Erie Market Prices.

PROVISIONS.	Wholesale.	Retail.
Butter, ⅌ lb	60	75
Eggs, ⅌ doz	35	40
Cheese, ⅌ lb	23	25
Lard, ⅌ lb	23	25
Eggs, ⅌ dozen	35	30
Mutton, dressed, ⅌ lb	8	9
Hams—Sugar Cured, ⅌ lb	22	25
Hams—Plain, ⅌ lb	21	23
Shoulders, ⅌ lb	17	20
Pork, ⅌ bbl	33 00	
Beef, mess, ⅌ bbl	17 00	
Beef, rump, ⅌ bbl	21	25
Clover Seed, ⅌ bushel	10 00	10 00
Timothy Seed, ⅌ bushel	3 50	4 00
Flax Seed, ⅌ bushel	2 50	3 00
GRAIN, FLOUR AND FEED.		
Flour—XXX W. W. ⅌ bbl	9 75	10 00
" XX amber ⅌ bbl	8 25	8 50
" XX spring, ⅌ bbl	7 25	8 00
" Rye ⅌ bbl	7 25	8 00
Wheat, white winter ⅌ bu	1 80	
" amber ⅌ bush	1 45	
" spring ⅌ bush	1 45	80
Corn, ⅌ bushel	82	70
Oats, ⅌ bushel	34 00	
Shorts, ⅌ ton	33 00	
" Meal ⅌ ton	35 00	
MISCELLANEOUS.		
Coal—Hard ⅌ ton	8 00	9 00
" Bituminous	5 00	6 00
Lumber—Hemlock	10 00	14 00
" Pine, common	18 00	20 00
" do clear	45 00	50 00
" Sawed	4 00	5 00
" Shaved	4 50	5 00
Shingles, ⅌ M	20 0	27 00
Wood—Cord, short cord		3 00
" 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.

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Public Sale.

THE HEIRS OF MARK KELLER, dec'd, late of Erie, will expose for sale, on the premises, in Erie city, on Wednesday, the 31st day of March, A. D., 1869, at 1 o'clock, p. m., all the real estate of said Mark Keller, dec'd, consisting of the following described piece of land, situate in Erie city and bounded as follows, to wit: Commencing at the northeast corner of in-lot No. 8, in the town of Erie, thence west along Eleventh street one hundred and twenty-three feet nine inches; thence south one hundred and sixty-five feet; thence east one hundred and twenty-three feet nine inches; thence north one hundred and sixty-five feet, to the place of beginning, being in-lot No. 88 and the east half of in-lot No. 89 of said town of Erie, as original laid out. Also, the following piece of land in Green-tp., Erie county, Pa., bounded as follows: Commencing at the northeast corner of George Reed's land, thence east eighty rods to a post; thence south sixty-three and six-tenths rods to a post; thence west eighty rods to a post; thence north sixty-three and six-tenths rods, to the place of beginning, being part of tract No. 229 and containing thirty acres of land with allowance for roads. The title to the above property is perfect, and will be sold entire or in pieces, as shall seem best.
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WEEKLY OBSERVER

ERIE, PENN'A, MARCH 25, 1869.

REMOVAL.

On the 1st of April, or soon after, the business office of the Observer will be removed to the room now occupied by E. Camphausen, Esq., on the same floor as the present office, but in a more convenient locality. We propose to fit it up in a tasty style, and make it one of the pleasantest and handsomest offices in the city.

Local Elections.

At the election in Titusville, on Friday, Henry Hinckley, the present Mayor, who is a staunch and active Democrat, was elected without opposition. In the city councils there are five Republicans and four Democrats. The Republicans carried three of the four Wards in Meadville, electing their candidate for Mayor by a considerable majority. The Meadvillains do not appear to appreciate editors, as we notice that brother White, of the Republican, only got a small vote for Council, in the strongest Radical ward in the city. Conneautville is still joined to her idols, having chosen the entire Republican ticket by a two-thirds vote.

P. S.—The Democracy did get one officer—an inspector of election!

A Good Appointment.

