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William Mallory, 527 French st.
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Warrant in Bankruptcy.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE that on the 13th day of February, A. D., 1868, a Warrant in Bankruptcy was issued against the estate of German R. Norris, of Edinboro, in the county of Erie, state of Pennsylvania, who has been adjudged bankrupt on his own petition; That the payment of any debts and delivery of any property belonging to such bankrupt, to him and for his use, and the transfer of any property by him are forbidden by law; that a meeting of the creditors of the said bankrupt, to prove their debts and to choose one or more Assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at the office of the Register, in the county of Erie, and State of Pennsylvania, before S. E. Woodruff, Register, on the 24th day of April, A. D., 1868, at 2 o'clock, P. M.
THOMAS A. ROWLEY,
U. S. Marshal for said District.
By G. P. Davis, Dept. U. S. Marshal. feb20-4w.

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THOMAS A. ROWLEY,
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To the Democrats of Erie County.

Certain recent occurrences, growing out of the hostile personal relations between some of our prominent members, and threatening to seriously disturb the harmony of the organization, require that I should frankly lay before you the facts as they actually transpired. A sincere anxiety to conciliate the conflicting interests, and to do nothing that could be tortured into a disposition to make the columns of the Observer subservient to either side, has been my sole motive for making no previous allusion to the subject, although I have been well aware that my silence has been misconstrued, and my motives widely misrepresented,—more, I hope and am willing to believe, through error and the ardor of party devotion than from any real wish to do me injustice. The difficulty has now reached a stage where silence would be both unwise and cowardly, and I shall endeavor to present a plain statement of the particulars, without casting disagreeable reflections upon any individual in our ranks.

The County Convention last fall saw proper to select me unanimously for the second time as Chairman of the County Committee, with power to appoint the members. I objected to the proposition to thrust so great a responsibility upon my shoulders, but it was urged that from my extensive acquaintance in the county and unceasing exertions for the cause, I was the one most suitable to make the choice, and the Convention so decided. The following is the Committee appointed:

Henry Shannon, Moses Smiley, P. A. Becker, M. V. B. Brown, C. E. Duncombe, A. W. Van Tassel, W. W. Lyle, F. F. Marshall, Dr. Skeels, F. P. Liebel, E. Camphausen, R. S. Hunter, W. W. Todd, And'w Jackson, D. C. Kennedy, Wm. Henry, R. O'Brien, G. K. Allen, L. W. Savage, Amos Stone, F. W. Koehler, D. W. Hutchinson, G. C. Gallowhurt, H. M. Range, C. E. Hatch, W. C. Oakley, W. C. Evans, Geo. P. Griffith, S. E. Neiler, J. B. Carver, R. H. Arbuckle, A. P. Streeter.

It is proper to say at this point, that the Committee as first announced did not comprise six of the names here given. After the first list appeared, and within a week or two's time, two delegates to the Convention wrote to me suggesting gentlemen in their localities to be placed on the Committee, two others in person solicited the favor for their friends, and I myself added the names of two young men who I felt would be encouraged thereby to take an interest in the work of the campaign, making thirty-three in all. The list as thus perfected, I carefully copied, laid aside among the other party papers, and do not remember of looking at it again until the notice was issued for a meeting.

The State Convention having been called in January for March 4th, I thought it best to select our delegates as soon as possible, in order that they might have an opportunity to learn in advance the probable course of events, and not go to Harrisburg without the information necessary to a proper discharge of their duties. Accordingly the following notice was published in the Observer on the 16th of January, in the most conspicuous portion of the paper, and in the largest sized type used for reading matter:

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Democratic County Committee will be held at the Observer office, in the city of Erie, on Monday, January 27th, at 2 o'clock, P. M. The punctual attendance of all the members is earnestly urged, as business of importance is to be transacted.
BENJ'N WHITMAN,
Erie, Jan. 16, 1868.-2w. Chairman.

On the subsequent week, recollecting the additional names, fearing that the members generally might have forgotten their selection, feeling an anxiety to have a full attendance, and being desirous of giving all who might wish to be candidates for delegates a fair opportunity to employ any influences, or give any suggestions they might see fit, I appended a list of the Committee to the call as published.

