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Attention is called to the advertisement of Mr. J. W. Taylor, Manufacturer of Tobacco, No. 42, Penn St., Pittsburgh, Pa., to be found in another column.

Notice is given to the subscribers of this paper, that parties who have not paid their arrears, will be sure to be notified. Notice his card, and send anything in his line write him, or if possible in Pittsburgh call on him.

A movement is on foot among the active men of the party to secure the nomination of Col. Benjamin F. Davis, as the next Democratic candidate for Supreme Judge. The expression of opinion appears to be general throughout the city, and we learn that at Harrisburg, the members of the Legislature, his name was freely canvassed as the most likely to meet with the endorsement of the "opposition."

The competency of Col. Davis to fill the position, alike with credit to himself and benefit to the State, none who are acquainted with him will deny. He possesses a mind eminently judicial in its character, and is universally regarded by the profession as one of the best read, clearest and most comprehensive lawyers in the Commonwealth.

The refusal of Judge Davis to accept the nomination, is understood to be purely temporary, and in that event would not prevent any gentleman who seems to fill up the measure both of fitness and availability as a candidate for the next Governor. At present Democratic papers have no chance in the State next autumn, and for this reason, the case must pass into history as the only one on record.

The above item has been going the rounds of our exchanges for some weeks, coupled with complimentary allusions to the laudatory. It may be of interest for some of our readers to be informed that Judge Peacock is a thorough Democrat, thus showing that his head is as sound as his heart.

The bill passed by the last Legislature in relation to the extension of the Erie & Pittsburgh R. R. promises to be one of great interest to our citizens. It authorizes the company to continue their road to Pittsburgh by the way of Connoquessing and Pine creeks, or to connect with any road now building or to be built in that section.

It is said to have been made by which the Penna. R. R. Co. will extend its line to the city of Erie, and thence to the city of Erie & Pittsburgh. It will only be required to build a few miles of road to make a connection. The present terminus of the latter road is at New Castle, and from thence on the route to Pittsburgh is over other roads, owned by companies whose interests are not identical with those of the Erie & Pittsburgh. The new route will give it an advantage of eighteen miles in distance, besides having connections with more friendly lines than at present.

The building of the proposed extension will open up a country rich in mineral wealth, the natural consequence of which must be to add materially to the trade of our city.

Were we called upon to decide who among the many advertisers in the Observer understand with the greatest thoroughness the nature of putting their goods most advantageously before the attention of the public, we should have no hesitation in yielding the palm to Messrs. W. W. Pierce & Co. They always advertise everything in its season, and do it in a conspicuous and liberal manner that cannot fail to attract the attention of those they want to reach.

As usual, we presume one of the advertisers will be conceded to the city, and the disposition at present appears to be in favor of the interest of the community, and to accept the position as a stepping stone to something better.

The DEATH PENALTY.—The late Legislature has very few acts that entitle it to commend, but among the half dozen good laws which it gave birth to, none more heartily approved than the one permitting the Governor to commute the punishment of death sentenced to the death penalty. It is in the case of a person convicted of murder in the first degree, the Governor, if he sees proper, change the punishment to confinement in the penitentiary for life, or a fixed number of years, at the discretion of the case seem to justify the passage of this law will do much towards relieving our State a system of punishment which has always seemed to us a stigma on the civilization of the 19th century. We know there are many good citizens who think the horrible crime of murder can only be expiated by taking the offender's life; but, if we consider the many cases of insanity, and the fact that in two of these cases the parties were innocent, we feel assured that they would very materially modify their views upon the subject.

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A PERTINENT SUGGESTION.—The subjoined letter contains a suggestion which is particularly pertinent at this time. Evidence accumulated every day that the most effective mode of controlling public sentiment is by the judicious distribution of reading matter. We feel confident that if the plan proposed by the writer of this article was properly carried out, the result would be most gratifying to all who hold the Constitution in higher esteem than the whims of a Czar.

DEAR SIR: Many rich men are pouring out their money on colleges, for libraries, for the hearing, and various institutions. Where is the rich man who will donate money to disseminate Democratic reading matter over the State of New York, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey, and all nearly every balanced States of the North. I do not mean campaign tracts, but good solid reading matter to be read and pondered over and digested months before an election. This is what makes our Democratic opponents, whom all the Republicans campaign documents and tracts in the world cannot change.

