emple of Diana of Ephesus was the the ancient world. The treasures of nl all the art and skill of the times a profusely lavished upon it to render chest and most magnificent of the Yet the torch of Eratoses of earth. infatuated with the ambition of imthough it should be one of infamy, sient in a few hours to lay it in

that these reflections should find so an application in the events of the to had a good Government. da'reidy what revolutionists in other ents set out to attain, and no pretenstesmanship should have been adwhich sought to jar the system or

al of a knight of the middle ages the possessor of a shield of extraormars and workmanship. The mateof the finest gold, and the device was nel with the rarest skill of the artist. figured by a single blemish. In an ngured by a listened to the persua-ur as possessor listened to the persua-y an artificer who proposed to remove sig-subjecting it to the heat of the The experiment was made; but the which removed the stain also desthe image upon the shield, and the ras reduced to a shapeless mass in the He might make a new shield of the the one so cunningly sculptured, highly prized, was gone, alas! forever. the United States are in the of the knight, and their priceless their constitutional Government if you will, is the institution of In the fires of civil war to which irical artists have resorted to remove y be obliterated, but the Government under the operation. will be dissolved. erials, but that of the American fal be no more. Democratic rule, prior to the tri-

the Chicago platform, the nation erce, united, prosperous, and happy, of a frightful civil war, desolating and filling with strife and bitterness as which lead to our dwellings, we with pride to our national power, our ce. our manufactures, our constituiberty, to our national monuments and of art, which everywhere decorated of our progress, and were held up as hies of a Christian civilization. las! the change. Byron, the immorwhen writing his immortal verse ruins of the Roman empire, said:

the lofty city; and slast;
(for Tully's voice, and Virgit's lay;
vy's pictured page; but those shall be
vsurrection; all beside—decay. gloom that covers the land, from the lantic, where the light of the mornis first seen, to where his setting rays n the western ocean, without some artificer to re-establish the broken of a once mighty Government, the not be tar remote when the genius can liberty may say, Alas! for the Sa-hington and the memory of Frankeloquent stories of Irving and of elequence of Clay and of Webese may be her resurrection-oll be



ATURDAY, APRIL 9, 1864.

To City Subscribers. obtained the services of two nev o distribute our city list, and hope to have the paper delivered with ess and regularity. Our friends are e of the difficulty which we have exel in this branch of our business. It we can bestow, we receive recomplaints that patrons do not receive apers. We trust they will take into the store and look at this machine. eration the difficulties of our situation, lay blame on our shoulders, when we ng the best we can.

would repeat, what we have said several before, that it would be a matter of ecommodation to us, if all city subwho can do it conveniently, would arrangements to obtain the Observer at theation office. if

WARD FIRE COMPANY .- The meeting Company was held Tuesday evening, inst. The following officers were for the next lix months: dent, Geo. Starr.

President, G. F. Brevalier. etary, John C. McCreary. surer, E. P. Bennett. Assistant Foreman, W. H. Magill. Assessat Foreman, R. J. Pelton.

motion it was resolved that the secretaenotice to the Mayor and Councils of ganization of the company, and request the charge of a hose carriage, one of request the use of the Common Counn for meetings, and to ask an approfor means to defray expenses.

eting for drill was appointed for Tuese 19th inst., at 7 o'cleak P. M., at House No. 2.

regular meeting Tuesday, May 3d.

Indian Relies.

excavating through a gravelly ridge on e of the Pittsburg & Erie Railroad. suddenly struck into a large bed of n bones. After examination, a concluwas arrived at, that they were the reof Indians killed in battle.

lian burying places are frequently dised in this vicinity, but in almost every ther implements and ornaments pertainsavage life, are found with the remains, latter were always placed with uninothing found save the skeletons, and placed promiscuously for convenience in prove that he is a man of taste. ring The pits or trenches were about feet from the surface, and estimated by workmen to have contained from two to e hundred skeletons. It is is presumed e are others in the vicinity, marking the where a terrific Indian battle must have

a place at least 200 years since. e evidence that they are of Indian origin the phrenological developments of the s indicate the savage characteristics. they were killed in battle is manifest the fact that all that were examined famil to be males, and many of the sere broken or fractured, in all promy the effect of blows with the "War

BE MECCA OIL BEGION. -The oil fever, the Meadville Republican, appears to have aen out nnew at Mecca, O. Several farms been bought with a view of putting down weils. Messrs. Phillips & Co., of Oil have bought and leased some of the il, and are now putting down two deep a. It is said they have been quite sucrsful on Oil Creek. Some of the old farms e been negotiated for at \$50 an acre, others Sio and \$100 per acre. This advance a 830 per acre, which was all it was worth Our Elector and Delegates to Chicago.

