New Advertisements.

☞ Advertisements, to secure insertion, must be handed in by 9 o'clock on Thursday morning. All advertisements will be continued at the expense of the advertiser, unless ordered for a specified time.

NOTICE.

I HAVE sold out my stock of goods to S. SMYTH, who will continue the business at the old stand, No. 525 French street, who has the settlement of all accounts in my hands. Thankful for the patronage I have received from the public, I would respectfully solicit a continuance of the same to my successor.

JAMES H. SMYTH.

Erie, Jan. 25th, 1869.

All those who know themselves indebted to James H. Smyth, will please make payment to me without delay, as his books and accounts are in my hands for settlement.

S. SMYTH.

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"BURNED OUT."

THE BANKING HOUSE

OF

JOHN ELIOT & CO.,

Have located themselves for the present in the North part of the room of Messrs. Shannon & Co.'s Hardware Store, South of the Union Depot, where they will continue to do a General Banking, Exchange, and Collection Business, also pay interest on Deposits.

jan21-1m JNO. ELIOT & CO., Bankers.

Discharge in Bankruptcy.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT of the United States, for the Western District of Pennsylvania. JAMES PRATT, 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 persons who have proved their debts, and other persons interested, to appear on the 18th day of February, 1869, at 11 o'clock, A. M., before S. E. Woodruff, Esq., Register in Bankruptcy, at his office, in the Court House, in Erie, Pa., 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 C. S. District Court for said District.

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Causes for Trial.

LIST OF CAUSES FOR TRIAL ON THE 1ST MONDAY IN MARCH, 1869.

Henry vs Colby, No. 68	Nov. Term,	1865.	
Elnecliff vs Barr, No. 207	Aug.	"	1866.
Id. " 238	"	"	"
Roberts vs Derlah, et al No. 1	5 Feb.	"	1867.
Bryan vs Spires, No. 219	"	"	"
Tourtelotte vs Kelsey, et al No. 293	May	"	"
Brack vs 1st National Bank of Corry, No. 27	Aug. Term,	1867.	
Hughes vs Am. Ex. Co., No. 103	Aug. Term,	"	"
Hill vs McGaughrey, et al " 160	"	"	"
Reeder vs Anderson, " 174	"	"	"
Tourtelotte vs Kelsey, et al " 225	"	"	"
Palmer vs Vandreasor, " 67	Nov.	"	"
White et al vs Leonard, " 80	"	"	"
Cutler vs Hatch, " 96	"	"	"
Mead vs Frisbee, " 97	"	"	"
Bond vs Pickett, " 116	"	"	"
Caughey et al vs Rea et al " 168	"	"	"
Reiter vs Amity Tp., " 23	Feb.	"	1868.
Drake vs same, " 31	"	"	"
Ladd vs same, " 32	"	"	"
McKay vs Taylor, " 67	"	"	"
Wendeleman vs Campbell, " 107	"	"	"
Scott et al vs Morton, " 116	"	"	"
Scott et al vs Stewart, " 147	"	"	"
Struthers vs Dunham, " 168	"	"	"
Greene vs Thomas, " 190	"	"	"
Faulkner vs Allen, " 217	"	"	"
West vs Hills, " 231	"	"	"
Ball & Colt vs Excelsior Brick Co., No. 238	Feb. Term.	1868.	
Eliot et al vs same,	No. 172	May Term,	"
Vincent vs Usher, " 173	"	"	"
Wallace vs Laird, " 257	Aug.	"	"
E. & P. R.R. Co., vs Griswold, No. 50	Nov.	"	"
Allis vs Brown, " 79	"	"	"

C. P. ROGERS, Prothonotary.

FRANK WINCHELL, - - AUCTIONEER.

PEREMPTORY SALE

OF

BOOTS AND SHOES.

Frank Winchell & Co., will sell without reserve, at their sales room,

Saturday Morning, Jan. 30,

A Stock of Boots and Shoes, consisting of 3 Cases Mens' and Youths' Brogans, 1 Case Mens' Kip Boots, 1 Case Mens' Calf Boots, 2 Cases Officers' Grained Boots, 1 Case Mens' Prairie Boots, 1 Case Mens' Balmoral Shoes, 3 Cases Mens' Mining Boots, 5 Cases Youths' Thick Boots.

Also, a lot of Womens'

Goat Gaiters, Kid Slippers

AND HEAVY SHOES.

The attention of retail dealers and Country Merchants is called to this sale, as the goods are positively to be sold without reserve, and in lots to suit. FRANK WINCHELL & CO.

