

The absence of the editor will account for the lack of our usual local and editorial variety.

THE NORTH-WESTERN COUNTRY.—The following table shows the population by the census of 1880, the number of square miles and acres in the counties named:

Table with 4 columns: County, Population, S. M., Acres. Lists counties like Cameron, Clearfield, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Forest, Jefferson, McKean, Venango, Warren.

Cameron was established March 20, 1860, of parts of Clinton, Elk, McKean and Potter. Clearfield, March 26, 1804, of parts of Lycoming and Northumberland; Crawford, March 12, 1800, of parts of Allegheny; Elk, April 18, 1843, of parts of Jefferson, Clearfield and McKean; Erie, March 19, 1800, of parts of Allegheny, Forest, April 11, 1848, of parts of Jefferson and Venango; Jefferson, March 30, 1804, of parts of Lycoming; McKean, March 20, 1804, of part of Lycoming; Venango, March 13, 1800, of parts of Lycoming and Allegheny; Warren, March 12, 1800, of parts of Allegheny and Lycoming. Up to 1800 and 1804, the whole north-western part of the state was included in Allegheny and Lycoming counties, from which they were taken, the east, to the Ohio river on the west, and the Allegheny river on the south.

PRESENTATION.—Mr. Richard O'Brien, of this city, was the recipient of a very elegant set of silver, Monday evening. The goods were of the most modern style of manufacture, and the "getting up" engraving etc., reflects credit on the good taste and generosity of the donors. Mr. Pete Goodwin made the presentation speech, and the numerous friends of Mr. O'Brien were not more delighted with Pete's good cheer than the happy manner in which the presentation was made, and acknowledged by the recipient.

The old custom of making presents we sometimes think "more honored in the breach than in the observance," especially by and for politicians; but when business men receive such tokens of regard from honored and honoring friends we appreciate both the generosity of the one, and the merit of which this presentation is but the honest expression and fair award.

Messrs. Magill, of Erie, had the service manufactured to order, and we must pay tribute to their skill as manufacturers, and the choice goods of which this set is a sample. Appropriate inscriptions and initials were engraved in the principal pieces composing the set; the whole making a family heirloom of which Mr. O'Brien may justly be proud.

PRICES IN '87 AND '88.—The New York Times has been gathering up statistics showing the relative cost of living in 1887 and 1888. We take a few of its figures, premising that they are New York city prices. In provisions pork is dearer this year—\$27 per barrel against \$20.90, and \$22.00 against \$18.50. Lard and cheese are dearer, while butter is about the same. The best teas are a trifle higher, 90 cents to \$1.65 this year, and 90 cents to \$1.50 last year. Poultry, too, is somewhat more expensive. But the great gain appears in the result of our grand harvest. Ordinary flour is \$2.47 this year, against \$2.00 last year, and \$4.15 is quoted for extra western, against \$3.50 in 1887. Corn, too, is cheaper—98 cents to \$1.13 this year, and \$1.37 to \$1.40 in 1887. Oats also are less—70 cents against \$1 cents. Potatoes are considerably cheaper—\$1.50 to \$3.00 against \$4 to \$5.25. That important article for all housekeepers, refined petroleum, is also a little cheaper. Sugar, too, are cheaper, and molasses. Coffee has fallen off three or four cents a pound.

Letter from Rev. Dr. Lyon. To ALEX. WHILLDIN, Esq., Pres't. American Life Insurance Company. DEAR SIR:—The prompt and honorable manner in which you have met the claims of amount of Policy with accrued cash and note-dividends has been made on Police which my son, Wm. W. Lyon, hold in your Company, is deserving of my grateful thanks; and I beg to assure you that it is with much pleasure I commend the American Life Insurance Company, of Philadelphia, to my friends and to the general public.

As Administrator of the estate of the late Wm. W. Lyon, I most heartily endorse the above letter. Truly Yours, J. H. DUNN, Adm'r.