The selection of Judge Rasselas Brown, of Congressional district will give general satis- is an act of petty malignity of which those known in all parts of the district; and it is officer,-confessedly the best that has filled almost needless to add, that he is universally the position for a number of years, a fact esteemed. In his capacity as Presiding Judge of our Courts, he won the reputation of an able and affable jurist, and was popular with members of the bar of every political faith. His character in private and public life is tlemanly manner, regardless of persons. The without taint, his devoted patriotism and record of the proceedings as kept by him, is love for the Union are freely admitted, and in a model of neatness and correctness. His every particular he comes up to the standard that should be required of a candidate for so evalted a station

The Representative delegates from this dis trict to the Chicago Convention are Wm. A. Galbraith, Esq., of this city; and Hon. Wm. A. Wallace, of Clearfield county. The former sufficient to say, that the unanimous sentiment of the Democrats of the district has long pointed to him as their desired representative in that body, and this not through any effort on his part, but solely by that common feeling of our natures which causes us to party" party came into power. wish to be represented in important bodies by one of our ablest and most trusty leaders. The flattering vote which Mr. Galbraith received for Senatorial delegate in the State Convention is evidence enough that the people of his own locality are not alone in entertaining a high opinion of his character. Mr. Wallace is not so familiar to the people of Erie county, but we assure them that he is a man debates which have taken place in the State Senate, of which he is a member, he has given proofs of talent excelled by few members of that body. At home, in Clearfield friends predict for him a distinguished career as a statesman and orator.

With men like Galbraith and Wallace at Chicago, the Democrats of the Twenty-First district, will be represented quite as well, to say the least, as any other in the State.

A MARRIAGE AND A MURDER.—On Sunday evening, says an exchange, a young man named Jno. Shoemaker, was killed by another named Rouchelander, both of Randolph township, Crawford county, under the following circumstances: Rouchelander had been married on that day, and in the evening a number gathered around his house to engage in a "sere nade," as is the custom in some communities, composed of all manner of hideous noises. In this amusement Shoemaker, as we understand, was not engaged, but was inside of the house, being a particular friend of Rouchelander. About 11 o'clock several of the serenaders entered the house, which so incensed Rouchelander that he seized a stick of fire wood and simed a blow at one of them, which, being evaded, struck the deceased upon the head, from the effects of which he died the same night. Rouchelander was committed to jail on Tuesday.

House Funnishing Goods .-- We direct the notice of our readers who desire to improve License; B. C. Town, North East Boro', Grotheir houses this spring to the large stock of cer's License; J. K. Cross, Greene, Tavern furnishing goods in the store of Messrs. D. Pierce & Co., at the corner of State and 9th Boro, Grocers License; J. O'Conner, Elkcreek streets. They have a complete assortment of Grocers License; John Anthony, East Ward articles in this line, and offer them at moder. Brie, Tavern License; Gottleib Brown, Millate terms.

Hoe, or Cultivator, which is represented to lie, Waterford Bore, Tavern License. us more annoyance than all the be one of the best articles ever javented. It artments of our office, and with all took the highest premium at the Fair in Chicago, over a number of competitors. Farmers will find it to their interest to step into

LAKE NAVIGATION .- The heavy wind of Tuesday night of last week, completely We imagined that the style of the Patriot's cleared the Lake of ice in this vicinity, and navigation towards the head of the Lake has been open ever since. On Tuesday morning of this week, the brig Paragon, Capt. Cox owner and commander, sailed for Port Saginaw, and on Wednesday she was followed by agement we have no doubt the Patriot will the tug Fanny White, Capt. Culver, for Lake Huron. Business on the Lake may now be regarded as having commenced, and in a short | printed at the State capital. period we expect to see our bay crowded with shipping.

SOMEWHAT EXCETED .- The Dunkirk Union says it published the Time Table of the Oil Creek R. R. and forwarded the paper to the Superintendent of the road, but that individual returned the same with the endorsement, "No Copperhead paper wanted here." Thereupon the editor opens the vials of his wrath and says :

"The miserable, contemptible, one-sided, lengines, and of the steam fire engine.

bigoted pup! Wonder if your road wants any Copperhead support, you pusillanimous

> VOLUNTEERS FOR THE NAVY .-- By & recent order from the Provost Marshal General, District Provost Marshals are authorized to enlist men for the naval service and marine corps. Recruits are examined the same as for the vessels on which they are engaged.