The appointment of John W. Douglass, Esq., of this city, to the important and responsible position of Deputy Commissioner of Internal Revenue at Washington, is one of the best that could have been made, and will be approved by all who possess his acquaintance. Mr. Douglass has for nearly eight years held the office of Collector of Internal Revenue for this district, in which capacity he has exhibited so much clearness of intellect and capacity for the duties of the place as to have attracted the particular notice of his superior officers. To this fact he undoubtedly owes his promotion, for the appointment is one that does not come within the usual province of Senators and Representatives in Congress, and would not be influenced by their recommendation. In congratulating Mr. D. upon this flattering recognition of his talents, we cannot help regretting that it will compel him to lose his identity with the citizens of Erie. He is a gentleman that any community might be sorry to lose.

Assessments.

A bill has been introduced into the Legislature providing for having property assessed at its actual value, instead of one-third the amount, as the rule is at present. It is intended to apply to Allegheny county alone, but we hope to see it made a general law, or in case of failure to secure that end, that our members will have its provisions extended to Erie county. The system of assessments in vogue at present is nothing more or less than a burlesque, and ought to be done away with at the first opportunity. Some persons imagine that by assessing the real value of property there would be an increase of taxation, but a moment's reflection will convince all that no such result can occur. The same amount of money for Governmental expense is required on a low assessment, as would be on a proper one, and the only difference would be that the per centage would be reduced by the improved system. We have been convinced for years that our whole State revenue system needs a thorough revision, and rejoice that members of the Legislature are at last giving the subject a share of their attention.

The New Railroad.

On Monday, Mr. Errett, of Pittsburgh, introduced a bill into the Legislature authorizing the construction of a railroad from the mouth of Mahoning Creek, Armstrong county, to the mouth of Bennett's Branch of the Susquehanna, in Cameron county, to connect with the Philadelphia & Erie Railway, and to secure the payment of three and a half million dollars of bonds of the Sunbury and Erie railroad now in the hands of the State. It permits the Allegheny Valley railroad to extend its line through to the West branch of the Susquehanna on the route indicated, and its mortgage bonds may be guaranteed by the Pennsylvania Central, Northern Central and Philadelphia & Erie railroads, or any other through lines to Philadelphia and New York, when approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund. On these bonds one hundred thousand dollars must be paid to the Commonwealth yearly, commencing January 1st, 1875, with interest from January 1st, 1872. There is no doubt of the passage of the bill, as it is introduced under the auspices of the Penna. Central Company.

This is the road to which we have several times referred, and its construction is a matter of so much importance to Erie that we are surprised it does not receive more attention from our citizens.

Teachers' Examinations.

The County Superintendent will examine applicants for position as teachers in the public schools as follows, during the month of April. We have already published the list for the present month:

Fairview, at Fairview borough, April 1.
Girard, at Academy, April 2.
Mill Creek and South Erie, at Eagle Village, April 5.
Greene and Summit, at Elbow School House, April 6.
Waterford and Waterford borough, at Borough School House, April 7.
LeBœuf, at Mill Village, April 8.
Union and Union borough, at Union borough, April 9.
Harbor Creek, at Elliott School House, April 10.
North East and North East borough, at Borough School House, April 16.
Greenfield, at Colt Station, April 19.
Amity, Venango and L. P. Ind., at Wattsburg, April 20.
Wayne, at Beaver Dam, April 21.
Concord and Corry, at Corry, April 22.

Special examinations will be held at South Erie, May 5th; Waterford, May 6th; Corry, May 7th; and at Girard, at Albee's Hotel, May 11th.

Sharp Talk.

The publisher of the Dispatch is a candidate for the Post office, and is resolved that his claims shall not be set aside without due consideration. In one of the late issues of that paper, he deals in the following plain talk to his party leaders:

"The claims of the Dispatch office are peculiar, and, we distinctly give notice, will be insisted on. The time has gone by when a few peripatetic politicians, with their one speech a campaign, can impudently demand control of patronage resulting from a victory secured alone by the party organs. We do not pretend to dictate, but the above information is freely offered to the rings or cliques presuming to settle conflicting claims. Not by any manner of compromise should a journal give up its "right" to reasonable position or patronage, and if pseudo leaders dare to act without doing full justice, we will make it our business to destroy their combinations and smash their slates."

