THE OBSERVER.

LOCAL, LITERARY & MISCELLANEOUS.

"Sharp Practice in Erie."

[illegible] head the *Knickerbocker* magazine—that fa[illegible] of jokes "good, bad and indifferent," but [illegible] former—contained not long since an anec[illegible] habitation of which was here, and hence [illegible] baptismal appellation of "*Sharp Practice* in [illegible] *Knickerbocker* anecdote two or three of our [illegible] whose identity, however, shall be nameless, [illegible] purchase of a mill property, "unsight un[illegible] tree of smaller growth trade knives at school [illegible] property, by the by, turned out, like a great [illegible] golden dreams, "not all their fancy painted it," [illegible] speculation—not the mill—a decided "sell." [illegible] mill, though fully entitled to be counted *sharp*, [illegible] in professional keenness with the follow[illegible] *Kettle*. If our readers will take the trou[illegible] they go up or come down State street some [illegible] will see a large mettle kettle, rusty with the [illegible] winters, lying a few rods north of one of [illegible] which one we wont say, though we call it, [illegible] Well, it was over the manufacture and sale [illegible] piece of "hardware" that the "sharp prac[illegible] we refer took place. Thus locating the scene [illegible] we will premise by saying that our reader knew, [illegible] that in this state a defendant, in a judge[illegible] upon a contract, is entitled to have $300 [illegible] exempted from sale on execution; and to [illegible] can compel the officer proposing to sell to sum[illegible] and have that amount set apart for his [illegible] behoof." So much for the law; now for the [illegible] Mr. L. a soap boiler, doing his country ser[illegible] made a contract by letter with Furnace & [illegible] a soap kettle at a specified price, and like [illegible] made for a person here. In due time Mr. L. [illegible] that his kettle was done, and he came after it. [illegible] however, he found it was one third [illegible] the pattern and held no more; and hence, on [illegible] it was not seen a kettle as ordered, he re[illegible] Furnace & Co. were not satisfied with his [illegible] preferring Uncle Sam's mettle to their own, [illegible] the matter as a compliance with the con[illegible] part. Thus resolved they brought suit before [illegible] Dogberrys for the price of the kettle; of [illegible] judgment—issued an execution and, [illegible] other property of L's, levied on the kettle [illegible] we suppose, to sell and bid it in for a nom[illegible] hold the balance of the judgement over [illegible] circumstances became more prosperous—[illegible] a stake, for the soap boiler procured the [illegible] a large gentlemen who, in addition to being [illegible] in his profession, enjoys a practical joke [illegible] a rest as he does a liberal fee. When, there[illegible] went to make a levy upon the aforesaid [illegible] a notice that the defendant claimed [illegible] him by law, and directing that officer to [illegible] that amount for him before he proceeded to [illegible] much as the soap boiling defendant had no visi[illegible] but the *Kettle* plaintiffs had unwittingly made [illegible] was compelled to return the execution [illegible] having defendant the undisputed owner [illegible] "for which, however, he had never paid [illegible] "*sharp practice*," we'd like to see some [illegible]

[illegible] urges, with a good deal of earnestness, [illegible] Hall. We cheerfully acknowledge [illegible] of the suggestion, and hope the matter [illegible] "until we have the Hall; still we have [illegible] that it will require something more than [illegible] to our city popular and scientific Lec[illegible] Hall would have to be filled with an appre[illegible] remunerating audience, and that is just what [illegible] furnished yet. Look at the audience with [illegible] Elder was honored last winter. He is one of [illegible] popular lecturers in the country. No, no, there [illegible] besides the Hall wanting. Dan Rice, a run[illegible] a Barnum, will attract an audience, but a [illegible] scientific Lecturer" won't "draw" in Erie. [illegible] and sorry we are that it is!