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HAYES & KEPLER,

REAL ESTATE

AND

INSURANCE AGENTS.

Houses for Sale.

New 1½ Story House of I. Christoph, on Buffalo st., bet. Chestnut and Walnut sts.

2 Good 1 Story Houses, with lot 50x165 each, on 11th st. near 12th st. R. R. Owners have left town and will sell cheap.

For Rent.

2 Tenements, 5 rooms each, on 3d st., between Myrtle and Chestnut, at $110 and $150 per annum. Possession immediately.

For Rent.—Dwelling House of Capt. Dunlap's on Sassafras st., about 8 rooms, cellar, water, good garden, fruit, &c. A good tenant can have it at $175 per annum.

For Rent, on W. 4th street, bet. Sassafras and Myrtle, a well finished dwelling. Price, $250 per annum. Possession given at once.

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MANHOOD:

HOW LOST, HOW RESTORED. Just published, a new edition of Dr. Culverwell's Celebrated Essay on the radical cure (without medicine,) of SPERMATORRHŒA, or Seminal Weakness, Involuntary Seminal Losses, Impotency, Mental and Physical Incapacity, Impediments to Marriage, etc.; also, Consumption, Epilepsy, and Fits, Induced by self-indulgence or sexual extravagance.

☞ Price, in a sealed envelope, only 6 cents.

The celebrated author, in this admirable essay, clearly demonstrates from a thirty years' successful practice, that the alarming consequences of self-abuse may be radically cured without the dangerous use of internal medicine or the application of the knife; pointing out a mode of cure at once simple, certain and effectual, by means of which every sufferer, no matter what his condition may be, may cure himself cheaply, privately, and radically.

☞ This Lecture should be in the hands of every Youth and every man in the land.

Sent, under seal in a plain envelope, to any address, POSTPAID, on receipt of six cents, or two post stamps. Also, Dr. Culverwell's "Marriage Guide," price 25 cents. Address the Publishers, CHAS. J. C. KLINE & CO., 127 Bowery, New York, Post Office Box 4,586.

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L. F. STEM,

HAVING bought the Eagle Hotel, in Waterford, would inform the public that he has thoroughly refitted the same, and is now ready to accommodate all in the best of style. His table is bountifully supplied, and the bar is stocked with the choicest of liquors. nov25-tf.

Once More in the Field.

MANY PERSONS who, in years gone by, were in the habit of using CARTER'S BONE AND NERVE LINIMENT, but who of late years have found it difficult to obtain, owing to the proprietor having ceased to prepare it, except in small quantities, are hereby informed that I have resumed the manufacture of this most valuable Liniment—once so popular throughout this part of the country—and intend placing it in every store where medicines are sold, in this and the adjoining counties. My old customers in particular and the public in general may now feel sure of getting this article at all times in its full strength and Purity. Price by Single Bottle 40 Cents. J. S. CARTER.

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Carter's Ring Bone Lotion.

THIS LOTION FOR SAFETY and certainty in removing Ring Bone and Bone Spavin, Callous Lumps and Splints, etc., exceeds all other known preparations. Those who have occasion for a preparation of this kind are informed that it is now put up much stronger than it formerly was, so that its action is more quick and certain than before, and will rarely if ever disappoint the user. Retail Price 75 cts. Three Bottles for $2.00.

Druggists and Country Merchants can procure these articles with the usual Discount from the Proprietor or from Messrs. J. B. Carter & Co., at the old stand of

jan21-tf J. S. CARTER.

Notice.

ALL PERSONS HOLDING CERTIFICATES of Shares of Stock of the Erie County Agricultural Society, are hereby requested to present the same to the Society, for the purpose of having them numbered and registered, and all persons having receipts for money paid, and who are entitled to stock for the same, are also requested to present their receipts or other evidence of payment to the Society, in order that they may be placed on the books of the Society, and Stock issued. Persons who refuse or neglect to comply with this request, on or before the 15th day of February, 1869, will forfeit all claim that they may have on the Society. By order of the Board of Managers.

J. C. BURGESS, Sec'y.

Erie, Jan. 18, 1869. jan21-4w

Fresh Butter 20 Cents Per Pound.

GREATEST INVENTION OF THE AGE. Butter made in from three to five minutes, by the use of our Infallible Butter Powder, at a cost of 20 cents a pound. Simple in operation, harmless in use. Two Pounds of butter can be made from one quart of milk, sufficient Powder to make 20 pounds of butter, sent free on receipt of price—$1. Agents wanted in every Town and County, to introduce this wonderful economizer. Address

GOSHEN BUTTER CO., 162 Nassau St., N. Y.