The New York Sun says that the aggregated expenses of one item each in the list of necessary articles used in every family cost \$73.94 in 1860 and \$137.32 now, an increase of nearly ninety per cent.

The entertainment of the East Ward school, week before last, realized a net proceed of \$80.20, which is to be applied to the relief of the suffering people of the South. Ex-Major Scott has contributed \$50 to the same fund.

The main for issuing newspapers in the State is in the form of a bill, that has prevailed so largely for the past year or so, as to be rapidly subsiding, and many papers that adopted it a few months ago are changing back to the old.

The City Council, on Monday evening, passed an ordinance providing that it shall not be lawful for "any person or persons, to erect, build, or move any wooden building into the limits of the city, without a vote of all the members present of both Councils."

The Dunkirk Journal has discovered the cause of the Republican defeat in Connecticut. "The Vigilance of the Republicans," it says, "proved insufficient at the late election, and we (that is, the Editor) lost the State by default." Entirely accurate, neighbor.

On Saturday, John May and John Potter were each fined \$10 and costs by Equipt. Bennett, for offering to sell in market more than ten days old. To make the matter worse, while the parties were before the justice, a noted contraband stole a couple quarters of the wool.

The joint resolution instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in Congress to vote in favor of an appropriation to our communication from Lake Erie to the Ohio river, for the passage of gunboats, &c., has passed both branches of the Legislature, and will be sent to Washington at the next session of Congress.

In the Court of Quarter Sessions at Meadville, on Tuesday, in the case of Edward Bliss and John D. Nicholas, late editors of the Crawford Journal, presented for libel, on complaint of Clara G. Hosmer, the defendants answered and pleaded "Guilty." The Court sentenced them to pay a fine of \$5 each and the costs. We presume the young ladies' injured reputation is now fully repaired.

An apt illustration of the changed tempo of the time is seen in the course pursued by the parambulating individuals who travel about the country under the title of "lecturers." Almost without exception, they have dropped political hobbies and taken to discoursing upon subjects of a different nature, greatly to the relief of the sensible among their audiences, and the general benefit of the public.

A contemporary remarks: "If the public knew one-half the trash that enters into the composition of what is commonly sold as ground coffee, they would be struck with astonishment and disgust." To which another contemporary adds: "The remark holds good as to coffee, but it is equally applicable to tea, and most of the prepared articles offered in such perfection, alleged cheapness and abundance."

The fine new store of Messrs. Edeon, Church & Co., in Noble's block, is already receiving a liberal share of public patronage. The proprietors are evidently gentlemen of enterprise, who thoroughly understand their business. Their stock of goods is one of the most complete in the city, and we advise those in need of anything in their line to give them a call. Their advertisement, in the first page, is commensurate to the special attention of our readers.

The following story is old, but good enough to be repeated at least twice a year: A gentleman visiting Old City, went to a hotel to spend the night. Said he, "give me the best room you have in the house." "Our best room," said the landlord, "is the room you are now in."

A bottle of water was shown us last week, taken from the city pipes, which was nearly one-eighth sediment and animalcules. It was one of the interesting objects contained in the other a number of small snakes, several of them so tiny they were hardly perceptible to the naked eye, and would not be noticed in a glass of water.

In addition to the sum elsewhere stated as having been contributed to our city for the relief of the Southern poor, \$110 have been given by a number of gentlemen. The whole amount footed up \$240, which was placed in the hands of Rev. Geo. F. Cain, of Park street, by whom it has been forwarded to Rev. Dr. Dignon, of Baltimore, for distribution.

We are indebted to Mr. S. S. Cole, of North East, for some fine specimens of apples and grapes. Mr. C. has invented a new process for preserving fruit during the winter, by which he is enabled to take away such lots as may be needed from time to time without impairing the value of the remainder. If the samples he has left with us are a fair criterion, his system is a perfect success.

The last Legislature enlarged the salaries of nearly all our State officials. Among those who come in for the benefits of the increase, is Mr. Gara, Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth, who has had \$500 per year added to his pay, making it now \$2,300.

Anna Dickinson, in her lecture on "Woman and Work," in Farrar Hall, on Tuesday, said: "The first money I ever earned was two shillings for sleeping four cross-walks in Philadelphia, which I bought a ticket to hear Wendell Phillips lecture." Hard work for poor pay.

