WEEKLY OBSERVER

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Fifty Cents for Three Months.

In order to accommodate Clubs and subscribers who wish to receive the paper for a limited period, we have concluded to take three months' subscriptions from now until the November election. The price of subscription will be *fifty cents* for the three months, and the paper will be promptly discontinued as soon as the time expires. At this low rate, it ought to be an easy matter for each one of our twenty-five hundred subscribers to secure at least one or two additional names, and we hope to be able to boast of a list of five thousand before the canvass is ended. jy16-tf.

The enemies of Mr. Scofield in this county keep up a lively grumbling over his nomination, which may or may not result in something more serious. They have every disposition to bolt, and only lack the courage to make their wishes effective. Many of them will not vote for him in any event, and the indications at present lead to the opinion that he will run considerably behind the ticket. There was some talk at first of placing an independent candidate in the field, but it has mostly subsided. The trouble appears to be to find a man who possesses the necessary amount of talent and availability to unite the dissatisfied Republicans with the Democracy, and enable them to make a combined attack upon the common enemy. Mr. King has been talked of, but seems to feel that his business affairs would prevent him from taking the necessary part in the canvass. Aside from him, we know of no other Republican who would stand the *slightest prospect of* success, and the impression is *generally* current among Democrats that the best thing they can do is to place an out and out member of our party on the track and give him the best vote possible.

The Way to Succeed.

We want more readers for the Observer. We are printing our campaign papers at exceedingly low rates, for the purpose of getting them into the hands of the people. If the people will but *read*, we are sure to triumph. *A Democratic paper in the hands of a voter*, each week, from this time to election, will do more good than a dozen meetings. Spend your money in circulating documents, instead of in music, fire-works and display. The latter are good in their way, but not one-tenth as effective as sound papers. The people want *reasons* for a CHANGE; they can get them out of arguments in the speeches and articles in Democratic papers. Let every Democrat—aye, every Democratic woman, and we have thousands of them in the Northwest—interest themselves, and send us a subscriber, each, and they will find that their money has been well invested. Every meeting held costs from ten to fifty dollars, and the effects are seldom perceptible. Expend half the sum used for this purpose in sending Democratic papers to doubtful voters, from now to election, and we will guarantee a largely increased vote for our ticket in every district.

Questions for the Dispatch.

Did or did not Mr. Scofield write a letter in the canvass of 1866 declaring that he had not taken the extra pay voted to its members by Congress, and "intended to leave the impression that he would not take it?"

Did or did he not afterwards take the full amount of extra pay, notwithstanding his pledge to the contrary?

Did or did not Mr. Scofield vote for a bill in Congress to deduct ten per cent. from the interest on bonds, thus virtually proposing to "repudiate" one-tenth of the public debt? Does not this make him an out-and-out "repudiator," and effectually seal the lips of his supporters on that subject?

Did or did not the Bureau of Engineers recommend all the appropriations voted to our harbor, which Mr. Scofield and his friends have so industriously endeavored to make the people believe were wholly secured by his influence? Would not the appropriations have been voted upon the endorsement of the Bureau, without any effort whatever on Mr. Scofield's part?

On every one of these points, the Dispatch has exhibited a disposition to "play fast and loose" which may be sagacious, but will not add to its credit for integrity. We now demand that it shall give explicit answers to our inquiries, or "forever after hold its peace."

Let every one remember that rashness at such a heated time as the present is dangerous, that the greatest prudence in eating and drinking is necessary. The pouring down of fiery liquors and ice-cold water is inviting death. That men grow thirsty under the blaze of the sun, and even in the shadiest places, is natural—but it is not particularly creditable to common sense to see one plunge into his heated stomach a quart of ice water, when he would be scrupulously careful to keep such a drink from his horse. It may be easier to teach than to practice wisdom—but the dullest brain ought to comprehend that under such temperature as we have endured since last week, the utmost caution is necessary. Above all, keep the head cool—if exposed to the rays of the sun, use an umbrella, or put a wet handkerchief in the hat. Avoid extremely cold water, and be careful not to drink excessively of anything. In such weather thirst is increased by drinking, and the best and safest way is to endure thirst for a while, since, in most cases one may conquer it by abstinence. Cold coffee and tea without ice or with it, in very moderate quantities, are excellent substitutes for water.

The following is an extract from a letter written by one of the leading editors in Pennsylvania:

"I must congratulate you upon the success that has attended your career in Erie. The Observer is everywhere looked upon as one of the best, if not the very best, local papers in Pennsylvania. It is high-toned, enterprising and able, and while allowing none to excel it in devotion to Democratic principles, never descends to those petty personalities and vulgar witticisms which are the disgrace of so many of our journals of both parties. The wonder to me is, how you secure enough patronage in that spot of Egyptian darkness, to enable you to print so creditable a paper—for a credit it is both to you and the party. Keep on in the honorable path you have marked out for yourself. Extreme men may not like your fairness and moderation, but you will have the respect of those whose opinion is worth having, and receive your reward in due time."

