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DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CONVENTION.

The Democratic voters of the county of Erie will meet at the usual places in the several wards, boroughs and townships, on Saturday, February 20th next, and elect delegates to the County Convention, to be held at Wayne Hall, Erie, on Tuesday, February 22d, at 2 o'clock, P. M. The object of the Convention being the selection of delegates to the State Convention, which will assemble at Philadelphia on the 24th of March next.

The several districts will send the number of delegates to which they are respectively entitled by the apportionment fixed by the County Convention of last year.

WM. A. GALBRAITH,
Chairman Democratic Co. Com.

Important Notice.

After this date, the hour at which the *Observer* will be put to press will be 1 o'clock on the afternoon of each Friday. Advertisements, if not over two squares in length, will be received up to 9 o'clock on Friday forenoon.

City subscribers, who are served by carriers, will receive their papers on Saturday mornings.

PANTASCOPE.

SMALL POX.—The Chief of Police, on Monday evening, reported that only one new case of small pox had occurred during the preceding week, and that all who have been sick with the disease have become convalescent, except three. He also stated that but forty-five cases in all had occurred since the first taking out of the disease, of which only four have terminated fatally.

J. H. RATHBUN.

SERVED RIGHT.—Jas. H. Weaver, a "loyal" substitute broker of New York city, was sent to Fort Lafayette a few days ago. He enticed a boy, gave him $5 and his mother $5, kept the balance of $225 to himself, and flatly refused to refund.—*Exchange.*

So, he was not "served right." If he was guilty of any offence against the laws, he should have been taken in hand by the civil authorities, given a fair trial by jury, and if convicted, punished in the form provided by the statutes of the State. We have as little sympathy for a man of his stamp as any one in the country, but we are opposed to all attempts of the established principles of our government, whether they occur in the cases of a rich or poor, high or low, Christian or sinner, Democrat or Republican.

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DELEGATE ELECTIONS.—Our friends throughout the county should not fail to attend the township and Ward elections on Saturday afternoon and evening, for the selection of delegates to the County Convention, which meets in this city, on Tuesday. It ought to be the pride of every Democrat to have the convention as fully attended as possible, and none but gentlemen of intelligence, high-minded integrity, and staunch in the faith, should be selected as delegates. The elections in this city will be held on Saturday evening, at the following places:

1st Ward—Col. Grant's office.
2d Ward—M. Knipper's, *cor. 11th and German streets.*
3d Ward—Steve of P. P. Liebel, State st.
4th Ward—Office of W. A. Galbraith, Esq.

Each district in the city will be entitled to two delegates.

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THE PROPOSED FAIR.—A meeting of ladies and gentlemen was held on Monday evening, at Farrar Hall, to discuss the subject of holding a Fair for Soldiers' Aid and Home Relief, similar to those that have met with so much success in other cities. About a hundred persons, principally ladies, were present. David Shirk acted as President, Squire Sweet as Vice-President, and I. B. Gara as Secretary. After some discussion, the following committee was selected to ascertain the feeling of the community in relation to the matter, and decide whether the Fair should be held or not: Mrs. Grove H. Johnson, Mrs. I. B. Gara, Mrs. James Skinner, Mrs. W. A. Galbraith, Mrs. Clark McSparren, and Messrs. W. Wetmore, W. R. Magill, W. F. Bindernecht, W. W. Lyon, Sidney Booth and Benjamin Whitman.

The Committee met at the residence of Mrs. Grove H. Johnson, on Wednesday evening, and after a full interchange of views decided to abandon the project. Considerable pains had been taken to ascertain the feeling of the community, and the reports were so discouraging as to leave no doubt that if the Fair were undertaken it would be under circumstances not giving much probability of success. The ladies of the city, upon whom the labor would chiefly fall, were almost unanimous in voting the scheme "too big a thing for Erie."

