The Erie Weekly Observer.

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CHANCE FOR A BARGAIN.—We offer for sale a Lawyer quarter sheet press, at a great bargain. To a country printer, wanting a press that will do all kinds of work, this is an opportunity seldom offered.

Last Notice.

During the last month we have sent out bills amounting in the aggregate to $2,500 against persons in arrears upon subscription. The response well be best appreciated when we say that of this large sum we have received to date not more than a hundred dollars. The parties, we know to be mostly good, and their remissness is therefore the more indefensible. Now, we have only this to say, that we have grown tired of this way of doing business. It is unprofitable to us, and, what is more, it gives us much embarrassment. With the money we have scattered about in the pockets of delinquents, we could make what improvements we want in our office, get out of debt, and have clear sailing for the future. We now give plain notice that we must have it, or unpleasant consequences will ensue. Those *to whom we have sent bills*, who neglect to settle by the first of January next, will have their names stricken from our books, and their accounts placed in legal hands for collection. If they will not pay then, their names will be inserted in the BLACK LIST which we are preparing for the benefit of the public. It is needless to add that this notice does not apply to the many prompt paying subscribers on our books. To all such we return our thanks, and hope they may continue with us for many years.

VILLAINOUS ATTEMPT TO THROW A RAILROAD TRAIN OFF THE TRACK.—The Buffalo *Courier* gives an account of a fiendish attempt made about one o'clock on Friday morning last by some murdering scoundrels, to throw the Lake Shore train going to that city, off the track, when near Tiffe's farm, so that they, in the confusion and panic attending the calamity, might plunder the train and passengers. Several large ties were placed across the track in such a manner as to throw the whole train off the track, but, fortunately for the passengers, the train at that time was moving at an unusually slow rate and only the locomotive and baggage car was thrown off and but little damage was sustained. The plot failing, two men, supposed to be the parties engaged in the diabolical plan were seen to run in the direction of Tiffe's farm. It is unfortunate that some one had not been armed, so as to have brought the villains to by a shot. The fiends who, for plunder, would risk the lives of innocent and unsuspecting passengers, should be shown no mercy.

MISS DICKENSON'S ILLNESS.—We are not much of an admirer of Miss Dickenson, the lecturess, but as we have many Republican readers who are, we publish for their benefit the following statement respecting her illness from the Wisconsin State *Journal*:

"*Miss Dickenson* is confined with pneumonia in *Rockford, Ill*. The attack was brought on by her being obliged, on the day she left Madison, to ride from Caledonia to Belvidere, a distance of nine miles, in such a vehicle that she was constantly exposed to a draft of that wolfish prairie blast which all will remember on Thanksgiving Day. Though far from being well on leaving here, and all the while growing worse, she persisted in keeping her next appointment, and so lectured in Belvidere. Possibly she was the more scrupulous about it, as, on Monday previous, she had failed to come to time at Ripon. But she had no sooner arrived in Rockford, on the next afternoon, than she was compelled to succumb, and has not since left her bed.

"On Saturday her left lung was congested, and actually painful, nor was she able to raise her left arm. Her face was flushed with fever, and her hands felt feverish. And, to one who recently heard her voice ringing through our City Hall, it was most pitiable to see her whispering, as unable to utter a word aloud. Yet she seemed to think less of herself than of the disappointment of those who had come from afar, in bad weather and ways, to hear her. Though among strangers she has found a home, and is nursed by a Quaker matron not unknown to her in former visits."

CIRCULATING PAPERS.—The New York *Tribune*, in commenting on the result of the election in New York, and the steady gain in certain parts of the State, attributes the triumph of the opposition to the liberal circulation of Radical newspapers. It says:

"The result shown in Troy can be experienced in any town or county, in any State. Union State and County Committees are obliged to collect and spend large sums of money just previous to each important election. This is all well, but one-half the amount spent a year in advance to disseminate good newspapers would produce a better and more permanent effect. Every earnest Republican knows one or more moderate Democrats or doubtful voters who would be glad to learn the truth through a weekly newspaper, and who would not only vote right, but would enlighten other men of his class. As the Winter is the workingman's reading season, *this is the time to commence the canvass for the next election. Let* each Union man see that at least one honest Democrat has the reading of the *Weekly Tribune* regularly for one year, and it will tell when the votes are counted."