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GEO. A. ALLEN,

Attorney at Law, Cor. of State and 7th Sts., (over Nick's Drug store, Erie, Pa. jan1'69-tf

WEEKLY OBSERVER

ERIE, PENN'A, JANUARY 28, 1869.

WE ARE indebted to C. M. Tremaine, the publisher, 491 Broadway, for two pieces of new music—"Barbe-Bleue" and "The Face that ever Wears a Smile."

HON. M. B. LOWRY was prostrated by a paralytic stroke, while taking dinner at his boarding house, in Harrisburg, on Monday. This is the second visitation of the disease, and his friends have gloomy forebodings in consequence. At our latest information, he was much improved, but it is not likely that he will be able to resume his seat in the Senate for some days.

THE LAW now in force regulating the sale of domestic wines, malt and brewed liquors, requires the application to be made the same as for a hotel license, omitting the bed feature; allows the court to hear remonstrances against granting as well as petitions in favor; requires a refusal of the license whenever it is not necessary for the accommodation of the public; and allows the court to revoke the license "upon sufficient cause being shown."

IN APPORTIONING the committees in the House, Mr. Rea, one of our members, was given the position of Chairman of the Committee on Accounts, one of the most unimportant in that body. He naturally felt that his services in the House, and the extent of our county interests, entitled him to a better place, and last week resigned the "honor" conferred upon him, in a speech of such keen sarcasm that it enlisted the sympathy of the whole body, and made the speaker squirm in rather an uncomfortable manner. The members from the Western counties generally complain that the committees in the House have been made up too much in the interest of Philadelphia and the East.

Business Notices.

SEE ADVERTISEMENT of boots and shoes for sale at auction by Frank Winchell.

HAYES & KEPLER, real estate agents, advertise a number of desirable properties for sale and rent.

W. W. PIERCE & Co. have removed their hardware store to the room in the Reed House block, lately occupied by G. B. Merrill & Co.

MESSRS. JOHN ELIOT & Co., bankers, who were burned out some weeks since, have opened an office in the store of Shannon & Co., on Peach street, south of the depot.

Public Entertainments.

B. F. TAYLOR, of Chicago, one of the sweetest poets and best writers in America, will deliver a lecture in Farrar Hall, on Friday evening of this week. Our Democratic friends need have no fears of being compelled to listen to a Radical discourse, for Mr. Taylor never meddles with politics in his lectures.

GEN. KILPATRICK, the celebrated cavalry leader and Radical politician, will deliver his lecture "Sherman's March to the Sea," in Farrar Hall, on Monday evening next, the 1st of February, under the auspices of the Grand Army of the Republic. The proceeds are to be used for the benefit of soldiers' widows and orphans.

A VALUABLE EXPERIMENT.—Mr. G. F. Brevillier, the well known soap manufacturer, at the corner of Sixth and Holland streets, has applied the abandoned Seventh street oil well to a practical purpose, which promises to be attended with important results to the community in general. The well yields a large amount of gas, and Mr. B., after having it cleaned, extended a pipe to his manufactory, by means of which he secures an abundance of gas to light, heat and run the establishment. All the large kettles in the building are heated by the gas, and sufficient is furnished to keep several in operation at one time. Beside heating the kettles the gas warms the building, and supplies all the light needed. A simple apparatus at the well regulates the supply; and whenever more gas is furnished than the establishment requires, a self acting valve changes the current into the escape pipe. The whole arrangement is very ingenious, and well worth an examination. The gas exhibits no symptom of reduction in quantity or quality, and will save Mr. B. many hundreds of dollars yearly. He is of the opinion that the earth beneath our city contains sufficient gas, to afford all the heat and light needed for the use of the citizens, and believes that the time will come when its advantages will be generally availed of. Beside the establishment mentioned, we believe, the works of H. Jarecki & Co., have been in part run, for a considerable period, with gas from another abandoned oil well.

HALL & WARFEL.—One of the most prosperous, as it is one of the best conducted, establishments in Erie, is the extensive drug store and glass house of Hall & Wartel, on State street, between Seventh and the Park. It occupies the whole of a four story building, with basement, having a large three story addition in the rear, with front on Seventh street. The first floor of the main building is occupied by the retail department; the 7th street entrance is used for wholesale and shipping purposes generally. The stock embraces every variety of articles kept in a store of the kind, the firm taking an especial pride in having a full stock of everything that is likely to be called for, either in the wholesale or retail trade, and the wonderful success that has attended them amply attests the appreciation of their enterprise by the public. It is a common saying, whenever inquiries are made for articles of rare use: "Go to Hall & Warfel's; they keep anything you can call for."

