Erie Market Prices.

PROVISIONS.

	Wholesale.	Retail.
Potatoes, ⅌ bush	70	80
Butter, ⅌ lb	40	45
Cheese, ⅌ lb	22	25
Lard, ⅌ lb	22	25
Eggs, ⅌ dozen	4	5
Mutton, dressed, ⅌ lb	15	20
Pork, dressed, ⅌ lb	22	25
Hams—Sugar cured, ⅌ lb	22	25
Hams—Plain, ⅌ lb	17	20
Shoulders, ⅌ lb	15	18
Pork, heavy mess, ⅌ bbl	28 50	
Pork, clear, ⅌ bbl	33 00	
Dried Beef, ⅌ lb	21	25
Clover Seed, ⅌ bushel	10 00	11 00
Timothy Seed, ⅌ bushel	3 50	4 00
Flax Seed, ⅌ bushel	3 00	3 50
GRAIN, FLOUR AND FEED.		
Flour, XXX W. W. ⅌ bbl	10 50	11 50
" XX red ⅌ bbl	9 00	9 50
" XX spring, ⅌ bbl	7 50	8 00
Wheat, white winter ⅌ bu	1 80	
" red winter ⅌ bush	1 75	
Corn, ⅌ bushel	82@90	
Oats, ⅌ bushel	38@70	
MISCELLANEOUS.		
Coal—Hard ⅌ ton	8 00	9 00
do Bituminous	5 00	6 00
Lumber—Hemlock	10 00	14 00
do Pine, common	18 00	20 00
do do clear	45 00	50 00
Shingles—Sawed	4 30	5 00
do Shaved	4 30	5 00
Hay	20 0	27 00
Wood, hard, ⅌ short cord		3 00
do do long	5 00	6 00

New Advertisements.

Publisher's Notice.

Advertisements, to secure insertion, must be handed in by Wednesday evening, unless they are less than three squares in length.

All advertisements not ordered for a specified time will be continued at the expense of the parties. Advertising accounts are payable quarterly. Attorneys will be held responsible for advertisements published by their orders, and the bills will be made out in their names. The advertising rates on our first page will be strictly adhered to.

For Sale.

THE SUBSCRIBER offers for sale three acres and forty-three perches of Land, with comfortable buildings thereon, and small orchard of fruit trees just commencing to bear, for $1,600 —$1,000 down and balance in six equal annual payments, annual interest on the whole sum unpaid with each annual payment. Also, one horse, buggy and harness for $150, one fresh milch cow and calf for $60. All in the Borough of Fairview, Erie Co., Pa.

mr4-3w ISAAC WEBSTER.

Lost Boy.

A BOY NAMED H. O. BLOOMFIELD, aged about 15 years, bound to the undersigned by his guardian, after staying about three days left for parts unknown nearly three weeks ago. Any information that will lead to a knowledge of his whereabouts will be thankfully received.

SAMUEL O. BREED.

Union Mills, March 4, '69—3w*

City Work.

PROPOSALS will be received up to Monday, March 22d, 1869, for the construction of a Nicholson pavement on Peach street, from Eighth street to the north side of North Park Place.

Plans and specifications to be seen at the office of the City Engineer.

M. HARTLEIB,
J. EICHENLAUB, Jr.,
J. O. BAKER,
G. M. SMITH,
Street Committee.

G. W. F. SHERWIN, City Engineer.

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City Work.

PROPOSALS will be received up to Monday, March 15th, for the construction of a brick sewer in Tenth street, from the sewer now built in Tenth street, at German street eastwardly to Garrison Run; also a sewer in State street from Tenth to Twelfth streets.

Plans and specifications to be seen at the office of the City Engineer.

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Street Committee.

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Auditor's Notice.

E. Cooper, et al. vs. H. Reynolds, et al. Reynolds. In the Court of Common Pleas of Erie County. Fieri Facias. No. 186, Feb. Term, 1869.

AND NOW, February 6, 1869, on motion, A. Benjamin Grant, Esq., appointed Auditor to make distribution of proceeds of sale.

PER CURIAM.

The undersigned Auditor will attend to the duties of his appointment at his office, No. 505 French street, Erie, Pa., on the 6th day of April, 1869, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

mr4-3w. BENJAMIN GRANT, Auditor.

Auditor's Notice.

Jas. A. Stannard, use of E. Eastman, vs. John Robinson. In the court of Common Pleas of Erie County. No. 208 February Term, 1869. Fieri Facias.

AND NOW, Feb. 25, 1869, on motion, Benjamin A. Grant, Esq., appointed Auditor to distribute the money made on the sale of real estate on the above stated writ.

