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Hall, 704 State st.
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I HAVE ON HAND a splendid stock of Groceries, consisting of

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Of all kinds,

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THE VERY LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES!

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Is not surpassed in the city, as they are prepared to prove to all who give them a call.

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Which

USES THE STEAM TWICE,

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More power than a Single Cylinder Engine using the same amount of steam.

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Have adopted a new system of doing business, and would respectfully call the attention of their customers to the fact that they are now selling goods for

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We believe that we can do our customers justice by so doing and would ask them to call and see our splendid stock of groceries, consisting of

Teas,

Coffees,

Sugars,

Spices, &c.,

Comprising everything in a well kept grocery store. We also have the best quality of

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Also FEED in unlimited quantities. Give us a call.

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Of the finest quality, which will be warranted for durability, as well as to fit, which we will sell as

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WILL SELL

BLANK BOOKS,

of every description,

BOOKS, ENVELOPES AND PAPER,

CHEAPER

Than any house in this city. Also,

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At Wholesale, as cheap as any Jobbing house in the country.

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my11-tf.

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Satisfactory paper discounted. Money received on deposit. Collections made and proceeds accounted for with promptness. Drafts, Specie and Bank Notes bought and sold. A share of public patronage solicited.

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There is no use sending to New York

FOR YOUR TEAS!

No use going to the refineries to buy

REFINED OIL!

No use going to soap factories to buy

SOAP!

No use to pay big prices for any of your

Groceries and Provisions!

While there is a

LIVE CASH STORE,

on the corner of

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Try the Cash Store.

ADAM MINNIG.

ap16-tf.

L. F. STEH,

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. nov26-tf.

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WINTER TIME TABLE.

Through and Direct Route between Philadelphia, Baltimore, Harrisburg, Williamsport and the

GREAT OIL REGION

OF PENNSYLVANIA.

ELEGANT SLEEPING CARS

On all Night Trains.

ON and after MONDAY, Nov. 23d, 1868, the trains on the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad will run as follows:

WESTWARD.

Mail Train leaves Philadelphia at 10:45 p. m., Corry, 8:00 p. m. and arrives at Erie at 9:50 p. m.
Erie Express leaves Philadelphia at 11:50 a. m., Corry, 8:10 a. m. and arrives at Erie at 10:00 a. m.
Warren Accommodation leaves Warren at 12:20 p. m., Corry at 2:00 p. m., and arrives at Erie at 3:50 p. m.

EASTWARD.

Mail Train Leaves Erie at 10:55 a. m., Corry, 12:45 p. m. and arrives at Philadelphia at 10:00 a. m.
Erie Express leaves Erie at 6:25 p. m., Corry, 8:25 p. m. and arrives at Philadelphia at 4:25 p. m.
Warren Accommodation leaves Erie at 8:10 a. m., Corry at 10:10 a. m., and arrives at Warren at 11:40 a. m.
Mail and Express connect with Oil Creek and Allegheny River Railroad. BAGGAGE CHECKED THROUGH.

ALFRED L. TYLER,
Gen'l Superintendent.

Erie & Pittsburgh Railroad.

ON AND AFTER MONDAY, OCT. 26, 1868, trains will run on this road as follows:

LEAVE ERIE—SOUTHWARD.

10:05 A. M., Pittsburgh Express, stops at all stations, and arrives at A. & G. W. R. R. Transfer at 1:45 p. m., at New Castle at 3:15 p. m., and at Pittsburgh at 6:00 p. m.
6:00 P. M., Accommodation, arrives at Pittsburgh at 10:00 a. m.

LEAVE PITTSBURGH—NORTHWARD.

7:15 a. m., Erie Express leaves Pittsburgh and arrives at Erie 2:50 p. m.
4:35 P. M., Accommodation leaves Pittsburgh and arrives at Erie 12:35 a. m.

Pittsburgh Express south connects at Jamestown at 12:25 p. m., with J. & E. Express for Franklin and Oil City. Connects at Transfer at 1:45 p. m., with A. & G. W. Accommodation west for Warren, Ravenna and Cleveland.
Erie Express north connects at A. & G. W. Transfer at 11:0 a. m., with Mail east for Meadville, Franklin and Oil City, and at Jamestown with J. & F. Express for Franklin.
Trains connect at Rochester with trains for Wheeling and all points in West Virginia, and at Pittsburgh connections for Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Baltimore and Washington, via Pennsylvania Central Railroad.
Erie Express north connects at Girard with Cleveland & Erie trains westward for Cleveland, Chicago and all points in the West; at Erie with Philadelphia & Erie Railroad for Corry, Warren, Irvineton, Tidioute, &c., and with Buffalo & Erie Railroad for Buffalo, Dunkirk, Niagara Falls and New York City.