[illegible] SOLVED.—The body of Miss Emma Moore, [illegible] disappearance, a few months since, caus[illegible] sensation in Rochester, was found under the [illegible] place, on Monday, by a boy drawing water, [illegible] identified by her ear-rings and bonnet. In re[illegible] event, the *Democrat* says that it is now evident [illegible] the victim of a heartless seducer, that no man [illegible] doubt. In consequence of her fall, and apprehen[illegible] coming shame, she either destroyed her own [illegible] was taken by some one else who had an equal [illegible] concealing her disgrace. There will be differ[illegible] on this subject.

[illegible] evidence we have seen yet that Spring is at [illegible] way. Messrs. CLEMENS & CAUGHEY are piling [illegible] at their establishment on State Street, for [illegible] trade. Bales, boxes, barrels, and sacks—goods [illegible] and goods that are not dry—are being stored [illegible] with their customers as cheap, if not a little [illegible] transportation, than the same articles can [illegible] New York. By the by, we could never un[illegible] economy of country merchants traveling all [illegible] New York to lay in a stock of Groceries, when [illegible] just as well and cheaply served here by this [illegible] expense of a trip to New York is something, [illegible] dangers of travel something more all which can [illegible] looking in at CLEMENS & CAUGHEY'S, two [illegible] Post office.

[illegible] readers will not imagine "*A Day in* [illegible] chapter of which we gave last week, [illegible] dreams a day in the "Sleepy Borough." [illegible] Burg-master Van Dam ever had [illegible] interfere in any of the Burgomasters of [illegible] Borough. With this caution, we advise [illegible] Day in Sleepstadt." Its characters are [illegible] day life not only here but wherever pom[illegible] find a habitat."

[illegible] Mayor Laird's Inaugural Address in to[illegible] Mayor, it will be seen, is square [illegible] the questions of the day affecting our [illegible] Temperance, &c. &c. In regard to Tem[illegible] the enforcement of existing Laws for the [illegible] selling, he pertinently and we think [illegible] upon Temperance men—especially those of [illegible] to his aid, and bear a part of [illegible] the effort necessary to accomplish the [illegible] They do it? We shall see.

[illegible] knew Meadville was famed for mean [illegible] but didn't it could produce men mean [illegible] of the trick played off upon the Edi[illegible] *Democrat* on Friday last, at the Borough elec[illegible] *Democrat* is a consistent opponent of Know [illegible] it has fought that party from the start, and [illegible] does in the good work. To ruin its influence, [illegible] Editor in a false position before the Democ[illegible] State, however, this secret oath bound [illegible] nomination, and elected him to a petty [illegible] office. The Editor says when first ap[illegible] fact that his name had been placed on the [illegible] ticket, he was disposed to treat the matter [illegible] designed to repay him for the uniform [illegible] courtesy he had ever evinced towards the [illegible] right he believes many of the Know [illegible] election. But he has been assured [illegible] men among them had a different [illegible] intended to use it to his prejudice at [illegible] run, if possible, at Washington. Now, [illegible] a meaner trick than this can be found [illegible] Meadville, and outside the ranks [illegible] sin, we'd like to know it.

[illegible] among the appointments to the new [illegible] Lieut. H. B. FLEMING, now station[illegible] Lieut. is an "Erie county boy," [illegible] Fleming of Elk Creek. He graduated [illegible] 1852, and was immediately ordered to [illegible] where he has seen service ever since.

[illegible] Ward Beecher says: "I never knew an [illegible] hard working, prudent man, careful of his [illegible] complained of bad luck. [illegible] bad habits and good industry, are im[illegible] the man is of all the ill luck that fools ever [illegible] Beecher never said a truer thing in all his life.

[illegible] Nullings and Whigs carried the municipal [illegible] Reading on Friday, by a considerable majori[illegible]

[illegible] *Girard Republican* has ceased to exist, and the [illegible] Girard is a flourishing village, [illegible] of the county can and would sup[illegible] if properly conducted.