That's right, brother G.—stand up for your rights, and demand that you *will* have them. There's nothing like a little pluck, to make politicians come to time.

The Price of Flour.

What are you paying for flour? is a very natural question among housekeepers. Have dealers reduced their charges in proportion to the decline in cost? We are afraid not. He who pays more than twelve dollars for what cost eighteen dollars last March, is overcharged. Prime brands, which sold last March for from fourteen to sixteen dollars, ought to be had now at ten or eleven dollars and yield a fair profit. The bakers cannot be accused of not knowing how much flour has declined; but have they given their customers their just share of the benefit arising therefrom? Let everybody understand that the bread-famine is over. California and other fine wheats are selling in the New York market for about *one-half* what they brought a year ago.

Water Commissioners' Report.

The report of Messrs. Reed, Rawle and Selden, Water Commissioners, shows that they have received from the city $300,000 of Water Works bonds, which were sold at eighty-five cents on the dollar, netting the sum of $255,000, or a total, inclusive of interest, &c., of $255,187.89. Their expenditures, including debts still to be settled, exceed this amount by $3,228.78, for which an appropriation will have to be made by the Councils. This does not embrace the cost of house connections, fountains and pumping, which will add some $5,000 to the bill, making the issue of bonds that will be needed in the neighborhood of $10,000.

Experience has shown that to render the Water Works perfect considerable more expenditure will be required. The inlet pipe must be extended further into the bay, protection cribs will have to be built along the shore on both sides of the present pier the bank above the building must be sloped and sodded over, the road down the bank must be improved, and more stop valves must be put in, so that the water can be shut off wherever it is desirable. These are the only essential things at present, and the sum it will cost to furnish them is estimated at $15,000.

The Commissioners say that from the wide territory covered by the city it was impossible to lay pipes on every street, without too heavy an expense, but, assuming that fire protection was the main necessity, they have aimed to distribute the water so that nearly every house can be reached by a proper use of the hose belonging to the fire department. They ask funds to be placed at their disposal for laying the pipe in all streets from which enough applications for water come to assure the payment of the interest upon the original cost. It is not thought expedient to build a reservoir just now, but the suggestion is made that ground for one be secured at once, as the value of land is yearly increasing.

The cost of pumping is placed at $8,000 per annum, one-half of which could be saved by a reservoir, though the interest on the sum invested would more than counterbalance it. The expense of providing a reservoir, with the additional pipe that would be needed, is estimated at $120,000, on which the interest would be $8,400.

The works will not be self-sustaining the present year, and an appropriation will have to be made to keep them running. Seven hundred dollars per month are asked for running expenses. Applications for water come in rapidly, and it is hoped that by another year, the rents will pay all expenses. In addition to the cost of keeping the Works in operation, a further issue of bonds is called for—$25,000 to make the improvements suggested in the second paragraph, and $25,000 to extend the distributing pipe.

On the whole, it looks much as if the half million of dollars, which those who opposed the construction of the works predicted that they would cost, seems likely to be reached before they are placed on a satisfactory and permanent basis.

The Best Thing of the Season.

The oratorical efforts of Senator Lowry somehow never make the impression upon the public that he seems to anticipate. His last plea in favor of adopting the negro suffrage amendment, without allowing the people to be heard, was meant to be a model of eloquence, but the cynical newspaper men persist in seeing it in another light. One of them is cruel enough to speak of the "infinite amount of fun" there is in it, and gravely remarks that "did we not know the Senator was in real earnest we should conclude he was burlesquing the whole thing of negro suffrage, and 'highfalutin'" oratory in particular." Such lack of appreciation must be very disheartening, and we are not surprised that he should be greatly offended. In order that our readers may see for themselves to what flights of eloquence the Senator can attain when he tries, we copy the following extracts from his late speech, which promises to even eclipse the fame of his ever-to-be remembered street car effort. Giving his reasons for supporting the amendment, he says:

"I will vote for it because the African cannot be recreated in the image of God without it.

"I will vote for it because the opportunity offers to take it beyond the reach of weak, sickly Republicans who would suffer themselves to be hissed from the discharge of their duty at the polls by blatant traitors and hatchet faced Democrats.