We agree with the *Tribune* as to the importance of disseminating good newspapers among the people. It is not enough merely to circulate the paper a few weeks before the election, but the paper should be in hand the whole year around. Our Central Committees are too slow to appreciate the fact, that if one-half of the money they give to mass meetings and for show and music during the campaign, were spent in newspapers to be regularly sent to those unable to subscribe, they would not fail to see when the votes come to be counted the benefits certain to result from the course we have indicated. Let Democrats take a hint from their foes. It is their policy to send a Radical paper into the hands of every family that will receive it. Will not Democrats be as liberal towards their organs, and by giving them a wide distribution help to build up a better state of political feeling?

We still insist that although a Radical party paper, the DISPATCH IS INDEPENDENT! and this fact is so well known that the *Observer* would make itself ridiculous in an attempt to prove to the contrary.—*Dispatch.*

That the Dispatch is an "independent" paper in some respects we freely admit. Its "independence" in refusing to be led by the nose to suit the purposes of certain politicians is highly creditable to the spirit of its proprietors, and we are as willing as any person to give it credit for the same. But in respect to the questions which divide parties, it is not "independent" in the slightest sense. Its views are partisan to the extreme of Radicalism, and we know of no paper of its creed which displays less generosity towards political opponents, or more zeal in seeking to advance the theories of its party. Scarcely a day passes in which it does not denounce the Democratic organization in the most vindictive manner, or attempt by some slurring paragraph, or misstatement of its position, to place it in a false position before its readers. If our cotemporary will call itself an "independent Radical" paper we shall make no objection to the phrase; but when it claims to be "independent" in the sense in which the term is commonly understood, we must insist that it is endeavoring to sail under false colors.

Our lady readers will be interested in the advertisement of Grover & Baker's Sewing Machine, which appears in to-day's paper. We have good reason for believing this Machine to be one of the best—if not the very best—for general family use that can be obtained. The agents, Messrs. Weigel & Zeigler, will take pleasure in explaining the merits of the Machine to any who may be interested.

Items of Local Interest.

Wm Nick & Sons offer for sale a farm of 97½ acres, in McKean township.

James Sill, Esq., offers for sale a large number of building lots and farms. See advertisement.

Gen. M. D. Dobbins, formerly of this city, is a leading member of the House of Representatives of Arizona Territory.

Christmas this year comes on Tuesday, the 25th inst. Merchants who have holiday goods to sell should be getting their advertisements in the papers.

The efficient police arrangements at the depot have thoroughly rid that locality of pickpockets, and we no longer hear of people losing their purses in that quarter.

A venire has been issued for twenty grand and forty petit jurors to appear at the United States District Court to commence in this city on the 1st Monday in January.

To persons wishing to purchase a hat, cap or set of furs, we can heartily recommend the store of R. S. Hunter, No. 14 Brown's Hotel. Mr. Hunter is an old citizen, one of our most reliable business men, and a gentleman in every respect worthy of patronage.

The Erie & Pittsburgh R. R. Co. have made a good selection in the appointment of Mr. J. H Griswold, of this city, as their agent at New Castle. A prompt, active and accommodating business man, he cannot fail of making a valuable and popular officer.

We do hope that at the first favorable opportunity whosever duty it is to attend to matter will see to it that the series of mudholes in the streets around the Parks are filled up. The nasty condition of these leading thoroughfares for some weeks past is an inexcusable shame, and a disgrace to the community.

The five new county officers who have lately been installed in Crawford Co. are all soldiers. "One," says the Journal, "without losing a limb, was permanently crippled, a second is minus a leg, another has an empty sleeve, while the other two were severely wounded in the body."

Miss Anna E. Dickinson, the female "lecturer," is represented to be lying dangerously ill at Rockford, Ill. As soon as she has recovered, she is to return to her home in Philadelphia, and place herself under skillful medical treatment. She has announced the cancelling of all her Western lecture engagements, and will hardly be likely to visit our city on the 3d of January.