The firm make a speciality of French glass, which they import direct from the manufacturers in immense quantities. The fact is not flattering to our national pride, but is none the less true, that the French glass is infinitely superior to that of American manufacture. It is freer from blemishes, clearer and whiter, and contains so many points of superiority that any one examining the samples is convinced at a glance. The cost is a trifle higher, but the difference in quality much more than makes up. Messrs. Hall & Warfel keep every size and thickness, and are prepared to supply stores, public buildings and private houses to any extent needed. Their stock of American glass is also large, so that purchasers have the opportunity of taking their choice.

We advise all persons in need of goods in their line to read Messrs. Hall & Warfel's advertisement, and give them a call before laying in their stock.

ANOTHER WAR.—A very amusing controversy has sprung up out of the disputes among the members of one of our deceased Fenian circles. Mr. P. T. Barry, late Head Centre, finding that the debts of the organization were not being paid, felt it incumbent upon himself to rush into print for the purpose of explanation. He tells an extraordinary story of how that having become an object of dislike to the society because of his Radical sympathies, they sought to load him with the responsibility of meeting all their obligations, which, not being a man of very long purse, he didn't feel inclined to do. The most blame, according to the indignant Barry, attaches to a man named Barrett, whom he proceeds to excoriate in a vein of sarcasm astonishing to read. Barrett, being a shrewd man, wisely refrains from committing himself to print, but adopts a more effective redress by appealing to the law, in consequence of which Barry is held to bail in the sum of five hundred dollars for alleged libellious attacks upon the aforesaid Barrett's good name and reputation. Following this appears a communication from T. M. C. O'Sullivan, who also "feels it incumbent," "as a most imperative duty to request in the cause of truth and justice" the opportunity of giving his side of this intensely exciting affair. O'Sullivan pronounces Barry's statements the tissue of a "fertile imagination," declares that he had never the "courage or manliness" to make an avowal of his Radical sympathies before election, asserts that to Barry and another mysterious individual is due the fault of non-payment, and proceeds to haul him over the coals generally in a way more pleasant to read than endure. Here the case rests, for the present, but in the meantime the belligerents are gathering their forces and preparing for a most desperate onset, and if it doesn't end in numerous invitations to "pistols and coffee," there is nothing in frothy epistles or bloody resolutions.

Jury List.

The following is a list of the Grand Jurors drawn for the court for the trial of criminal offences, commencing the fourth Monday in February:

James Skinner, Erie, Foreman.. Erie—Dr. G. C. Bennett, John Carse, M. E. Dunlap, Dr. Thos. H. Stuart. North East Boro—Amos Gould. North East Township—Russel A. White. Venango—John W. Bennett, H. Brightman. Amity—A. L. Haskell. Wayne—John Chappell, W. P. Bassett. Concord—Frank Stranahan. Union Boro—E. Cooper, A. P. Slack. LeBoeuff—Geo. Kellison. Waterford Township—Chas Skinner. Waterford Boro—John V. Anderson. Washington—C. W. Twitchell. Franklin—Wm. L. Putnam. Albion—J. Wells. Springfield—Hance Ferguson, Jno. Devore. Girard Boro—John Hay, Jr.

The following are the Traverse Jurors for the same term of court:

Erie—T. J. Elliott, D. Shirk, S. E. Bacon, H. W. Spooner, Adam Liebel, C. E. Foster, Jacob Hanson, Wm. Brewster, B. Hershey, S. H. Kelsey, F. Brevillier, Thos. Dillon. South Erie—Adam Acheson. Mill Creek—John Burton, Jacob Rhode, Isaac Wolf, Jas. C. Graham, Amos Hinkle, James Ferguson. Harbor Creek—W. A. Lee, John Allen. Greenfield—F. B. Brown. Wayne—O. Gilmore, Jr. Concord — Hampton Lovell. Corry—J. B. Potter. Union Boro—Baxter Wilmarth. LeBoueff—Ira Manross, William Robinson, H. M. Range. Waterford Boro—David Boyd. Greene—Mike McGinnis, Benjamin Alguire, John Schinell, Jr. McKean—D. Stancliff, Joseph B. Grant. Washington—Henry Church, S. Butler. Franklin—Charles Wright, John Gilbert. Elk Creek—A. C. Joslin, L. B. Joslin, J. S. Flemming. Conneaut—Marsena Keep. Springfield—Elias Randall. Girard Township—J. G. Pattison, J. C. Caufman, J. S. Miller. Girard Boro—Wm. Venner.