The Committee assembled promptly at the hour and place named, twenty-eight of the thirty-three members being present in person or by substitute. It was evident beforehand, that a good deal of feeling had sprung up between some of the friends of Mr. Galbraith and Mr. Scott, and whenever spoken to on the subject, I invariably urged a harmonious settlement of their claims, advising my friends that the general good was of a great deal more moment than any personal piques or preferences. After some private preliminary business, a motion was made and carried (unanimously I think) that the Committee proceed to elect delegates, the one having the highest vote to be the Senatorial. The names of Messrs. W. L. Scott, E. Camphausen, D. W. Hutchinson, W. W. Lyle and Benjamin Whitman were presented. At this point, Mr. Henry moved that Mr. Scott be chosen as the Senatorial delegate by acclamation. The motion was objected to, and the Chairman decided that as it conflicted with the previous resolution adopted, it was out of order, and that the proper course would be to rescind the first one, and bring the proposition up as a new resolution. An appeal was called for, and the Committee decided to sustain the Chairman's decision. A motion having been made that the Committee proceed to vote, the inquiry was made by one of Mr. Scott's friends whether the original Committee should select, or the Committee as last published. The Chairman explained the matter as above given, and the Committee by a large majority, if not by a nearly unanimous vote, decided that his action had been proper, and that all the twenty-eight members present were entitled to a vote. The voting was done by slips of paper, and resulted as follows:

W. L. Scott,	6	D. W. Hutchinson,	21
E. Camphausen,	7	W. W. Lyle,	19
		Benj'n Whitman,	22

The friends of Mr. Scott were much dissatisfied with the result, and made threats which I felt assured they would not undertake to fulfil when their cool judgment had resumed sway. Their principal complaint seemed to rest upon the admission of the six gentlemen objected to, of whom only five were present. By looking at the vote, it will be perceived, that even supposing this course to have been unwarranted, the result would not have been materially changed, and that if they had been excluded, the delegates chosen would still have possessed majorities ranging from ten to seven. The allegation is also made that these delegates were spoken to beforehand and appointed because they had agreed to support Mr. Galbraith for delegate to the National Convention. I positively deny that such an arrangement was ever made or dreamt of, or that their views were even known before the publication of the list in the Observer. I will go further and guarantee that, if desired, every man of them will so state over his own signature, or take a solemn oath to the same effect.

Fault has been found with me because in publishing the proceedings of the committee I only gave the names of the delegates elected, and not the vote or the other business transacted. It is sufficient answer to the latter complaint that the custom has never been to give the proceedings in full, and that from their being of a private nature, involving the interior working of the party, it is not proper that they should be published. In relation to the vote, the explanation ought to be abundantly satisfactory that I felt convinced Messrs. Scott and Camphausen would prefer not having it appear. The former gentleman was presented without his knowledge, and the latter had declined before the vote was taken, so that in neither case would I have been justified in heralding their defeat to the public. I had too much respect for both of them to be instrumental in subjecting those gentlemen to mortification; and my leading motive was to conceal from the Opposition the unpleasant fact that the harmony of our party in Erie county, unbroken for so many years, had at last received a blow which the true friends of the cause must hasten to discourage, or it will continue to increase in violence and danger until its effects cannot be healed.

The claim is set up that the legitimate way to elect our delegates is by County Convention, and that the Committee usurped its power in exercising that privilege. It is extremely unfortunate that this suggestion was not made previous to the assembling of the Committee, as its adoption would undoubtedly have avoided much of the heart-burning that has since occurred. From what I know of the Committee, I feel warranted in asserting that it would have been agreed to without a dissenting vote. But the simple truth is, that no person ever hinted to the Chairman, or, so far as I know, to any of the Committee, previous to the meeting, that such a course should be adopted, much less dissented from the right of the Committee to select. No motion of the kind was proposed in that body, or even spoken of. The true course for our friends who wished a Convention to have pursued would have been to appear before the Committee, and make known their desires, and they would unquestionably have received favorable consideration. As it was, the Committee, never supposing there would be the slightest objection, merely followed the precedents of the three past years, established by some of the gentlemen who are most strenuous for a Convention. I confess that for my part, the idea of selecting by any other mode than the Committee never entered my mind, for I presumed the custom to have been long enough established, and so willingly accepted by most at least who signed the call for Monday evening's meeting, that it could not be plausibly disputed. For the sake of removing all question on this feature, I subjoin the proceedings of the three last Committees, with a list of the members:

1865—Chairman, D. W. Hutchinson; Secretary, E. Camphausen; members, Wilson Laird, W. A. Galbraith, David Olin, Isaac R. Taylor, J. M. Kuhn, Robert Leslie, Hy R. Porter. Delegates to the State Convention—Wilson Laird, Benj'n Whitman. Mr. Laird was unable to attend, and, as no other gentleman was willing to go, I attended alone.

1866—Chairman, E. Camphausen; members, B. F. Sloan, Benj'n Whitman, D. W. Hutchinson, W. C. Evans, Alden Pomeroy, W. W. Lyle, P. A. Becker, C. B. Sleeper. Delegates chosen—Senatorial, W. A. Galbraith; Representatives, B. F. Sloan, C. B. Sleeper. Mr. Galbraith could not attend, and I went in his place at considerable inconvenience. Mr. Sleeper did not appear at Harrisburg, and W. L. Scott was substituted by Messrs. Sloan and Whitman, without objection being made from any part of the county afterwards, to the best of my knowledge.

1867—Chairman, Benj'n Whitman; members, James Patterson, Dr. J. C. Wilson, Geo. Senyard, Alden Pomeroy, Dexter Pierce, James Crowell, Wm. Kenyon, James Stranahan, Ephraim Boyer, B. F. Sloan, W. W. Dobbins, S. E. Neiler, H. L. White, F. P. Liebel, W. W. Lyle, J. Ross Thompson, C. Siegel, Sherburn Smyth, E. F. Wilson, R. O'Brien, John Ferrier, John W. Shannon. Delegates chosen—J. Ross Thompson, Benj'n Whitman. The delegates voted for Benj. Grant, Esq., for Supreme Judge.

It will be noticed that both the committees under my chairmanship, have been double the size of those immediately preceding, and treble the usual number, and more nearly represented all the leading points in the county.

The length to which this communication has extended prevents me from noticing several matters that deserve attention. I have aimed to present *the facts*, and those only, avoiding reflections upon any one, and convinced that intelligent and disinterested Democrats only need to know them to sustain the County Committee without an exception. The more I learn of the difficulty between the prominent gentlemen who have been placed in antagonistic relations as candidates for delegates to the National Convention, the better I am satisfied that their former friendly bearing has been mainly severed by injudicious friends on each side, who have failed to restrain their tongues within the limits of sound judgment. I but speak the sentiments of ninety-nine hundredths of the Democrats in the county, when I say that it is to be hoped they will endeavor at once to reconcile their difficulties, and that henceforward we will all move together in a solid phalanx for the defeat of the common foe, without stopping to consider personal ambitions, spites or preferences.

I presume there is slight necessity for adding that if any members of the party object to the above statements they will find the same generous treatment in the columns of the Observer that it has always given to those who disagree with its views.

BENJ'N WHITMAN.

"Brick Pomeroy."

[From the Dunkirk Union.]

A number of our Republican exchanges have given currency to the extract from the Corry Republican, in which the editor claims to know "Brick" Pomeroy, and who describes him as a "liar, thief, drunkard, and wife beater," etc., and says: "We have known him to sing bawdy songs and crack obscene jokes over the dead remains of his friend and companion, who was strangled to death in an attempt to drink a gallon of whisky on a wager, in the city of Milwaukie. And we have heard him curse the sun and defy the power that sustained it."

A citizen of this vicinity not placing any credit to the above, wrote to the postmaster at La Crosse, Wis., (who is, of course, a Republican,) as to the truth of the story, and received the following reply, which speaks for itself:

P. O., LA CROSSE, WIS., }
Feb. 5th, 1868. }

SIR—Your communication of the 31st ult. is at hand, and in reply, permit me to state that the reports circulating throughout the press of the country in regard to Mr. Pomeroy's immoral habits, are totally false. A man who is not addicted to intoxicating drinks—who is seldom found in a saloon or bar-room, and as far as my knowledge of the man extends—some eight years, have regarded him as a strictly temperate man. From my personal associations with the man, I have never seen an act or intention which would lead me to suspicion him as a gambler, &c., and feel confident, in stating as I do, that he would at any and all times lend his influence in prohibiting throughout the land, (as he has among his employees about the office,) the immoral habits of which he is so unjustly accused by his political enemies.

