

Erie Observer.

ERIE, PA., DECEMBER 15, 1864.
Following statement shows the total vote of Philadelphia at several important elections:

1859, For President, 70,999
1860, " " 77,247
1863, " Governor, 81,467
1864, " President, 93,826

Table with columns: State, Lincoln, McCallen. Rows include New Hampshire, Connecticut, New York, etc.

The official vote for President. The following is the official vote of the States named.
Lincoln, McCallen.
New Hampshire, 34,521, 2,287, 21,928

Lincoln's Cabinet. Since Mr. Lincoln's inauguration in March, 1861, there have been five changes in his Cabinet.

The Aesthetics of War. The New York Tribune last week printed a glowing account of the recent battle of Franklin, Tennessee, and pronounced the bloody struggle 'the prettiest fight of the war.'

What the People can Expect. The Tribune of Saturday contained an editorial article of which the following is the closing paragraph:

A Word in Season. The heartless insincerity during the late campaign of the Republican press, in their wholesale charges upon the Democratic party of treason, sympathy with the rebellion, disunionism, and what infantry not, is demonstrated by their utterances since the campaign.

Wealth to Govern. The New York Times, having probably read that "money is power," concludes that "wealth must hereafter govern."

Sherman's Army. The despatches on Thursday morning represent that General Sherman's whole army was then within ten miles of Savannah, advancing to attack it.

The Debt and the Interest. The national debt amounted, on the 1st of July, 1864, to \$1,740,890,480 49.

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The President's Last Speech.

Gov. Fenton was serenaded at Washington, Tuesday night, and so was the President. The following was Mr. Lincoln's speech on that momentous occasion:

"FRIENDS AND FELLOW-CITIZENS: I believe I shall never be old enough to speak without embarrassment when I have anything to talk about."

"I have no good news to tell you, and yet I have no bad news to tell you. We have talked of elections until there is nothing more to say about them."

"We all know where he went in at, but I can't tell where he will come out at. [Cheers and cries: 'He'll come out all right!']"

"The American people have their own way of doing things, and Mr. Lincoln is intensely American in this respect. He is probably the only man in the world who could make that speech."

"I would not care to say anything for an instance in which the head of a great nation 'orated' in such unique style. We have heard something like it sometimes at dinner parties, when very young men are indiscreetly called upon by partial friends, to respond to toasts, and like the President, having nothing to say, sit still."

"We agree with the Tribune in the hope that the Administration will now proceed to levy taxation unparisarily. A majority have voted for a war of extermination and abolition, and it is right that those who so voted should feel the full burden of their decision."

"The property of the wealthy should not be voted away by, or be in any way under the control of, the laboring classes."

"The executioner on the estate of Stephen A. Douglas reports to the court in Chicago that he has paid to Mrs. Douglas over \$7,500, and to the two children over \$7,000, being proceeds of the estate after paying all its debts."

WAR NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Confederates state that General Grant is building winter quarters, and that the huts can be plainly seen from their lines. They extend from the Appomattox river for several miles south past Petersburg to the Weldon railroad, and are constructed some distance to the rear of the Federal fortifications.

General Lee has made a report of the result of General Gregg's expedition to Stony Creek on the Weldon railroad. Gregg burned the buildings at the station, and captured one hundred and twenty-five Confederate prisoners.

General Sheridan's army is still at Winchester. He is doing nothing, and the Confederates at Strasburg are as quiet as he. Sheridan has lately sent a cavalry expedition under General Merritt, in Loudon Valley, east of the Shenandoah.

A small Federal expedition from East Tennessee has marched into western North Carolina and captured sixteen Confederate militiamen. The expedition has returned.

General Sherman's family call him 'Cuma' for short. His middle name is Tecumseh. The price of gas in this city has been increased from \$3.50 to \$5 per thousand feet.

A tract of timber land, belonging to Mr. Wetmore, of Warren, and situated near Pittsfield, was lately sold for \$150,000.

The old Farmer's Hotel, at the corner of French and Fifth streets, has been refitted and the name changed to 'Banner Hotel.' John and George Dunn are the lessees.

Eighteen 'clergymen' were elected to the Legislature at the late election in Vermont. What great sin, a contemporary, has Vermont committed that it is to be so grievously afflicted?

A little boy, who put counterfeit money in the contribution box, repented to his Sunday school teacher that he "didn't expose the little heathens who would know the difference, and thought it would be just as good for them."

A gentleman went into a store in Manchester, N. H., on Wednesday evening, and inquired for small copper-topped shoes. The shopman immediately ordered him off, saying that there was no time or place to talk politics.

Ben Franklin is reported to have said that the American national symbol should not be an eagle, but a turkey; because, although the bird of Christmas swallows, he will fight, and is always ready to fly at anything in secret.

Col. H. L. Brown was on Saturday last week qualified as Sheriff, and selected, Mr. J. W. Stratton as Deputy. The latter has made an active demand for old newspapers, books, pamphlets and scraps of paper for this purpose, and it is eagerly bought up by parties connected with the paper mill.