CITY BREVITIES.

THE city election will be held in March, and candidates are already being proposed for the various offices.

O. H. IRISH, formerly of this city, is one of the Republican candidates for U. S. Senator in Nebraska. He would make a model statesman!

THE DISPATCH tells of a woman in the vicinity of the depot who is less than thirty-two years of age, has had four husbands, and is now a widow.

SOMEBODY suggests that the almanac makers deserve a severe talking to, for deceiving the people with the expectation of cold weather in January, when, most of the time, it has been as pleasant as April.

A two wheeled velocipide, one of the latest, and most approved style, has been introduced here by Mr. J. C. Selden, and is an object of general attraction. Before the year ends, they will probably be a familiar sight to our citizens.

A DRUNKEN fellow in the vicinity of the depot, on Saturday, boasted that he had a thousand dollars in gold in his pocket, and frequently pulled out handfuls of the precious metal to verify his assertion. As a consequence, he was the centre of an admiring crowd.

THE Phila. & Erie R. R. Co. have organized a surgical staff, to furnish medical assistance in case of accidents, with Dr. H. A. Spencer as chief of the department. They could not have selected a more competent person or one who will be more generally acceptable.

CAPT. JOSEPH METCALF, father of Prescott, Charles and Samuel Metcalf, of this city, and widely known as the oldest member of the Masonic order in the United States, died on Tuesday, at the residence of the first named of his sons, in the 95th year of his age. He was a man of much intelligence and generally esteemed.

THE Venango Spectator contains the following complimentary notice of one of our recent citizens:

"Our young friend, Geo. A. Allen, Esq., formerly of Waterloo, this county, hangs out his shingle as a practising Attorney, corner of State and Seventh sts., Erie, Pa. He has the stuff in him to reach the highest rank in the profession."

IT is understood that the Co. Commissioners, in accordance with the report of the last Grand Jury and the order of the Court, have decided to commence the erection of a new jail as soon as the weather will permit in the spring. The old jail is to be torn down, and the new one built upon its site, though of far larger capacity, and—it is to be hoped—better adaptation to the object in view. The plan of Mr. R. C. Chapman, of this city, has been adopted, and is said to combine all the desirable points. We trust the work-house feature, by which the inmates can be made to pay for their own support, will be kept constantly in the foreground.

A NOVELTY in religious worship is about to be inaugurated by Rev. G. F. Cain, of Park church, which promises to be attended with popular favor. It consists in a series of Sabbath evening lectures, by prominent lay members of different Protestant denominations, upon topics connected with the interests of religion. The first will be given by Judge Johnson, on Sunday next, to be followed by Judge Vincent, Col. C. B. Curtis, Prof. H. S. Jones, A. H. Caughey, S. S. Spencer, and others. Public expectation is on the tip-toe to see the result, and the advent of our legal friends especially is looked forward to with a curiosity that, to use an entirely new and original expression, "can better be imagined than described."

A MILL VILLAGE correspondent of the Dispatch calls attention to the advantages of the route through that place for obtaining a connection between the Atlantic & Great Western R. R. and our harbor, over that proposed from Jamestown, N. Y. The former route, he says, is only twenty miles in length, through a comparatively level country, with little bridging and easy grades. The Jamestown route is sixty miles long, the country rough, and numerous streams to be crossed. If these statements can be relied upon, there should be no hesitation which line to adopt, and if our citizens are wise they will waste no time in putting the proposed road under headway. A connection with the Erie road would enable us to secure new markets for our wholesale trade, that would be a recompense in part for those we have lost by the superior enterprise of Buffalo and Pittsburgh.

PROGRESS.—Columbus sailed to the American coast in a four hundred ton ship, and first landed upon the Island of St. Domingo. Last week a vessel from St. Domingo unloaded in New York over four hundred tons of St. Croix Rum for P. H. Drake & Co., of that city. This is but a few weeks' supply of this article, which these gentlemen use in the manufacture of the celebrated Plantation Bitters. We are informed by an exchange that Messrs. Drake & Co. have not advertised a dollar for a year, but that the sales of this article continue at the former enormous figure. In 1863, the receipts of the Plantation Bitters were equal to those of the New York & New Haven Railroad.