Commendation of such a kind and from such a source is ample recompense for all the labor and perplexities which we have had to undergo in deserving it.

A NUMBER of our wealthy citizens have organized a company, with a capital of $150,000 to establish an extensive Iron establishment at this point. They have taken the title of the "Erie Iron Works," and will conduct their operations under the general law of the State regulating manufacturing corporations. Some $70,000 of the stock, it is said are already pledged, and the balance is thought easy to obtain. The company propose commencing the erection of buildings as soon as the capital stock is subscribed. They have secured a site in the vicinity of the Elevator Dock, where the ore and coal can be loaded or unloaded direct from vessels, thus avoiding one of the heaviest items of expense entailed upon establishments in the interior. We look upon this as one of the most important projects that has ever been devised in our city, and will lend it our earnest encouragement.

COUNCILS have authorized the Committee on public grounds to contract for the building of fountains in each of the Parks.

THE POOR HOUSE FARM.—The sale of the Poor House Farm, advertised to take place on Tuesday, has been postponed until the 25th of August, a preliminary injunction having been obtained by the city, until the disputed point whether the county has a right to dispose of the property, has been decided by the Court. The argument upon the subject will be held at the Court House on the 14th of August, Messrs. E. Babbitt, John H. Walker and J. C. & F. F. Marshall appearing for the plaintiff, and Benjn. Grant, Esq., acting as counsel for the Board of Sale. The application for an injunction is based upon an early act of the Legislature, in which the State ceded to the then borough of Erie what is known as the third section of the town plot, to be sold for the purpose of providing means to be used in securing a canal basin in the harbor; *reserving* one hundred acres, to be selected by three persons appointed for that purpose, for the use of the county of Erie, on which to erect a Poor House and House of Employment. Under this provision, the land now held was duly selected, and buildings erected upon it, by direction of the Poor Directors, and at the expense of the county. The counsel for plaintiff claim that by the act the tract was originally ceded to the city; that the latter was to hold it in trust for the use to which it was to be applied, and that it cannot be sold or appropriated to any other object without the consent of our municipal authorities. On the other hand, the advocates of a sale argue that the very terms of the act took the property out of the city's control; that it was expressly granted to the county, for a special use outside of the city's corporate authority; and that the State, which gave the land, and fixed the use to which it was to be applied, having given its consent to a sale, there is no legal power to restrain the same. These conflicting views bid fair to lead to a protracted controversy, and the case will probably go to the Supreme Court before it meets with a final disposal.

THE speech of Judge Scofield, "delivered a few days since," in the House of Representatives, upon matters and things in general, but Radical buncombe in particular, reminds us of the horse-jockey trading animals with a greenhorn. The jockey, of course, had a good looking, but broken down horse; the greenhorn had a good one. At once the jockey very plausibly commenced pointing out defects in the greenhorn's horse, in order to draw attention from the many in his own. In this instance the learned Judge goes on and makes the most *fabulous* misstatements, heaping one upon another with such apparent candor and cool *sang froid*, that the unwary would be likely to believe him, the crafty M. C. knowing all the while that it would take column after column, and page after page, to say nothing of the time and research necessary, to prove the falsity of his assertions—for they are nothing but assertions, there being not the shadow of argument accompanied by proofs in his whole harangue—therefore he feels assured no one will take the trouble to contradict him. Thus, like the horse jockey, he desires to draw all attention to the bogus defects he endeavors to point out in the good and sound Democratic horse, while his own broken down nag escapes scrutiny. A wag, a great and *learned* wag is this Glenni W. Scofield.

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THE Warren Mail does not seek to delude its followers, and lull them into inactive confidence, like the Radical papers of this city. It foresees the danger of almost certain defeat to its party, and, with a wisdom which its cotemporaries here would hasten to imitate, if they possessed common shrewdness, warns its followers that victory must be won, if won at all, by unceasing exertion. The following extract from its last issue shows the alarm which the Mail feels over the political prospect:

"He is mistaken who supposes that the Republican party will drift on to success next Fall without an effort. Gen. Scott was very popular when nominated for the Presidency, but no man suffered a more crushing defeat. Gen. Grant and Speaker Colfax are personally the most popular men in the nation, and our cause is just; but it will not do to depend on these alone for success. We must work for the right, as the devil works for the wrong, if we would win. All the indications are that the Democracy are to make a desperate effort. They will be especially active in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana. If they can carry these States in October, it will do much to insure success in November."