"All hail the power of Jesus name,
Let angels prostrate fall,
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown him Lord of all."

"It is the spiritual adoption, the admission to probate, of the will of our fathers, the Alpha and Omega of the Republican Bible.

"It is our giving away to the steady steppings of Jehovah—the mill of the Almighty grinding slow but exceedingly fine.

"It is the conquest of the cross over inequality, idolatry and barbarity, and will promote peace on earth and good will among men.

"I will vote for it because it will build furnaces, rolling mills, cotton factories, corn elevators, and will elevate man. Because loyal men and God's people want it, and disloyal men and devil's people do not want it. Because it will add to the wealth of our country and help to pay our national debt.

"I will vote for it because it is an act that will make angels smile and devils frown."

The Jury Question.

The pay allotted to jurymen is generally admitted to be too small, in consideration of the duties they render and the inconvenience they are placed to. It is well said by one of our exchanges that "there is neither right nor justice in requiring a man's services without giving him an equivalent for them. We pay our wood-choppers at the rate of two dollars and a half a cord, and our carpenters at the rate of three dollars a day, and all others in proportion. If they be required by the public service to give up these payments in order to attend to the public business, it is but fair and reasonable that they should be paid for the same in the ratio of their daily earnings. But jurors are an unhappy class of people, who are liable at any moment to be dragged from their homes and families, and compelled to sit in a jury box all day without getting a cent beyond their bread and water's value, for the inconvenience and loss of time and money to which the jury law exposes them. There is no wonder that we hear of such awful messes being made with evidence in certain cases, or that jurors should be so proverbially anxious to return to their homes. Levy such service upon all classes alike, and pay them an equitable fee for doing it."

An Independent Journal on the Amendment.

The Girard Cosmopolite is, what it claims to be, "a strictly and fearlessly independent paper," and as such its opinions are worthy of attention. In its last issue, it takes an unequivocal stand against the negro suffrage amendment, and boldly charges that a large majority of the people oppose its adoption. The Cosmopolite says:

"This opposition does not arise from a mere objection to putting the ballot into the hands of the negro, or any tolerance of, or partiality for the extreme dogmas of State rights, but from a firm conviction that neither the Congress of the United States nor the Legislature of this State have a right to make any person, of any color, a citizen of the State of Pennsylvania, in utter disregard of the wishes of a majority—in this case an overwhelming one—of the citizens o. the State of Pennsylvania. Whether the negro ought or ought not to be permitted to vote is an abstract question, with which the Cosmopolite has nothing to do in opposing or advocating the amendment in question, so far as Pensylvania is concerned. It knows that the people of the State say 'No!' and it maintains that their Legislature has no right to misrepresent them by saying yes; and that though it may be within the letter, it is not within the spirit of the Constitution, for Congress, or any number of States, or the Legislature of this State, to depy to the citizens of Pennsylvania the right of majority rule."

THE best forms of notes and blanks in the city at the Observer office. tf.

Exempting Property from Taxation.

A bill has been introduced into the House of Representatives at Harrisburg, repealing all laws heretofore enacted for the special exemption of property from taxation. Although a somewhat sweeping measure, this cuts the gordian knot, and is, perhaps, the best remedy that we can apply to an evil which is growing every day to more and more alarming proportions. Special exemption of properties from taxes has been the favorite and most profitable jobbing business of the Legislature, and their iniquitous work can only be undone by a general statute. The last report of the Board of Revision in Philadelphia showed forty-one million dollars' worth of property exempted in this way. How many millions the next report will reveal, no one can even estimate. It may operate hardly on a few deserving interests to pass this bill, but the good of the whole community demands it, or something which shall reach the end it aims to accomplish.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

PERSONS wanting to sell or purchse lumber are referred to the advertisements of Geo. Carroll & Bro.

THE city police force, in future, are required to wear a uniform suit of clothing while on duty.

THE next session of the Erie County Teachers' Association will be held at Harbor Creek, April 14th and 15th.

THE Water Commissioners offer for sale $50,000 more bonds, on which the money must be raised to complete the works.

THE pupils of the public schools will give a concert in Farrar Hall on Friday evening, which we hope to see largely attended.