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MALICIOUS MISCHIEF.—A few nights ago an iron rail was laid across the track of the A. & G. W. Road, about three miles east of the Ohio State Line. In consequence of a timely discovery of the obstruction, no material damage was sustained. This is the second offence of the kind that has occurred in that neighborhood within a few weeks. The first time a number of freight cars were thrown off the track and wrecked, and during the cover of darkness a considerable amount of stealing was done. It is evident that the object of the guilty parties is to steal. We most sincerely trust that the scoundrels may be detected, and if possible, punished as willful murderers.—*Crawford Democrat.*

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ST. VALENTINE'S DAY.—The custom of sending valentines, so much in vogue now, is one of very ancient origin. It was very common in England as early as the fifteenth century. It did not originate in that country however, but was copied by the laity from the clergy in the days of Catholicism. The custom is traced back by many authors for more than 1,000 years, and there is but little doubt that it is even older than this. Like many others so popular to-day, it seems to be but an analogy of an old Pagan observance.

The origin of St. Valentine's day seems to be wrapped in mystery, little being known of the good saint, notwithstanding his festival is one of the most popular in the calendar. Some think he was a bishop, while other authorities make him a Presbyter; but all accounts unite in fixing his martyrdom in the year 270, during the persecution of Claudius the Second. An old treatise, in the book of Common Prayer, describes him as "a man of most admirable parts, and, so famous for his love and charity, that the custom of choosing Valentines upon his festival took its rise from thence."

The earliest valentines were nothing more than slips of paper, on which the names of both sexes were written; they were placed apart, the men drawing from the pile on which the women's names were endorsed, and they again taking the first they touched from the opposite heap. These names were worn for a number of days—sometimes inside the coat, waistcoat or bodice—sometimes only on the sleeve, just as the feigned or real lover intended to express his passion; and there is no doubt that such a game begun in jest, ended at times in earnest, and that by this means many of our forefathers won their fair brides.

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THE DRAFT.—Our citizens should bear the fact in mind that the draft will take place on the 10th of March, and that no enlistments on the present call are to be credited after the 1st of the month, when all Government bounties cease. The city has yet to furnish 18 men from the East Ward, and some 40 from the West Ward, in order to fill her quota, and if not provided by the period specified they will be drafted. By offering a liberal bounty, these could readily be obtained, and our people would have no further cause for uneasiness on this score, until "Father Abraham" takes it into his head to issue another call. The Select branch of Councils hesitates to continue the bounty system, and meanwhile the townships around us are drawing off the recruits who would otherwise help to fill up the quota of this city. With due respect to the members of that body, we must say that we are unable to see the propriety of holding back, now that the quota is so nearly full. Had no bounties been offered from the first there would be some argument for this hesitation, but the precedent having been set, those who are liable to conscription have a right to expect that it will be carried out to the end. To stop the bounties now, and then require of the few who may happen to be drafted, to bear the burdens of the same besides helping to pay for the exemption of the others, would be manifestly unjust, and certainly give rise to an immense amount of dissatisfaction. There is no time for delay—we must offer as much inducement for volunteers as our neighbors; and whatever action our city authorities take to secure the filling up of our quota will be promptly sustained by a large majority of the people.

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ANOTHER RAILROAD PROJECT.—There was a meeting at Jersey Shore, last week, of prominent capitalists interested in another Pennsylvania railroad project. The road is to start from the Philadelphia & Erie at Jersey Shore, having a main stem from that point to the meadows in Tioga county, with two branches at the meadows, one extending to Tioga village to connect with the Corning and Blossburg road, the other extending west through Tioga and Potter counties until it reaches the Allegheny river, which stream it follows to Olean, connecting with the Erie Railway at this latter point. Committees were appointed to solicit subscriptions; one a local committee, to operate along the line of the route; the other a general committee, to operate among the capitalists of our larger cities.—*Exchange.*

It will be well for the managers of the Phila. & Erie R. R. to keep an eye on this movement. The object is probably to divert part of the anthracite coal trade from this city to Buffalo and Dunkirk.

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NEW RAILROADS.—Bills have been introduced into the Legislature to permit the building of the following new railroads in this part of the State: One from the mouth of Oil Creek to Ridgway, Elk Co., intended to connect the Phila. & Erie R. R. with the petroleum region; one from a point near Clearfield to a point on the Erie & Pittsburg R. R., intended to connect the Phila. & Erie with the Western roads; one from Warren to Pittsburg, along the Allegheny river, and one from Lafayette, McKean county, to a point on the Allegheny river, probably Warren. At this rate it will not be long until the Western part of Pennsylvania, so long entirely neglected by capitalists, will be the greatest railroad section of the State.