GEN. GRANT GOING TO WASHINGTON .- We understand that Lieutenant-General Grant is to be permanently located at Washington, and that he will proceed to that city as soon as he ace arrow-heads, beads, stone tomahawks | can conclude some military arrangements which he has on hand at the West. His principal object in being at the seat of Government is, of course, to be able to direct the movements of all the armies of the Union, It by in the graves. In this case, there is rumored that on his way back he will stop in this city, to procure a pair of patent Plumer appearing to have been closely packed State street. If the General does this, he will made boots, at the store of Jas. Bickenbaub;

> COMETHING NEW .- The attention of our readers is directed to the advertisement of our late cotemporary, Jos. S. M. Young, who has opened, at No. 4 Wright's Block, one of the richest and best selected assortments of fancy and useful articles ever exhibited in one estation, well paper, stationery, &c., tablishment in the city. Almost everything his the largest of the kind ever brought to that one could desire may be found at his | Eris, and is well worth the attention of the store. His enterprise deserves success, and we have no doubt will receive it.

> A New Coinage. - It is pleasant to know that a metallic currency in this country is not | Department of the East Ward schools, in place likely to become wholly obsolete. The bill of Miss Ferguson, resigned. The School Board for a cent piece to be nearly all copper; also East ward, on Fonts street, between German for a two cent piece, which will be a decided and Holland." convenience. The composition will be 25 per cent. copper, and 5 per cent. tin or zinc. The Branchial Troches will be found valuable to supply of nickel is already failing.

HARD ON HIM. -A correspondent of the Chautauque Democrat intimates that the pub lication of newspapers might as well be left to the women. If the Democrat is his principal the genuine. reading we do not wonder at the conclusion,-Dunkirk Union.

farming purposes, has been within sixty Colonel of the 83d regiment, and is now acting, always have inice light bread, biscuit, cakes, movement, and the work will be under head. of everything else, is as commander of the Brigade.

"No-Part" Parttism .- The removal of Geo. P. Griffeth, Esq., as Clerk of the Com-Warren, as the Presidential Elector for this mon Council solety houses he is a Democrat, faction to the Democrats, and add no little to concerned in it will yet have reason to feel the strength of our electoral ticket. He is ashamed. Mr. G, has made a most excellent which we presume even the men who voted against him will not deny. He was always prompt in his place, and treated all who came into official contact with him in a gendismissal can be excused on no just grounds whatever-not even on the principle that to the party in power belongs the "apoils." It is known to everybody in the county, that the city election this spring did not partake of a party nature, and some of the Councilmen who voted against Mr. Griffeth owe their is too well known to our readers to require seats to Democratic support. They were glad any extended allusion to his merits. It is enough to have Democrats vote for them, but it is quite a different thing in their estimation to vote for a Democrat. Take it in any feature, we regard this as quite the best sample of "no party" partyism that has appeared in our community since the intolerant "no-

Of Mr. Wells, the new Clerk, we have not a word derogatory to utter. He probably knew at once that his party leaders were determined to make a change, and knowing so, had as good a right to seek the place for himself SS Any other man in the city. What we desire to point out is the inconsistency of a set of men who prate on every street corner and public place of their determination not to reof whom they will never have cause to be gard party while the Union is endangered. ashamed. He is still quite young, but in the and who lose no opportunity to slander the character of neighbors whom they profess to look upon as "party men," and yet whose first official act belies all their pretensions, and shows them to be buried feet, body, arms county, he is extremely-popular, and his and cars in the filthiest mire of particanship.