SEVEN hundred and seventeen dollars of dog tax were collected in the West Ward of this city for the year ending February 1st, 1869.

A SOCIETY for the prevention of loafing is proposed. It will find plenty of material to work upon at the corners below and opposite this office.

A SUPPLY of pure California wine has been received at Schlaudecker's store. The lovers of a first class article should be on hand before it is too late.

THE fast of Lent closes on Sunday next, freeing the members of the Epicopal and Catholic churches from the restrictions under which they have been placed for some weeks.

A DETERMINED effort is being made to have the law repealed authorizing the sale of the Poor House farm, but it meets with a resolute antagonist in Mr. Stranahan, and will not pass the Legislature.

THE City Councils have appointed the following tax collectors for the ensuing year: First district, G. W. Riblet; second district, Joseph Richshedit; third district, J. M. Bryant; fourth district, C. Sexaur.

THE velocipede fever which rages with so much fury in many cities has not yet taken much of a hold in Erie. A school has been established, but it doesn't receive an encouraging patronage.

A MOVEMENT is on foot to revive the military spirit of our citizens, and have several volunteer companies started. The Adjutant General authorizes the statement that he will give all the assistance in his power.

THE meanest thing a man can do is to beat his wife, and we are always rejoiced to hear of such beasts coming to grief. One of them was arrested on Sunday night and put in the lock-up until he could repent of his unmanly conduct.

WHEN the Water Works question was discussed we were told that a vast saving in the cost of insurance would be secured. Will some person tell us how much of a reduction the agents have made as a consequence of the completion of the works?

THE officers of the Philadelphia & Erie R. R. expect a vastly increased freight business the coming season. With the control of a line of propellers and the elavator at this city, there is nothing to prevent the road from doubling its through trade.

THE prisoners in our jail are to be removed to that of Warren county about the 1st of April, preparatory to commencing the erection of the new prison. Efforts are being made to have the Commissioners provide for a work house in connection with the jail.

WM. S. LANE, ESQ., formerly of this city, who was Mr. Lowry's competitor for the Republican nomination the first time he ran for the Senate, is a candidate for appointment as Minister to Switzerland. Mr. Lane is at present, and has been for several years, a resident of Philadelphia.

THE barrel factory of Kennedy, Hughes & Thayer, on the canal, near Tenth street, was burned down on Tuesday morning, about four o'clock. The loss is about $25,000, on which there is an insurance of $2,700. It is suspected that the building was fired by an incendiary.

IN Senator Lowry's speech to the colored men of Harrisburg, he said it was accident that made him white, as it was accident that made them black. We are not prepared to say, just now, whether the Senator thinks the "accident" was a misfortune or not, in his own case.

THE Lake is covered with ice as far as the eye can reach, and there are fears of a late opening of navigation. The ice is thicker and more widely extended than during the months of January and February. While ice remains in the Lake to any considerable quantity, we must expect biting weather.

OUR OLD friend, C. Siegel, who is known to every man, woman and child in the city, has opened a store in his new building, on Eleventh street, where he offers to sell at lower rates than can be had elsewhere. He has a large stock, and is ready to meet the wants of all who call upon him.

THERE is an "irrepressible conflict" between the Dispatch and Republican on most subjects, but on one thing they cordially agree—the support of Geary for re-nomination. The motives which lie behind their excessive laudation of that Gubernatorial "humbug" are difficult to conceive.

THE lecture of A. B. Richmond, Esq., of Meadville, for the benefit of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument Fund, will be given on Friday evening, the second of April. Mr. Richmond is an orator of more than usual ability, and we are assured that he will give a lecture well worth listening to.

GEO. W. RISTINE, agent of the Empire Line in this city, has been promoted to the position of General Superintendent, with his headquarters at Cleveland. His place is to be supplied by W. F. Smith, of Corry, a gentleman who has won troops of friends in the latter city, and will soon become a favorite in our own. We congratulate both upon their promotions.

IT is stated by those who profess to know that the project for laying a pipe line between Erie and Titusville is likely to be successful. Subscriptions to the stock are freely offered, and there will be no trouble in securing the required amount. We look upon this enterprise as one of the most important for Erie that has ever been suggested, and have strong hopes that it will not be allowed to fail.