Persons in search of Holiday goods will find an unusually fine collection at Young's Emporium, No. 4, Wright's Block. The stock embraces almost every kind of Toys and Fancy Goods in the market, and the taste must be hard to please that cannot find something suitable in this large assortment.

Boys and girls, do you want to see the latest lot of Holiday Goods ever brought to Erie? We fancy we hear you unite in a general shout.

The term Methodist was derived from the habits of John and Charles Wesley, who, while in college, lived such prayerful and methodical lives, that their associates gave them the name of methodists in derision.

An Englishman has taken the pains to weigh the clothes worn by a lady of eighteen, of average size, and says their weight is 14 1/2 pounds.

The oldest member of the United States House of Representatives is Thaddeus Stevens, of Pennsylvania, who is seventy-one years of age; and the youngest is James A. Garfield, of Ohio, who is thirty-three.

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Fortress Monroe for so long, is believed also to have sailed on Thursday. The Administration, however, only guesses at Sherman's destination.

From Petersburg we have the important intelligence, through private channels, that the construction of the Dutch Gap canal has been abandoned. The Confederate artillery have succeeded in breaking the enormous dredging machines that are employed in the excavation of the canal, and now nothing can be done.

We are now receiving daily accounts, both from Northern and Southern sources, of Gen. Foster's unsuccessful attempt to cut the Charleston and Savannah railroad. The Federal troops report their losses at from five hundred to a thousand in the battle of Grahamville.

The Confederates have begun an invasion of Kentucky. Part of General Hood's army has marched down the Cumberland to the vicinity of Fort Henry and Donelson. It is commanded by General Lyon. Twenty miles south of Fort Donelson he seized a Federal steamer; used her for crossing to the east side of the Cumberland, and then burned her.

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There are 578 National banks now doing business throughout the country, with a total capital of \$108,101,180.

HUBBELL'S GOLDEN BITTERS. A PURELY VEGETABLE TONIC. INVIGORATING & STRENGTHENING. For the system against the evil effects of pure water.

BANK NOTICE! Keystone National Bank of Erie. CAPITAL, \$150,000. DIRECTORS: SELDEN MARVIN, JOHN W. HAMBMON, JOHN H. MINTON, ESTHER BOGGS, JOHN J. TOWN, Cabler.

VALUABLE Store Stand and Residence for Sale. The undersigned offers for sale his valuable property in the village of Ellettsville, Ind., consisting of a spacious and comfortable Dwelling House, with an acre of well cultivated land.

Administrator's Notice. L. E. STEWART, Administrator of the Estate of Robert B. Howard, deceased, late of Erie County, Pa. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, trustee is hereby given to all knowing themselves to be entitled to claim or demand of the said estate, or to have the same will present themselves to the undersigned, at his office, at No. 102 N. Third St., Erie, Pa., on or before the 15th day of January, 1865.

Stray Heifer. I have a fine cow, about three years old, of the Durham breed, with a white spot on the back. The owner is requested to come forward and claim the same, or otherwise she will be sold as a spoil of justice to the highest bidder. JAMES F. DONNELLY, No. 214 N. 3rd St., Erie, Pa.

Notice. WHEREAS the Letters Testamentary of the Estate of JACOB KNOX, deceased, late of Erie County, Pa., have been committed to the undersigned, trustee is hereby given to all knowing themselves to be entitled to claim or demand of the said estate, or to have the same will present themselves to the undersigned, at his office, at No. 102 N. Third St., Erie, Pa., on or before the 15th day of January, 1865.

Orphan's Court Sale. THE PURCHASE OF AN ORPHAN'S COURT SALE. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, trustee is hereby given to all knowing themselves to be entitled to claim or demand of the said estate, or to have the same will present themselves to the undersigned, at his office, at No. 102 N. Third St., Erie, Pa., on or before the 15th day of January, 1865.

IMPORTANT TO FEMALES. DR. CHEESEMAN'S FEMALE REGULATOR (PILLS). The combination of ingredients in these pills is the result of long and extensive practice. They are mild in their operation, and are perfectly adapted to the female system, curing all irregularities, whether from cold or other cause, and are perfectly safe in every case.

Young Men's Christian Association! REGULAR LECTURE COURSE FOR THE ENSUING WINTER. AT FARRAR HALL. 1. Dec. 13th--Rev. JAMES B. ANSELL, of Freeburg, Pa. Subject, 'The Character of a Christian.'

Tavern Stand for Sale. THE SUBSCRIBER WISHING TO retire from public life offers for sale his Tavern Stand known as the Bull's Head Tavern, situated on a well watered depot in North East, with about fifteen acres of land, and a large stock of provisions of the most choice quality.

NEW FURNITURE STORE. J. H. RIBLET & CO., FURNITURE WARE-HOUSE, IN CABLES' BLOCK, Between 5th and 6th Streets, on State St. We have on hand a large and complete assortment of Furniture, and will sell at a sacrifice, for the purpose of settling up our business, all the furniture on hand at a very low price.