THE difference of opinion relative to Gen. Grant's habits reminds us that there are several gentlemen in Erie who may be competent to furnish some testimony on the subject, if they will. We refer to the committee appointed in 1866 to escort the Presidential party from Buffalo to this city. If memory serves us correctly, a number of these gentlemen were much surprised on that occasion, actual observation having shown them that while the President refrained from strong drink entirely, Gen. Grant could swallow it down, as one of them said to a party of his fellow Radicals, "by the jug-full." Here is a splendid opportunity for the Dispatch to learn the truth about the General's habits from the lips of those whose reliability it will not question. If the editor will call at our office, we will furnish him the names of the committee, so that he may consult some of their number and obtain their evidence for publication, as a refutation of the base "copperhead lies" started by Phillips and Tilton.

THE immortal Commodore Stewart requests us to give notice that on Saturday evening next he will deliver a lecture in Farrar Hall, upon the ever popular topic of "Woman's Rights." The Commodore has been kind enough to give us some choice specimens of his skill as an orator, and we can assure those who patronize him of a literary treat surpassing in novelty and variety anything they have heard in a long time. He takes the ground that woman is the natural superior of man, but through some inexplicable disarrangement of the machinery of nature she has become subservient to his will, and that the time has come for her to assert her God-given rights. We suspect that the gallant Commodore has adopted this theory to advance his popularity among the sex, but, however that may be, he is in for the campaign, and will make the most of it.

THE new Catholic Bishop of this diocese, the Right Reverend Dr. Mullin, of Pittsburgh, will be consecrated in the church in that city over which he has had pastoral charge, on Sunday next, the 2d of August, and assume the duties of his office in this city on the following Sabbath. A delegation from the Erie church will visit Pittsburgh to witness the interesting consecration ceremonies. It was proposed to give the Bishop a public reception on his arrival here, but the fact coming to his ears, he at once, with the characteristic modesty of the Catholic clergy, declined so flattering a testimonial. Due announcement will be given of his first sermon in our city, and the church will undoubtedly be filled to overflowing.

THE Democratic Convention of Warren County met on Tuesday of last week, and, after declaring its preference for Judge Brown for Congress, nominated the following strong ticket; Assembly, E. S. Sunderlin, of Warren borough; Commissioner, John Hunter, of Tidioute; Treasurer, Geo. N. Parmlee, of Warren borough; Surveyor, Z. H. Eddy, of Warren borough; Auditor, Warren Leonard, of Kinzua. Orris Hall, Esq., was chosen chairman of the County Committee, and the following gentlemen as Congressional conferees: Maj. D. W. C. James, J. A. Neill, Albert Eldred. The Ledger says the attendance of delegates "was fuller than it has been in some years," notwithstanding the busy season among the farmers.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

The barn of William Ewing, on the Waterford Pike, near the Walnut Creek House, was destroyed by fire on Monday about noon, with the main portion of its contents.

George Washington shot and fatally wounded Franklin Pierce in Columbus, Ga., last week, for stealing his corn. Great men have their little failings, like other people.

The fall term of the Waterford Academy opens on the 17th of August. A corps of excellent teachers has been engaged, and the prospects of the school look very encouraging.

The Dispatch doubts our statement that Knapp, the notorious Wayne township thief, is a Radical. It can easily satisfy itself by applying to some of its party friends in the vicinity of his late residence.

The Dispatch professes to "discredit the whole story" in regard to Mr. Scofield's "double dealing" on the extra pay question. We gave the facts—now let our cotemporary controvert them if it can.

The Democrats of Concord have formed a campaign club, with the following staunch and active gentlemen as officers: President, James Moffat; Vice President, Heman Heath; Corresponding Secretary, A. W. Covell; Treasurer, J. L. Moffat.

In reply to the Girard Spectator, the Crisis, of the same place, reiterates its statement that a resolution of thanks to Col. Dan Rice was passed by the National Soldiers' Convention, and refers to the proceedings as reported in the N. Y. Times of the 7th inst. for confirmation of what it says.

The Brookville Herald says the Congressional Conference of 1866 fixed upon Tuesday, the 20th of August, at Ridgway, as the time and place for the next meeting of that body. This is the same as suggested by the Democratic Committee of our county, and appears to be generally acceptable.

A medical cotemporary reminds its readers that "during the heated term there is nothing so invigorating as iced tea. A slice of lemon no thicker than a wafer placed in each tumbler adds to the relish. This sort of beverage is getting to be fashionable, and of course everybody must know about it. Pour tea into a goblet full of ice, sweeten to your taste, and drink it as you would hot tea."

James Decker died at the residence of his son, in Cussewago township, Crawford county, on Monday of last week, aged over one hundred and five years. He always enjoyed remarkably good health, and only a year or so since walked six miles in an afternoon. Last season he was able to visit the hay field frequently, insisting on helping to harvest.

The Forest Press of last week gives the names of four prominent gentlemen in Tionesta borough who have heretofore been Republicans, but will this year support Seymour & Blair. In this county the accessions to the Democratic ranks may be numbered by the half dozen in every election district. Unless we are greatly mistaken, the Radical majority in Erie county will be reduced five hundred in October.