Navigation, both lake and canal, has ceased, and the vessels and boats are laid up for the winter. The operation of drawing the water out of the canal commenced on Monday. Persons engaged in the Lake and canal trade will have an easy time of it during the next four months,—provided doing nothing can be called easy work.

The place to buy dry goods low is at Monell, Stephens & Wildey's store, No. 6 Reed House. Their stock of goods cannot be surpassed, either for variety or cheapness. These gentlemen, during the time they have been here, have built up a reputation for enterprise and honorable dealing excelled by no other firm in the city.

The public will consult their interest by getting their job printing done at the Observer office. With three new presses of the most improved kind, the latest styles of type, and workmen who are not excelled; we stand prepared to fill orders for any kind of work in the most prompt and satisfactory manner.

The Mercer Press, after a suspension of a couple weeks, has been revived, under the editorial charge of Messrs. W. S. & E. L. Garvin—gentlemen well capable of conducting it successfully. With men like the Messrs. Garvin at the helm, we feel satisfied the paper will receive an adequate support, and be so conducted as to reflect honor on the Democracy of the county.

Hon. Wm. D. Northend, of Salem, whom many of our readers will remember as having aided us very largely in the campaign of 1864, was the nominee for Congress, against Gen. Butler, in the Fifth District of Massachusetts. His election was, of course, not to be expected, but it would have reflected infinitely more credit on the district if he had been chosen.

The cold spell of the last few days has made an extensive demand for stoves, and all who have examined their stock admit that the variety at Barr, Johnson & Co's cannot be excelled. They keep every style on hand in use hereabouts, and their assortment is so complete that none can fail to find a stove to their liking.

It was not the Easton Free Press which proposed Dan Rice for President, but the Express of the same place. The former paper is quite indignant over the use of its name in that connection, and says:

"We never nominated Dan Rice for any position. The only office he is fit for, in our opinion, is to train Jackasses."

Rather rough on Dan, but if he doesn't get *even with the editor of the Free Press* before long we shall be much mistaken.

The next lecture is to be delivered by B. F. Taylor, Esq., of Chicago, the printer poet. He has always been a favorite of ours, and we hope to see him greeted with a full house. John B. Gough follows Mr. Taylor, with a series of stories illustrating "Curiosity," on the evening of the 25th. We say series of stories, because no intelligent person who has heard Gough, will pretend to dignify the anecdotes and dramatic representations with which he amuses and interests his audiences, by giving them the high sounding name of a "lecture." When he leaves politics alone, he is worth listening to, for all that.

Hon. C. V. Culver, the notorious bank defaulter, and Radical Congressman for the Crawford, Venango, Mercer and Clarion district, is anxious to obtain his release from the jail at Franklin, where he has been confined for some months. On the 7th inst, he appeared before Judge Trunkey, on a writ of habeas corpus, claiming his privilege as a member of Congress to be discharged from arrest and imprisonment. After able arguments by counsel on both sides, Judge Trunkey decided that a member of Congress is not entitled to the privilege when held for an indictable offense. Mr. Culver has had a full realization by this time of the adage: "The way of the transgressor is hard."

We again suggest that neither the Grand Jury, or any election board of any county, have a particle of legal right to pronounce any law, duly passed and approved, unconstitutional. It is not their province to enquire into this matter. Their sole business, and sole privilege, is to apply the laws as they stand. —*Gazette.*

Very well; now suppose that when they find the Constitution and the laws in direct conflict, as in the case of the disfranchisement act, which ought the election board to give the preference to? The Constitution says *all* citizens above a certain age and possessing certain requirements shall vote; the act of Legislature says those who failed to report shall not. Here is an undeniable antagonism, which no person can reconcile. Will the *Gazette* have the kindness to explain in its usual lucid manner how its theory of applying "the laws as they stand" is to be enforced when they contradict one another in this style? We suspect that an election board would have rather an interesting time carrying both into effect.

Messrs. Mann & Fisher, whose advertisement appears in to-day's issue, have a remarkably fine stock of goods, which all wishing to purchase holiday presents should call and examine. The young gentlemen composing this firm have impressed us with more than usual favor, and we take much pleasure in commending them to the attention of our readers.