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It is currently reported and believed that the bill recently introduced into the House of Representatives of this State in reference to licenses in the city of Erie, had its origin with the owners of one of our public halls, and that the object is to enable them to pocket the sums annually paid by travelling exhibitions, instead of allowing the money to go into the public treasury.

We only express the views of the tax payers in general when we protest against any such law as the one proposed. Our city is not so free from debt that she can afford to see any of her usual and proper resources appropriated by private individuals. Let our Representatives see to it that the obnoxious bill receives its deserved quietus.

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RECRUITING.—In Erie county they have a queer way of recruiting their quota. The *Observer* says:

"Some five or six persons arrested for various offences were discharged by the Court, within the last two weeks, on condition that they joined the army."

QUERY.—Is it considered a punishment to enlist in the service?—*Connaautville Record.*

We refer our cotemporary to the members of our Court, all of whom belong to the same political faith as himself. It is to be presumed they would not intentionally do any act that would reflect discredit on the service, as the "loyalty" of each is beyond question.

J. H. RATHBUN.

THE LAST SLAVE.—Hannah Kelley, so far as we know, the last slave in Pennsylvania, died in Cross Creek township, Washington county, on January 15th, at the advanced age of 103 years. She was owned by John Gardner, dec'd, formerly of Jefferson township, but for a number of years has been boarded with her free colored relatives, in Cross Creek township.

OFFICIAL TABLE OF ENROLMENT UNDER THE DRAFT.

HEADQUARTERS PROVOST MARSHAL'S OFFICE, Waterford, Feb. 17, '64.

MESSRS. WEIZMAN & BRIGHT: *Gents:*—I forward you a statement of the total number enrolled in each sub-district in Erie county, with the quotas required and the number of men furnished by each up to and including February 17, 1864:

TOWNSHIP, BOROUGH, &C.	No. Enrolled	Quota	Volunteers credited	New recruits mustered	Total furnished	No. to be furnished
Erie City, East Ward,	423	97	27	52	79	18
Erie City, West Ward,	727	112	37	45	72	40
Mill Creek,	442	90	00	79	79	11
Fairview,	277	43	00	18	18	25
Girard Borough and Township,	476	73	1	66	67	6
Springfield,	279	43	00	36	36	6
Conneaut and Albion,	279	43	4	34	38	5
Elk Creek,	162	25	00	12	12	13
Franklin,	80	12	00	5	5	7
Le Beouf,	290	45	00	30	30	15
Washington and Edenboro,	263	67	4	6	10	47
Waterford Township & Boro',	323	50	18	34	47	3
McKean Tp. and Middleboro,	223	32	2	13	15	18
Summit,	123	16	00	12	12	4
Greene,	139	21	2	7	9	12
Harbor Creek,	211	33	1	24	25	8
Greenfield,	121	18	1	5	6	12
North East Tp. and Borough,	387	64	00	33	33	25
Venango and Wattsburg,	196	33	4	21	25	7
Amity,	104	17	1	13	14	3
Concord & Corry	237	32	2	40	42	22
Union Township and Borough,	354	54	00	34	34	21
Wayne,	183	28	2	14	16	12

As far as I have yet been able to ascertain, from information furnished me, the following places will receive credits in addition to the foregoing, from the 111th Reg't Pa. Vols. I expect the rolls daily, when the credits will be officially assigned:

Erie city, East Ward, 14; do., West Ward, 15; Millcreek 1; Fairview 7; Girard boro. and tp. 3; Springfield 2; Albion and Conneaut 1; Elk Creek 2; Franklin 1; Waterford boro. and tp. 6; Greene 5; Greenfield 1; North East tp. and boro. 5; Venango 1; Amity 1; Corry and Concord 10; Union tp. and boro. 1.

H. S. CAMPBELL, Provost Marshal.

LOCAL PARAGRAPHS.