TAX COLLECTORS. The County Commissioners have furnished to the Gasette the following list of persons, appointed by them Tax Collectors for the present year:

East Ward, Erie, George W Biblet; West Ward, Erie, Charles Miller; Mill Creek, Jack-son McCreary; Harborereek, Alfred C Gates; North East Tp., George W Griffin ; North East Bor., Orange S Loop; Greenfield, H H Lewis; Venango, George Rogers; Wattaburg, James M Greenleaf: Amity, Nathan Rathbone; Wayne, David Tuttle; Concord, Charles 8 near Salamanca, and threw it out of the Reynolds; Corry, Warren Puller; Union Tp., dow while the train was under motion. James Lyons: Union Bor., Daniel Bumpus; Le Bœuff, Howard Peck; Waterford Tp., Nathaniel Bowen; Waterford Bor., M. S.Vin cent: Greene Tp., Wm Weed; Summit Tp., Wm Duan; McKean Tp., Wm Grant; Middle-bord Bor., Job Stafford; Washington Tp., Wm Campbell; Franklin Tp., Henry M Jenness; Elkcreek Tp., Channey Joslin; Conneaut Tp., Dexter Spaulding; Springfield Tp., Jam Graves; Girard Tp., Jeremiah Davis; Girard Ber., Hiram Benham; Fairview Tp., Daniel Long; Albion, S A Sanders.

APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSE. - The following Petitions for License have been filed in the Clerk's Office, and will be presented to the Court of Quarter Sessions, on the 1st Monday

in May next:
W. T. Boyd, Union, Mills Grocers License: W. E. & C. M. McLean, Union Mills, Grocer's License: Louis Schumaker, East Ward, Erie. Tavern License; David Boyd, Waterford Creek, Tavern License; Anthony Knoll, West Messrs. P. & Co. are agents for a new Horse | Ward, Erie, Tavern License; A. W. Vantassel, West Ward, Erie, Tavern License, Robert Les-

> We have noticed for some time past the added freshness and interest of the local department of the Harrisburg daily Patriot, a paper, which from its home associations and "locals" was a familiar one, and were not surprised, therefore, on our late visit to Harrisburg to find that our old friend Wm. P. Coulter Esq., was the presiding genius of this department of the paper. Under his vigorous mansoon be the first in circulation, as it already is the first in point of talent, of the journals

PLEASING INTELLIGENCE. - A telegram from the Provost Marshal General to Gov. Curtin states that it will only require 1600 men to fill number required under the calls for 500,000. by any county in the State. There is good | Cain for their pastor. reason to hope that, by a continuance of county or local bounties, the draft may be entirely avoided in Pennsylvania. - Gazette.

OPERING DAY,-The ladies of the city and grand "opening" of fashionable spring bonarmy, and upon their acceptance will be sent nets and other goods, will take place at the to the nearest naval rendezvous. They are store of Messrs. Smith & Gilmore, (late E. H. credited to the quota of the sub-districts from Smith) on Thursday, the 14th inst. Their which they enlist. These recruits receive no stock consists of a much larger assortment even two miles west of town, the steam exca- advance pay or Government bounty, but are than usual, and cannot fail to suit all tastes, & Willis." entitled to a share of the prize money of embracing as it does the latest and prettiest styles. This firm deserves to do well, and we hope to see their store crowded with customers.

A returned roldier by the name of Chase, residing near Centerville, Crawford county, was in town on Monday, and after getting pretty well "corned," pitched into Mr. Barnes Greeley, against whom he (Chase) had a grudge, inflicting quite severe injuries, knocking Mr. Greeley into a pond of water, where he was nearly drowned before he succeeded in getting out. The effect ground the chap on Monday evening. An examination was held on Tuesday resulting in a fine of \$15 (very low we think) and costs. Mr. Greeley is a protect of flowing all states of the Tuesday resulting from the above protection. brother of Horace Greeley of the Tribune .-Jamestown Journal.

NEW Stoke.-Mesers. Caughey, McCreary & Con have opened a new book and paper sfere, in the room recently opened by McCord & McCreary, No. 11 Union Block. Their publiò.

SCHOOL MATTERS .- Miss Anna A. Golden

VALUABLE FOR THE BOLDIER. -Brown's the soldier in camp; exposed to sudden changes -affording prompt relief in cases of coughs, colds, etc. For officers and those who overtax the voice, they are useful in relieving irritated throats, and will render articulation easy. As there are imitations, be sure to obtain

ALL IS WELL THAT ENDS WELL .- Thus exclaimed many thousands after trying the cele-&c. It never fails.

LOCAL PARAGRAPHS.

The Meadville Republican says the small pox s prevailing at Titusville.