PER CURIAM.

The undersigned Auditor will attend to the duties of his appointment at his office, No. 505 French street, Erie, Pa., on the 5th day of April next, at 2 o'clock, p. m.

mr4-3w. BENJAMIN GRANT, Auditor.

Assignee in Bankruptcy.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT of the United States for the Western District of Penn'a, in the matter of James P. Wheeler, bankrupt. The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as Assignee of James P. Wheeler, of Union, in the county of Erie, and State of Pa., within said district, who has been adjudged a bankrupt upon his own petition by the District Court of said district. Dated at Erie, Pa., Feb. 25, A. D., 1869.

HENRY M. RIBLET, Assignee.

Atty. at Law, No. 1321 Peach St., Erie, Pa.

mr4-3w.

Assignee in Bankruptcy.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT of the United States for the Western District of Penn'a, in the matter of Patrick Grace, bankrupt. The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as Assignee of Patrick Grace, of Albion, in the county of Erie, and State of Pa., within said district, who has been adjudged a bankrupt upon his own petition by the District Court of said district. Dated at Erie, Pa., Feb. 25, A. D., 1869.

HENRY M. RIBLET, Assignee.

Atty. at Law, No. 1321 Peach St., Erie, Pa.

mr4-3w.

Assignee in Bankruptcy.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT of the United States for the Western District of Penn'a, in the matter of L. L. Lathrop, bankrupt. The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as Assignee of L. L. Lathrop, of North East, 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., Feb. 27, A. D., 1869.

HENRY M. RIBLET, Assignee.

Atty. at Law, No. 1321 Peach St., Erie, Pa.

mr4-3w.

Assignee in Bankruptcy.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT of the United States for the Western District of Penn'a, in the matter of Edgar Parker, bankrupt. The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as Assignee of Edgar Parker, of Union, in the county of Erie and State of Pa., within said district, who has been adjudged a bankrupt upon his own petition by the District Court of said district. Dated at Erie, Pa., March 1, A. D., 1869.

HENRY M. RIBLET, Assignee.

Atty. at Law, No. 1321 Peach St., Erie, Pa.

mr4-3w.

Assignee in Bankruptcy.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT of the United States for the Western District of Penn'a, in the matter of G. W. Haverstick, bankrupt. The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as Assignee of G. W. Haverstick, of Erie, in the county of Erie and State of Pa., within said district, who has been adjudged a bankrupt upon his own petition by the District Court of said district. Dated at Erie, Pa., March 9, A. D., 1869.

HENRY M. RIBLET, Assignee.

Atty. at Law, No. 1321 Peach St., Erie, Pa.

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Eight acre Farm, two miles south of Wesleyville. Good buildings and improvements.

Sixty-seven acre *Farm, on Waittsburg road,* 8 miles from city; about 40 acres wood. Price, $2,500.

Erastus Washburn's Farm in McKean, 173 acres. This is one of the very best farms in the county—buildings, orchards and soil are all of the best.—Price, $50 per acre—cheap.

Two Dwellings on south-east corner of Eighth and Chestnut streets. One large 2 story frame, one small frame. Price low; terms of payment 5 to 10 years.

On Buffalo street, No. 166, new two story; finely finished house, ½ lot. Price, $2,400.

No. 302 West Sixth street, ½ city lot, well fruited; good 1½ story house. Cheap.

No. 291 West Fourth street, city lot, cottage house.

No. 65 Thirteenth street, well finished house, 8 rooms. mr4-tf.

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WEEKLY OBSERVER

ERIE, PENN'A, MARCH 4, 1869.

NOTICE.—After this date no paper will be sent from this office, for any length of time, without payment in advance, unless by the order of parties whose responsibility we are acquainted with.

All subscriptions must be settled annually. Bills will be sent at the close of each year to those who are in arrears.

Jobbing accounts are due as soon as the work is delivered. feb18-tf.

DUNKIRK DOES NOBLY.—At the election in Dunkirk, on Monday, the Democratic ticket was successful by an average majority of 399, being the largest given there in many years. Our Dunkirk friends feel very proud of their success, and well they may, for it proves that they have stood manfully by their duty.

A WEAK IMITATOR.—The editor of the Republican has found a feeble imitator in a Missouri editor who lately undertook to demolish his rival in the same overwhelming vein of sarcasm which has built up such an enviable reputation for our Erie cotemporary. How poorly he succeeds, let the following extract show: "The poor, old, dilapidated piece of flesh and bones who hangs himself out every week in the Jackson Standard, and who, by common consent, was considered the jackass of the Editorial Union, has rattled his old skeleton at us." The Missouri man may as well suspend his efforts at once. He can never compete with our Erie humorist.