[illegible] Fire Co. No. 2, paraded, on Thursday, in a [illegible] handsome uniform—one of the hand[illegible] think not introduced into our city. In the [illegible] had, and of course enjoyed themselves [illegible] of the event," at least we hope so, for they [illegible] that I wear the brass!! rings.

[illegible] Saturday was St. Patrick's day "in the mornin'," [illegible] a stiff! Pat did we see on a tra, at all at all;" [illegible] evidence that it was the day of days that an [illegible] drapeau in!

[illegible] life of Greeley, Wykoff and Barnum is now [illegible] added the life of Bill Poole. Already a New York [illegible] house is preparing the material.

NEW YORK.

Correspondence of the Erie Observer.

NEW YORK, March 17, 1855

Probable death of Nicholas—Baker's escape—the Legislature on a spree—St. Patricks day—Business—Swindling, &c. &c.

The news received by the Africa of the death of the Emperor Nicholas of Russia needs confirmation before it can be implicitly relied on. The Russian Minister at Washington having received intimation of the event, pronounces it a hoax. It is, however, probable that he has no better means of judging than others. The memory of the hoax of "the death of Emperor Napoleon," and the "taking of Sevastopol," leads many to suppose that speculators may be at the bottom of this also. The short time elapsing between the report, and its knowledge throughout England, favors the suspicion. Supposing it to be true we have yet no reason to believe that it will secure the immediate cessation of hostilities.

Baker, the murderer of Poole, is still at large, although Justice Stuart, assisted by a portion of the Police, has made active exertions to secure him. Various rumors are daily received of his whereabouts. A steamer did not leave for the purpose of overtaking him on board the vessel bound for the Canary Islands, on account of the expenses of the trip. It is generally believed that he left the Isabella Jewett, and is now in New Jersey. Several of the Police have interested themselves in assisting his escape. Baker was formerly a police officer himself. Lithographs of Poole disgrace many a shop window, and a publisher announces a life of William Poole, soon to be ready, hoping to make a few dollars by the excitement.

The members of the Legislature who have been on a three days visit to the public institutions of this city have returned to Albany having seen "the elephant"—drank champagne, and got into a row and made their foolish speeches. The enemies of the Maine Law could not have devised a better method for defeating the measure now before the Senate than by the means adopted during this visit. Many who have been considered temperance men have drank their wine because nothing else was to be had. This visit has been of no service to the city or state but has lowered the Legislature in the eyes of the people.

A paper is in circulation endeavoring to obtain means to purchase the Crystal-Palace as a market. It will cost about $200,000, one third its original cost.

Almost every day this week it has either rained or snowed, and this, St. Patrick's day, it does both—and the streets are as muddy and sloshey as can well be imagined. It was feared that the Irish who do honors this day to their patron saint would end the day by fighting and a row generally. Several military companies are under orders to appear if necessary. If the rain continues it is probable no disturbance will occur.

The last production of the late Wm. North, who committed suicide, called the "Slave of the South," has just been published by H. Long & Bro. The tragic end of this unfortunate genius will invest this book with peculiar interest to all who knew him, or the circumstances. It is quite a readable book, and will no doubt meet with a large sale.

The banks grant all the discount required from customers. Business is good—hard times have passed, and the merchants expect a good spring and summer trade. Our hotels are filled with strangers from all sections of the country. It needs but a few days of pleasant weather to make our streets look as gay and business like as during the most prosperous seasons. The Shoe and Leather Dealers Bank has bought the splendid marble building near the Irving House, and will remove there shortly. This building was erected by the late Central Bank, for their own use, but were obliged to wind up their affairs before it was finished.

The Kansas League is very active in its operations, and intends to send a large number to this territory during the spring and summer. They render good service to those desiring to emigrate to the West.