The "Noble" well on Oil Creek has flowed 808,478 barrels of oil valued at \$1,062,155. Better than a printing office. During the season of 1863, 850 disaster occurred on our Lakes. 128 lives were lest, and the loss of property amounted to \$1,480,

Public documents and political speeche continue to shower down upon us in great quantities: Thanks to you, gentlemen, one

and all. The Conneautville Record thinks the faci that our city Councils have authorized the

purchase of a steam fire engine is a sign that "the world moves." A bill has passed the lower branch of Congress, providing that the name of the Collec-

tion District of Presque Isle be changed to the Engineers are surveying a new railroad from point near Gowands, N. Y., to Buffalo. It

& Great Western Boad. A soldier writes that the most useful article which can be sent men in the field is a bunch of woolen warn and a darning peedle to mend

their socks. A large stock of new spring goods received at R. S. Morrison's dry goods store. The ladies will find it to their interest to call and

examine them. The Legislature has passed the laws author ising the re-election of the present Treasurer of this county, and increasing the compensation of our county Commissioners.

Mr. Allison, late of the Half-way House, in Harbororeek, has taken the old Brawley House in North East borough, and intends keeping one of the best hotels in the country. He is of our city authorities! a good landlord, and will do all he undertakes.

The veterans of the 111th Regiment who have not re-enlisted have been transferred to the 109th P. V., to serve out the remainder of their three years, extending until next fall .-Conneguiville Record.

Is this a punishment for refusing to volunteer again ?

The Dunkirk Journal says that a woman on the emigrant train was arrested at Dunkirk, on Wednesday, charged with infanticide. She had given birth to a child in the car privy, near Salamanca, and threw it out of the win-

A subscriber to the Glenn's Falls Messenger complains that the price of the paper has been raised, and wants to continue the subscription at the old rate of \$1 per year. The editor agrees to the offer, and proposes to take his pay in good cotton sheeting at 10 cents per yard, its old price.

A French Physician recommends essence of turpentine as a specific for nervous headache and hemicrania, even when accompanied by vertigo, to which females are especially sub-

The Express train on the A. & G. W. R. R. lately came from Corry to this place, (27 miles) says the Jamestown Journal, in 32 minutes. This is fully at the rate of 60 miles an hour. considering they have to run slowly through the "Rip Raps."

We extend our thanks to Mr. W. C. White, of Waterford, for a handsomely framed and superior likeness of Gen. McClellan. Mr. W. has for sale pictures of nearly all our leading generals and statesmen, with or without frames. He is prepared to frame engravings, &c., in any style desired, and on terms as reasonable as can be met with anywhere.

cently presented S. A. Hall, the editor of the Democratic Pharos, printed at Logansport, a new power press, with a steam engine for runthe ability with which it is conducted, we value ning the same, the whole costing about \$1,500. more highly than any on our exchange list. It must be pleasant to be a Democratic editor in that locality.

It is said that raised greenbacks are in extensive circulation. The work is neatly done by pasting ones to pass as tens. Of course none but careless people, or those not used to handling money, would be deceived. It is to protect such that we call attention to the altered notes. The art of pasting and altering notes has been brought to great perfection, and those who look only to the figures on a note may be easily misled as to its character.

We listened for the first time, on Sunday evening last, to the new paster of Park church, the quota of Pennsylvania, the State having | Rev. Geo. F. Cain, and were unusually gratireceived credit for 10,000 in excess of the fied by his sermon on the occasion. He is one of the most polished and interesting speakers In this case the proportion required of our we have over heard, and evidently possesses a county must be small, for, as remarked in a richly cultivated and practical mind. The letter received from a friend in Harrisburg | members of the congregation deserve to be just before gaing to press, the official records congratulated on securing the services of so show that Erie is not excelled in prompt action | able, eloquent and earnest a gentleman as Mr.

Here is a neat specimen of a "dun" from Morris & Willis, of the Home Journal: "Dear Sir-In the hurry of your engagements, you have overlooked and forgotten, as a trifle, the small sum of a year's indebtedness to the vicinity will be interested in learning that a | Home Journal; but, as rivers are kept running by drops of falling dew, so it is necessary to our continuance that the falling dues should come punctually to the fountain-head. By dropping your due into the Post Office for us, you will oblige. Yours, with respect, Morria

> The following curious advertisement appeared in a remote corner of the Dispatch, last week :

> "UNION HALL."-A meeting of Republicans is requested on Saturday eve., April lat, proxime, at the (supposed) "Union Beading Room," to take into consideration the expulsion of the "New York Tribune" by a clique of Copperhead, Pro-Slavery Republicans. HUMAN PRESDOM.