THE SPRING ELECTIONS ABOLISHED.—The bill introduced by Mr. Lowry, to change the time of holding the township, borough and city elections in this county, heretofore occurring in March, to the same day as the State election, in October, has passed both branches of the Legislature, and only wants the Governor's signature, which it will undoubtedly receive, to become a law. The act provides that the various local officers chosen last spring shall hold over until fall, when their successors will be chosen—thus doing away with the necessity of holding elections this month. What advantage is to be gained by the policy of holding all our elections on the same day it would puzzle the Senator himself to explain. By changing the time for choosing our local officers to October, everything is made to hinge upon party issues, and there is less likelihood of an efficient set of officers being selected than under the old system. The bill is designed to give the Republicans more complete control of the county than they have at present, and we are much mistaken if the additional responsibility it throws upon the shoulders of that party does not, in course of time, make it an efficient weapon to aid in their defeat.

THE NEW COUNTY AGAIN FLOORED.—The perseverance of our Titusville neighbors, in their efforts to secure a new county, entitles them to better appreciation than has thus far been their portion. Last fall they were lucky enough to get a Representative of their own, and strong hopes were entertained of his ability to carry the measure through. A purse of many thousand dollars was raised by private contribution, and it was resolved that, cost what it might, the new county must be secured. In the Senate the bill was taken in charge by Mr. Lowry, and passed by a decisive vote. When it came to the House, however, it found a serious obstacle in its way in the person of Mr. Clark, of Warren, who had managed to get on the committee on New Counties for the very purpose of defeating the bill. We are not surprised to hear that the bill has been reported back from the committee with an unfavorable recommendation, because we felt sure from the start that such would be the case. The interests of the oil region demand a new county, and there is really no sound argument to be advanced against creating one.

PARK CHURCH.—A very flattering call was received by Rev. G. F. Cain, of Park Church, some time since, to take charge of a congregation in Philadelphia. Several reasons induced him to take the call into serious consideration, but the affection of his congregation, and the regret they felt at the probability of his departure, were evinced in such an unmistakeable manner that Mr. Cain has concluded to remain in his present charge. The announcement of his decision from the pulpit on Sunday morning was received by the congregation with *marked gratification,* and many were so overcome with joy that tears filled their eyes, while others could scarcely restrain from applause. On Monday evening, the congregation made a surprise visit at Mr. Cain's residence, where James C. Marshall, Esq., on the part of the members, presented him with a thousand dollars, accompanying the gift with a speech in which the esteem of the congregation for their pastor, and their delight at his decision, were neatly expressed. The course of Mr. Cain is all the more commendable in consideration of the fact that an increased salary was offered him in Philadelphia, and the opportunities for winning an oratorical reputation far superior to his present location.

LOCAL LEGISLATION.—The Governor's signature has been affixed to the bill enlarging the jurisdiction of justices of the peace in Erie county, and it is now a law, and will take effect immediately. The bill exempting the property of the Lake Shore Seminary, at North East, from taxation, has also been signed by the Governor. The following bills were introduced into the Senate by Mr. Lowry and have passed that body: An act to prohibit the taking of fish in seines, nets or other devices, in the Bay of Presqu' Isle. An act for the better protection of sheep in Erie county. An act relating to the collection of road taxes in Mill Creek township. An act to establish and fix the width of carriage way and sidewalks, and to provide for an ornamented lawn on West Tenth street, in the township of Mill Creek. The following bills were read in place by the same gentleman: An act exempting the parsonage of the English Lutheran Church of this city. An act to regulate the number of School Directors in the city of Erie. An act to authorize the Auditor General to examine claims of certain citizens of Erie. An act to authorize the Erie Canal Company to mortgage the canal and issue bonds, and to regulate the tolls. An act supplementary to an act incorporating the city of Erie, relative to duties of treasurer, comptroller and collector. An act allowing interested parties to be witnesses in Erie County. Mr. Rea has introduced the following: An act to extend the time of the term of office of constable of Erie city to three years. An act to authorize the Treasurer of Erie county to sell certain unsettled lands for taxes. An act repealing the proviso of an act of April 3, 1867, to prevent cattle, horses, sheep and hogs from running at large in Erie county. Mr. Stranahan has introduced the following: An act to prevent travelling impostors, called doctors, from imposing upon the sick and afflicted of Erie county. An act to repeal, so far as relates to Erie county, that portion of the act of May 7, 1855, which limits the time to two weeks that proprietors of hotels and boarding-houses can retain goods and baggage for the non-payment of indebtedness for boarding and lodging. An act to amend an act creating an independent school district out of parts of Erie and Crawford counties. An act to incorporate the Warren Gas and Water Company has passed both Houses of the Legislature. The bill relating to the protection of the people of this State against frauds in the sale of patent rights has passed the House and goes to the Senate for concurrence. The Legislature has adjourned to Monday next.