The income lists, as thus far returned to the Assessor of Internal Revenue, show a material falling off since the last report. The number of large incomes is less than that of 1865, and some who in that year reported heavy returns, will this year either have none or comparatively trifling ones. Among the heaviest given in this date are those of Gen. Reed, Orange Noble, Prescott Metcalf, Charles Metcalf, J. D. Clark, E. H. Stearns, Milton Courtwright, Wm. L. Scott, Henry Rawle and John H. Brown.

Very few return larger incomes than in 1865, while in the majority of cases, they are considerably smaller. The list for our city will exhibit an increased number of persons who return incomes, owing partly to the enlarged population, and partly to the efficiency of Mr. Lyon, Deputy Assessor, but the total figures will not amount to more than two-thirds of what they were in 1865.

The Whittier Literary Association have received an assurance from Hon. Sabuyler Colfax that he will deliver his lecture, "Across the Continent," in our city, on Wednesday evening next, the 24th inst. Mr. Colfax has the position of being a pleasing speaker, and his position as a member of the House of Representatives for the two last sessions of Congress, has given him a wide reputation as a public person in the country. He is universally looked upon as likely to be the next Republican candidate for President, and this fact, aside from his abilities as a speaker, and the merits of his lecture, will give a great way towards attracting crowded houses wherever he may visit.

We are informed that Mr. Colfax has written nothing of a partisan character in the lectures he is announced to deliver here.

We trust the Observer has no lady readers who are in the distressing situation described in this story, from an exchange: "A young woman had been converted at camp meeting. The good minister told her that if she had faith in the Lord he would send an angel to guard her." Believing implicitly in his words, she one evening retired to a grove and fervently prayed the Lord to give her a man. So happened that she met a man in the grove, and, being disinterested, gave out the truth, and she was overjoyed, and with the great thankfulness of spirit answered back, "Anybody, Lord, so long as it is a man."

Our city readers, who sometimes complain that we do not devote enough attention to local matters, should recollect that three-fourths of our circulation is outside of Erie, and that our special aim is to make an acceptable paper for country subscribers. As a rule, what would be of most interest in the city would be of none whatever in the country, and we are consequently compelled to confine our attention mostly to such topics of city occurrence as may seem to have the widest general interest.

There being some doubt whether Gen. McCarty is constitutionally exercise the duties of Adjutant General until his successor is named as such, the Hon. City College, Pittsburgh, Pa., where he will obtain a practical business education, and will have acquired something that will prove of importance and permanent value to him. There is no doubt but the best investment any young man can make would be to secure a scholarship in this institution.

WHO WOULD NOT BE BEAUTIFUL.—All may possess a clear, unblemished skin, of alabaster whiteness, by the use of the White Liqueur. It is the most perfect article in use, for removing all impurities of the skin, and unlike all other cosmetics, contains no lead, mercury, or any other poisonous ingredients. It is perfectly harmless. For sale, wholesale and retail, by Berger, Shuttles and Co., 111 North Third St., Erie, Pa. See their advertisement in another column in this paper.

Mr. J. F. Cross's Erie City Intelligence Office, No. 1,232 State St. 10/10/67.

MARRIED.—LEVIN-JOHNSON.—In this city, on the 23rd inst., by the Rev. Geo. F. Cain, Mr. Levi Levin, to Miss Ann Johnson.

DEPARTURE.—At the residence of V. M. Thompson, on the 23rd inst., by the Rev. Geo. F. Cain, Mr. Samuel Barr, of Baitie Creek, Mich., to Miss Belle Cochran, of this city.

CHIEF.—At the residence of Henry Hall, Esq., Mr. A. Crane, to Miss L. A. Baker, both of Cranestown, Pa.

DEPARTURE.—At Floyd's Hotel, Saegertown, Crawford county, on the 11th inst., by Rev. D. B. Ernest, Mr. Frederick Gosman, of Erie, to Miss Frederica C. Bertram, of Cambridge St., Crawford Co.

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HON. SABUYLER COLFAX, Speaker of the NATIONAL HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. Has telegraphed the Executive Committee of the WHITTIER Literary Association, naming WEDNESDAY EVENING, APRIL 24, 1867, For the delivery of his lecture, "ACROSS THE CONTINENT," in this city.