We are pleased to inform our readers that the Commissioners of Erie county have promptly accepted the decision of the Supreme Court, declaring the Registry act unconstitutional, and ordered the discontinuance of proceedings under its provisions. The elections this fall will be held under the old law, and the qualifications of voters remain the same as heretofore. The Supreme Court having pronounced the Deserter Act void, all persons disfranchised by that law will be entitled to vote without hindrance.

A couple young men who visited the Peninsula last week, saw or claim that they saw two actual mermaids. The latter disappeared as soon as the presence of the young men was known, dashing into the bushes with wonderful speed and apparently greatly alarmed. On going to the spot they had left, a pair of waterfalls, two hoop skirts, sundry gaiters, etcetera, were discovered, from which it is inferred that mermaids do not differ widely in their habiliments from those of the sex who inhabit *terra firma*.

How many of our friends will undertake to secure an additional subscriber between this and the 1st of September? There is hardly one who has not a neighbor or acquaintance who might not be induced to take the Observer for three months at least. What better way of aiding the cause could be adopted than for each one of our present patrons to invest fifty cents in a campaign copy of the Observer for some benighted Republican in whom he is interested? Who will be the first to display his zeal for Democratic success by adopting these suggestions?

The Conference of the Methodist church, at Warren, Ohio, made the following appointments for Erie county:

Erie District.—E. J. L. Baker, P. E.—Erie 1st Church, A. S. Dobbs; Simpson Church, F. H. Beck; Wesleyville, J. K. Halleck; Greene, Rush D. Waltz; North East, Thomas Guy; Waterford, Washington Hollister; Millville, W. H. Hover; McKean, P. W. Sherwood; Edinboro, J. G. Townsend; Fairview, Milton Smith; Girard, Frank Brown; Union, J. Whitely; Wattsburg, J. W. Wilson; Greenfield and Mina, J. K. Mendenhall; Springfield, C. L. Barnhart; Albion, T. D. Blinn; Lockport, J. W. Hill; Corry, J. C. Scofield, M. Coleman, supply.

The Dispatch says Thad. Stevens has retracted the views expressed in his speech of which we gave an extract last week. The editor of the Dispatch should procure a new pair of spectacles to enable him to read more correctly. What Mr. Stevens did do in his subsequent speech was to defend the consistency of his present views with those in his previous speeches, which members of his own party had quoted against him. He adheres to the plan of paying off the bonds in greenbacks, claims that he never advocated the opposite doctrine, and says radical members of Congress at the time of the passage of the loan bills had no other idea than that they were payable in legal currency. We regret to be obliged to correct our daily cotemporary so often, but the truth must be told, "though the Heavens fall."

Now, that Scofield has obtained a renomination for Congress, all the Radical papers of this city, even to the old Gazette, vie with one another in beslabbering him with fulsome eulogy. To read their puffs, a person unacquainted with the facts would suppose he was one of the most extraordinary men in Congress, instead of being as he really is, a mere third-rate member of that body. His name seldom appears in the proceedings, he holds no prominent position, and, outside of the district, he is not often thought of and scarcely known. There are a half dozen men of both parties in the district who have wider reputations for ability, and are abundantly more competent to represent us in Congress, than this oily-gammon who carries the Radical party of North-Western Pennsylvania in his breeches' pocket.

Clearfield county has coincided with the suggestion to hold the Congressional conference at Ridgway, on Thursday, the 20th of August, and instructed its conferees to support Dr. T. Jefferson Boyer as Scofield's antagonist. The latter gentleman has served several sessions in the Legislature, and gained considerable reputation by his timely exposition of Cameron's plan to buy his way into the U. S. Senate. He is a man of talent and energy, and unfaltering in his devotion to Democratic principles. The following are the gentlemen now named upon the Democratic side as candidates in opposition to the foxy Scofield: Hon. Rasselas Brown, of Warren county; Hon. W. P. Jenks, of Jefferson county, and Dr. Boyer, of Clearfield. Unless an Erie candidate presents himself, which does not appear probable at present, the support of this county seems likely to be given to Judge Brown.

We repeat our suggestion of a couple weeks ago, that wherever the Democrats have two or three good musicians, they organize singing clubs for the campaign. The interest which such organizations lend to meetings need not be described, nor the increased inducements they furnish for people to turn out. There is scarcely a district where a good singing club might not be formed, and we hope to see movements in that direction instituted at once in all portions of the county. We shall render all the assistance we can, by furnishing them good campaign songs through the columns of the Observer.