IT WILL gratify all our citizens to know that the Erie & Pittsburgh R. R. is steadily increasing its trade, and that every year places it on a more prosperous basis. As an instance of what it is doing, we may state that the earnings of the road in January, 1869, are $20,000 more than in the same month last year, and nearly every month exhibits a corresponding increase. Few railroads in the country are managed with a better regard to the interests of the public as well as of the stockholders.

COUNCILS on Monday granted to Messrs. Rawle & Hall fifteen water lots for the sum of $5,000. The price is considerably below their value, but the parties bind themselves, under a forfeiture of $25,000, to erect a blast furnace on the lots within a year from the date of the purchase. The friends of the sale think that one furnace will soon bring others, and argue that the increase of business ensuing will more than counterbalance the low price received for the property.

THE Grape Growers' Meeting in the Court House, on Saturday last, was well attended, and much interest was manifested in its proceedings. A permanent Association was formed with the following officers: President, Wm. Griffeth; Vice Presidents, Messrs. King, Bliss, Hull, White and Moss; Treasurer, Robert Evans; Secretary, E. Underhill. The officers were given authority to call future meetings, arrange for exhibitions, &c.

MR. LOWRY was visited by a colored delegation, with a band, at his room in Harrisburg, last week. Speeches were made on both sides, several airs were played by the band, and all went off to the delight of the participants. The Senator's labors in the cause of negro suffrage induced this mark of appreciation at the hands of his "culled bredren."

STATE NEWS.

ON Monday, the 8th inst., Hon. Charles R. Coburn, formerly Superintendent of Common Schools of Pennsylvania, died at his residence, in Nichols, Tioga county, New York.

JUDGE PEARSON, of Harrisburg, has decided that the law of 1866, compelling the Penna. Railroad Company to open fish sluices in the dams of the Susquehanna and Juniata rivers, is unconstitutional. How are you, fresh shad!

MR. N. W. PIERCE, of Leraysville, Bradford county, kept four cows during the summer of 1868, making and selling 900 lbs. of butter at 40 cents per lb., and from buttermilk realized in calves and pork $70. Total $390—or $97.50 to each cow.

A FEW days ago two men fired at some wild ducks in a pond near Kutztown, Berks county, when the ball from one of their guns glanced from the water and passed through the head of a boy some four hundred yards off, causing death in a few hours.

IT is expected that water will be let into the Pennsylvania canal about the first of April and navigation opened for the season. The canal has been deepened and widened, and other improvements made along a great portion of its length.

A DOG belonging to a Mr. Moyer, of Perkiomen, Montgomery county, went mad last week, and bit two boys before it was killed. The boys were taken to a Mr. Fry, residing in the neighborhood, who has the reputation of curing such maladies as the hydrophobia.

THE new law, relative to the liability of railroad employees for neglect of duty, is substantially as follows:

"If any person or persons in the employ of a railroad or other transportation company, doing business in Pennsylvania, shall refuse or neglect to obey any regulation of such company, or by reason of negligence or wilful misconduct shall fail to observe any precaution or rule which it was his duty to obey and observe, and cause injury or death to any person, the person so offending shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars, and to undergo an imprisonment in the county jail or in the State penitentiary not exceeding five years. It is the duty of the county district attorney to prosecute offenders against this law."

New Publications.

PACKARD'S MONTHLY improves with each successive month. The number for April has about as good an assortment of entertaining, instructive and thought-exciting matter as could well be crammed into the same number of pages.

PHRENOLOGICAL JOURNAL.—This standard old journal, now in its forty-fifth volume, comes to us this month well freighted with interesting matter. Among the articles of special interest is a sketch of the late James T. Brady, which will be read with great interest by the many friends of the deceased.

THE April Galaxy contains the second part of Charles Reade's new story, "Put Yourself in His Place." The Theme of the novel is of vital interest to all classes at the present time. The Galaxy has risen into favor more rapidly than any Magazine ever started in this country, and it seems to grow better with every number.

"THE NURSERY," a richly illustrated monthly magazine for very young readers, is now (1869) in its third year. Published by John L. Shorey, Boston, Mass., at $1.50 a year. A specimen number, containing Prospectus, Premium List, Club Terms, &c., will be mailed for ten cents.

