

ERIE, PA., MARCH 30th, 1865.

ITEMS OF ALL SORTS.

The Legislature has adjourned, and our members have returned to rest upon their laurels. A contemporary remarks that Vice President Johnson has made a spirited commencement.

Somebody says that a pretty woman is a brilliant poem full of rhyme, sentiment, and all manner of illustrations. When bound in one's arms she increases to several volumes.

A printer in the Buffalo Courier office was drafted on Wednesday last week. His wife, who was lying sick at the time, was so much affected by the occurrence that she died on the night of the same day.

Gen Palmer has ordered the suppression of all slave pens. The order bears upon the radical editors. Their pens are slaves to the Administration.

Persons in this vicinity who have engraving to be done need no longer go abroad to have it executed. Mr. J. M. Lapham, who has his place of business at Capt. Austin's jewelry store, is an engraver whose talents are exceeded by few in the country.

Teachers who desire to take charge of schools in Mill Creek township, during the summer term, will find a notice of interest to them in our advertising columns.

Thayer & Noyes' Girard has been transferred by rail from Girard to Washington city, where it was expected to open on the 29th inst. The horses, moneys, wagons, &c., belonging to this circus, are said to be the best of any ever seen in the United States.

We advise all our readers having property to sell to give wide notice of the fact, both through the papers and by hand-bill. It costs but little, and by creating competition among purchasers, may add hundreds of dollars to the sum the property will sell for.

Very few of our readers, we presume, have an idea of the immense sums of money invested in the National Loan in this city and county. One banking firm, alone, that of Clark & Metcalf, we are informed, has disposed of the various styles of Government bonds to the amount of several hundred thousand dollars.

The editor of the Gazette informs his readers that "according to information just derived from the family record, he reached the emigrating age last October, and consequently was not really liable to the draft." We trust that he will not become selfish like some men who are exempt, and refuse to assist those who are liable.

Dr. G. R. Spalding, of Albany, has been compelled by falling ill, to dissolve his connection with Col. Van Rice's great show, and the concern thereupon passes into the exclusive ownership of Col. Rice. The Girard Union says the latter gentleman "is becoming popular, and a Moral Animal Exhibition is the result."

Col. Dan Rice recently made a present of a beautiful pony to the sons of Rev. W. Hollister, of Girard. It seems to us that nothing pleases the great humorist more than to do some good deed of kindness. We should like to mention a characteristic act of generosity on his part, in connection with himself, if we were not under strict bonds not to disclose it.

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Messrs. Minning and Russell have formed a partnership to carry on the grocery business, at the corner of State and Eighth streets.

Gold in New York, on Wednesday, opened at 152, declined to 151 3/4, and rose again to 157 7/8.

The water in Lake Erie at Dunkirk is at least two feet lower than usual.

A great fall in the price of produce and store goods has taken place in this city.

Artemus Ward, the Gazette says, is expected to visit Erie about the 1st of May.

The Flood in the Allegheny River. From the Warren Ledger and Mail, of last week, we gather the following particulars of the great flood in that section. The Ledger says:

The first wholesale sweeping of property was from the island on which stands the barrel factory of Billard & Co. All the barrels which the factory has taken out during the winter were stacked up, six or eight deep, and covering some where in the neighborhood of an acre of space.

The members of the State Legislature, at their late session, voted themselves \$1,000 salary. Their proceedings lasted less than three months, and at the sum fixed upon for this period their wages would amount to over \$4,000 a year.

"Fickle" March has been true to his old time reputation this year, giving us all kinds of weather, and no sort lasting more than a couple of days. Within the past two weeks we have had several very pleasant days, and several all-fresh mean ones.

The rooms of the Second National Bank, in Brown's Hotel, have been fitted up in elegant style. They make the handsome banking office in the city. By the way, is it not strange how rapidly the notes of our city National Banks disappear from circulation in this vicinity? Since the Second National bank went into operation no less than \$150,000 in its bills have been paid out, and yet it is a very rare thing to meet with one in any of our business transactions.

A servant girl in Meadville had a bean who enlisted in the army. Previous to leaving home he made her a present of a third interest in three acres of land on Oil creek, as "a slight token of his regard." This small tract has recently been sold, and the girl's share of it is \$40,000. The Journal says "if she doesn't put on airs," and "marries the soldier boy when he comes back from the war, the soldier will be finished in the good old-fashioned way, and we will duly notify our readers."

The present draft develops a curious state of affairs in some sections. The quotas have been based on the old enrollment, there are many places where the number of liable men left is not enough to fill the quotas. In Clearfield county, for instance, the following is the result: Bloom township 21 names, to be drawn; Denatur 48 names, 56 to be drawn; Covington 33 names, 40 to be drawn; Morris 44 names, 63 to be drawn; Woodward 21 names, 26 to be drawn.

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It is almost impossible to tell how much the injury to the roads and bridges is very great. The fences are nearly all gone, and immense piles of lumber and firewood are piled up promiscuously in all directions. A part of the railroad track near Spot's is gone, and the fields are a sweep of desolation, and desolated in every direction. "Be they are alive and Tidiotes, growing worse and worse, and the farther you go, the more so." The railroad bridge at Arvia, went down stream a few inches, and one pier of the Youngville bridge was nearly or quite destroyed. The Brokenstraw was very high. We hear that the Lottville bridge and the Wrightville bridge, Wright's mill dam and nearly all the dams and bridges below Samuel Arvia's are gone, or very severely injured. Pittsburg was for a time inundated and large quantities of lumber taken off. All along the Brokenstraw valley, the fields were swept over by the flood, and the fences were generally from Irvine landing many boats laden with engines and other freight for the oil regions, were carried away, with the boards and shingles on the bank.

"It is some satisfaction, however, to know that in all this extent of destruction, not a single life or serious injury has been reported."

The Oil City Monitor has a lengthy account of the flood in the Allegheny and Oil Creek. We have only room for the following: "From all we can gather at the present time, the loss by the food, including Oil City, Oil Creek, and the Allegheny River, we estimate at fully \$5,000,000. And to place every thing as it was before the disaster, would require a still greater sum. Fully 60,000 barrels of oil were lost, and the number of empty barrels will not fall short of 40,000. The number of boats, not less than 150. The number of horses, drowned, over 100. The destruction of other property is immense. So far as we have learned, there was but one life lost.

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