The miners still hold out on their strike in the Mercer county coal region, and business at our docks and on the canal is nearly suspended. Unless some satisfactory adjustment is secured, the price of bituminous coal must soon advance, and people will act shrewdly by laying in their winter's supply at once, if it can be obtained. None of the dealers here have much on hand, and the supply for shipping is nearly exhausted. The suspension of the trade will create considerable hardship among laboring men who depend on it for the support of their families, besides the inconvenience that will be suffered by dealers and consumers.

Our friend G. W. Gunnison, Esq., must in some way have stepped on the toes of brother Pain, of the Corry Telegraph. The attempt of that paper to depreciate Mr. G.'s qualities as a speaker, and talents as a man, reads much as if actuated by personal motives, and will be estimated at its exact worth by those who know the parties. Mr. Gunnison is one of the clearest headed men in the county, a ready debater and an interesting campaign orator, and stands in high esteem for all these qualities wherever he has spoken. When the Telegraph chooses to vent its personal spleen, it should select some person not so well known to the people of the county as Mr. Gunnison.

The Democrats of Girard borough and township met on Saturday evening, and organized a campaign club, with Clark Barlow, Esq., one of the most energetic and substantial men of the locality, as President. The club will hold meetings in Albee's Hall every other Saturday evening, commencing with next Saturday, the 2d of August, when Capt. Hutchinson is to deliver an address upon the issues of the day. Our Girard friends are fully awake to the duties of the campaign, and will give a good report of themselves in October.

A recent visit to Girard confirmed us in the opinion long ago formed that it is the most desirable place for a residence of any of the smaller towns of this section. The surrounding country is among the best, if not the very best, in the Lake shore region; an unusual amount of taste is displayed in fitting up their homes by the citizens; and the tone of society is as cultivated and pleasant as prevails in any portion of the Union. The marked kindness we always receive at the hands of our Girard friends renders our visits there agreeable to the fullest degree.

The columns of last week's Gazette contained a string of doggerel, evidently from the pen of a "trooly loil" Radical, with not only "Copperhead on the brain" but *in the stomach*; he, apparently having swallowed a good sized reptile, which was gnawing furiously at his vitals. From the filth he emits from brain and stomach, we should judge he is still much troubled with the quantity of "dirt" he swallowed at the time of Lee's invasion. "Dirty bread, dirty pork, dirty coffee, dirty cups, in fact anything and everything was dirt, dirt, dirt." XYZ.

The people of South Erie have resolved to build a market house, two stories high, and seventy-five feet long by thirty-six wide, with a projecting roof eleven feet in width, and invite proposals for the construction of the same. The location is to be on the new street connecting State with Peach, being central and convenient of access. The South Erians display a great deal of foresight by undertaking this enterprise at the present time.

The buildings of the Marine Hospital, now in course of erection, comprise one main edifice, eighty-two by fifty-eight feet and a wing, sixty by forty-nine feet, each three stories high. They will be of brick, with stone foundation walls, three feet thick at the base and two feet at the top. Additions to the buildings will be made as the necessities of the institution require. The contractor is Mr. Williams, of Buffalo, and Mr. John M. Kuhn, of this city, has the sub-contract for the mason work.

One of the best indications of the capability of Erie manufacturers to compete with those of the East is seen in the fact that J. Eichenlaub & Co. have taken a contract to make ten thousand pairs of men's boots for the wholesale firm of Arbuckle & Clark. The ability of the Messrs. Eichenlaub to undertake so large a contract shows the extent of their establishment and the enterprise of its proprietors.

All the Postmasters in this county have received circulars from the Radical Committee at Washington, asking for contributions of from five to fifty dollars to be applied to the campaign purposes of that party. The Democratic Postmasters, of whom there are five or six, have all refused to respond. The Radicals we presume, have all "forked over" at the word of command.

We are gratified to learn that the Keystone Pail and Tub Manufactory is meeting with an encouraging patronage, and promises to become one of the most prosperous establishments in the city. The proprietors, Messrs. Bennett, Law & Spencer, are gentlemen who will have the best wishes of every person in the community.

A military company was organized in this city some weeks ago, composed mostly of German residents. It has been named the German Rifle Company, and J. J. Rœmer has been chosen temporary Captain. The organization already numbers eighty-three members, and it is proposed to increase it to three hundred.

Mr. Geo. A. Wheeler having taken the old Farmer's Hotel, and thoroughly refitted and refurnished it, is now ready to accommodate all who may give him a call. We bespeak for George a good trade, as he knows how to keep a hotel. Let all who want a good, home-like stopping place, at low prices, give him a call.

The Harrisburg State Guard regards Judge Scofield's late speech "as the ablest defence of Republican achievements in war, politics and finance yet made in Congress." Small as our opinion of the Rump is, we had no idea that it was so destitute of talent as this estimate would lead the public to believe.

The Warren Mail admits that the Democratic ticket of that county is composed of "men of character and standing," but thinks "unfortunately they are on the wrong side." The Mail is slightly in error—it is on the "wrong side" itself.