Mystery of Mysteries.

Two weeks ago, in noticing the change in the Republican office, we took occasion to state, what we thought would be a matter of general interest to our readers, that B. F. Sloan, Esq., formerly of the Observer, had assumed editorial charge of both the political and local departments of the first named paper. We certainly did not conceive that a simple statement of the fact, without unkind comment or the least malicious allusion to his past political associations, could offend that gentleman; but, on the contrary, were rather under the impression that he felt some pride in his ability to fill such a laborious, responsible and somewhat inconsistent position, and that we were doing him a personal favor in acquainting the public with the extent of his capacity. The life of an editor is full of instances in which well meant kindnesses have been repaid with the coldest ingratitude, and in this case—alas, for poor human nature—it seems that we are to be compelled to add another to the list.

The Gazette of last week saw proper to quote our friendly paragraph, and, for purposes of its own, to add a statement to the effect that Mr. Sloan, besides being political and local editor of the Republican, has also become the owner of Mr. Lowry's interest in that establishment. This the Republican indignantly denies, in that choice and dignified style which makes its few original articles so far above the common herd of editorials, and gives the names of quite a number of eminent authorities to whom application may be made by the curious for refutation of the naughty "lie." It does not deny, however, that Mr. Sloan is the political and local editor, as we alleged, but, as if we had committed some grave act of personal indignity, delicately suggests that our courteous and disinterested notice "*was doubtless written for the exact use to which it is put.*"

Now, here is mystery beyond comprehension. How can it be that a paragraph so innocent and truthful in itself should lead to such a sinister insinuation? Certainly the mere circumstance of the Gazette's having made use of it to promote some factious purpose does not detract from its original intention. But, hold—perhaps there is something "behind the scenes" that did not occur to us before! Our amiable friend, it must be recollected, was, only a few months ago, of "Copperheads" regarded by some as the incarnation of all that is "coppery" in Erie. Can it be possible that he has not yet become blunted to the inconsistency of his present position, and wanted it kept secret from his old party friends? Does he still hope to retain his Democratic fellowship while engaged in doing his best to defeat Democratic principles? Worse still, has he concluded to become a "full fledged" "goose" of the Radical persuasion, and is he afraid that the suddenness of his conversion may lead to some misgivings among his new associates? Or can it be likely that his mind is just now in that uncertain state where it balances "twixt this and tother," and doesn't know exactly which side will be the most profitable?

Whatever it may be, we are pained and staggered over the thought of having given offence to so clever a friend, and hasten to tender our humblest apology. Our "time is very precious," but we will take especial pains to contradict the statement that Mr. Sloan is "local and political editor of the Republican" whenever he authorizes us to do so. We feel that he may possibly have good reasons for disliking to have the public know it, in view of his past record, and will rejoice to embrace the opportunity of reciprocating his many acts of kindness.

JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT.—A Tidioute correspondent of the Warren Ledger writes a letter to that paper arguing the peculiar fitness of Hon. Rasselas Brown, of Warren county, as a Democratic candidate for the office of Justice of the Supreme Court. In the course of his communication he says:

"The knowledge of Judge Brown's fitness for the place is not local, or confined to any narrow district. The Bar and citizens of many counties know him almost as well as his immediate neighbors, as in their courts he has been frequently called upon to take charge of their most important cases. In a section of the State where so many have gone from the party search of power and present advantage, he has remained with us 'faithful among the faithless.' He has taken time from his arduous duties to lend his counsel and assistance to the party whenever needed, and finally he gave conclusive testimony of his devotion to the principles of Constitutional liberty as upheld by the Democratic party, by allowing his name to be used last fall as a candidate for Congress in a district where he and his friends all knew that success was not to be thought of. This sacrifice involved much loss of time, much labor, and the embarrassment of a hopeless and thankless position, and will not be without weight in recommending Judge Brown to the Convention."

The sentiments here expressed are but a reflex of their feelings of the entire Democracy in this section of the State, and we confidently believe that the name of this distinguished gentleman as a candidate for the place named, would materially strengthen the State ticket. Judge Brown is everywhere recognized as an able jurist and a gentleman of irreproachable public and private character, and his nomination by the Convention would only be a just recognition of his past services to the party, while his election would lend a dignity to the official position for which his friends now present his claims.

