

IMPORTANT NOTICE.—The patrons of the Observer are informed that we have commenced making our quarterly accounts for advertising and subscription accounts, and we expect to be able to give you a full and complete statement of our business for the past year, and we cannot say that we are not very much pleased with the result. We have received from our subscribers for the past year, and we cannot say that we are not very much pleased with the result. We have received from our subscribers for the past year, and we cannot say that we are not very much pleased with the result.

A FINE FRONT.—The sensation story on our first page, we have learned since, is a hoax, got up undoubtedly by some honory editor more smart than honest. The officers of the Erie Chamber of Commerce, at a meeting held on the 7th inst., have resolved to issue a card declaring that no incident like that given has ever occurred at this institution.

COMPARATIVE VOTE.—For convenience of reference, we give below the vote in the Congressional district for President in 1864, and the Congressional vote in 1880. The official table of the Congressional vote this year will be found in another place:

Table with 3 columns: Name, 1864, 1880. Includes Lincoln, McClellan, Geary, Clynner, etc.

Lincoln, McClellan, Geary, Clynner. 1864: Lincoln 2541, McClellan 1222, Geary 737, Clynner 577. 1880: Lincoln 348, McClellan 835, Geary 1010, Clynner 1010.

Lincoln over McClellan 2,717; Geary over Clynner 2,893; Republican over Democratic 5,610. Showing a very considerable balance in our favor. Mr. Scott ran 218 ahead of Mr. Clynner; Mr. Scofield 183 behind Mr. Clynner. The majority is 234 less than Geary's.

MOSEY ORDERS.—It may not be generally known to the public that the Post Office Department has devised a system for sending money, which is much cheaper and fully as safe as draft or express. Its advantages are well set forth in an incident related by an exchange of a clerk in a New York business house who was sent recently to inquire the price of a draft of \$4,800 on California. He ascertained that it would be three percent, or \$144. The principal directed him to go to a well-known banker—J. J. Bennett—and he could not be obtained. The clerk, mistaking the name given him, called on Postmaster Kelly, and was informed that his money could be sent by post-office orders for \$24. This was an unexpected condition of affairs; money orders had not been thought of; but after due consideration the sum it was proposed to send to California was forwarded by means of these orders. The rate was just one-half of one percent.

IF all reports be true, the man Frank, appointed assessor of the district, is anything but a frank man. He will probably be long before long, that riding two horses at one time is a healthy business. He is reported to have two or three of the same gang in Erie who ought to be ostracized. They rode to his house and carried off his property, and he did not seem to be concerned. He is reported to have an office to feed upon.—Dispatch.

We cannot tell who the "gang in Erie" are whom our contemporary allies, but certain it is that the conduct of Frank is an example worth remembering. By professing representation of devotion to the principles of the Administration, he has been getting the endorsement of our friends in Cleveland county for the Federal Assessorship. He came to Erie, and forced himself upon the attention of voting Democrats, to all of whom he represented himself as a Republican friend of the Administration. On his return to Cleveland, he is reported to have been voted for, and he is reported to have been voted for.

THE competition between the Express companies has caused a material reduction in rates, very much to the delight of business generally. For the first time in many years, goods are now sent and received at reasonable rates. The public must not forget that this beneficial result is solely due to the establishment of the Merchants' Express Agency in our city, who should still be paying the old excessive rates. The American Company and now engaged in a strenuous effort to break down their rival. It is not to be expected that they will be successful, as it should be the aim of all sensible dealers, and desire to discourage competition, to assist in preventing such a thing. Who can doubt that if the competition were a failure, the American Company would fall back to its old standard of exorbitant rates? The Merchants' Express Agency should be sustained.

THE following are the names of the officers of the Erie Chamber of Commerce for the year 1886-87: President, J. W. DeCamp; Vice-President, W. L. Ross; Secretary, J. W. DeCamp; Treasurer, W. L. Ross; Executive Committee, J. W. DeCamp, W. L. Ross, J. W. DeCamp, W. L. Ross.

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SHERRIFF'S SALES.—Sheriff Brown advises to sell at public outcry, at the Court House, on Monday, Nov. 8th, at one o'clock, the following pieces of property. The conditions of sale are as follows: "If the money is not raised in satisfaction of the debt, the property will be sold at public outcry, and the original purchaser held responsible for any loss."

SIXTY acres in land in Mill Creek township, belonging to J. M. Reed, at suit of G. W. DeCamp, use of Wm. C. Curry.

Twenty-five acres in Union township, belonging to E. M. & L. D. Wheeler, at the suit of G. Mosler.

Building and lot in Corry, belonging to S. M. P. Lee & S. N. Wheeler, at suit of Harriet Wheeler.

Forty acres in Union Mills, belonging to Thos. M. Foster, at suit of John Landrum.

One hundred acres in Mill Creek, belonging to Wilson Leard, at suit of R. T. Stierrett.

House and lot of A. S. Bonnell, in Lockport, at suit of Corolla Hill, ex't James R. Scudgell.

Twenty acres in Elk Creek, belonging to Orin Simmons, at suit of Alvin Francis.

House and lot of C. H. Hollister, in Corry, at suit of Geo. W. DeCamp & Co.

Small tract in Girard township, belonging to George Cole, at suit of Silas H. Wheeler and Wm. McClellan.

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Business Terms.—The firm of Hawkins & Grooms, has dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by Hawkins & Grooms.

Deck & Mehl, tobaccoists, have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by Deck & Mehl.

The Holman English Opera Troupe are playing at the Erie depot, at the Court House. They close on Saturday evening.

A man who claims to heal disease by the "laying on of hands" is soon to visit the city. He is named Lambert, at the Union depot.

Walker & Honeker have opened a real estate office at 117 State street.

"Thibault, Shirk & Whitehead want two good men to sell their property. They are located at the Erie depot.

For a parlor or sitting room, no one is equal to the Morning Glory, for sale by H. H. Brown & Co.

A fine ready and conclusive test of the properties of Helmholtz's Fluid Extracted Bala is a comparison with those set forth in the United States Dispensary.

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