The Commissioners of Warren county have directed that "no further steps need be taken in the matter of registration, as under the decision of the Supreme Court the Registry law is void, and the old election laws still in force." Sensible commissioners!

Bryan's Caravan and Circus, to exhibit here on Monday, is said to be one of the best exhibitions of its class which has ever been fitted out in America. All the curiosity-loving portion of the community are impatient for its appearance.

Anna Dickinson is lecturing in the West upon "Children and Marriage," which induces an impertinent journalist to inquire if the cart hasn't been put before the horse.

The new tax bill of Congress removes all taxation from oil, except the one on sales and the usual manufacturers' tax.

The Dispatch doggedly refuses to say whether Gov. Geary's speech was correctly reported or not. The conclusion naturally follows that the facts are as we first surmised, and our cotemporary is left in the disagreeable position of having deliberately distorted the remarks of our chief executive for the gratification of some vindictive feeling. The fairness of our disposition has induced us to protest against this discreditable misrepresentation of the Governor's attainments, even though he is a political antagonist, and having done our full duty in the matter, we now leave it in the hands of his immediate friends.

In the case of Mrs. Riggs, whose sudden death at Girard on Monday morning created wide gossip, and some ill-judged comment n the Dispatch and Gazette, the District Attorney and four of the Girard physicians, having made a careful investigation, at the request of her friends, report that they "find no evidence of foul play, and believe the reports that she came to her death by criminal means are without foundation." The case affords another warning against the pernicious tendency to gossip which prevails in every community—Erie not the least among the list.

Our city fathers have, at last, taken action in regard to sanitary matters. We think it high time that such should be the case; for if something is not done soon, the numerous deposits of filth, the putrid pools, and other disease-breeding spots throughout the city, will cause a pestilence these hot days. Much is said and done in regard to fountains in the parks. Would it not look better and *be* better to *clean up* a little around that locality, before proceeding to increase its ornaments?

Rev. R. G. Toles, Superintendent of the Baldwin Place Home for Little Wanderers, Boston, Mass., will address the friends of homeless and neglected children at the Park Presbyterian church this (Thursday) evening, at 7 1-2 o'clock. A number of interesting and touching incidents, illustrating the work of the "Home" will be related. A company of 40 interesting children, who are seeking homes, will be present and sing some choice pieces of music. All are invited.

Two men have been held for trial in New York for "defacing natural scenery," by posting advertising placards on the curbstones. Is there no law to bring the individuals to time who indulge in the same practice hereabouts? What can be a greater nuisance than the liberties advertising agents take in defacing private property with their bills and stencil plates? If there is no law to prevent it, we hope the next legislature will not fail to enact one.

The President has nominated ex-sheriff Brown as Marshal for the Western District of Pennsylvania, in place of Gen. T. M. Rowley, removed. The nomination creates no little sensation, as none of the politicians of either party appear to have been aware that it was under consideration. Gen. Brown was formerly a Democrat, and has acted with the Republicans for some years, but is understood to be conservative in his sentiments.

The Crawford Democrat makes the fair proposition that if any of its Radical cotemporaries will publish the speech of Hon. G. H. Pendleton in their columns, it will insert an equal amount of any matter that may be selected on their side of the bond question. The offer will not be taken up. There is nothing Radical editors so much dislike as to have their readers see a calm and fair Democratic argument.

Will wonders never cease? Rev. Mr. Day, of the Methodist church in Jamestown, N. Y., is reported to have recently preached a sermon in favor of rescuing dancing from its evil associations, throwing around it proper influences, and allowing its *introduction as a social amusement among religious people!*

We wish that people who complain of the want of interest in newspapers could have an opportunity to try their hand at improving them. With the hot weather and depressed times, a few days' experience would effectually cure them of all tendency to grumble in future.

Is **it** not about time that our Democratic friends in this city began the work of organization in earnest for the fall campaign? Seymour Clubs ought to be formed at once in all the wards. That ward will be entitled to the post of honor that leads off in this good work.

Black bass are more than ordinarily plenty in the Bay, and the fishermen are catching them in large numbers. Most of the bass are of a good size, weighing from three to five pounds, and as plump and fat as a corn fed porker.

The next session of Court commences Friday, August 14th, and will last only one or two days. Parties intending to apply for naturalization should keep the date in mind.

The Co. Commissioners advertise for persons having a farm for sale, suitable for Poor House purposes, to leave notice at their office before August 25th.

A Tart Reply.

North East, Pa., July 27, 1868.