The two lectures of Dr. Dio Lewis, in Farrar Hall, on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, were of a nature that we wish could be more frequently heard in every community. The first one, upon "The Social Influence of Woman," was an interesting sketch of what ladies could do, if they undertook, and particularly as relates to their influence upon the other sex. The second lecture, on "Physical Culture," was one of the most practical and useful discourses we have ever heard. The Doctor pointed out in plain language the many evil which prevail in our modes of life, and gave practical rules for remedying them. He told the simple truth about the complaints to which our people are subject, and though at times his language may have been too direct to suit the squeamish, we think it was none the less appropriate. The Doctor makes no pretensions to being an orator, but he has such strong common sense ideas that few can listen to him without being interested from the beginning to the end.

The first number of the daily Oil City Register was published on Monday, making a decidedly handsome and interesting appearance. The editorial department is under the charge of our friend W. R. Johns, Esq., whose capacity to make a lively and useful paper will not be disputed. The daily Register will be of good service to the interests of Oil City, and the people of that locality owe it to themselves that it should receive a generous support. A very stinking illustration of the rapid prosperity of North Western Pennsylvania is shown in the fact that six daily papers are now established in this section—two in each of the counties of Erie, Crawford and Venango,—where, five years ago, not even the weeklies received much more than a living patronage. Two of these are printed in towns that did not have an existence at the beginning of the war, and two others in places, which at the same period were mere villages of a few hundred in population.

The weather has been bitterly cold during a portion of the week, but at the time that we write, on Wednesday, has moderated considerably. On Sunday evening, a few inches of snow fell, which was too much drifted by the wind to permit of good sleighing. A heavier fall of snow took place on Tuesday evening and Wednesday, under the most favorable circumstances, the ground being firmly frozen, and the roads mostly in a smooth state. The horrible condition of the latter has rendered travelling peculiarly difficult during the past few weeks, and a general desire is felt for the continuation of a long sleighing season. The drifted snow has given great trouble to the railroads, and since Monday trains have been obliged to run without much regard to the time tables. In several cuts on the Buffalo & Erie road the snow has been packed to the depth of two and three feet.

The city treasury has run short of funds, and persons who do work for the corporation are obliged to take their pay in city warrants. Parties who cannot afford to hold them are compelled to sell at a discount, and the loss to them in some cases is considerable. The sufferers by this state of affairs are mostly men who can poorly afford to be deprived of any portion of their just dues, and we hope some course will at once be adopted by which all employed by the city will receive every cent which of right belongs to them. A prosperous community like ours should be above depriving any man of the full value of the services that he performs for it.

We perceive that our member of Congress has been placed on but one committee, and that one of the most unimportant—the committee on Elections. It cannot be that the Speaker has a proper appreciation of our Representative, or he would surely have given him a higher position. If he could only read the encomiums upon Judge Scofield's talents by his party press in this district, and the high wrought statements of his standing at Washington, we feel quite sure the Speaker would have selected him, if not for leader of the House, at least for the Chairmanship of one of its most prominent committees.

The jewelry store of Capt. Austin, in Paragon block, has been fitted up very neatly, and will compare favorably with establishments of the same kind in the larger cities. He has a splendid stock of goods, including the best styles of watches, elegant rings, gold and silver ware, and everything generally kept in a first class jewelry store. For holiday presents, some of his articles are unexcelled. The well established reputation of the Captain will ensure him hosts of customers about Christmas and New Year's.

The work of official décapitation is still slowly progressing, although, from the fact that all the higher appointments have to go before the Senate for confirmation, it is mostly confined to positions of a minor grade. We notice that a Radical named McMillen has been displaced from the Post Office at Plumer, and R. J. Booth, a Democrat, appointed in his stead. Had Mr. Johnson made a thorough sweep of all the Radical officials, during the recess of Congress, he would stand in a better position at this time.

James P. Barr, Esq., editor and proprietor of the Pittsburgh *Post*, has associated with him in the future management of that paper Messrs. W. Schoyer, Joseph S. Lare and Edwin A. Myers. The *Commercial*, the leading Republican paper of Pittsburgh, in noticing this change, pays a high and well deserved compliment to all concerned. The new firm promise valuable improvements in the paper. We wish it abundant success, financially and politically.