> Copperhead, Pro-Slavery Republicans" is announcement.

A serious row occurred at Deitz's brewere in the commencement of the week, of which we have not been able to obtain the complete particulars. From what we have been informed it would appear that a number of disorderly young men visited the place mentioned, and commenced a disturbance with one of the persons they met there. A well known citizen of Mill Creek, Mr. J. W. Kochler, a peaceable and estimable man, attempted has been appointed Principal of the Primary to quell the difficulty, when the rowdles fell upon, and best him in a shocking manner. Two of them have been arrested, and placed under discussion in the U. S. Seaste provides have decided to erect a school building in the in quarters in the "Swalley House," and the officerstare in hopes of capturing the others.

Now that we have taken one step forward n the purchase of a stream thre engine why. not complete the business by establishing water works? The city, we know, is too deeply in debt to undertake it at present, but a private company might, and it would certain. ly succeed. With the abundance of money now lying idle, we do not doubt, a hundred thousand dellars or so, could be obtained in, a, to fix the Republican party just as he does his few days. Let some such public spirited men hair, i. c., part it in the middle. as Mayor Melealf, Wm. S. Brown, J. C. Bur-O. S. Woodward has been commissioned as brated Chemical Saleratus of DeLand & Co. Goes, or William A. Galbraith take hold of the Colonal of the 23d recipent and taxon and taxon will be under headway before the fourth of July.

The city "newspaper agencies" and other concerns that send us advertisements, desir-

ing their insertion at one-half and one-third our usual rates, may as well save paper, ink and postage. If they think we are so hard up for patronage that we are obliged to accept it at beggariy rates, we ask them to look over the advertising columns of the Observer. The business and circulation of the paper has now reached a standard where we can fix our own terms, and we intend adhering to them

ereafter. A correspondent of the Crawford Democre makes a severe attack on the orders issued by the Commissioners of this county. He advises business men, to "set their faces against" them, and says the bankers of Meadville will only take them at 5 per cent. discount. We are by no means a friend of paper currency, but since it has come to be our only circulating medium, we think the notes issued on the credit of our county are much better than two-thirds of the back trash which is flooded over the country.

The congregation of Park Presbyterian Church have purchased the brick house of Mrs s designed to be an extension of the Atlantic Richards, at the corner of Sassafras and 7th streets, for a parsonage. The sum to be paid is \$5600, and as an instance of the liberality of this congregation, we may add, that the entire amount needed was subscribed in one day. A considerable amount of repairs is to be added to the property. -1

We call the attention of the public to the horrid condition of State street, from Second to the Philadelphia & Eric B. R. depot. It has been bad enough in former Springs, but this year it goes way sahead of all that has been seen before. Last week, we are informed, wagon got stuck in the mud, and the strength of eight horses was required to extract it... What a fine impression it must give strangers, coming in by the railroad, of the enterprise ing matter for that week's issue, as to cause

C. M. Varney has been appointed "City bill poster," with the exclusive privilege of distributing bills and circulars within the limits of the corporation. We know Charley to be a faithful and accommodating fellow, and are glad to hear of his appointment. Persons wishing to secure his services will find him at Gray & Farrar's store.

A circular issued from the office of the German American" at Meadville informs us that the paper has ceased to exist. It had attained a good circulation, but the extravagant prices of all articles used in the business were too much for the pocket of its editor to bear.

General McClellan's report has obtained a wider circulation in a shorter period of time than any other book published in this country. it has been printed by at least a dozen different houses, and in all manner of forms, from the unpretending 25 cent edition to the handsome two dollar and a-half one of Shelden & Co.

One of our old subscribers writes to us omplaining of the advanced cost of newspapers, and asking whether we will not take the amount he paid in January, 1862, for payment of another year's subsemption. Yes, most certainly, if he will furnish it to us in paper, ink, or type, at the same rates we then paid for them.

Jas. A. Bliss, of this city, has entered into the grocery business at Titusville, and we are glad to hear, is doing well. We regret to lose so public spirited a fellow as Bliss from our community, and hope it will not be long until he makes large enough fortune in the oil regions, to return and settle down here, as a retired millionaire. We understand that a fine new Hotel, of

out the same proportions as Brown's Hotel, is to be erected during the coming season, on a portion of the site of the old Reed House. We trust that arrangements will also be made for building up, the entire tract lately covered by that famous structure. The township in which Ashtabula is situ-

ated has filled up its quota under all calls. On the very day the Proclamation was received, calling for 200,000 more, the citizens went to work. Would that we had a little of that sort of spirit in this section? The well known property in North East

ownship, known as the "Ross Farm," is offered for sale. We understand it to be a very desirable property.