F. N. FINNEY,
dec12'67-tf Asst. Superintendent.

ERIE DIME SAVINGS and LOAN CO.

H. L. LAMB, Prest. M. HARTLER, Vice Prest.
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The above institution is now fully organized, and ready for the transaction of banking operations, in the room under the Keystone Bank,

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It opens with

A Capital Stock of $100,000,

with the privilege of increasing to half a million.

Loans and discounts transacted, and purchases made of all kinds of satisfactory securities.

To the citizens generally this Bank offers an excellent opportunity for laying by their small savings, as interest will be allowed on

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SPECIAL DEPOSITS.

A special feature of the Bank will be the reception, for safe keeping, of all kinds of Bonds and Securities, Jewelry, Plate, &c., for which a large FIRE AND BURGLAR PROOF VAULT has been carefully provided.

Persons having any property of this character which they wish to deposit in a secure place, will find this feature worthy their attention. my21-tf.

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Life Insurance Company,

OF PHILADELPHIA,

South East Corner 4th and Market Sts.

Organized - - - 1850.

An Old Company—Nearly 20 years!

A Sound Company—Assets, $2,500,000!

A Safe Company—Never lost a dollar of Investments!

An Enterprising Company—Business largely increased annually!

A Paying Company—20 per cent. paid to Mutual policy-holders!

A HOME COMPANY!

Philadelphians and Pennsylvanians,

INSURE IN THE

"AMERICAN LIFE,"

You cannot do better, you may do worse.

JOHN S. WILSON, Sec. & Treas. ALEX. WHILLDIN, President.

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Walther's Block, Eighth St., Erie, P.

feb25-3m.

REMOVAL!

The old established Book Bindery of E. M. Cole & Son has been removed to

RINDERNECHT'S BLOCK,

Corner of State and Fifth Sts.,

Where, with improved facilities, we are prepared to do all kinds of Binding in the best style and at prices to compete with any.

Day Books, Ledgers, &c.,

Made to order as cheap as they can be had anywhere.

RULING CAREFULLY ATTENDED TO.

Magazines, Papers, Books and Pamphlets

Bound at Reduced Prices.

Give us a call and see for yourselves.

mr25-tf. E. M. COLE & SON.

Administrator's Notice.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION on the estate of Andrew Baker, dec'd, late of Greene tp., Erie Co., Pa., having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to all indebted to the same to make immediate payment, and those having claims against said estate will present them, duly authenticated, for settlement. H. L. PINNEY,
feb25 6w. Administrator.

Administrators' Notice.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION on the estate of James Tate, dec'd, late of Summit tp., Erie Co., Pa., having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to all indebted to the same to make immediate payment, and those having claims against said estate will present them, duly authenticated, for settlement.

MARTHA TATE,
H. L. PINNEY,
feb25-6w Administrators.

IF YOU WANT A KISS, TAKE IT.

There's a jolly Saxon proverb
That is pretty much like this,
That a man is half in heaven
When he has a woman's kiss.
But there's danger in delaying,
And the sweetness may forsake it;
So I tell you, bashful lover,
If you want a kiss why take it.

Never let another fellow
Steal a march on you in this,
Never let a laughing maiden
See you *spoiling for* a kiss.
There's a royal way to kissing,
And the jolly ones who make it
Have a motto that is winning:
If you want a kiss, why take it.

Any fool may face a cannon—
Any booby wear a crown;
But a man must win a woman
If he'd have her for his own.
Would you have the *golden apple*,
You must find the tree and shake it;
If the thing is worth the having,
And you want a kiss, why take it.

Who would burn upon a desert,
With a forest smiling by?
Who would give his sunny summer
For a bleak and wintry sky?
Oh! I tell you there is magic,
And you cannot, cannot break it,
For the sweetest part of living
Is to want a kiss and—take it.

CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE.

"Many years ago," said my friend, "in an idle moment, I went into the Old Bailey, in London, when a scene of more than ordinary interest was about to take place on that theatre of human misery and degradation.

"The prisoner at the bar was a young man of about twenty-four years of age, tall, of a dignified and prepossessing air, his dark hair hanging disorderly on his shoulders and about his brow, gave a singularly wild and mournful expression to his features, that seemed to indicate feelings such as felons seldom possess.