We hope our citizens will not forget the Universalist Festival to be given in Farrar Hall, on Wednesday evening of next week. The Festivals of this society have always been characterized by rare sociality and pleasure, and enjoy a richly deserved degree of popularity in the community. We hope to see the one next week meet with even a better share of success than its predecessors.

The line of omnibuses from the foot of State street to Federal Hill was placed in operation on Monday. The conveyances are neat disposition on the part of our citizens to make and comfortable, and there seems to be a the enterprise a success. We notice that most of the busses are well loaded, though whether this will continue after the present sharp weather has passed by remains to be seen.

Gov. Marvin, of Florida, whose admirable letter to the 19th of September Conservative meeting in this city will be remembered by most of our readers, has been re-elected United States Senator for Florida on the first ballot. He has decided to remain at home until the question of the admission of the Southern Senators and Representatives is decided.

The lovers of Ethiopian Minstrelsy will do well to bear in mind the entertainment to be given in Farrar Hall, on Friday evening, by Burgess & LaRue's Troupe. From all we can learn, we judge their performance to be well worth seeing.

The Temperance Band have presented Father Carroll, of St. Patrick's congregation, with a splendid gold headed cane, as a recognition of his services in behalf of the cause. He is heartily deserving of the compliment.

Sharpley & Skiff's Combination Troupe, who are to give an entertainment in Farrar Hall, on Monday evening, are spoken of by our exchanges in flattering terms. The inimitable Sam Sharpley is a host in himself.

The three new Judges—John P. Vincent as Assistant Law Judge, and Messrs. Benson and King as Associates,—took their seats at the opening of Court on Monday. Judge Vincent officiated during the week, and made a favorable impression.

The Corry *Telegraph* of last week, contained the following horrible story. As we have heard no further particulars, we suspect that the *Telegraph* has been made the victim of some "gay deceiver:"

"A woman coming in on one of the morning trains says that she heard of a horrible murder that had been committed a short distance from Corry, under the following circumstances. It appears that a pedlar called at a house and asked to stay all night, which was objected to, on the account of there being no one in the house but two girls. These girls however, are said to have gone to a neighbor and got two other girls to stay with them, and let the pedlar stay. The house where the last two girls came from being left with only one occupant—the mother of the girls, the father being away.

In the night, the house where the pedlar was, was entered by a man disguised with black on his face, and two girls killed; and it was supposed that the intention was to kill the pedlar. The latter, hearing the noise, and the murderer approaching his room, he shot the murderer. The woman in the neighbor's house was then aroused; and on assisting to wash the face of the murderer it was found to be her own husband. Whether the girls killed were his own daughters or the other girls our informant could not tell. We do not vouch for the truth of the matter, but give the story as it was told to us, third-handed."

The long winter evenings afford fine opportunities for mental improvement, and we hope there are few of our readers who do not fail to embrace the occasion. One of the best things a parent can put in the hands of a child that can read, is a good newspaper. There are hundreds of Democrats yet in this country who do not take a home paper. They always regret our defeats at the elections, but are slow to contribute in the right direction for the promotion of democracy. There is not a democratic family in the country but ought to take a home paper. Its influence may not at once be seen, but it will sooner or later be felt. Will our democratic friends properly look at this matter? It was by the gradual introduction of Abolition publications, and their influence upon the minds of the young, that the opposition succeeded in revolutionizing the country, and we must resort to the same mode of educating the public mind if we ever hope to have a return of the good old times of Constitutional law and national happiness.

An explosion occurred in the oil refinery of Clark, Payne & Co., in Cleveland, on Thursday last, which was most terrible in its effects. Five men were severely injured and one killed outright. The man killed belonged to a neighboring refinery owned by Hanna, Doherty & Co, and, at the time of the explosion, was walking along the side of Clark, Payne & Co's. receiving house—the building destroyed—which was literally scattered to the four winds of heaven by the powerful explosive effects of the gas. Two men, Burton and Lawler, steam fitters, were in the building, and were blown through a twelve inch brick wall. How they escaped a sudden and fearful death is unaccountable. Burton, it is believed, will not recover from the injury, and Worthy Clark, a brother of one of the firm, was so badly injured that his recovery is exceedingly doubtful.