MIRACULOUS ESCAPE.—On Thursday about 12:40 p. m. about a mile and a half west of Warren, two men in a long lead were crossing the track of the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad, one driving the other leading the halter of a horse following them, just as the passenger train bound west, came up. The engine crashed through the rear end of the sleigh, throwing splinters, horse and man high in the air. The train was stopped as quickly as possible and backed to the crossing. There lay the horse, dead. The man with the driver, had disappeared, and after searching for the man who led the horse, he was found, not in the snow, but upon the platform in front of the engine. He lay prostrate still and at first it was supposed that he was dead, but upon moving him it was found that with the exception of a severe shaking and a terrible fright, he was unhurt, though so stiff that he could hardly walk. The escape from a terrible death is the most remarkable on record.—This week.

ERIE CO. AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—At the annual election of officers of the Erie County Agricultural Society, held at their office in the Court House on Wednesday afternoon, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President—John A. Tracy. Vice President—Henry C. Shannon. Corresponding & Recording Secretary—J. C. Burgess. Treasurer & Librarian—Wm. F. Henderson.

What's the Use?—What's the use of minding what "they say"? What's the use of your own nights with the unkind remark of some false friend running through your brain like forked lightning? What's the use of getting into a worry and fret over things that has been set afloat by your disbeliever, by some meddlesome busybody, who has more time than character. These things can't possibly injure you, unless indeed, if you take notice of them, and in combating them, give them character and standing. If what is said about you is true, set yourself right at once; if it is false let it go for what it will affect, unless it does of inherent weakness.

ALMOST A MURDER.—The example set by Gen. Cole, and an Illinois husband, who discovered his "former friend" breaking a positive commandment, was near being followed in this county by a man who was one more weak than wise, and "who loved as truly but too well." Happily the offender has been left to conscience and the burden of supporting an involuntary family. Never again will he offend. He is, and will remain, "a sadder, but a wiser man."

REMEMBER THE VISIT OF DR. LEBRON.—We desire to again remind all who are afflicted with diseases of the Eye, Ear, Throat, Catarrh or any Chronic disease, that Dr. Lebron, whose wonderful success in treating all the above mentioned cases of complaint is so well known to the public, will be in the best House, in this city, on the 20 and 21 days of February, stopping for these two days only.

LOCAL REVIEWS.

We would acknowledge the courtesy of Hon. G. W. Scofield in sending us a copy of the Congressional Globe for 1888.

EVELYN EVANS, recently an actor, has been transformed into a Methodist minister, and is holding revivals in Pittsburgh.

Gov. GRANT has vetoed the act regulating the election of Judges and inspectors in Lockport district, on the ground that the election laws should, so far as practicable, be uniform.

Mr. LOWRY has been given the chairmanship of the most prominent committee in the State Senate, that on Federal Relations, and is a member, besides, of the committees on Banks, Railroads and New Counties and County Seats.

A NEGRO citizen served as a member of the Grand Jury at the last term of the Chautauque county court, at Mayville. His white associates of the Republican faith squirmed considerably, but there was neither help nor sympathy for them.

ONE of the most successful manufacturing establishments ever erected in Erie is the Car Factory, near the intersection of the railroad and canal. They were only completed last fall, and orders for work are already so heavy that additions to the buildings have been found necessary.

The Republican argues that all the true Democrats are in its party ranks, and adds: "The question does not admit of argument, and we can only caution the leaders of the false Democracy from rousing the remorseless logic of history."

In the immortal language of Jonathan Swift:—"let her rouse."

The weather seems to cause comment by all "the oldest inhabitants" as being wholly unprecedented. Certainly for the month of January the mildness of the air is remarkable, and all along the Lake Shore, our exchanges bring us intelligence of the same phenomenon.

The young men of Erie have considerable rivalry with their nightly "Hops." We have "Young Men Assembly" hopping on Wednesday nights and the Crene de la Crene on Friday nights at the Reed House, and the Morton House irregular dances on the other nights.