"The indictment was read; it contained an account of a most atrocious crime, committed under circumstances of ingratitude that deepened its horror. He was, it appeared, a young Scotchman, the son of a minister; he had distinguished himself in the University of Glasgow by his talents and acquirements, and had been ordained a minister of the gospel. While at college he had formed the acquaintance of a Highland laird, of nearly the same age, and of an amiable and cultivated mind. The father of this youth, a man of large property, had been so pleased with the friend his son had made, that he had obtained for him a church in the Highlands, on condition that he should previously accompany his son in his travels over the Continent.

"They had accordingly gone to London; and having there received large remittances for their proposed journey, were just going to set off, when one night the youth was found murdered in his bed, and appearances seemed to point out the prisoner as the perpetrator of the deed. They were briefly these:

"*Some days before they had been* heard talking in their room with a very loud and angry tone of voice. The subject of the dispute was, it was supposed, a lady, whose name was mentioned. The words 'jealousy and revenge' were distinctly heard; a visible coolness was observed for some days after till the evening of the murder, when they gave an entertainment at their lodgings to friends who had come to bid them farewell. An evident change had taken place in the behavior of the prisoner, who affected to be obsequiously attentive to his friend. But the principal witness for the prosecution was an old game-keeper, who, for many years, had been in the employ of the deceased, and who seemed almost overpowered with grief. He stated that on the fatal night, while sitting in the kitchen, smoking his pipe in company with a woman who acted as chair-woman in the lodging-house, he heard a noise in his master's room as if two persons were struggling. He alarmed the landlord, entered the room, which was open; a light was on the floor and still smoking, and the prisoner was found hanging over the bed—a bloody knife, which was known to belong to him, by his side, his hands bloody, his face pale, and betraying all the marks of a guilty and disturbed mind. The prisoner was skilled in anatomy; he had been heard to describe the quickest and surest way of destroying life; and the place of the wound corresponded with the description. Moreover, some notes paid by a banker to the deceased were produced in the court by a woman whom the prisoner had been seen to visit from all which proofs it satisfactorily appeared that this unhappy youth, corrupted by vicious company, had, by feelings of jealousy and the temptation of money, been instigated to murder his friend.

"While this melancholy detail was given, the prisoner appeared almost sinking under contrition and shame. When the case had been closed for the prosecution, the Judge, in the most impressive manner, called upon him for his defence. He stood up, and, after a short but violent effort to conquer his feelings, he addressed the bench with a voice, at first weak and tremulous, but afterward collected and full:

"'My Lord and Jury—You call upon me for my defence; I have none to make, yet I am not guilty. You have just heard a circumstantial account of an atrocious crime, supported by a weight of evidence which, I fear, will leave upon your minds no doubt of my guilt. But it is all wrong. The woman who has appeared in evidence, never received the money from me; it was my fear of the dangerous influence which she had acquired over him, that was the cause of the temporary coldness of my friend, and which his better feelings, and his confidence in the purity of my intentions, enabled him to conquer. My visits to the woman had no other object but to prevail upon her to break off her connection with him. As to that horrible night I will state all I know of it. I was awakened by a noise in my friend's room, which was next to mine. I listened, and all was still. Then I heard what must have been my poor friend's last dying cry, but which I thought was only the involuntary moan of disturbed sleep; still, a vague but irresistible feeling of alarm impelled me to the room. By a light that was dimly burning, I discovered my friend in the condition you have heard described. Here his voice faltered. I have no recollection of what followed. When I came to myself the room was full of people, but I saw no one. I saw only *him* who lay in that bed.

"'You have here a plain, unvarnished tale. I have no hopes that it will bear down the mass of evidence against me. I know I am the only one that can be charged with the crime. Still I must say, *pause*—beware of shedding *innocent blood*! May the Lord, in His unerring wisdom, move your minds as seemeth best to Him, for in Him is all my trust—man cannot save me.

"The jury, after half an hour's consultation, returned the verdict, Guilty! He heard it respectfully, but unmoved. Sentence was pronounced in the most impressive manner by the Judge, in a long and pathetic address, often interrupted by his emotion. He expressed no doubt of the prisoner's guilt, and lamented the abuse of talents, the corruption of a mind once innocent, and earnestly recommended the unfortunate youth to confess his guilt rather than really persist in protestations of innocence which could no longer save his life, and which precluded all access to divine mercy.