Respectfully,
E. W. ELLIS,
Ass't P. M.

We do not wish to say that we endorse the whole of "Brick's" course, but wish simply to give our readers a fair sample of Radical lies. "Brick" is well known personally to a great number in this county, and they will endorse all Mr. Ellis has said in the above letter. We hope that the papers who have published the previous article will do a simple act of justice and publish the above letter.

CLOSING OUT SALE.—The large dry goods stock of the late firm of Monell, Stephens & Wildey will be closed out at their old place of business, No. 6 Reed Block, commencing Saturday, March 7th, and continuing until the entire stock is sold. Sales 10 A. M., 2 and 7 P. M. each day. feb5-1t.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

☞ The editor's being absent since Monday, and compelled to prepare the matter for this issue before leaving, a number of important matters remain unnoticed. He is expected to return on Friday or Saturday.

MESSRS. MARKS & MEYER, the fashionable tailors, will remove the "New York Clothing House" to their new store, in the Walther and Berst block, on or about the 10th of this month.

THOSE who have ever heard Horace Greeley speak will appreciate the following from the N. Y. World:

"H. G. lectured 15 times in the West, and if he had lectured 15 more, he would have depopulated that section of the country."

THE citizens of New Wilmington, Lawrence county, having suffered much inconvenience from the similarity of their post-office name to so many other places in the country, held a meeting lately, resolved to change it to Collegeville, and adjourned in a happy frame of mind.

THE Republican urged its party, a week or two ago, to nominate a full ticket for local officers, and thinks that if the Radicals were united upon it, it could be elected by three hundred majority. We should like no better sport than to see them try the experiment. The people of Erie have too many important local interests at stake to allow themselves to be dragged into a mere party squabble at this time.

THE first rail of the city railway was laid on Thursday morning, on Second street, at the corner of Holland. Enough stock has not been subscribed to secure the completion of the whole route, but it is designed to lay down a single track to Federal Hill for the present, and trust to the liberality of the community to provide the means required afterwards. The projectors of the enterprise are confident that the road will be built from the Parks to the Depot by July.

GOUGH and Greeley lately delivered lectures in Williamsport, ostensibly for the benefit of the temperance cause. The Standard thinks there must be some mistake about the objects of their efforts. The only "benefit" received was by the speakers themselves. Gough received $150 and Greeley $100. When will the people learn that the ranting so-called reformers who traverse the country, peddling their stale jokes and borrowed ideas, mainly do so as an easy means of putting money in their purses? With nine out of ten of them the cash is the main object.

WE regret to observe a movement in Congress to abandon the revenue service upon the Lakes, which has been continued for so long a period that most persons have come to look upon it as a permanent fixture. Such a course would undoubtedly open the way to great frauds and result in the loss of many times the amount to the government that it costs to sustain the service. With our present high tariff, some system of detection is imperatively needed, and the revenue service seems to be the best form that can be adopted.

"PUT this in to fill up," writes a correspondent. We beg leave to assure the writer that we stand in no need of any matter merely "to fill up." Communications *of general or local interest* we always publish with pleasure, but that large mass of stuff which editors are always receiving, and which interest none but those who send them, we don't want. We are never troubled to secure enough matter to fill up our columns; the great trouble is to decide what, in justice to our readers, we dare keep out.

THE older we grow the better we become satisfied that two-thirds of the difficulties between individuals grow and of a misconception of each other's motives and expressions. If every man, when he becomes dissatisfied with the course of another, would go and candidly compare views with him, the greater portion of the ill-feeling which now distracts every community would be avoided. As it is with individuals, so it is with parties. Had the active men of our party met together oftener within the past few years, and consulted in a frank manner upon the best policy to pursue, we have no doubt that all conflicting interests would have been harmonized, and the organization be moving on without a jar. Let us take warning by the mistakes of the past, and meet together oftener for counsel in the future.