The editor of the Oil City Monitor, speaking of the high price of eggs, says he has "thought seriously of quitting work and buying a hen, and making a living easier than in the printing business." | Certain it is that he could get at no business that yields smaller profits than publishing a newspaper, at the present cost of everything.

The Petroleum Reporter office, at Titusville, has been purchased by Messrs. Martin & Lake. We wish them success-in a business way, under all circumstances-politically if they are on the right side.

The saloon at the corner of State and Fifth streets, has been taken by C. Trask, who intends keeping it in the best manner. It has been neatly decorated, and fitted up with convenient stalls and rooms, making it a handsome place of resort.

We have printed a new style of blank Leases, to which we solicit public attention. Both in style and matter, we think they cannot help pleasing everybody.

Seamen are said to be much needed for the Federal Navy, and some thirty vessels are now alleged to be detained in Eastern ports, on account of the scarcity of men. By a late enactment, persons enlisting in the navy are credited on the quotas of the district where they reside.

Mesers, Lapham & Glover have opened an engraving establishment in the basement room below Austin's jewelry store. Their specimens of wedding and business cards show them to be good workmen.

An intense speculative fever in oil lands upon the Allegheny river and Oil Creek is raging. Parties are buying and have bough tracts at fabulous prices. If "Father Abraham" would give the small

pox to the swindling army contractors it would wind up the war quicker than all the proclamations he could issue between now and the day of his burial. Alderman Clapp, of the Boston Saturday Evening Gazette, calls the city, whereof he is

one of the Pathers, "The city of the Big Organ." Wouldn't the "City of Great Blowers" be more appropriate? Geo. Demon, a wounded soldier of the 145th regiment, has been appointed Keeper of the "Land Light House," in place of John

Goalding, resigned. At Parkersburg, Va., oil wells have been struck vielding from six hundred to one thousand barrels per day. The excitement is very great in consequence, and every man in the place thinks he has an oil well in his cellar. Look out for bogus fifty cent postage currency. They are getting to be almost as plenty

as the genuine article. The Sunday Times says, according to all present appearances, Gen. Fremont is disposed

Lake Fish are beginning to appear in our market in considerable abundance. The price, steep.

[We invite contributions to this department of the Obarver from persons of HVERT shade of opinion—religion 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 inscrition, must be accompanied by the real name

of the author.] The County Superintendency Again. Written for the Erie Observer.]

EDITOR ERIB OBSERVER :- Dear Sir:-The question has been asked: "Of what use is a County Superintendent of Common Schools in Eric County?" I am not qualified to answer the query. It is said that not a school in this part of the county has been visited by the Superintendent during the school year that closes in June next.

It is also stated that the Rev. J. Degmeler, instead of devoting his time to visiting the schools in the district over which he has been placed, is acting as clerk for Mr. Douglass, Collector of Internal Bevenue. As to that part of his duty requiring him to inspect teachers, 'tis thought it might be as well and profitably performed by the several township boards of directors, as by Mr. Degmeier. 1 know but little of such matters, but I am under the impression that a man to be competent to inspect teachers, or persons offering themselves as teachers, of the English language, should himself be able to pronounce that language correctly, and not make himself the butt of ridicule of every class he attempts to inspect. If you cannot answer the question, "Of

what useds a County Superintendent of Public Schools in Erie county," perhaps the Gazette can. A SCHOOL DIRECTOR.

Hard Pushed.

Written for the Observer. I EDITOR OF THE OBSERVER :- I regret to see

the editor of the Dispatch reduced to such a strait as he has been in, last week, in furnishhim to resort to his fertile brain in producing the anonymous article headed "Bridget is indignant." Such a production, emanating from the pen of an editor, is an evidence of his deficiency in those qualities so necessary to a man occupying his position, and only betrays a lack of wit, and love of sarcasm and ridicule, directed particularly to a certain portion of our citizens.

.The article in question, however, may not be devoid of interest, as the adjectives freely applied, showing his claim to veracity, would indicate that he is aware of some of his most prominent qualities. In fact, few animals are deprived of the sagacity of manifesting by instinct, their predilictions and propensi-CANDOR. ties.

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