Many of the Northern people, and particularly our "loyal" congress, thought it would be a very good thing to suspend reciprocity with Canada, some time ago, in retaliation for fancied violations of neutrality by her. And the thing was done. New England begins to wail over it now, and wishes the law repealed. Canada was an excellent customer of Massachusetts before the suspension of reciprocity; but congressional vindictiveness has driven her to other markets. Our country is getting disgusted with its action in the matter, for it shuts off a good source of revenue, not only to the national Treasury, but to citizens. It is not good policy to cut one's nose off to spite one's face.

The editor of the Gazette continues to carefully withhold from his readers the fact that Judge Johnson refused the Grand Jury to ignore all the indictments at the last court which sprung out of the disfranchisement act. The article in last week's *Gazette*, in which he seeks to convince himself that the editor of the *Observer* is a lunatic, because he agrees with Judge Johnson's advice, simply proves himself either a knave or a fool. We long ago ceased to look for any fair statements of our positions in that quarter, and feel satisfied that if such an event ever happens, it will be more through accident than intention.

The County Sabbath School Convention which has been in progress in the First Methodist Church since Monday has been marked by many interesting features, and will, undoubtedly result in much advantage to the cause in our county. A number of interesting addresses have been made, and the proceedings generally were of a pleasant character. The Convention will close with a Festival in Farrar Hall this (Thursday) evening, which we hope to see largely attended.

The Rev. Dr. Prestly, who was recently excommunicated from a United Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh for adultery and other misdemeanors, is soon to come before the Courts to answer the charge of an injured wife, who asks for divorce not only on the ground of improper intimacy, but for shameful abuse, and violent and abusive language too disgusting for publication.

Sixty years ago, an exchange remarks, there was hardly a craft larger than an Indian canoe on the great Western lakes. In 1841 the lake trade amounted to $65,000,000, in 1851 to $300,000,000; in 1861 to $550,000,000; and it bids fair in 1871 to reach the enormous sum of $1,000,000,000.

Country merchants about purchasing goods for the holidays are interested in knowing that the best stock of notions in the city is at the wholesale store of Bener & Burgess, corner of State and Fifth streets. The firm, too, is one that they will find it a pleasure to deal with.

The fearful complaint known as diphtheria is raging to a considerable extent in our county. Several persons have died with it in the city and vicinity, and a number are lying in a critical condition.

A man named Parkinson, who shot the seducer of his daughter, in Jasper county, Indiana, has been tried for murder and acquitted.

DEATH OF JAMES ANDERSON, ESQ.—The Placer (Cal.) *Herald* comes to us with the particulars of the death of James Anderson Esq., a gentleman intimately known to the older residents of our city. He was in the habit of visiting the office of that paper, with which he was formerly editorially connected, to read the morning exchanges. On the 12th inst., he entered as usual,—we quote from the *Herald*—"with his pleasant salutation and a smile, lit his pipe and sat down to read; within a few moments he fell back in his chair, and, shortly afterwards breathed his last." The cause of his death is pronounced to have been heart disease. Mr. Anderson was born in or near Fairview, in this county, and for a time was employed at the tailoring trade with Mr. James Lytle, in this city. At about the age of 17 he removed to Kentucky, studied law and was admitted to practice. When the Mexican war broke out he enlisted, and obtained the rank of a 2d Lieutenant. Soon after the war, Mr. Anderson removed to California, where he soon secured a leading position. He was twice elected a member of the State Senate, and in the practice of his profession was regarded as one of the foremost men in California. He was an able writer; possessed a genial disposition; was noted for strict integrity; and enjoyed a remarkable share of popularity. His death at the early age of 44 years has caused feelings of unaffected sorrow in the hearts of all who knew him.