MARCH.—This month generally proves itself the windiest, bleakest and sloppiest of the whole year. From a time whereof our memory runneth not to the contrary, it has been predicted that if the first days of the month are pleasant we may expect rough weather at its close, or, "if it comes in like a lion it will go out like a lamb." Some irreverent person, who is evidently not a church member in good standing, suggests as an improvement on the old saw, that "March comes in like a certain nameless individual and generally goes out like the region he inhabits." This may be a very expressive way of stating his meaning, but, literally speaking, he is wrong. The "stormy March" will soon glide by, and the pure, warm breath of spring, with its genial sunshine and developing vegetation, will only be appreciated more highly by reason of the changeful climate and fitful storms that have passed.

RICE'S RAILROAD CIRCUS.—The new railroad circus, now nearly organized by Col. Dan Rice, will be the first that he has owned and managed for several years, and he asserts that it will be incomparable, both in the talent of the performers and the magnificence of its properties and accessories. He will continue making his farewell tour, and will not revisit any of the cities or towns through which he passed last season. The Colonel will appear regularly in his admired and original character of the greatest "American Humorist."

THE COUNTY POOR.—Representative Stranahan has introduced into the House a bill providing that the several justices of the peace in this county shall decide for their respective districts who are proper subjects of charity and who shall receive relief as such under the existing laws. The bill further provides that each township, ward or borough shall be charged with the expense of maintaining its own poor, and, in addition, must contribute its just proportion of the Superintendent's salary and for the general expenses of the poor house.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.—Rev. Mr. Finnucane is announced to deliver a lecture in St. Patrick's (Catholic) Church, Fourth street, on the evening of St. Patrick's day, March 17th. The proceeds are to be used for the benefit of the poor. The Temperance Association held a meeting at their Hall, on Sunday, for the purpose of making arrangements with a view to celebrating the day in an appropriate manner. A public procession will be one of the features.

THE JURY LAW.—We are at a loss to comprehend the necessity for the proposed amendment to the jury law which has already passed the lower branch of the State Legislature. As far as our county is concerned, the present law gives unbounded satisfaction to the community at large, and since its operation we can boast of as intelligent juries as could possibly be brought together. The Commissioners have made it a point to select the best and most available material in the county, and no fair-minded man will pretend to say that any legislation is required by which "a better and more impartial selection" can be made. The title of this act as it has passed the House, reads:

"An act to amend the act entitled an act for the better and more impartial selection of persons to serve as jurors in each of the counties of the Commonwealth, approved *the 10th day of April, 1867, so far as relates* to the counties of Erie, Crawford and Warren."

It is proposed that a third party shall ass'st in the selection of jurors, and this assistant shall be the oldest County Commissioner in service. Here is where the "better and more impartial" selection comes in. Two Radical Commissioners can overrule the acts of the Democratic one, and thus the jurors can be chosen "impartially" from the Radical ranks, as heretofore. The object is too plain for mistake, and whether this original plan of "impartially" selecting men for the jury box was concocted here or elsewhere, it is only intended to benefit a few fourth rate lawyers who have not sufficient brains to enable them to conduct a case, and whose occupations are gone since juries, composed of Democrats and Republicans alike, are empelled to render judgment in accordance with the law, and not through partizan appeals to political prejudice. Let the law remain as it is. A vast majority of the citizens of both parties are satisfied that it is a just and impartial one, and are opposed to a change that cannot be for the better but may be much for the worse.

PRESENTMENT OF THE GRAND JURY.—In concluding their labors, on Wednesday of last week, the Grand Jury made the usual presentment, and among other recommendations urge that strenuous efforts be put forth by all public officers in the county, whose duty it is to do so, to suppress all schemes for lotteries, games of chance and especially the gambling at places of public entertainment. In the matter of erecting and keeping up proper guide boards in the different townships they refer to the general neglect to comply with the laws, and recommend that measures be taken to compel the authorities to perform their duty; also that means should be taken to have the Cross Cut Railroad Company erect suitable "caution boards" at railroad crossings between the city of Corry and the State line. They think that the legislation relating to the Poor House, passed March 24th, 1868, having been approved and ratified by the people at the polls, it would be unwise and impolitic to disturb the same now, and that the action of the Poor House Board, in accordance with said Act, should be ratified. The bill of Mr. Stranahan looking toward the more effectual suppression of frauds practised upon the public by venders of Patent Rights is endorsed. Special thanks are returned to District Attorney Lynch and the Honorable Court for their courtesy and co-operation.