MAGNOLIA WATER.—Superior to the best imported German Cologne, and sold at half the price. jan1-tf.

COUNTY BREVITIES.

ERIE COUNTY has now three paper mills within her limits—the last having been started by Mr. Chas. Galliard, on the Mc Nair farm, about six miles east of the city.

THE Girard Spectator contains a communication with the significant heading: "Are you a Christian?" Up to latest advices no answer had been received in the affirmative.

THE Girard Cosmopolite says "the most musical name in the county" is—John Tompkins. However that may be, it is certain that Tompkins' Band is the favorite one for dancing parties in all sections.

THE inhabitants of Erie county, Penn., are experiencing an agreeable sensation. A pack of wolves, which has thus far defied all attempts at capture, is paying nightly visits to their sheepfolds.—*N. Y. Sun.*

The Sun is mistaken in the locality. Erie county, Ohio, is where the complaints come from.

WE commence this week a record of the real estate transfers in the county, as taken from the books of Capt. Harvey, Co. Recorder. They will be continued from week to week, and we are much mistaken if the department does not prove one of the most popular in the paper. We are in hopes of being able to give more definite information about the properties transferred, in future issues.

D. W. VOICE, Esq., a well known and highly respected citizen of McKean township, met with an accident on Tuesday last which resulted in his death. He was driving a loaded team to the city, and in coming up the hill where his body was found it is supposed he got off to block the wheel of the wagon, to give his horses a rest, but falling while in the act the wagon was backed over his body. When found life was entirely extinct.

A MR. CHAMBERS, of Harbor Creek, attended church at Wesleyville, on Sunday evening last, leaving his horse and buggy hitched to a fence near by. On going to the place, after service, he found them gone, and a party at once started in search of the thief, without success. On the next morning, however, the horse was driven by Mr. C.'s residence, the thief evidently being unacquainted with the locality. He was soon brought to a halt, and is now meditating in view of the prospects of a term in the penitentiary.

A FESTIVE young butcher, Gottfield Ziele by name, has been indicted for breaking his promise to marry a damsel with the poetic appellation of Mandell, living in McKean township. In the anticipation of his becoming their son-in-law—so the story goes,—the old folks had aided him in business to the amount of $300, which he refuses to repay, and suit is to be brought to recover the money. It seems to us that the family ought to congratulate themselves upon getting rid of the hopeful Ziele before he had an opportunity of going into their purse and affections more deeply.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

DAVIS, the condemned Cleveland murderer, has been refused a new trial. He designs writing a pamphlet of his life, to be sold for the benefit of his wife.

A BREACH of promise case is announced for trial next month, in Cleveland, in which the fair plaintiff is 60 years old and the defendant 70. The affection lost by plaintiff is valued by her at $5,000.

JUDGE BROWN, of Warren, is proposed as the Democratic nominee for Justice of the Supreme Court. The choice of the Convention could not fall upon an abler, purer or more popular man.

THE LECTURE course in Warren has been a failure, and has had to be abandoned. Tidiouts still persists in trying to keep one up, but the effort is up-hill work. The lecture system is going out of date by nearly every part of the country, and the universal verdict will be—Died of too much fanaticism. "'Tis pity; but pity 'tis, 'tis true."

SUBSCRIPTIONS to the stock of a new railroad route from Buffalo, to tap the Phila. & Erie at a point near the southerly line of Elk county, are being taken in McKean county and other places along the proposed road. If Buffalo succeeds in building the various lines she has in contemplation, to connect her interests with those of the Phila. & Erie road, we fear it will not be many years until more of the through trade will go there than will reach this city.

THE Warren and Venango county papers are decided in their opposition to the division of those counties for the purpose of erecting a new one, with Titusville as the county seat, as contemplated by the bill which Mr. Lowry has introduced into the Legislature. The Warren Ledger says "there are but few people in either of these counties who desire the creation of a new county." It is thought the bill may pass the Senate, but Mr. Clark, of Warren, is on the committee on new counties in the House, and will undoubtedly give the measure its death-blow when it comes before that body.

THE Meadville Republican takes the Gazette to task for speaking of that city as being about half as large as Erie, alleging that the vote last fall proves differently, that in many respects Meadville is ahead, and that during the past year it has made more progress than Erie. "We have one church," triumphantly exclaims the Republican, "that surpasses anything of the kind ever attempted in Erie—we have school buildings equal to the best in the State—we are building the handsomest Court House in the State—" etcetera, etcetera. After all this, the Republican will be prepared, at its next attempt, to prove Meadville a rival of New York, and Erie merely a little out-of-the-way village.