MARRIED.

KLINE—BATES—On Thursday, March 18th, by Rev. G. F. Cain, Mr. Daniel H. Kline, formerly of Canton, Ohio, to Miss Allie W. Bates, of this city. No cards.

BENDER—MERCER—In Conneautville, on March 6th, by Rev. B. F. Hitchcock, Mr. Peter Bender, of Girard, and Mrs. Delia Mercer, of Beaver Tp.

STONE—COVEY—On the 18th inst., by Rev. G. W. Cleveland, Mr. John A. Stone and Miss Lydia A. Covey, both of North East Tp.

PINNEY—MORSE—In Erie, Pa., March 4, 1869, by Rev. C. C. Parker, in St. John's Church, Mr. A. S. Pinney to Miss Minnie E. Morse, all of Erie.

Our best wishes to the happy pair, who, on inauguration day, began an administration for life, in which may Cupid ever be prime minister. With others, who are friends, we commend the beautiful bride and honored husband to themselves for happiness here and to Him who rules in eternity for happiness hereafter. As none but the brave deserve the fair, the groom must be brave above others, for surely the bride is more than fair.—*New York Democrat.*

DIED.

BROWN—At his residence, in Mill Creek Tp., on the 19th inst., Conrad Brown, aged 56 years and 6 months.

DEWEY—At North East, on the 27th of February, Mr. Sidney R. Dewey, son of Ira Dewey, Esq.

ROBINSON—In Mill Creek, March 10th, Jas. Robinson, Sr., aged 73 years and 7 months.

KELLOGG—At McKean, on the 14th inst., Sarah P. Kellogg, aged 33 years.

BILLINGS—In East Springfield, March 13th, Mrs. Harriet, wife of N. O. Billings, aged 56 years, 6 months and 17 days.

"AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION IS BETTER THAN A POUND OF CURE."—This is the most sickly period of the year but there is a remedy which is a constant protection against the *causes* of disease; it enters into the circulation of the blood, expels the morbific substance collected therein during the winter; corrects all morbid changes in the blood; regulates the supply and quality, and equalizes the circulation of the blood; promotes the operations of the digestive organs; acts as a mild and efficacious stomachic; strengthens the nervous fibres and calms the nervous system; revives the physical energies and imparts vitality and elasticity to every organ of the human body. It is no less celebrated a preparation than Mishler's Herb Bitters. Use it now—use it regularly every day—and prepare your system for the change in the season, and fortify it against the dangers of disease. mr18-2w.

SYMPATHY.—One of the most prominent citizens of Batavia, N. Y., was present when Dr. Liston, of the Albany Eye and Ear Infirmary, removed a cataract from the eye of a Mrs. Sherwood, an elderly lady, from Attica, N. Y., who had been blind for several years. The expression of his countenance showed, and he afterwards stated, that his sympathy was so vivid that he had seemed to feel upon himself every part of the operation. Of course the operation was a success and the lady recovered good sight. And while all suffering from diseases of the Eye, Ear, Throat, Catarrh, or Chronic Diseases, should call upon Dr. Liston at his office in the Reed House, on the 6th and 7th days of April, those with sympathetic hearts need not suffer—his operations are so delicately performed.

NOTICE TO FARMERS.—After the 1st of April, I will be in the country delivering Harrows. Persons wanting Harrows can get them at Boyer & Fuess or Pierce & Co.'s, Erie, Pa. J. H. WELSH.
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KIT CARSON'S LAST TRAIL.

By LEON LEWIS,

AUTHOR OF "THE WAGON TRAIN," "THE WITCH FINDER," "THE WATER WOLF," ETC., ETC.

CHAPTER I.

A LIFE GLORIOUSLY STAKED!

Towards the close of a beautiful day in June, 1867, a man and woman, mounted upon fleet horses, came galloping over one of the great plains of the West, and drew rein in the shade of a clump of cotton-woods upon the bank of a beautiful river. They had ridden far and rapidly. Their steeds were panting, and covered with sweat and foam.