"The prisoner then arose, and never did I see a more expressive and commanding countenance. It was no longer the despondency of fear and the gloom of hopelessness, but the triumphant, yet calm and modest look of one about to receive the crown of martyrdom.

"'I bow in submission,' said he, 'to the judgment of my country, and, though I die innocent, I return my thanks to the Venerable Judge who has just pronounced the awful sentence, for the Christian tenderness with which he has treated one seemingly so deeply involved in guilt as I am. The jury, as men, could have returned no other verdict; far be it from me to murmur against them; my doom was sealed in heaven. May the sacrifice of my life atone, if not for a crime of which I am innocent, at least for the many faults which I have committed. It is impossible not to recognize in this the hand of the Supreme Disposer of events. I did at first cling to life, and cherished fond hopes that I might yet be saved, and restored to my beloved father, and the esteem of good men; but I think I am now resigned to die, with a firm hope, that if my days are cut short in the prime, if my hopes of honor and happiness have been blasted, and an ignominious death is to be my lot, it is wisely and mercifully decreed, in order to redeem me from the errors into which I have fallen, to purify my soul from those feelings of self-applause and pride which had made me seek human praise rather than peace with God.'

"During this affecting address the hall was hushed to perfect stillness, and it was scarcely concluded, when the deep, solemn silence was broken by these words: 'I thank thee, O God, he is innocent!' This exclamation, which struck upon the hearts of all, proceeded from an old man who sat not far from me, and who had *fallen on his knees* in the attitude of prayer, his hands convulsively grasped together; his lips were moving, but his eyes were shut. It was his father. A young and beautiful girl had thrown her arms around the old man's neck, and hung on his breast, pale and motionless. The prisoner started at the well known voice, and instinctively sprang forward toward them, but he recollected his position, and, with a look which went to my heart, sat down, and a flood of tears came to his relief. It would be difficult to paint the effect which so melancholy a sight had on the assembly; tears flowed from every eye. Even *the jailor*, who came to lead the youth to the condemned cell, appeared affected.

"The execution was to take place the following Monday. My late and respected uncle, whose life's work is to visit the gloomy dungeon, and to shed on the still deeper gloom of benighted souls the beams of Christian truth, was unremitting in his attentions to the young Scotchman. But he told me that he went there not to administer, but to receive; and that *the edifying* behavior, the simplicity and resignation of the interesting youth, left no doubts of his innocence to all who visited him. Efforts were made, but too late, too save him. The day came. My uncle took me with him to the prison. At that time I was young and very thoughtless, but I received there an impression which neither years, nor sorrow, nor joy have effaced, and which will remain to my dying hour.

"On reaching the scaffold, the condemned man ascended the platform with a firm step, *supporting*, rather than *supported*, by his father. He addr ssed a few words to the crowd, told them he was innocent, that he hoped his innocence would one day appear, but that he was resigned to die, trusting to the mercy of Him who died for all men. After this, the father and he kneeled down in silent prayer—no words could have expressed the feelings of their souls; then, while the executioner was adjusting the rope and covering his eyes, they sang a psalm together, in the most heart-rending accents. The crowd was still as death, and nothing was heard but these last supplications of the old man and his son mournfully ascending on high. The song ceased—the living mass below heaved back with a simultaneous motion of horror—the happy soul had fled.

"A few days after, while the poor father was yet too weak to bear the fatigue of a journey, the seizure of a house breaker led to the detection of one of the darkest plots that was ever contrived by guilty man. The ruffian, knowing there was no hope for him, confessed that he had been introduced into the house by the old game keeper, and committed the murder according to his directions. The father heard this account with little emotion. 'I knew,' said he, 'my son was innocent—I shall soon be with him. Still I am glad, for his sister's sake, that the world knows it; but it could not appreciate, it could not feel the dignity of innocence.'

"This calamity excited universal sympathy. Government offered to settle a pension *on the old man; he rejected it with disdain.* 'Shall I take the price of my son's blood?' said he. They sued for him, respected his sorrow, and pressed him no further. A simple and elegant monument was erected over the bodies of the two victims, recording in a few words their miserable end. The old man returned to Scotland, where he died not long after his arrival; and his daughter soon after followed him to his tomb."

The Office Seeker.