Good deal of swindling has been carried on in this city and Brooklyn, under the garb of charity. A gentlemanly-looking person calls at a house and asks for the lady, and while waiting selects a few cards and marks on them a sum which he says the parties have given to the object, and at the same time solicits their patronage. He presumes they are acquainted with those parties who have subscribed, and which at once takes, and they generally succeed. An individual, however, missed his figures in one instance, in presenting the cards of two persons who were in a foreign town.

E. H. Fletcher, who brought an unsuccessful suit for libel, against Norton's *Literary Gazette*, has moved for a new trial. ERIE.

RIVALRY.—Boston, proud of her literary fame, delights to be called the "Athens of America," while New York, swelling with commercial and monetary importance, glories in being considered the "Metropolis of the New World." Thus far the taste and pride of the two cities do not accord; but there is a point in which they do and now is the time they are exhibiting it. In crime. Both cities show an aching desire to seek notoriety in wholesale pilfering mean objects. The "Athens of America" will be remembered, was into hysterics over Burtons anti-slavery pinery-woods negro, and now New York, to get the start of her, has put on mourning for the [illegible] of Pants "bruiser"—a rowdy pugilist. Which, in a [illegible] deep depth," it could take a Dutch policeman to determine.

"SAM" CAUGHEY.—The [illegible] *Herald* says that an individual, called for short Sam Caughey, has a stack of black cats. "Midnight in a [illegible] was examined in the Police Court on a charge of stealing [illegible] $60 from an Arkman, and in default of bail was committed to jail. It is supposed to be the veritable notorious "Sam" that picked up such a shindig in New Hampshire!

The *Herald of Freedom*, [illegible] organ of the Abolition league, Kansas supports Governor Reeder. We conclude from this that he is not very friendly to Southern interests.—*Wash. Star.*

No sign at all. The Editor of the "*Herald of Freedom*" published a paper in these parts before he went to Kansas, and he exactly like ninety-nine of every hundred of the slavery haters of the North—a loud mouthed pretender, who don't care "shucks," for the negro, if his love is in the way of his interest!

FREEZING A CAT.—The Connaughtville *Courier* tells a good story about the attempt of a son of the Shamrock isle to freeze a cat one of the bitter cold nights this winter. The honest Hibernian had enduring the war raging between his neighboring Toms until his patience was "exhausted entirely," and then, sans coat, sans pantaloons, and sans every thing but shirt, he made a decent upon the belligerants, and succeeded in catching one. In the mean time Patrick's better half became alarmed at his prolonged absence, and set out on a "voyage of discovery" with as little preparation against the cold, as did her husband. Upon walking about half way around the dwelling, she discovered him she was in search of, and thus hailed him.

"Oah! me darlint, an' what are ye doin' all the blessed time since ye wint out?"

"Sure," replied Pat, standing erect, with his arms stretched out, and grasping with both hands the ears of an enormous mouse-hunting "don't ye see, *I'm frazin' the d——d cat till death!*" It is not related whether the Irishman succeeded in "frazin" the cat, or the cat the Irishman!

— In Mainesburg, Tioga county, Pa., the Know Nothings dissolved their council, burned their charter, books and papers, and tied their funds to the poor.

On Saturday last, the New York Assembly passed a bill authorising towns in Cattaraugus and Chautauque to subscribe to the capital stock of the Erie and New York City Railroad.

We think the "oldest inhabitant" never saw a worse storm in March than the "clerk of the weather" gave us this week. And then, too, it come upon us without a moments' warning; not even giving a premonitory whistle round a corner, or an alley.

They have set up a dog excitement out in Warren county, and the result will be that Warren county sausages will be "dog cheap" ere many days.

The Connellsville *Courier* says that Mrs. Eli Rowe, of Pennline, few days ago gave birth to a child who weighed *nineteen pounds and three fourths!* When is the next baby show to be held?