A WOMAN named Loretta Stirling robbed her employer, on Wednesday evening of last week, of \$215 in U. S. notes, and went to Corry, where she was arrested, after spending \$90 of the sum in wearing apparel. She is now in jail, where she will have a good opportunity to reflect over the perils of a dishonest life.

We learn that quite an interesting addition to the history of this section has been discovered in the shape of manuscript said to be written by one of the early Jesuit Missionaries. We are informed that a good translation of these valuable papers will be shortly made public through the columns of one of our city papers. Ethnologists may expect a rich treat.

The controversy about the survivors of Perry's command has produced the information that the "Maj. McLean" mentioned in Dr. Tallafero's letter can refer to none other than old "Ben Fleming," who as the last relic of the glorious victory that has immortalized this city, is entitled to more attention than seems accorded to this destitute and decrepit sailor.

The stockholders of the Erie Dime Savings Bank hold their annual election on Monday of last week, and re-elected the following officers and Board of Directors: L. L. Lamb, President; M. Hartleb, Vice-President; George W. Colton, Secretary and Treasurer. Directors—O. Noble, P. Metcalf, J. H. Bliss, J. C. Seiden, Benj. Whitman, U. Schuraff, Wm. A. Galbraith, Selden Marvin, M. Griswold, G. F. Brevillier, L. L. Lamb, M. Hartleb, and G. B. Delamater, of Meadville.

We desire to call the attention of our readers to the Advertisements of Mr. J. S. Carter. Many of the oldest of subscribers remember Mr. Carter and his medicine long before we did and they need no recommendation from us; to our younger friends we say that we believe Mr. Carter would not put out a medicine that he was not well assured, was valuable, and would benefit those who have occasion to use them, at least that is our opinion of the man.

Notwithstanding how hindered the growth of American Journalism than its discordancy, as displayed in jealousy and envy and all uncharitableness among its various members. In attempting to belittle each other, they have belittled themselves, and weakened the whole business. Nothing will tend more to give newspapers a better character and a wider power before the public than an honorable alliance among themselves, and a common effort to elevate the self-respect, and intellectual, moral, and independent standards of the profession.

The running of the Erie city passenger railway caused a great many to "go to church" who generally kept house and attended "church" at home. The Republican stated that so many "church-going" people and folks anxious to ride "to church" were never seen before, and judging from the facts we infer there must be a "religious revival" in progress in South Erie, and another in the city. And the curious part of it, the "awakened sinners" don't appear to want to attend church at home. Queer isn't it?

"HAVING AN AXE TO GRIND" is a saying originating with old Ben Franklin. One day the philosopher in embryo was wending his way to school, when a strange man with honeyed words asked him to turn the grindstone while he sharpened his axe. The boy did so until he was weary; but when he had got through the job, the man, who hitherto had been all sweetness and suavity, instead of thanking him, roughly called him a little rascal, and bade him hasten to school and receive the punishment due for being late. Hence the expression, which implies a mean fellow who wants a service done for him, of which he is unworthy.

MARRIED.—LARDNER-SWETTER.—In Corry, Wednesday, Jan 13th, by Rev. J. Prothrope, Lydia Lardner, of Erie, to Miss Eliza Swetter, daughter of H. F. Swetter, Sup't of O. C. & A. R. R.

MEAD-LIVINGSTON.—In Corry, Dec. 31st at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. J. C. Scofield, Mr. E. H. Mead, to Miss Alice A. Livingston, all of Corry.

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Advertisements.

Goods for the Season. A full stock of assorted

GROCERIES. Low Prices for Cash, AT THE FAMILY GROCERY AND PROVISION STORE OF

CRAIG & MARSHALL, 24 West Park.

HAVING A FULL ASSORTMENT OF Fresh and New Goods in our line, we offer

FOR SALE AT CASH, As low as the same can be had west of Buffalo. Our Groceries having been

Carefully Selected, Families can rely upon getting what they purchase.