"We must give the horses a breathing spell," said the former, slipping to the ground; and his companion nodded a graceful assent, as she followed his example.

The couple were evidently father and daughter.

The man was in the prime of life, hale and hearty, with a large frame, which was sinewy and athletic, without ceasing to be refined and prepossessing. He had the keen, shrewd look peculiar to the advance-guards of civilization, and there was an honest, frank expression on his sun-browned face that proclaimed his integrity and courage.

In her way, his daughter was equally picturesque and attractive.

In the early flush of womanhood, with a pure, sweet, and tender face, with eyes darkly glowing, with coral-tinted lips, and cheeks softly flushed with the hue of the rose, with amber curls floating behind her, she was as graceful as a gazelle, as light-hearted as a bird, as lovely as a flower, and as spirited as an untamed antelope.

The stream by which the couple had halted, was Wood river, a branch of the Platte, in Nebraska, at a point fifty miles northwest of Fort Kearny.

"Are you tired, Miriam?" asked the hunter, George Dane, with fatherly solicitude.

"Tired, father?" rejoined the maiden, with a happy laugh. "Oh, no. How could I be tired after a day like this? Every minute has been filled with pleasure and excitement. I feel as fresh as yonder bird."

The father smiled understandingly, with a look full of the fondest affection.

"I can guess the cause of your lightness of heart," said he, smilingly. "The return, now daily expected, of a certain Hubert Earle, from the mines of Idaho, may account, I suspect, for your present gladness."

A heightened color appeared on Miriam's face, for the name mentioned was that of her lover. She answered the glances of her father, however, with a frankness that attested his entire sympathy with her, and said:

"True, father, my heart has been unusually light for several days past. How could it be otherwise, since I know that Hubert is coming?"

Mr. Dane did not reply. He was looking, with kindling eyes, over the fair flower-dotted plain; and his next remark showed how widely his thoughts had strayed.

"I wonder what mother has been doing without us all day, Miriam. She must be lonely, with no one to speak to or share her meals. I shouldn't wonder if we could see our home from this point," and his face lighted up with a soulful glow. "Our cottage is not more than seven miles distant; let me see?"

He drew from his coat a pocket-glass, adjusted it to his sight, pointing it in a northerly direction, and gazed through it long and earnestly towards his ranche upon Carry's Fork.

"Yes, I see it," he said, at last, with a long, deep, and joyful inspiration, as if the sight refreshed him in every nerve. "There is our cottage, as plain as day. I can even see the vines you planted before the windows, Miriam. And there, on the grape-vine bench, under the big elm, sits your mother, busy at her sewing. Bless her! She does not imagine we are looking at her. Look, Miriam."

He yielded the instrument to his daughter, who obeyed his injunction, her lovely face glowing with smiles as she regarded the distant home-scene.

"Dear mother!" she murmured. "It is a treat to her to be able to sit out under the trees without fear of molestation. There are no hostile Indians hereabouts now—are there, father?"

"No. Red Knife, as you have already heard, was killed yesterday by a settler, and his band has retreated towards the mountains. I will confess, Miriam, that during all the time we have been in the West, I have not felt so light-hearted and care-free as since we received news of Red Knife's death. You have just seen how this joy bubbles over in me. Red Knife was a demon, rather than a savage."

Miriam shuddered, and her features even paled at the memory of the Indian mentioned.

"He never spared a pale face," she said, *striving to speak calmly.* "*Desolation* and cruelty marked his path. For more than three years he has raged to and fro upon the plains like a revenging wolf. He was the terror of the border."

"You have named him appropriately, Miriam," said the hunter. "He had a fiendish hatred of the white race, and his victims have been many."

Mr. Dane held out his hand for the glass, and Miriam was in the act of restoring it, when a strange, gasping, panting sound startled them both, and sent them quickly to their saddles.

The hunter wheeled his horse and looked down upon the river-bank, from which direction the sound had come, his manner self-possessed, but his countenance indicative of alarm. The maiden followed his example.

Her eyes were the first to discover the cause of the sound that had startled them, detecting a man's figure creeping along thorough the undergrowth of bushes lining the shore.

At the same moment, their presence in turn was detected, for the man dropped suddenly among the protecting bushes, as if he had been shot.

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