

Our paper is without its usual variety this week, owing to a pressure of job work, and the want of sufficient help in the office.

Table of the votes of the North-Western counties of the State in 1864 and 1865.

The increase in the Republican vote of Erie county, in the two years, was 1,656 and in the Democratic vote 1,009.

Mr. E. L. Clark, late editor of the Gazette, has issued a long and foolish statement of the cause which led to his retirement from that office, in which he indulges in wholesale slander upon almost every respectable person with whom he has been associated in Erie.

THE PUBLIC DEBT. Mr. McCulloch has published a statement of the public debt of the United States as appears from the books, treasurer's returns, and requisitions in the department on September 30.

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WARNING TO OFFICE HOLDERS. The Washington correspondent of the New York Times telegraphs as follows: The President to-day directed the removal of Mr. Russell, the postmaster at Des Moines, Iowa, and the appointment of Gen. Saunders in his stead.

THE FENIAN ORGANIZATION IN THE NORTH-WESTERN STATES.—We learn from reliable sources that the Fenian organization in the Northern States numbers two hundred and twenty-one thousand men.

SHERMAN ON McCLELLAN. The Missouri Republican says that a zealous Abolition politician approached Gen. Sherman, in Ohio, the other day, and indulged in some remarks reflecting severely on McClellan, after which he asked Sherman what he thought of the late "Copperhead candidate for President?"

AN erroneous impression prevails with the public as to the number of pardons thus far granted by the President, some estimates making it as high as twenty-five thousand.

NORTH CAROLINA.—A correspondent of the Times, one of the special rail agents, writes under date of September 23d from Montgomery, Ala., as follows: I am satisfied that no factious opposition need be apprehended to the policy of the government concerning the negro, or upon any other of the issues affecting the Southern restoration to Union and peace.

ALARMING INCREASE OF STATE EXPENSES.—The expenses of the State Government for the year 1860, were \$262,899,71; for 1862, in the heat of the war, were \$411,804,93; for 1864, they were \$600,021,45; an increase of nearly \$200,000 over that of 1862.

We are assured upon what we regard as reliable authority, that every Federal office holder in Erie county sustains President Johnson's reconstruction policy.

A correspondent of the Albany Argus says that a bet is offered of \$10,000 in gold, that the Democratic ticket in New York will be elected—\$1,000 on each of the ten candidates.

The New York Tribune quotes editorially and approvingly the declaration of a Mississippi correspondent, that if President Johnson's "State Militia organization is to go on, the Government would do well to be mustering in rather than mustering out United States troops."

The Vicksburg Herald learns that the property of Joseph E. Davis, elder brother of the President of the late Confederate States, located in Warren County, and the property of Gen. Wm. T. Martin, of Natchez, Miss., has been restored to them; also, that the property of Jacob Thompson and Gen. N. B. Forrest has never been attached to all.

JOHN VAN BUREN admits having written a letter, while Postmaster General, dated November 30, 1865, justifying rebellion, but says it was a strictly private one, and was published wholly without his (his) authority or knowledge.

In a speech at a Democratic meeting in Albany last week, John Van Buren urged the nomination of President Johnson for re-election. Isn't John a little hasty?

Writing for the Observer. Pithole's Reflections. Pithole has its dark days like other favored spots, as many unfortunate travelers to the Mecca of Oldom can testify to their sorrow.

The fire is about \$150,000. The land interest was owned by the United States Company. The working interest in the oil had been sold, and on the oil in the tanks there was an insurance to the amount of \$20,000.

ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST.—Meadville, in 1840, had a population of 1,319; in 1850, of 2,578; in 1860, of about 4,000, and at the present time is claimed to have about 6,000.

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A person representing himself to be in the employ of Gray & Farrar, got all the letters of that firm from the post office, on the morning of the 2d inst., and appropriated them to his personal use.

One of the best Livery stables in the city is that kept by M. D. Osborn. He has a large and fine lot of horses and conveyances. Give him a trial.

It is reported that the late editor of the Gazette avows his intention of starting another paper, with which he threatens to run all the others out of the city.

Mr. E. L. Clark, late of the Gazette, announces that he did not leave for "parts unknown," as stated in the Dispatch last week, but was absent on a business trip in the East.

Five sets of barrels were stolen from the stable of the Express company, on Friday night last. They are of a peculiar make, and cannot be used in these parts without detection.

James Lytle, on Fifth street, has been purchased by Messrs. John S. Carter and N. Murphy, who design extending their stores back the full width of the square.

Two twelve horse power engines are thus driven, at a much less expense than would be required for any other sort of fuel. So well satisfied are the owners of the well with this first experiment, that they have laid another pipe to the Erie City Iron Works, through which they convey gas to the boilers of that establishment.

Two damsels, passing through the depot a day or two since, were having an animated discussion on the subject of coiffure, and one was overheard to say: "What do you think, Maria, it took me thirty five minutes, this morning, to make my water fall."

The editor of the Williamsport Bulletin was married the other day. He must be a bold man to undertake such a feat. An exchange thinks the shortest road to insanity is to be an editor; let the workman be waiting for copy; prepare to write an article, and get a few sentences done; then let an acquaintance drop in, and begin to tell you stories and the gospel of the town; and let him sit, and sit, and sit.

The attention of the public is directed to the crowd of young men who gather upon some of our street corners nightly, and make night hideous, to state home, with their yells and songs. We don't endorse the Republican platform as a general thing, but that sort of "free speech" ought to be "suppressed."

Pithole has had its first marriage, which occurred a day or two since. One man is said to have died of old age. As yet the children who are here, have come by railroad and stage.

Quite a quarrel is now going on between the Vigilance Committee and those who think that that institution was a little fast at times. No doubt at one time for a month or so a Vigilance committee was needed, but it should have been constituted if at all, by the people at large, and not by a clique of irresponsible men, who, because they were related to those who owned the fee of the farm on which Pithole is built, aspired to become public characters and office holders.

All anticipations a great increase of the speculative fever in a short time, and it is probable the anxious, hurrying army of money getters will be increased by a new brigade. All here are money getters and nothing else. The object of Pithole's existence is to get as large a pile of greenbacks as possible in a few weeks or months. Occasionally a contrite sinner is heard to express his remorse over his rascalities, but apologizes for them by stating what may be perhaps a little too strong, that no man can live in Pithole without being a rascal. Indeed, he who comes to Pithole from communities where probity is the custom, and honesty in common business transactions esteemed by the public, will at first be astounded, then confused, and then disgusted, and perhaps be so impressed with admiration of man's ingenuity in cheating his fellow man, as to embrace the "monster of such frightful mien."

Pithole is a study for the realist, the moralist and him who wishes to improve his cheating facilities. Three church societies are organized, and the Black Republican party have held a political meeting. So there is hope for the future.

Great Fire at Pithole. PITTSBURGH, Oct. 9, 1865. Last night, at about half-past one o'clock, a loud explosion and flash of flame aroused our citizens to witness one of the most disastrous conflagrations ever known in the oil region. Well No. 19, of the Holmden Farm, the same which was burned the morning after it commenced flowing, several weeks since, and the buildings connected with the well were wrapped in flames. The fire is supposed to have originated from the burning oil under the boiler.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. FARRAR HALL, ERIE. LESSEES MANAGERS, DOYLE & EVANS.

TICKET-OF-LEAVE MAN. During the season will be produced THE OCTOBER. PEOPLE'S LAWYER, FORT MORGAN, DALLAS, CHARLESTON, Florida.

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