teachers in our public schools. Few persons who have never had any personal experience in teaching, entertain correct ideas with reference to the duties of a faithful teacher. None but live, earnest, devoted teachers should be employed in our schools, while those who are possessed of all the requisite qualities can hardly receive higher salaries than they deserve.

STRIKE AT DUNKIRK.—The Buffalo *Courier* is informed that on Wednesday afternoon, of last week, the Laborers' Union of Dunkirk, numbering about 500 members, struck for higher wages. The men had been receiving ten shillings and now demand twelve shillings a day. We trust this difficulty may soon be satisfactorily adjusted.

The Draft—Interesting Table.

The following is an approximate estimate of the quotas for the different sub-districts of Erie county:

1st Sub-Dist.,	Erie City, East Ward,		60
2d "	Erie City, West Ward,		78
3d "	Millcreek,		51
4th "	Fairview tp.,		25
5th "	Girard tp. and boro.,		43
6th "	Springfield tp.,		25
7th "	Conneaut tp., Albion boro.,		22
8th "	Elk Creek tp.,		15
9th "	Franklin tp.,		7
10th "	Le Bœuf tp.,		30
11th "	Washington tp., Edinboro,		35
12th "	Waterford tp. and boro.,		30
13th "	McKean tp. and Middleboro,		18
14th "	Summit tp.,		14
15th "	Greene tp.,		16
16th "	Harborcreek,		18
17th "	Greenfield,		12
18th "	North East boro. and tp.,		28
19th "	Venango tp., Wattsburg boro.		18
20th "	Amity tp.,		12
21st "	Concord tp., Corry boro.,		55
22d "	Union boro. and tp.,		32
23d "	Wayne tp.,		18
Total,			678

The foregoing quotas may be varied slightly when the exemptions and additions should have been fully completed, and the quotas officially assigned by the War Department.

H. S. CAMPBELL,
Capt. and Pro. Mar., 19th Dist., Pa.

TAX ON OIL.—The editor of the Venango *Spectator*, thus sensibly speaks of the proposed tax on crude oil: "The Secretary of the Treasury, in his late report, embodies and sanctions a recommendation of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue to pay a tax of ten cents per gallon on Crude Petroleum and for the repeal of the drawback on that article.

"This recommendation to Congress from such high authority as Mr. Chase, places the entire oil producing interest in danger. A tax of ten cents per gallon on crude oil is four dollars per barrel—rather steep operation for producers when it sells for less than the amount of tax proposed, as is often the case. Under the most favorable state of the market, the tax recommended by the Secretary will be more than half the value of petroleum at the wells, and in ordinary times, it will entirely prohibit production. If Congress desires to destroy the oil business, we know of no more effectual plan than that recommended by the Secretary of the Treasury."

THE GREAT HAIR RESTORER.—Prof. De Munn, of Albany, N. Y., is stopping at the Reed House, where he will remain until Monday evening next, January 4th, when he leaves for the West. His wonderful success in treating cases of baldness, thin hair and diseased scalps, is unprecedented in the annals of hair restorers. Those of our readers desirous of consulting this remarkable hair restorer should do so at once, as another opportunity may never again be presented. Consultation free.

RAILROAD BALL.—We understand that the arrangements for the proposed railroad ball are nearly completed, and it will be held about the 15th or 20th of the month. The proceeds are to be given to the Ladies' Aid Society. All the railroad employees in the city are expected to participate, and a general invitation is to be given to all the railroad men in this section of the Union. The price of tickets will be three dollars. The ladies of this city, it is supposed, will furnish the supper, free of cost, and a large sum will probably be realized for benevolent purposes.

CHILD BURNED TO DEATH.—The Crawford *Democrat*, of last week, says that "a Mrs. Brooks, living in our borough, went out to do a half day's washing, leaving her little girl, aged about eight years, at home to keep house. In an hour or two after the mother's departure smoke was seen issuing from the house by one of the neighbors, and upon repairing thither the child was found burned to death. We have heard no further particulars in connection with the sad occurrence."

Capt. John C. Hilton, of this city, the *Gazette* says, has been appointed a captain in the Invalid Corps.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We invite contributions to this department of the Observer from persons of every shade of opinion—religious, political or otherwise,—it being understood, of course, that the Editor is in no way to be held responsible for the views or statements of his correspondents. All articles, to secure insertion, must be accompanied by the real name of the author.]

Letter from Mr. Goalding.

Written for the Erie Observer.]

MR. EDITOR:—Will you favor me with a place in your columns to correct a misapprehension or misrepresentation contained in a communication in your last issue, signed over S. Z. Mosher and by one who styles himself Capt Perrin, that the light in the light house on the main land was out and not visible for an hour on the 28th of November, and also out on the 15th of November. A word of explanation will correct any misapprehension upon the subject. On the night of the 28th of November the wind suddenly changed, and although I made all exertion possible to prevent it, before I could possibly remedy the matter the chimneys were burnt up, and as soon as possible they were replaced, which occupied a period of about twenty minutes, not to exceed twenty-five minutes. The light was not out on the 15th of November, but observing the wind about to change very suddenly I immediately got other chimneys and secured the light before there was any reasonable diminution of its brightness. All who are familiar with the matter, fully understand the difficulty in case of sudden changes of draft, to prevent the light from going out. You will confer a favor upon me by giving place to this explanation, in order that the public may understand the whole facts of the case, which, although often occurring under previous light house keepers, has never before been thought worthy of a "communication" in a newspaper.

JOHN GOALDING,
Light House Keeper.

Edinboro Normal School.

Written for the Erie Observer.]

The undersigned, Superintendents of the several counties of the 12th Normal District and adjoining counties, desire to call the attention of parents, directors and teachers, or those preparing to teach, to the advantages afforded by the North-Western State Normal School to those who desire thorough educational training, especially in the theory and art of teaching. On visiting the school and observing its organization, we find it especially worthy of commendation in the following points: Teachers distinguished for earnestness, fidelity and high moral character. Instruction thorough and practical. A model school, in which students of the Normal School have opportunities to observe the most approved methods of teaching now in use, and to obtain a practical knowledge of the same. And while we speak of the school, particularly with reference to its facilities for qualifying teachers, we believe it equally well adapted to furnish to young men and women that sound, practical, every-day-minded education which will fit them for any business of life.

Stephen Merriner, Superintendent Lawrence county; Charles H. Dale, Venango; J. I. Reed, Beaver; Julius Dennison, Mercer; R. R. Thompson, Crawford; W. F. Rainey, Warren.

Edinboro, Nov. 19, 1863.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE.

CHEAPER YET!

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Farm for Sale.

THE subscriber offers for sale his farm, situate one-fourth of a mile from the borough of Edinboro, in Washington tp., Erie Co., comprising fifty acres and allowance, closed and well fenced, with good buildings, young bearing orchard and well watered. Terms.—A portion of the purchase money in hand and the balance on time. MARTIN SCRAFFORD.

Washington, Dec. 22, 1863-3w.

Stray Cattle.

BROKE into the enclosure of the undersigned, in Harbor Creek tp., about the 18th of December, 5 head of yearlings, as follows: 2 red steers, 1 red heifer, 1 spotted steer and 1 spotted heifer. The owner is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take them away, otherwise they will be disposed of according to law. WM. COOPER.

Harbor Creek, Dec. 22, 1863-3w*

HOLIDAY GOODS!

The Subscriber would call attention to the following articles suitable for

Holiday Presents!

Of which his Stock is probably the most complete in the city. It comprises

LADIES' DRESSING CASES,
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LADIES' STEEL PORTE MONNAIES,
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