AN ILLUSTRATION.—The Warren Ledger tells a story illustrative of the fact that clergymen sometimes indulge in the little jealousies which many suppose are confined only to their lay brethren. It appears a Methodist Conference was held in that town, a few years ago, and a number of clergymen occupied the same room at a house of entertainment. After the services were over one day, these ministers repaired to their room. Their mutual labors in the Master's Vineyard were discussed, when at length one "older coon than the rest was heard to say: 'Well, did you hear the *great* John Pete?' Heavy emphasis on 'great' and slight on 'Pete.' At which they all went in, and probably the great John Pete was never so peeled down as by those good men, who were a little piqued at his ability to attract attention. Thus it is in all the walks of life, and it is only rarely that men are endowed with a sufficient degree of Christian love to enable them to rejoice in the success of a brother, or to try and screen his faults or failings from the gaze of others. Such, indeed, possess the "rarity of Christian charity."

THE Gazette, speaking of the comparative advantage of publishing the city notices in the several papers, makes the assertion that "for the object of spreading the information to the best advantage, the Gazette and Observer are far better mediums, even in our city limits, than either or both of the dailies." The daily Republican, in commenting upon this statement, intimates that it is not true, and remarks, in a Pickwickian vein, that "if true," it "would be highly complimentary to the enterprise and business character of the people of Erie." Whether "complimentary" or not, the people themselves, as disinterested judges of the merits of the several papers, are best capable of deciding, and their verdict does not appear to sustain the self important airs of our cynical cotemporary. At any rate, it is a well known fact in the printing offices that both the Observer and Gazette far exceed in circulation either of the dailies, and we have reason to believe that the circulation of the Observer in the city alone is considerably larger than the whole subscription list of the daily Republican.

CRAWFORD COUNTY PAPERS.—The Titusville Herald modestly claims a circulation exceeding that of the combined six other journals in Crawford county. The Meadville Republican characterizes this as the biggest "ile" story that has reached it for many a day, and says it is reliably informed that the combined circulation of the Daily and Weekly Herald only amounts to 1,900—1,000 for the daily and 900 for the weekly. The Republican claims a daily and weekly circulation of 2,000 alone, and gives that of the four other newspapers as follows: Crawford Journal, 1,200; Democrat, 1,600; Conneautville Record, 1,400; Long Roll, 500—in all 6,400. The "other" journal, making the "sixth," the Republican intimates, is a myth.

THAT "HORRIBLE REVENGE."—The Williamsport "Horror," which has been a juicy topic for the gossips, during the last couple weeks, is now pronounced a "hoax" by those who keep the run of all incidents in that line. It is said to have originated through a conversation in the cars, which was seized upon by several practical "jokers," duly enlarged, given a locality and a name, and circulated as a capital sell. The Corry daily Blade, on the other hand, announces that the body of the male victim passed through that city on Tuesday of last week, on the way to Westfield for burial. It adds that "the wife had to call in a locksmith's aid, as she was locked up and the key thrown away!" Our readers can believe whichever side of the story they think most probable.

THE RAILROAD WAR.—The war between railroad corporations will be productive of good results to the public, although the stockholders will suffer for a time. On Tuesday of last week the Erie led off by reducing the fare from Buffalo to New York from $9.45 to $3.00. The first reduction is always but a beginning, and we may hear that the rates are still lower before many days.

VALUABLE IMPROVEMENT.—The German Savings Institution will commence the erection of a handsome structure soon after the 1st of April. The new building will be located on the northwest corner of State and Eighth streets, and the material to be used is that manufactured by the Erie Building Block Company.

SUIT FOR DAMAGES.—Ira H. Pierce, formerly City Attorney of Titusville, was recently arrested in Missouri and taken to that city, charged with being engaged in the great Benninghoff robbery some time since. There was not the slightest evidence against Mr. Pierce, and he was forthwith discharged, his arrest having been caused by the malice of one of the robbers, who is now in jail. Mr. P. has commenced suit against the Benninghoff's for false arrest, laying damages at $25,000. Several other persons, who were similarly arrested, have also commenced suits for damages. Poor old Benninghoff begins to find that wealth and comfort do not go hand in hand.

ECLIPSE OF THE SUN.—We are to have two eclipses of the sun during the present year. The first will take place on the twenty-third of July, but will only be partial, and invisible in this country. On August 7th a total eclipse of the sun occurs. This will be the most interesting that has been witnessed in the United States for many years, and will not happen again until the last year of the century. The shadow of the earth will commence crossing the sun's disk about half past four in the afternoon, and will not entirely pass over it until nearly half past six.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

THE store of Mr. H. Drury, Girard, was entered one night last week and goods to the amount of $50 carried off.