SOME chap who has passed through the mill thus relates his experience in political life: "The penalty of being a politician, even on a small scale, or a candidate for office is a severe one. You have to bore and be bored by everybody, from the boot-black, whose father has a vote, to the insinuating and self-important 'eggman.' The morning after election, a friend of ours—we won't say who—a candidate, and a successful one, made an examination of his pockets and his pocket-book. The pocket was full, but the portmonies were dollar-less and cent-less. An examination of his pockets revealed the following: Seventeen tickets for raffles of old stoves, old clocks, watches, &c., &c.; twenty-one membership tickets for base ball clubs; fourteen tickets for trade societies' balls; from sixteen to eighteen tickets for prospective military festivals; a dozen or more tickets for this widow and that widow, and the remains of a pocket-full of bad cigars, picked up here and there, where the candidate had been 'treating the boys.'"

THE "Great Miltonian Tableaux," to be exhibited in Farrar Hall, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, is said to be a very interesting production. We presume it will have a large attendance.

EX-REV. J. H. WHALLON, of Erie county, is making quite a stir among the "loyal" portion of this gigantic Congressional district. He is going to run for a seat in the Rump, or "butt the bull off the bridge." We will bet *five cents*, to be deposited in some foreign missionary box, that *our* Ex-Rev. will beat him two to one. From the look of things, it would seem as though the next congressional canvass in this district would be a theological one on the part of the "grand moral idea" portion of the circuit.—*Clearfield Rep.*

So it seems that we are to have two Reverends in the field, for Congress. With such an array of "great moral ideas" to contend against, Scofield will find his chances for a renomination rather slim.

THE activity with which Buffalo is pushing her business interests into the section of Pennsylvania heretofore regarded as being permanently tributary to Erie, cannot fail to attract the serious attention of our citizens. Last year, by the completion of the Cross-Cut road, she penetrated into the heart of the oil region, and diverted two-thirds of the trade of that country from its natural centre at this city. The Buffalo & Washington R. R., connecting with the Phila. & Erie, near Emporium, will enable her to compete successfully with us in the coal trade, and secure for her the larger portion of the Eastern Pennsylvania anthracite supply, which the people of Erie long believed could only find its outlet to the west through our harbor. The Warren & Franklin R. R., now under contract, and which will undoubtedly be completed next year, is destined to become an important link in her system of communications, and will rob Erie of her last remaining hope of retaining the trade of the Allegheny valley. We mention these facts less with the view of depicting the enterprise of our sister city, than to fix them upon the consideration of our own citizens. The solemn truth stares us in the face that our city is rapidly losing the prestige we once possessed through want of practical energy and foresight. In a few years, Buffalo will be the great wholesale supply point for the main portion of North-Western Pennsylvania, and Erie, instead of becoming the important business centre nature intended her to be, will remain a comparatively unimportant city, with no other trade than that she obtains from her immediate local advantages.

IN our last issue we announced the discontinuance of the evening edition of the Dispatch. We have now to chronicle, also, the suspension of the daily Republican, which occurred on Saturday last. In both enterprises the publishers have lost heavily, and their experience abundantly verifies the assertions we have made upon the subject. Some of our friends have been disposed to complain of us not a little for want of enterprise in refusing to embark in a daily, but we know the cost of such an experiment, and the character of our community too well, to doubt for a moment it would end in disaster. The present circumstances are especially unpropitious for undertaking any new project, much less one of so risky a nature as a daily paper. Business men are retrenching wherever they can, and few are willing to either advertise or order job work except in case of absolute necessity. We do not believe that any printing office in Erie is making money now, and we are very sure that no daily can be made to sustain itself for years to come.

"THE TRUTH IS A NUT SHELL"—That able journal the Cincinnati Commercial, has an excellent article on the management of newspapers, from which we copy the following passage in relation to advertising:

"The true theory is to charge enough for advertising to compress it into a limited space, and devote the greater portion of the printed sheet to reading matter, that the journal may possess the elements of popular interest, and be widely circulated, and in proportion as it is circulated the space becomes valuable to the advertiser. A great many advertisers do not seem to understand this, plain as it may seem. They see only one or two copies each of a newspaper, and their personal sight being satisfied, they forget that while one journal has a hundred thousand readers daily, the other has perhaps but one or two thousand. 'Why, you charge more for the insertion of this notice than the other papers do,' is a remark we are accustomed to hear. To be sure we charge more. We plead guilty, and are rather proud of it. The only reason in the world why we do it is that our space is of more value than that of other papers. We have a larger circulation and more readers than others, and hence higher charges are our right."