Mr. Couldock and his daughter are now performing at Buffalo.

About 150 recruits have been obtained in this county since the 10th inst.

Fairview is moving in the matter of filling up her quota under both calls.

A good compositor can obtain employment at this office, by making immediate application.

Three cases of small pox, of a mild type, all in one family, have occurred in Springfield township.

The Lake Shore R. R. will carry passengers visiting the Sanitary Fairs at Cleveland and Buffalo for half price.

S. M. Holliday, of Springfield, and not R. P., of Fairview, is the person who has been appointed Paymaster in the army.

The new Methodist church at Union, one of the handsomest in the county, was dedicated on Wednesday.

The Democratic officers elected in the borough of Warren, had majorities ranging from 19 to 8. Pretty "close sticking" that.

The Warren *Mail* says it was by Judge Scofield's recommendation that Messrs. Craig and Holliday got their paymasterships.

A meeting to make arrangements for organizing a fire company will be held in the Common Council room, on Saturday evening.

Wm. A. Graham, who ran as Vice-President on the Whig ticket with Gen. Scott, has been elected a rebel Senator.

A religious revival is in progress in the Methodist Church at Fairview, and a considerable number of converts have been obtained.

That the supply of petroleum in Oil Creek is gradually failing cannot be doubted any longer. All the information we obtain on the subject points to the belief.

Boy wanted at this office to learn the trade, to whom good wages will be given. One who has been at the business some time preferred. tf

A lecturer in Corry offered as a prize to the "handsomest gentleman present," an engraving of "Peale's Court of Death." Rather an odd sort of a prize, it strikes us.

The citizens of Girard township have raised $3,000 by private subscription, to be employed in giving bounties to those who volunteer under the new call. Girard is determined, if possible, to "keep out of the draft."

An application for the erection of a new county, to be called Tionesta, out of parts of Venango, Clarion and Warren, with Oil City as the County seat, will be presented to the Legislature at the present session.

Very favorable and reliable reports come to us from the oil wells in the vicinity of Pitt Hole, on the Allegheny river. Many of the old wells there that were abandoned during the prevalence of low prices, are now being profitably pumped.

A project is on foot for making a slack-water navigation on the Allegheny river from Pittsburg to Oil City or Warren. Such an improvement, if the oil supply continues, would undoubtedly be profitable, and of great advantage to the country bordering on the river.

We understand that the splendid new Union depot at this city, to be erected jointly by the Lake Shore, Phila. & Erie, and Erie & Pittsburg R. R. Companies, will be commenced at an early period this spring. It will occupy the site of the old depot of the Buffalo & Erie R. R.

Some excitement was caused here on Monday by the report that Mobile was taken, and acres of prisoners and mountains of cotton had fallen into our hands. It was a stupendous lie circulated to affect the price of gold.—*Girard Union.*

"Stupendous" as it was, neighbor, it was scarcely a bigger "lie" than the "lies" which the telegraph furnishes the country daily, "to affect the political market.

That portion of our citizens living on the West side of the Canal will be gratified to hear that the following resolution has passed Councils:

Resolved, That the Street Committee take immediate measures for repairing or rebuilding Myrtle street bridge, and for filling a portion of said road with earth; and that they report a plan for repair or rebuilding at next meeting of Councils.

A marriage notice appears in an exchange in which the happy pair are unusually explicit in stating their position. They say: "No cards, no receptions, no wedding tour." Since people will persist in knowing all about these little affairs, we do not know but it is a good idea, and it certainly will save the gossip mongers a considerable amount of trouble, to have full particulars printed in the newspapers.

Gough's "Nature," on Friday evening, of last week, was listened to by a crowded audience. He told a great many interesting stories, in his inimitable way, slashed into odd and mean people generally, denounced the Government robbers, said the Administration was not the Government, but thought it his duty to sustain both, brought down the house by saying "Copperhead," pocketed a snug little sum for one hour's acting, cleared a clever profit for the Association, and left the city the same night.