FROM the Conneaut (O.) Reporter of yesterday, we gather the details of a horrible murder, which was perpetrated at Austinsburg, on Friday last. An old man named Robert M. Pray, who has resided in that place for upwards of 42 years, and who lived in isolated, penurious, but harmless life, was the victim. His skull had been crushed in by an axe and his throat cut from ear to ear. Tracks from the house would seem to indicate that two persons were engaged in this bloody work, and were frightened off before securing their expected booty. Mr. Pray was a shoemaker by trade and also farmed a small piece of land. The neighbors searched the premises and found $416 in gold and $15 in greenbacks secreted in the garret. He had relatives living in New York, to whom the news of his death was telegraphed. No clue to the murderers can be found.

New Publications.

THE Phrenological Journal for February contains many portraits of distinguished characters, with a careful analysis of each. The number is a good one.

THE "World Almanac" for 1869 is one of the best (we think the very best) of this sort of annuals. Its statistics are full and accurate, and the information contained in it is invaluable. It is, in short, a convenient book of reference for everybody.

THE Tribune Almanac for 1869 contains complete county returns of the vote for President, and the detailed vote for all the Governors and members of Congress chosen in 1868. It has the votes of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut by towns. The work reflects the highest credit upon its compiler.

THE OLD GUARD wears well, not only sustaining the reputation which its six year's publication has won, but it improves, like good wine, the older it grows. The February issue is replete with political, literary and miscellaneous matter.

PERSONAL.—The famous Physician and Surgeon, Dr. Liston, from the Albany Eye and Ear Infirmary, will be at the Reed House, on next Tuesday and Wednesday, the 2d and 3d days of February, stopping for those two days only, for the purpose of treating all diseases of the Eye, Ear, Throat, Catarrh and all forms of Chronic diseases that may be presented to him.

OF LOCAL INTEREST.

THE list of cases for trial at the Court commencing on the first Monday in March will be found in another column.

ASH WEDNESDAY, the first day of Lent, falls this year on the 10th of February. Easter Sunday occurs on the 28th day of March.

MR. HENRY NEWTON has paid for a years' subscription to the Observer, but his address has been lost. Will he have the kindness to furnish it to us, that the amount may be credited upon our books?

IT may not be generally known, and is a matter of public interest, that letters and documents *addressed to* members of Congress, require no postage stamp, the law permitting them to go free.

COL. JAS. K. KEnn, formerly of Venango county, and at present a resident of Pittsburgh, a gentleman well known to the North-West, is suggested as a Democratic candidate for Governor. He possesses rare talents and would make a strong nominee.

THE N. Y. World pertinently remarks that while beggars of the picturesque sort that prevail in Europe are very rare in this country, the genteel beggar who "borrows" one's money without the slightest intention of ever returning it is unfortunately but too common and rapacious.

THE TERM bankrupt, which is now in everybody's mouth, is derived from the Italian word Banco Rotto, signifying a broken bench, in allusion to the Italian custom of breaking the benches and counters on which the brokers and money changers transacted their business at the Bourse, when they failed.

THE Erie Railway Company has secured control of the Cross-Cut road, and rumor has it that they propose to divert the oil trade from that route over their main line. It is stated that they are endeavoring to obtain control of the Oil Creek and Allegheny river roads, and if their lucky star attends them as well as it has in the past, we should not be at all surprised to see the whole line from Brocton to Franklin in their hands before long.

MR. STRANAHAN has introduced a bill into the Legislature which he denominates "An act to secure the farmers and unsuspecting of all classes in Erie Co. against fraud in the sale of patent rights." It provides for keeping a record of the name, age, residence and occupation of parties disposing of rights, and requires all notes obtained for the same to be distinctly marked at the top with the words, "This note was given for a patent," under penalty of fine and imprisonment. If the patent fails to be as represented, payment of the note can be refused, and must be sustained by the courts. The patent business has grown into one of the greatest swindles of the day, and if Mr. Stranahan's bill will be effectual in preventing imposition upon the public he will deserve its heartiest thanks.

MARRIED.

BROWN—COOPER.—At the residence of the bride's father, on the 21st inst., by Rev. J. H. Presley, Mr. George A. Brown, of Mill Creek, to Miss Mary Cooper, of Harbor Creek. [Printer kindly remembered.]