THE strange story, published in our issue of the 20th ult., of the woman who afterwards became a man, has attracted wider attention than any newspaper incident which has appeared for many years. Few persons are inclined to believe it, and yet the statement is literally true. A gentleman who was determined to solve the mystery for himself wrote to ascertain confirmatory information, and received the following reply:

BROOKHEAD, Wis., Jan. 1, 1868.

SIR:—The story you wish information about is partly true. Ellen Burnham was married as a woman. I attended her wedding party. She lived two or three years in that relation; then changed her clothing, lived single a year or two, then married a lady of my acquaintance. I understand they lived happy together. He never was father or mother. They were some of the first people of our town. His father was a physician, and a very fine man.

Yours respectfully,
MRS. ELEANOR H. CLINTON,
Postmistress.

P. S.—The young lady (Ellen) was the music teacher of his present wife.

A LARGE element of the Radical party in in our county is dissatisfied with the course of their County Committee because the delegates are opposed to ex-Gov. Curtin's nomination for Vice President. They have called a County Convention to meet on the 5th of March, for the purpose of instructing the delegates on the subject. The dissenting party do not deny the right of the Committee to select, but claim if the delegates vote against Curtin they will not represent the wishes of a majority of the party. The following are the parties who signed the call for a Convention:

James Skinner, Wm. M. Caughey, Thos. M. Walker, John Hearn, John Elliot, Wm. M. Gallagher, L. Olds, J. W. Brigden, W. O. Black, J. F. Devore, Robert Hall, Jas. Miles, Jr., C. W. Keller, Andrew Scott, D. N. Patterson, A. H. Jones, G. W. Starr, B. F. H. Lynn, John H. Walker, P. Metcalf, George W. Colton, Joseph R. Sterrett, S. C. Stanford, W. C. Curry, J. W. Wetmore, Wm. Benson, George W. Riblet, S. M. Kellogg, O. D. Spafford, S. B. Benson, S. G. Brotherton, E. Babbitt, John Moore, T. M. Hustin, James Hoskinson, G. Jarecki.

IN another column will be found the advertisement of the daily and weekly Post, published at Pittsburgh, by James P. Barr & Co. The Post is the only Democratic daily in Pennsylvania, west of the mountains, and the vigor and ability with which it is conducted entitles it to the liberal support of our party friends. If any of our readers wish to secure a Democratic daily, we recommend the Post to their attention.

THE Express train coming west, on the Philadelphia & Erie R. R., was thrown from the track, on Tuesday evening, near Keating Station, and the baggage and one passenger car were thrown down an embankment, by which a number of the passengers were considerably injured. Hon. Wm. A. Galbraith, who was accompanying the remains of his mother to Erie for interment, was one of the sufferers. The accident was caused by a broken rail.

EUGENIA HAIR RESTORER.—The cheapest and best. Mammoth bottles only 75 cents. The Eugenia Hair Restorer eclipses all known discoveries for the rapidity with which it restores gray and faded hair to its original color, promotes its rapid and healthy growth, prevents and stops it when falling off, and is a most luxuriant hair dressing for the human hair and head, rendering it soft, silky and lustrous. Sold by S. Dickinson & Son, sole agents in Erie. dec12-1y.

WE call the attention of our readers to the notice of Monell, Stephens & Wildey in another column.

A FINE young horse must be sold regardless of cost. No. 815 State street, Erie, Pa. feb12-tf. Z. SMITH.

THE Observer forms of notes and blanks are pronounced the best by all who have seen them. tf.

THE LATE GEORGE R. DUNBAR.—He died on the 21st ult., of Dropsy on the Chest and Hemorrage of the Lungs, after but a few days of serious illness. In the decease of this estimable young man, the circle in which he moved in particular, have truly sustained a loss. Kind, jovial, and generous to a fault, his presence was always the signal for wit and humor, and the best instincts of our nature; possessed of talents of no ordinary character, the doitings of his pen were often hailed as gems in their way. But he is gone—passed from us, but left behind his good name, which we will always endeavor to cherish.