We are informed on what we think good authority that the Rothschilds have made arrangements for redeeming a portion of the bounty warrants in "greenbacks," or their equivalent, and the rest in county scrip. The printing of the latter has been contracted for, and the notes will be much superior, both in quality of paper and engraving to the scrip now in circulation. We would advise those of our readers having county warrants in their possession not to sell them at a sacrifice, as they will undoubtedly be redeemed at an early day in currency at least equal to that in general use. The impression appears to prevail that the Commissioners will levy a tax this spring large enough to pay off from one-fourth to one-third of the debt contracted for paying bounties.

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ERIE COUNTY BIBLE SOCIETY.—At the annual meeting of the Erie County Bible Society, held in Park Church, in the city of Erie, on the 10th inst., the following persons were elected Officers and Managers:

President—Rev. Geo. A. Lyon, D. D.
Vice President—Jacob Hanson.
Secretary—S. S. Spencer.
Treasurer—J. C. Selden.
Librarian—Wm. Kendal.
Board of Managers—Rev. J. Vance, Rev. J. H. Pressley, Calvin Spafford, D. W. Fitch, John Evans, Geo. Kellogg, Wm. Holliday, C. Doll, Rev. Wm. Grassie, Rev. D. C. Osborn, Rev. J. H. W. Stuckenburg, Col. J. M. Moorhead, Wm. Himrod, Jas. D. Smith, Rev. Thos. Love, Henry Gingrich.

S. S. SPENCER, Sec'y.

111TH REGIMENT.—The furlough of this regiment has been extended to the 26th inst., when the members will meet in this city, and depart immediately for Pittsburg. Monday last was the day when the original furloughs expired, and many of the men were here to have them extended. Although they were under little or no restraint, their behavior, as a general thing, was remarkably orderly, and in the evening our streets were as quiet as we have ever seen them. Such conduct under the circumstances speaks well for the character of the regiment.

MR. EDITOR:

I perceive by the papers that C. B. Wright, late of this city, has again entered into the banking business. Will you be kind enough to inform your readers, if Mr. Wright will accept bills of the Bank of Commerce at his office? S.

Erie, Feb. 10, 1864.

[Knowing nothing whatever of Mr. W's intentions, we must leave some other person to answer S's query.]

Pensions, Bounties, Arrears of Pay, &c., can be procured by the Widows, Orphans, and next of kin of those who have died in the service of the United States; also, by Soldiers and Seamen who are disabled by wounds received or disease contracted, upon application to G. P. GRIFFETH, Licensed Military and Naval Claim Agent. Office in the Common Council Room, Wright's Block, corner State and Fifth sts., (under the *Dispatch* office,) Erie, Pa. 7-y

SALE OF A TUG.—We understand that Mr. G. J. Motton, of Erie, has purchased the new Tug Davenport from Messrs. Sutton & Bro., of this city, and will provide her with a new and powerful engine. She will be ready for business on the opening of navigation, and will be engaged in the Erie coal trade. She is a fine craft, and will, no doubt, prove a profitable investment.—*Buffalo Post.*

WANTED.—Two hundred more needle books are wanted, in order to supply the 111th regiment, to leave next week. All are not only asked but *urged* to assist—to make all they can and send to the Aid Society Room next *Wednesday afternoon, punctually.*

MRS. GROVE H. JOHNSON, Pres't.
MISS F. S. SPENCER, Sec'y.

BLANKS.—We keep constantly on hand a large selection of Legal Blanks, of approved forms, such as Deeds, Mortgages, Judgment and Common Notes, Summons, Subpoenas and many others, not in such general use. Those in need of these articles, will find it to their advantage to give our office a call. tf.

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MARRIED.

At the residence of the bride's mother, in Millcreek tp., on the 18th inst., by Rev. Dr. Lyon, of this city, Geo. JOHN KILLPATRICK to Miss MARY J. McCLELLAND, both of Millcreek tp.

[The wedded couple will please accept our thanks for their remembrance of the printer. May they have prosperity and happiness to their heart's desire.

In this city, on the 11th inst., by Rev. D. C. Osborne, Mr. C. D. JENKEN, of Quincy, N. Y., to Mrs. REBECCA V. BARNES, of this place.

In Waterford, on the 4th inst., by H. R. Whittlesey Esq., Mr. ISAAC LENGER, to Miss ELLA F. WHEELER, both of Waterford.