Editor Observer:—The Postmaster at this place has received a circular from the "Republican National Committee," Washington, D. C., requesting him to forward $25.00 to aid in the vain attempt to elect Hiram U. Grant to the Presidency. The following answer was sent back to the Washington gentlemen:

To Mr. Wm. Claflin, Chairman, and other members of the Republican National Committee:

Gentlemen—Your circular, dated July 17, 1868, in which you state that your Committee "being profoundly impressed with the importance of vigorously prosecuting the ensuing political campaign, apply to you (me) for an immediate contribution of $25.00," has been duly received, but I am "profoundly impressed" with the belief that I can find better use for "$25.00" in quite a different direction. I have no "sympathy with the purposes of the Republican party," as you presume by sending me your circular; but on the contrary, with Chief Justice Chase, I believe that "the time has arrived when every lover of his country should band together to put down the Jacobins now in power." I shall, at the November election, (in company with leading men all over the country who opposed the Democratic party four years ago,) vote for Seymour & Blair, and use my money and my feeble energies to secure their election. Very respectfully,

Yours, &c.,
Robert Hills, P. M.

Personal.—The celebrated Oculist and Aurist, Dr Liston, Surgeon to the Albany Eye and Ear Infirmary, will make his next regular visit to Erie on Wednesday and Thursday, the 5th and 6th days of August, stopping for those two days only at the Reed House. We advise all who desire the services of a skillful, experienced and scientific Surgeon or Physician, and one who has more experience yearly in treating all diseases of the Eye, Ear, Throat, Catarrh, and Chronic diseases of all kinds, than any ten physicians in the country, to call and avail themselves of the services of Dr. Liston. His skill is beyond question.

Gardner & Kenyon's Circus.—This fine exhibition, which will be in our city on Thursday, the 30th inst., and in Waterford on the 31st, is pronounced by all the papers where it has been, equal to any that have travelled in the Union. The performers are all said to be first class, the horses well trained and of a superior quality, and the entertainments conducted with unsurpassed interest. A glance at the advertisement will satisfy any one that the show comprises much that is attractive. A crowded house will undoubtedly greet it in every part of the country.

To the People of Erie and Vicinity.—Having concluded to retire from business by the first of October, we will sell our stock of dry goods at much less than value. We must close the stock out, regardless of cost. This is a favorable opportunity to purchase fall and winter dry goods cheap. G. B. Merrill & Co., No. 8 Reed House, Erie.
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Democratic Co. Convention.

The Democratic and Conservative voters of Erie County are requested to meet at their accustomed places of holding Primary meetings, on Saturday, August 15th, 1868, and choose the number of persons to which each ward, district and township is entitled, to serve as delegates to a Convention to be held at the Court House, in the city of Erie, on MONDAY, AUGUST 17TH, 1868, *at 11 o'clock in the forenoon*, for the selection of a county ticket to be supported at the October election.

The following is the representation to which each district is entitled: Erie—1st District 2, 2d District 2, 3d District 2, 4th District 2, South Erie 2, East Mill Creek 3, West Mill Creek 3, Harbor Creek 4, North East Tp. 3, North East boro' 2, Greenfield 2, Venango 3, Wattsburg 1, Amity 3, Wayne 3, Concord 3, Corry—North Ward 2, South Ward 2, Union Tp. 3, Union Mills 2, Le Beouf 3, Waterford Tp. 3, Waterford boro 2, Greene 3, Summit 3, McKean 3, Middleboro 1, Washington 3, Edinboro 2, Franklin 2, Elk Creek 3, Conneaut 3, Albion 2, Springfield 4, Girard Tp. 3, Girard boro' 2, Lockport 3, Fairview 3.

By order of the Co. Committee.
BENJ'N WHITMAN,
Chairman.

Erie, July 16, 1868-tf.

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With the "heated term" comes the danger of that frightful pestilence—cholera. What untold and indiscribable misery it has brought into thousands of households in our land every year for generations past. A specific and certain preventative, as well as speedy and absolute cure for this awful disease is the Great Household Remedy, now known all over the world as Mishler's Herb Bitters. It will positively fortify the system against the attacks of Asiatic Cholera, cholera morbus, cholera infantum, diarrhea, summer complaint, dysentery, cholic, painter's cholic, &c. D. H. Bissell, M. D., Physician-in-chief of the U. S. Hospital Ship "Falcon," highly recommends it for cholera, and has used it with marvellous success in such cases. It acts like an angel of mercy in every instance. Sold by all druggists and dealers. Dr. S. B. Hartman & Co., Proprietors, Lancaster, Pa. jy23-2t.

Observer for the Campaign.

The Observer will be furnished to campaign subscribers, from this date, until the close of the Presidential canvass, at the following low rates:

One copy, six months,	$1.00
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New Advertisements.