AMERICAN ENTERPRISES.—We notice in an exchange an account of the great steel works of the Messrs. Krupp, in England. The foundries and shops of Messrs. Fairbanks & Poging, which are located in St. Johnsbury, Vt., rival them in extent. The Company's buildings cover many acres, and give employment to over eleven hundred men, with a monthly pay-roll of nearly thirty thousand dollars. They are now building large accessions to their works to meet the demand which is already far in advance of the supply, and increasing. This Company, whose warehouse is at No. 507 French st., in this city, and whose agents, Messrs. McConkey & Shannon, are among our most reliable and enterprising business men, manufacture all descriptions of scales, from the immense railroad turn-tables to the most delicate and sensitive jeweller's and druggist's balance, that is acted on by a breath. They are all built upon the most simple plan that is compatible with perfection of accuracy. They also manufacture dry measures of all kinds of standard capacities. It is needless to speak of their scales, for they have a world-wide reputation. Parties purchasing of McConkey & Shannon can have them set up by experienced mechanics. The firm are now manufacturing a patent gas regulator, invented by Dr. C M Cresson. This regulator is intended to be used in public buildings and large halls, to secure a steady and uniform flow of gas. It is now used in most of our public buildings, and with marked good effect. In the Philadelphia Post Office alone, its use has saved to the government over 180,000 feet of gas in one year. dec6-1m.

WHO appreciates the fact that there is any great importance attached to such a commodity as a Pill? It is generally supposed that anybody can make them, as all can take them. But visit the laboratory of Dr. J. C. Ayer and you will be disabused of the idea adapt it to the wants of millions of men—to so that it is a trifle to make any medicine and adjust it to their needs, and so cure their complaints, as to make them its constant customers in all the zones. Physicians find it requires some skill to adapt their doses to a single patient: ask them if it is not an intricate problem to adjust a purgative pill to the necessities of untold numbers, so that it shall benefit them nearly all. Dr. Ayer's laboratory supplies 60,000 doses of his Pills per diem, or 19,000,000 a year. Think of that, Esculapius! Well may it whiten the head of any man to administer to that amount of suffering, and especially when, as is here evident, everything is done with the extremest nicety and care.—*Randolph (Vt.) Statesman.*

Ross's GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING STORE. —Mr. Warren L. Ross has taken the store lately conducted by Justice, Gheen & Gallagher, and fitted it up with everything necessary to make a complete gentlemen's furnishing establishment. His stock of cloths, cassimeres, vestings and ready made clothing is superior to anything ever brought to the city, and we defy any one to visit the store without finding something to suit his taste. Mr. Ross has been very successful in securing a cutter who is not surpassed anywhere. Under his skillful supervision the concern is turning out work equal to the best Eastern establishments. No person can have an excuse for going abroad to get clothing while Ross affords the conveniences that he does. In addition to his other goods he has also a superior stock of hats and caps, hosiery, collars, cravats,—in short anything that a man wants in the clothing line can be got at Ross's. Call and see for yourselves. je21 tf

AGENTS FOR THE OBSERVER.—The following gentlemen are duly authorized to receive money due the office on subscription, and receipt for the same. Parties to whom we have sent bills, can either pay to them, or remit us by mail, as they find most convenient:

North East	B. A. Tabor	Waterford	W. C. White
Union	Moses Sutler	Leckport	J. C. Cauffman
Corry	Amos Heath	Girard,	Capt. D. W. Hutchinson
Columbus	W. C. Howard		
Franklin Cor.	C. Wright	Lundy's Lane,	W. Sherman
Edinboro	M. Sayre	Fairview	Amos Sisson
Spartansburg,	Jno. G. Burlingham	Waittsburg	L. Robinson
Venango	J. W. Rubener	Youngsville,	G. J. Whitney
Lake Pleasant	H. C. Titus	Garland	U. Jackson
Springfield	Gilbert Hurd	Cook	W. C. Webb
Belle Valley	H. L. Pinney	East Greene	Wm Otton
Tidioute	H. C. Lott	Petroleum Center,	Dr T. H. Stuart
Wayne	D. W. Howard	Oak Grove	W. C Ford
Harbor Creek,	Capt. P. Willard	Northville,	Stephen Averill
Jackson	R. M. C. Tate	Weslewville	Geo. Bonnell
		Miles Grove	E Hall

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Our readers needing Boots or Shoes will do well to call at the store of S. Z. Smith, Empire Block, State Street, before making their purchases. His stock of goods is one of the largest in the city, and his prices as low as any. Boots and shoes made to order in the best style. Repairing done promptly and satisfactorily. nov1-1m

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