DIED.

In this city, on the 14th inst., at the residence of her brother-in-law, Orville Johnson, HELINA, daughter of Robt. Graham, Esq., of North East, aged 23 years and 6 months.

In North East tp., on the 4th inst., GEORGE, youngest son of John and Caroline Hendricks, aged 1 year 8 months and 22 days.

To-Day's Advertisements.

Harness, Saddle and Trunk Business!
Stephen Erhart,
MANUFACTURER AND DEALER in all styles of Harness, Saddles, Bridles, Collars, Whips, Trunks, Valises, Traveling Bags, etc., may now be found in
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A short distance North of his old stand on State street. Thankful for the patronage bestowed on him, he respectfully solicits a continuance of the same.
Repairing done promptly to order. [feb20 6t]

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HAS LOCATED IN ERIE, PA., IN Grant's Building, above E. M. Hurlburt's Boot and Shoe Store, where he is prepared to treat successfully by
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ALL DISEASES OF THE HUMAN SYSTEM.
The Oxygenized Air is then taken into the Lungs, and through them carried into the blood, expelling all impurities from the system, and healing any and every disease with which it may come in contact. The seeds of Coughs, Colds and Consumption, is a lack of oxygen in the air we breathe. By the inhalation of oxygenized air, the blood becomes oxygenized and purified, and disease disappears like dew before the sun.
A few administrations of the gas will cure any of the following diseases: Dyspepsia, Neuralgia, Rheumatism, Palpitation, Paralysis, Epilepsy, Erysipelas, Chronic Sore Throat, Sciatica, Chronic Liver Complaint, Nervousness, from whatever cause, Difficult Breathing, Catarrh, Salt Rheum, Erysipelas, Mercurial Disease, Kidney Complaints, Syphilis, Female Weakness, of all kinds, and in fact, all diseases requiring a purification of the blood.
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MELODEONS!
Elsewhere, please examine my assortment of Instruments. They are warranted fully to stand any climate, and are of a fine and workmanship equal to any offered anywhere. I beg you to reflect on the fact that the objections raised lately against my establishment by certain music teachers of this city, are caused only by my refusal to pay them (Producers) an
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Which will her after benefit those who buy of me to the amount of from 15 to 25 per cent, for I would rather allow the same to the buyer than to the meddler who benefits no one but des him-self.
I am a Union man, straight and forward, and hate crooked things and idlers.
I must not take the profits out of my friend's pockets, or defraud the Government out of its rightful revenue and family into the Poor House for the sake of satisfying the hungry music teachers through whose whimpering my Pianos will not be better, if they are not good, nor bad, if they are good.
I will pay to any man, woman or child, the amount received for a Piano with my name on it, if they are not pleased with it, and I will pay a *Thousand Dollars* to any one who will show me one on which the Piano "boxes," like so many New York and Buffalo Pianos have done in this city and county. Let the people tell where my poor Pianos are—not the teachers—especially those with Southern sentiments; let such go where they belong. My Pianos are warranted to be supplied with all late good improvements, and must give satisfaction or no pay.
Eastern Pianos of all makes can be had of me as well and cheap as any other man.
Parties ready to purchase anything in the music line, will please remember that I am dealing largely in Musical Merchandise generally, and can offer inducements rarely excelled by any Music Store dealer.
Pianos warranted by me can be relied upon, I being Manufacturer, Tuner, Player and Musician, as well as Teacher. My warranty is good, because I am good for the amount. My opinion in many cases has been a benefit to those who purchased Pianos and some who did not buy, came at first and found the truth after a while by their loss.
A Piano Forte made elsewhere is no better for that reason, but all Pianos are good which are made right, the good are good and the bad—bad. Eastern Pianos are furnished by me, as above said, at Manufacturer's prices. My stock on hand consists of a very choice selection, and is larger than any ever offered for sale here.
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smartness at Fredericksburg, but at Cincinnati, that secures honors for the General Massachusetts," said a by-stander. "Why was that?" said old Fogy. "The taking Vallandigham and the storming of the Chicago *Times