He was a grand-son of Mr. McKenzie, who for many years was a leading director in the Hudson Bay Company, and from whom "McKenzie's River" took its name. In early life, he served a due apprenticeship as an Apothecary with a leading house in Montreal, and became master of the profession, as all will attest, more particularly the physicians of his acquaintance.

He came to Erie in the Spring of 1864, and was for a time in the employ of J. S. Carter, Druggist. He afterwards served a year in the U. S. Navy, on board of a gun-boat, along the Florida coast. He again returned to Erie, and entered the employ of J. B. Carver & Co., Druggists, in whose employ he died, and who deeply deplore his loss.

IN Western Penna. the Erie Observer is unquestionably the soundest, most industriously and ably edited Democratic journal published. In its prospectus, under the heading of 'Plain Talk for the Times,' the Observer prints a most obvious truism. It says:

'What we have said before we now reiterate and intend reiterating until we have waked the Democracy up to a full consciousness of its truth, that the most effective weapon towards success is the wide distribution of sound and straightforward local newspapers.'

Gospel, every word of it, and we heartily recommend every earnest Democrat to extend the Observer's bailiwick the entire length of the Shenango valley. Success attend your noble efforts, Whitman, and may you win and wear a triumphant crown of Democratic glory.—*New Castle Champion.*

DIED.

MORTON—At his late residence, in this city, on the 28th ult., Geo. J. Morton, aged 49 years and 4 months.

GALBRAITH—At the residence of Wm. S. Lane, in Philadelphia, on the 1st inst., Mrs. Amy A. Galbraith, wife of the late Hon. John Galbraith, of this city.

New Advertisements.

☞ Advertisements, to secure insertion, must be handed in by 8 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon. All advertisements will be continued at the expense of the advertiser, unless ordered for a specified time.

Democratic Convention.

IN VIEW OF THE MOMENTOUS QUESTIONS OF THE DAY, and the meeting of the Democratic State Convention on the 4th of March, at Harrisburg, and in accordance with the time-honored custom of the party, we, the undersigned, respectfully request the Democrats of the city and county, and all citizens irrespective of party, who are in favor of sustaining the Constitution of our country inviolate, to meet in convention on MONDAY EVENING, at 7 o'clock, the 24 of MARCH next, AT THE COURT HOUSE, in the city of Erie, to select delegates to represent the Democracy of the county in the State Convention, and for a more effectual organization of the party.

John C Van Scoter, Wm Christy, John Carse, F P Liebel, M Courtright, B F Sloan, J Kilpatrick, Wm L. Scott, J Ross Thompson, R O'Brien, F F Marshall, C Kolb, Wm W Davison, Benj'n Grant, E Camphausen, P A Becker, James C Marshall, Sherburn Smith, J Noonan, H C Slocum, Joseph McCarter, E F Wilson, Wm Henry, A W Van Tassel, John Anthony, Thos McConkey, John W Shannon, F Schlandecker, W W Dinsmore, J B Carver, James I Williams, T J Hoskinson, R R Brawley.

MORTON HOUSE,

Opposite Union Depot. A. W. Van Tassell, proprietor. House open at all hours. Table and bar supplied with the best in market. Charges reasonable. feb27'68-1y.

NATIONAL HOTEL,

Corner Peach and Buffalo sts. John Boyle, proprietor. Best of accommodations for people from the country. Good stable attached. feb27'68-1y.

Notice.

MY WIFE, ELIZA BAXTER, having left my bed and board without just cause, this is to give notice that I will pay no debts of her contracting after this date.
ABRAM BAXTER.
Wayne tp., Feb. 27, 1868—3w*

Notice.

THE CO-COPARTNERSHIP heretofore existing between the undersigned, under the firm name of Hoskinson, Williams & Co., is this day dissolved by mutual consent.
T. J. HOSKINSON,
JAMES I. WILLIAMS,
P. L. KIMBERLY.
Erie, Feb. 22, 1868—feb27-3w.

City Lot For Sale.

THE UNDERSIGNED, Executors of the est