We deliver goods to all parts of the City free, except 10¢.

J. E. ASHBY & CO., Wholesale and Retail

BOOK BINDERS, STATIONERS,

AND Blank Book Manufacturers.

Magazines, Music Books, &c., bound in any style desired, and in the neatest and best manner.

All kinds of Rail Road, Commercial, AND

Blank Books.

Also, MANN'S COPYING BOOKS, And Paper of all sizes on hand or made to order.

RULING OF ANY PARTICULAR PATTERN Done with neatness and dispatch.

ENVELOPES OF ALL KINDS ON HAND.

PRINTING In all its branches, done to order With neatness and dispatch.

J. E. ASHBY & CO., 12 State Street, Wright's Block, Erie, Pa. Jan 7-9-ly

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HALL & WARFEL, Wholesale and Retail

DRUGGISTS! ALSO, IMPORTERS OF

FRENCH WINDOW, PICTURE

And Photographic Glass! 630 State Street, Erie, Pa.

We have lately received another Large Invoice of FRENCH GLASS, direct from the Manufacturers in Europe, making our present stock the largest in this house west of New York. Our stock is every

Embasses Nearly Every Size, both of Dress and Single Strength. Dealers and others in want of Glass will FAVOR THEIR INTERESTS by examining our stock and prices before buying elsewhere. Large sizes of Single and Double Strength Glass, and also of Single and Double Strength STAINLESS GLASS, of superior quality and strength, is fully admitted, and the trying process in price over American, is NO ACCOUNT, considering its better qualities in every particular. A liberal discount made on jobbing lots to the trade.

AMERICAN GLASS. We have also a large stock of American Glass of Single and Double strength, which we are selling at Low Rates, both in Jobbing lots to dealers and in retail parcels to suit buyers.

Paints, Oils, Varnishes, &c. In this department we keep well supplied with every article used in the Painting Line, from a hair-brush to the finest oil, and the quality of these articles is not excelled, and we are selling at lowest market prices.

Dye Woods and Dye Stuffs. In this class of goods our stock is extensive and complete, including the Aniline dyes, and all the different strong ingredients both to Wholesale and Retail buyers.

Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, &c., &c. Our stock of Drugs, Chemicals, Patent Medicines, and all the kind of Goods, of superior quality, is extensive, and we are selling at lowest market prices.

Notice. THE PUBLIC are respectfully notified that we have purchased the Manufacturing Establishment and Business of Brawley & Bell, Erie, Pa. I have the attention of purchasers to my stock of Dressed and Undressed.

LUMBER, SHINGLES, LATH, &c. which will be increased from time to time to meet the wants of the market.

WAGON WOOD WORK of all kinds and of Superior Quality, manufactured and kept constantly on hand.

Orders from the trade solicited. My office is 122 State Street, Erie, Pa. where I will act as my agent. G. P. DAVIS, Erie, January 12, 1890.—Jan 14-ly

Warrant in Bankruptcy. THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE that on the 28th day of Dec. A. D. 1889, a warrant in Bankruptcy was issued against the estate of George W. Brown, of Union Mills, Erie county, State of Penna., 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 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 city of Erie, Pa. before S. E. Wood, Esq., Register in said District, on the 15th day of Feb'y, A. D. 1890, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

By G. P. Davis, Deput. U. S. Marshal, Jan 7-9-ly

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Dr. J. M. V. BUEZON'S TOBACCO ANTIDOTE. This is a powerful and reliable remedy for the cure of all cases of tobacco poisoning, and is sold by all druggists and grocers.

Funeral.—On the 19th inst., Mrs. Julia A. wife of D. W. Finch.

Burial.—On Wednesday night, Jan. 20th, David Barton, aged 70 years.

Funeral will take place from his late residence on West Eight street, on Friday, Jan. 23d at 9 o'clock p. m. Friends of the family are invited to attend.