DANIEL PRATT, the great American Traveller, has been elected a delegate to represent the Yale students at the Inaugural Ball.

PRUDENT housekeepers should lay in a stock of sugars. The Cuban difficulty is running up the price of that sweet commodity.

THE Grand Commandery of Knights Templars for Pennsylvania will hold its sixteenth annual conclave in this city on the 8th of June.

OUR capricious and almost April-like Winter has resolved at last, by way of variety, to give us weather a little more becoming the season.

THE hardware store of H. T. Nash, in Corry, was entered by burglars, on Saturday night last, and about six hundred dollars' worth of cutlery abstracted therefrom.

IN ADDITION to the license applications before published, G. M. Smith & Co., of this city, give notice of their intention to ask for permission to sell liquor by wholesale.

A BILL was passed by the House of Representatives at Washington, on Thursday last, abolishing one, three and five cent pieces, as well as ten cent treasury notes, on the first day of June next.

IT will be well for all who have not returned the amount of their incomes to do so at once. If the returns are not handed in to the U. S. Assessor within ten days after the blanks are sent, an addition of fifty per cent. to the amount of tax will be added.

THE reader's attention is referred to the advertisement of Hall & Warfel, in another column. Those in want of paints, oils, and French or American window glass, will do well to give them a call. Their stock is large—of first quality, and offered at low prices.

THE best joke of the season is furnished by a Harrisburg correspondent of the Republican, who says "Hon. G. W. Scofield is seriously talked of for a seat in Grant's Cabinet," and that "the President elect only hesitates about taking him because—because he *cannot well be spared in the House!*"

THE four persons who were last week sentenced to the Western Penitentiary were removed to their new lodgings on Tuesday. Their visit to that city will be a prolonged one, as Judge Vincent allowed them plenty of time to meditate upon the well known injunction—"The way of the transgressor is hard."

SOME fear was entertained by our ice dealers that their neglect to secure a supply of this useful summer commodity during the early part of the season would leave them short of the usual amount packed away. The late severe cold snap has dissipated all such fears, and a prime article of ice has been secured.

A FIRE broke out in the hat, cap and fur store of Mr. J. Kunz, in Brown's Hotel, on Monday night, about eleven o'clock, which destroyed his entire stock of goods, valued by him at $5,000, and only insured for $3,000. The fire would probably have been a very destructive one, had it not been for the waterworks. Instead of having the usual trouble about water, a pipe was attached to the fire plug in front of the hotel, and a stream secured which soon mastered the flames.

SENATOR LOWRY, alias "John Jones," alias "M. Bryo," alias "John Jones & Co.," is of "the opinion that the interest of the people of the district would be to keep" Mr. Scofield "where he is as long as he will stay." In plainer language, during the balance of his life, for nobody doubts that Scofield will be willing to stay in Congress the remainder of his years, unless a better office is offered to him. But how, Mr. Senator, does this position correspond with your opinion of Scofield last fall, and how can you reconcile it with the understanding that Mayor Noble was to be the next candidate for Congress? "Something is in the wind," surely, to account for this new-born affection between these two leaders of the opposition in our district.

WE MENTION in another place that Senator Lowry is one of the Republicans who voted against the Metropolitan police bill, which proposed to take from the Democratic Mayor of Philadelphia the privilege of choosing his own subordinates. We supposed the Senator's opposition to the measure arose out of the conviction that it was unjust and contrary to the public interests, and felt like applauding him for the vote, but it seems that we were mistaken. Through his organ here he gives his reasons for fighting the bill, and they are these: "Because he was requested to do so by some of the best Republicans of Philadelphia; and because the measure was asked for by the roughs of the Republican party in that city!" The question whether it would be a public good or injury does not appear to have been considered worth a moment's attention.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

CATTRELL & DICKEY, a firm in Cleveland, have failed to the amount of about $200,000. The parties, it is said, have been arrested.

THE citizens of Conneautville are circulating petitions for signatures praying the Legislature to prohibit the granting of liquor licenses in that borough or within a radius of two miles of the place.

ONE of the attaches of Dr. Thayer's circus, named A. Mucks, was so shockingly mangled in the back, by a young lioness belonging to the establishment, as to cause his death. The accident occurred in Pittsburgh.