Discharge in Bankruptcy.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT of the United States, for the Western District of Pennsylvania. William Sherer, a bankrupt under the Act of Congress of March 2d, 1867, having applied for a discharge from all his debts, and other claims provable under said act, by order of the Court, notice is hereby given to all creditors who have proved their debts, and other persons interested, to appear on the 12th day of August, 1868, at 10 o'clock, A. M., before S. E. Woodruff, Esq., Register, at his office, in the city of Erie, Penna., to show cause, if any they have, why a discharge should not be granted to the said bankrupt. And further, notice is hereby given that the second and third meetings of creditors of said bankrupt, required by the 27th and 28th sections of said act, will be held before the said Register, at the same time and place. S. C. McCANDLESS,
Clerk of U. S. District Court for said District.
jy23-2w.

Assignee in Bankruptcy.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT of the United States for the Western District of Penn'a, in the matter of Mortez Newman, bankrupt. The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as assignee of Mortez Newman of Corry, Erie county, and State of Pennsylvania, within said district, who has been adjudged a bankrupt upon his own petition by the District Court of said district, dated at Erie, Pa., July 15, A. D. 1868. M. E. DUNLAP, Assignee.
jy16-3w.

Assignee in Bankruptcy.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT of the United States for the Western District of Pennsylvania, in the matter of S. B. Mann & L. Fisher, bankrupts. The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as assignee of Mann & Fisher, of Erie city, Erie county, and State of Pennsylvania, within said district, who have been adjudged bankrupts upon their own petition, by the District Court of said district, dated at Erie, Pa., July 15, A. D. 1868.
CHARLES M. LYNCH, Assignee,
Atty. at Law, No. 515 French St., Erie, Pa.
jy16-3w.

Assignee in Bankruptcy.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT of the United States for the Western District of Pennsylvania, in the matter of James E. Wilson, bankrupt. The undersigned hereby gives notice of appointment as assignee of James E. Wilson, of Erie City, in the county of Erie and State of Penn'a, within said district, who has been adjudged a bankrupt upon his own petition by the District Court of said district, dated at Erie, Pa., July 13, A. D., 1868.
HENRY M. RIBLET, Assignee,
Atty. at Law, No. 123 Peach St., Erie, Pa.
jy16-3w.

Assignee in Bankruptcy.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT of the United States for the Western District of Penn'a. In the matter of Philander G. Finn, bankrupt. The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as assignee of P. G. Finn, of Erie city, county of Erie, and State of Penn'a, within said district, who has been adjudged a bankrupt upon his own petition, by the District Court of said district, dated at Erie, Pa., July 11, A. D., 1868.
HENRY M. RIBLET, Assignee,
Atty. at Law, No. 1323 Peach St., Erie, Pa.
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Assignee in Bankruptcy.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT of the United States for the Western District of Penn'a, in the matter of William Shearer, bankrupt. The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as assignee of W. Shearer, of Erie, in the county of Erie and State of Penn'a, within said district, who has been adjudged a bankrupt upon his own petition, by the District Court of said district, dated at Erie, Pa., July 15, A. D., 1868. HENRY M. RIBLET, Assignee.
Atty. at Law No 123 Peach St., Erie, Pa.
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Assignee in Bankruptcy.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT of the United States for the Western District of Pennsylvania, in the matter of Henry H. Myers, bankrupt. The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as assignee of Henry H. Myers, of Union Boro, Erie county and State of Penn'a, within the said district, who has been adjudged a bankrupt upon his own petition, by the District Court of said district, dated at Erie, Pa., July 9, A. D., 1868.
HENRY M. RIBLET, Assignee,
Atty. at Law, No 123 Peach St., Erie, Pa.
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Assignee in Bankruptcy.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT of the United States for the Western District of Penn'a, in the matter of Thomas W. Foster, bankrupt. The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as Assignee of Thos. W. Foster, of Union borough, Erie county and State of Penn'a, within said district, who has been adjudged a bankrupt upon his own petition, by the District Court of said district, dated at Erie, Pa., July 10, 1868.
HENRY M. RIBLET, Assignee,
Atty. at Law, No. 1323 Peach St., Erie, Pa.
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Assignee in Bankruptcy.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT of the United States for the Western District of Pa., in the matter of Timothy P. Babcock, Bankrupt. The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as assignee of T. P. Babcock, of Waterford, in the county of Erie and State of Penn'a, within said district, who has been adjudged a bankrupt upon his own petition by the District Court of said district, dated at Erie, Pa., July 11, 1868. HENRY M. RIBLET, Assignee,
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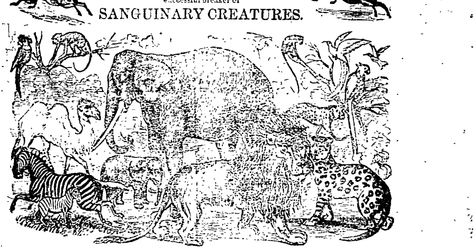

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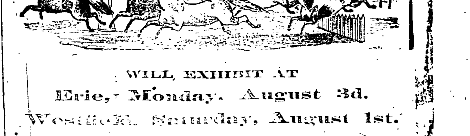

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