Terrible Panic! GREAT EXCITEMENT.

THE CITY OF ERIE SHAKEN TO ITS FOUNDATION, NOT BY AN EARTHQUAKE, BUT BY THE

ASTONISHING LOW PRICES

DRY GOODS

AT LOCKE & CO.'S

MAMMOTH ONE PRICE DRY GOODS STORE.

TERRIBLE PANIC IN NEW YORK AND BOSTON AMONG THE WHOLESALE DRY GOODS DEALERS.

Hundreds of large firms in both cities are failing, their immense Stock thrown into the Auction Rooms, and sold at unheard of LOW PRICES. Locke & Co.'s buyers are on hand with their pockets full of Money ready to secure the best bargains. We take great pleasure in announcing to the people of Erie and vicinity, that we are now receiving over 700 Cases and Bales of all kinds of Dry Goods, which were purchased during the Late Dry Goods Panic in the Eastern markets, at such low prices that will enable us to offer our customers better bargains than were ever offered since the day of Perry's Victory.

We Have Marked Down Our Entire Stock TO CORRESPOND WITH THE TIMES.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT OUR BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED

STRICTLY ON THE ONE PRICE PLAN

Prices alike to all, whether judges or not, believing that the only honorable way of dealing.

We have secured the services of extra salesmen during this great sale. Persons in town will find it to their advantage to call early in the forenoon, thereby avoiding the great crowd in the middle of the day.

YOU CAN DEPEND ON FINDING EVERY ARTICLE ADVERTISED, Besides thousands of others. Every article warranted as represented, or the money refunded. This great sale, at these LOW PRICES, will continue but thirty days, as we are confident that it will be impossible to re-place the Goods.

THE FOLLOWING ARE A FEW OF THE MANY BARGAINS:

Table listing various goods and their prices, including Cases of Prints, Good Prints, Sprague's Lancasters, etc.

20 Pieces Printed Flannels, worth 50 Cents, for 30

DRESS GOODS, DRESS GOODS! DOWN! DOWN! DOWN!

SHAWLS, SHAWLS! We have marked our entire Stock of Blanket Shawls down to prices that will ensure their speedy sale.

GENTS' SHIRTS and DRAWERS. All marked down to prices that cannot be beat.

LADIES' UNDERWEAR VERY CHEAP! These are about half the usual price.

WOOLEN CLOTHS, WOOLEN CLOTHS! For Men and Boy's Wear.

THE LARGEST STOCK IN ERIE. LOOK AT A FEW OF THE PRICES.

20 pieces all Wool Cassimere, worth \$1.25, for 75¢

20 pieces Gray Cloth, worth \$1.12 1/2, for 75¢

10 pieces all wool heavy Tweeds, worth 72 cents, for 37 1/2¢

50 pieces heavy Tweeds, worth 62 1/2 cents, for 37 1/2¢

15 pieces Scotch Cassimere, worth \$2.00, for 1.25

15 pieces Fancy Cassimere, worth 1.30, for 1.00

12 pieces P. Merrill's celebrated Doeskins, for only 1.25

50 pieces heavy Vermont Tweeds, worth \$1.00, for 75¢

We have an immense stock of other woollens, too numerous to mention, all at equally low prices. If you want any cloths for the next year, don't fail to look at our stock; you will be surprised to see the low prices.

Some of the old dry goods dealers who have old stocks on hand, bought at war prices, which they are trying to palm off on the public as new goods, and who say, they and the public are sick of seeing the columns of advertisements of our low prices. We suppose it does make them sick. If they cannot conform to our Low Prices, they had better stop scolding about us, shut up shop, and seek an honest living in some other business, for we can, and shall, continue to supply the public with all kinds of FIRST CLASS GOODS at New York and Boston wholesale prices.

Remember the Place, the only One Price Dry Goods Store in Erie.

LOCKE & CO., Fathers of Low Prices.

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