IN A CASE at Pittsburgh, where a man was indicted for making false returns, under a section of the Internal Revenue Law, which was repealed before the case went to trial, Judge McCandless, of the U. S. District Court, decided that the suit could not be sustained. He said "no one can be punished for what is not a crime at the time of punishment."

DIED.

RANDALL.—At the residence of his daughter, in Blue Earth county, Minn., on the 3d of Feb., Benjamin L. Randall, formerly of this county, aged 70 years.

CALDWELL.—At North Springfield, on Feb. 23d, Dan'l J. Caldwell, in the 48th year of his age.

HALEY.—In this city, on the 26th ult., Frank, son of Frank and Mary Ann Haley, aged 3 years and 10 months.

New Advertisements.

Poor House Statement.

ANDREW THOMPSON, THOMAS WILLIS and JACOB HANSON, Esqs., Directors of the Poor and House of Employment for the County of Erie, in account with the County of Erie, for the year A. D. 1868:

RECEIPTS.

Jan. 1 To cash in Treasury as per Auditor's report	$ 775 57
" 1 To cash from Co. Commissioners	30,000 00
" 9 To cash on sale of Jesse Wall's property	100 00
Feb. 4 To cash from Willy Preston, board	1 00
March 4 To cash from C. Kolb for Mrs. Matthalen	18 75
April 8 To cash from sale of clover seed	24 50
" 8 To cash from warrant issued in error	10 50
" 10 To cash from sale of Barley	60 25
May 1 To cash from Ohlwiler for M. Weigle's board	14 50
" 20 To cash from J. C. Harrison for Thomas Wilson's board	50 07
" 30 To cash from sale of clover seed	18 00
June 4 To cash on acc't R R fares	1 20
" 17 To cash from C Kolb for Mrs Matthalen	18 75
July 7 To cash from sale of clover hay	1 00
Aug. 6 To cash from Geo W Gunnison, Esq. 4 liquor fines	100 00
Sept. 2 To cash from C Kolb for Mrs Matthalen	18 75
" 3 To cash from Geo W Gunnison, Esq. 4 liquor fines	100 00
" 7 To cash from fishermen's fines	50 00
Oct. 8 To cash from J C Harrison for T Wilson's board	31 86
" 10 To cash from F Curtze, Esq. one liquor fine	25 00
Nov. 6 To cash on acc't R R fares	2 00
" 12 To cash from F Curtze, Esq. 3 liquor fines	75 00
" 12 To cash from F Ohlwiler for M. Weigle's board	15 00
" 14 To cash from Geo W Gunnison, Esq. 1 liquor fine	25 00
Dec. 4 To cash from C Kolb for Mrs Matthalen	18 75
Jan. 4 To cash from sale of sheep skins	50 00
Warrants in circulation	828 22
Total	$32,446 17

EXPENDITURES.

Bedsteads $10.00, brushes $7.00	$17 00
Clothing and trunks $8,50, chairs, stools, etc. $6.00	14 50
Blacksmithing $31.90, bags $7.50	39 40
Burying the dead $29.65, butter $12.00	41 65
Books and stationery $27.08, Beef $800.36	828 24
Commission to Hayes & Kepler for sale of the Jesse Wall's property	25 00
Constables fees $53.48, coffins $105	158 48
Clocks and repairs $6.50, corn $105	111 50
Dry goods $361.48, drugs and medicines $34.05	395 53
Flour & meal $227.25, groceries $1,355.05	1,582 30
Fire grates for house $4.94, hay $33.82	38 76
House and kitchen furniture	89 79
Harness and repairs	37 75
Justices fees $84.21, lime $3.00	87 21
Mutton $52.18, police fees $30.00	82 18
Out-door paupers of all grades	11,493 52
Labor on farm $228, plaster $1.50	229 50
Printing & paper $22.50, potatoes $101.23	123 73
Plow points and plows $2.00, pork $667.73	669 73
Physician to out-door paupers	281 72
Poor house law $1.50, pumps and repairs $7.25	8 75
Repairs on bridge	1 00
Removing paupers to alms house	10 00
R R fares to out-door paupers passing through the county	819 90
Sheep $91, soap $15, seal $5	111 00
Salary of A Thompson director 1¼ yr's	166 25
" Thomas Willis " "	156 25
" Jacob Hanson " "	125 00
" Dr S Dickinson physician 1 yr	150 00
" Dr Geo F Darling physician in Erie ½ year	50 00
" Dr F G Barrett physc'n in Erie	66 66
" Dr B F Phelps physician in Corry 1 year	200 00
" G. W Walker attorney 1 year	50 00
" Calvin Pool, steward "	575 00
" Miss Pool, seamstress "	78 00
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