BUTCHER—FINN.—On the 18th inst., in this city, by the Rev. Dr. Lyon, Wm. Butcher, of Brooklyn, N. Y., to Lois E., daughter of P. G. Finn.

TASING—FRANKEN.—At the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. A. W. Sherwood, Jan. 24, 1869, Mr. John Tasure, of Washington tp., to Miss Elva Francis, of McLane.

COMPTON—WENTWORTH.—Jan. 19th, at the house of Johnson Compton, Esq., in Washington tp., by Rev. Wm. Grassie, Mr. J. G. Compton, of St. Charles, Minn., to Miss Josephine M. Wentworth, of Washington.

TURRELL—ZIMMERLY—On Tuesday evening, the 26th inst., by Rev. Geo. A. Lyon, Mr. Thomas B. Turrell to Miss Georgia E. Zimmerly, both of this city.

MOODY—ZIMMERLY—On Tuesday evening, Jan. 26th, by Rev. George A. Lyon, Mr. George L. Moody, of Boston, Mass., to Miss Mary E. Zimmerly, of this city.

EDICK—BRACE—On the 6th inst., by Rev. H. Mendenhall, Mr. Abel Edick to Miss Vina L. Brace, both of Greene, Erie Co., Pa.

TAYLOR—LYNCH—On the 20th inst., by Rev. M. Navis, of Oil City, at the residence of the bride, on Fifth street, Mr. Byron Taylor, of Buffalo, to Miss Kate Lynch, of this city.

DIED.

MOORHEAD.—In Moorheadville, Jan. 9th, Bennie, infant son of James A. and Julia Moorhead, aged four months and twenty days.

DIEFENTHALER.—In this city, Jan. 19th, Annie, daughter of Jacob and Margaret Diefenthaler, aged 2 years and 3 months.

SEARL.—In Harbor Creek, Jan. 16th, at the residence of P. D. Bryant, Mr. Luther Searl, aged 95 years and 7 months.

CONVERSE.—On Wednesday morning, Jan. 20th, Mrs. Cebelia Converse, wife of Josiah R. Converse, of this city.

BLACKWOOD—On the 17th inst., Gertrude, daughter of James and Ellen Blackwood, aged 1 month and 3 weeks.

ARMSTRONG—In this city, on the 20th inst., of consumption, Mary, wife of John Armstrong, aged 43 years.

SANBORN.—In Ashtabula, on the 26th inst., Mrs. William Sanborn, formerly of Erie.

MAY—In Ripon, on the 25th inst., of consumption, Mrs. William H. May.

HAWK.—In this city, on Saturday last, Erastus Hawk, in the 73d year of his age.

MOORE.—Near Waterford, Dec. 22, 1868, Alexander Moore, Esq., aged 63 years.

The deceased was born in County Derry, Ireland, June 4, 1805. In 1817 his father emigrated to this country with his family (Alexander being 12 years old) and settled about ten miles below Pittsburgh, Pa. In 1819 he removed to Waterford, where he resided till the day of his death. His family consisted of six sons and six daughters. Two of the latter have been deceased for a number of years. Alexander was the second son of the family, and is the first to fall by the hand of death. His five brothers, all good citizens and heads of families, survive him.

In 1831, Alexander connected himself with the Associate Reformed (now United Presbyterian) congregation of Waterford—Rev. Robert Heid being then the pastor.

In 1842, he was chosen a ruling elder, which office he held till removed by death.

In 1833, he was united in marriage to Miss Susan Lytle. He was, therefore, a resident of Erie County 50 years—was a member of the church 38 years—was a ruling elder in the church 27 years—and was married 36 years. In all these relations, he was upright, discreet and kind. He leaves a wife, one son, and three daughters to mourn their loss.

He had been troubled with rheumatism in one of his limbs, for two or three weeks prior to his death, but none thought him dangerously ill, but on the morning of the 20th ult., about 5 o'clock, he was suddenly seized with something like heart disease, and before his son and daughter could be called and reach his bed side, the spirit had fled, apparently without a struggle, or motion of a muscle. They came to look only on the lifeless body of a kind and loving father, wrapt in the folds of that sleep which knows no waking. Mr. Moore was a man loved and respected by all, and in his death the community and congregation have both lost a valuable member. His testimony is found in this: a long and charitable life, humble and uniform—a deep interest in the peace, prosperity and welfare of Zion—a disposition amiable and kind—an equanimity of temper that scarcely forsook him—a cheerful simplicity that always made him an agreeable companion, and an humble, unassuming deportment that spoke the genuineness of his religion.

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