The following is from an old story, by J. K. Paulding, the novelist, and first went the rounds of the press thirty years ago. It represents a conversation between a member of the Cabinet and a hanger-on for office, and is suitable for the present time:

The Secretary was called from his bed one cold winter morning, to attend to business of the "utmost consequence." He found a queer, long-sided man, at least six feet high, with a little apple head, a long queue, and a face critically round as rosy as ripe cherry; and the following conversation ensued:

"Well, my friend, what situation do you wish?"

"Why, any, I'm not very particular, but somehow or other, I think I should like to be a Minister. I don't mean of the Gospel, but one of them ministers to foreign parts."

"I'm very sorry, very sorry, indeed, there is *no* vacancy just now. Would not some other place suit you?"

"Why-y-y," answered the apple-headed man, "I wouldn't much care if I took a situation in *one* of the departments. I wouldn't much mind being a Comptroller, Auditor, or something."

"My dear sir, I'm sorry, very sorry indeed, but it happens, unfortunately, that all these situations are at present filled. Would not you take something else?"

My friend stroked his chin, and seemed struggling to keep down the soarings of his high ambition to the present crisis. At length he answered—

"Why-y-y, yes; don't care if I get a good Collectorship, or Inspectorship, or Navy Agentcy or anything of that sort."

"Really, my good sir," said the Secretary, I regret exceedingly that not only all these places, but every other place of consequence in the Government, is at present occupied. Pray, sir, think of something else."

He then, after some hesitation, asked for a clerkship, and finally the place of messenger of one of the public offices. Finding no vacancy here, he seemed in vast perplexity and looked all around the room, fixing his eyes at length on me, and measuring my height from head to foot. At last, putting on one of the drollest looks that ever adorned the face of man, he said:

"Mister, you and I seem to be built pretty much alike; *hain't you got some old clothes you can spare?*"

ANALYSIS OF THE BIBLE.—The following analysis of the Old and New Testaments is taken from an exchange—it will no doubt be interesting to our readers:

Books in the Old Testament	39
Chapters	929
Verses	23,214
Words	592,439
Letters	2,728,100
Books in the New Testament	27
Chapters	260
Verses	7,959
Words	181,253
Letters	838,380

The Apocrophy has 183 chapters, 6,081 verses, 152,185 words.

Whole number of words in the Bible, 3,718,065.

The middle chapter, and the least in the Bible, is Psalm 117.

The middle verse is the 8th of Psalm 117.

The word "and" occurs in the old Testament 35,543 times.

The same in the New Testament also occurs 10,684 times.

The word Jehovah occurs 6,855 times.

The middle book of the Old Testament is Proverbs.

The middle chapter is Job 29.

The middle verse is 2d Chronicles, chapter 20, 17th verse.

The least verse is 1st Chronicles, chapter 1, and 1st verse.

The middle book in the New Testament is 2d Thessalonians.

The middle chapters are Romans 13 and 14.

The middle verse is Acts 17, 17th verse.

The least verse is John 9, 35th verse.

The 21st verse, chapter 1, of Ezra, has all the letters of the alphabet.

The 19th chapter, of 2d Kings, and chapter 37 of Isaiah, are both alike.

ONE OF the Radical candidates for the Legislature in Choctaw county, had a little boy about fifteen years old who fell in love with, and engaged himself to one of the neighboring girls. His father, hearing the facts, hunted the young man up, and finding him at his lady-love's house gave him a good whipping and sent him home. The little fellow started on his way crying, and met one of the neighbors, who inquired what was the matter. The little fellow replied that his father had whipped him because he wanted to marry. "Why, my son," said the neighbor, "I would not care for that—plenty of time in five years for you to marry." "Yes, but I do," replied the little fellow, blubbering; "I've got a chance to marry a white gal now, and the way dad's going on, I'll have to marry a nigger."

DEAD DRUNK.—One day last week a man in New Lima, Ohio, emptied a barrel containing about half a bushel of cherries which had been soaked in whiskey. The cherries were eaten by one of his hogs. The next morning he found his hog dead, as he supposed, and accordingly hauled it some distance and rolled it down a steep bank. Imagine his surprise at seeing his hog appear in the evening, having recovered from its drunk.

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Political History of Erie County.

The county of Erie was organized in 1800, being a portion of what was formerly Allegheny. Crawford, Warren, Venango and the other North West counties were organized at the same time. The first court in Erie county was held in 1803. The first newspaper was the *Mirror*, commenced May 21st, 1809, by Geo. Wyeth. Of the journals now in existence, the Gazette was the first established, its publication having been commenced by Jos. M. Sterrett in January, 1820. The Observer was first issued in May,