SEE LOCAL COLUMNS. C. SIEGEL, G. L. FRIDAY. NEW GROCERY STORE. 602 STATE ST., CORNER FIFTH, ERIE, PENNA.

FOR SALE.—Two dwellings and City Lot, on West 8th street. Property of H. H. Smith, corner of Chestnut. See weekly Real Estate column. Price, \$1,500.

FOR SALE.—The two story modern style, complete furnished dwelling on North street, corner of Chestnut. See weekly Real Estate column. Price, \$1,500.

FOR SALE.—The stores and ground now occupied by Tibbels, Thirk & Co. in lots to suit. Will give long time.

FOR SALE.—One story house and lot on East Eleventh street, house new. Price, \$1,100.

FOR SALE.—Five to six acres, near of 2 sections of Farm, 4 1/2 miles west of the city. Substantial 1 1/2 story house, barn, and a variety of outbuildings. Soil superior, under a fine state of cultivation. Price, \$1,000, easy terms.

FOR SALE.—In lots to suit purchasers, the West 600 feet of the Erie city lot, near of 2 sections of Farm, 4 1/2 miles west of the city. Substantial 1 1/2 story house, barn, and a variety of outbuildings. Soil superior, under a fine state of cultivation. Price, \$1,000, easy terms.

FOR SALE.—The new double house and lot, in fee simple, on Park street, directly north of the Railroad. Price, \$2,000, ready for 600 per annum.

FOR SALE.—Business lot, directly north of Park & Johnson's stores, property of F. Whittier.

FOR SALE.—Farm 12 miles south-west of Erie, in Venango, 115 acres; well improved with barn, house, fruit trees, &c. Price, \$25 per acre.

FOR SALE.—Six acre land, 2 story frame house, barn, grove, variety of choice fruit. Price, \$1,200. Two miles south, on Pleasant road.

FOR SALE.—BEHLER 1/2 TONS.—We are selling this valuable property, on Third and Fourth streets and German and Holland streets, in lots to suit. Price, \$1,000, ready for 600 per annum.

THE HOUSE COMFORT.—Which now stands UNSURPASSED BY ANY OTHER. THE VERY BEST MATERIAL. Is used in the HOME COMFORT.

ALL the holes in doors and dampers are fitted in the most perfect manner, making the House Comfort, in every respect, the most durable and economical.

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DODGE'S PATENT REAPER AND MOWER, AND SELF-RAKING HARVESTER. OHIO AND BUCKEYE COMBINED. WITH DOUBLE DRIVING WHEELS, & SELF-RAKING CUTTING APPARATUS.

This machine has met with the most complete success. In every section where it has been introduced, it has taken precedence over those machines which have heretofore ranked as first class. We have endeavored to give you the BEST REAPER AND MOWER IN THE MARKET.

With this end in view we have secured, by lease and purchase, the control of all the desirable and standard patents now in use, among which we call attention to the Ohio and Buckeye Patents as combined in this machine. This machine embraces all those valuable features which have contributed to the great success of the Ohio and Buckeye Machines, together with a number of entirely new, novel and valuable improvements.

The most important part of a Mowing Machine is its cutting apparatus. Of all the numerous experiments and inventions, the Oiler, Wagoner, Hoop Guard, &c., used in this Machine, is the only one that has proved successful in all the various climates claimed for guards. They do not bend or break. They are all precisely alike. They do not clog.

AS A REAPER.—The draft of this Machine, in any grade of grain, is much lighter than ordinary plowing, and does not exceed an average of 100 pounds direct draft. A light draft can work the machine any day, in any kind of grain or grass, when the machine is properly adjusted and operated.

AS A SELF-RAKER.—The Self-Raker applied to this machine has proved a perfect success. It is a revolving Rake, and does its own work, and the operator is enabled to rake and cut in any kind of grain, and in any kind of weather. It is a perfect separation with the rake head, in all kinds of grain, whether tangled or not, and it is a perfect separation with the rake head, in all kinds of grain, whether tangled or not.

W. W. PIERCE & CO. HYDE & WRIGHT'S PATENT HORSE HOE OR CULTIVATOR PLOW. GREATLY IMPROVED SINCE LAST YEAR.

MANUFACTURER OF SOAP AND CANDLES. Corner of Holland and Sixth Streets, ERIE, PA.

Advertisement for Moffat's Life Pills and Purgative Bitters, established in 1835, and now used throughout North and South America.