We are glad to see by the last "*Constitution*," that the wounded honor, as well as the ambition, of the *temperance* candidate for Sheriff in the West Ward, is satisfied. On Saturday he acknowledged to us that, until within four months, he had indulged in the "critter" too much! On Monday he threatened us with libel suit; and on Wednesday he appeared over his own signature in the cold state of the Shanghai organ, and calls us a "black guard." It's wonderful what a soothing effect the privilege of appearing in print over one's own signature has; and what trouble it does relieve one of. We return the Proprietor of the "*Constitution*" our grateful acknowledgements.

FIRE.—On Thursday evening last the Bark House, attached to the Tannery of Messrs. Wm. B. & J. W. Hays, of this city, caught fire, and was burnt. By the exertions of the Firemen and citizens the Tannery itself was saved with slight damage. Loss about $800—no insurance.

— A sad occurrence took place at the fire on Thursday night last. A man name Nicholas Welch, employed in Sennett & Co.'s Foundry, took such a quantity of liquor that he died from the effects during the night.

PHILADELPHIA.

Correspondence of the Erie Observer.

PHILADELPHIA, March 19, 1855.

Rebellion in Australia—Moral Dramas—A Nation of Japan—Bill Poole's Escape—Death of Nicholas—Lecture on Fashion—The Loganian Library—The Police after the Gamblers, &c., &c.

The steamship Africa brings a report that the people of Australia had rebelled against the British Government and issued a Declaration of Independence. As it purported to have been received by the overland route from Ceylon, it was thought by some to be merely an exaggerated account of trivial Colonial difficulties, invented for the purpose of operating upon the public sentiment of Europe, to weaken confidence in England. While the statement, therefore, should be received with caution, there may be some truth in it, as a very large portion of the people of Australia have for some time past shown a strong disposition to emerge from the chrysalis condition of Colonial vassalage, and to establish a "free and independent" Government *a la Americaine*.

We should regard this as one of the most glorious results that could possibly result from the present war. Since England and France, by their intrigues and diplomacy, have combined with the Austrian and Italian despots, to fetter the spirit of freedom on the continent, it would be but a fitting rebuke if she should pluck the richest colonial jewel from the proud British crown.

"Moral dramas" have been so much the rage that Harris, the lessee of the Chestnut Street Theatre here, has actually ventured in bringing out a dramatized version of Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress, in which all the leading characters of that great allegory are represented. We shall next probably go back to the old periods of the Spanish stage when the most sacred scenes and subjects of the Bible were served up to pious audiences. It is certainly bad taste, and it is to be hoped that the public taste will have too keen a perception of the fitness of things to patronize it extensively.

Among the curiosities brought home by the United States steamship Susquehanna, from her recent trip to Japan, is one of the natives of that country, a young man of about twenty-two years of age, who is the first Japanese ever seen in this part of the United States. He is sprightly and intelligent, and has made considerable progress in the English language. The people of Japan differ very much from, and in most respects are far superior to, those of China. The officers of the Susquehanna speak in high terms of them, and feel imagine that the era of their exclusiveness has forever passed away, and that hereafter their intercourse with us, and probably with other commercial nations, will be quite extensive.

One of their most striking traits of character is their wonderful curiosity, which far transcends even that of a Yankee or a woman. Bayard Taylor relates that the Russian prisoners who were confined in Japan a few years since, were questioned day after day, for hours at a stretch, until they asked the authorities that the punishment of death should be inflicted upon them, as far preferable to being incessantly bored by the inquisitiveness of their jailors and visitors, which not only extended to every act of their lives but every place they had visited, and the history of all their acquaintances, with minute inquiries as to all the furniture of all houses they had ever visited, &c.

The New York papers having recently stated that Baker, the murderer of Poole, had left the Isabella Jewett on her way down the river and returned to terra firma, and that there was a strong probability that he would endeavor to reach this city, and from here attempt to escape to some distant portion of the country, our lynx-eyed folks have been sharply on the look out for him, and woe be to the man who comes near answering to his description. Information has already been conveyed to the Police of the Nineteenth Ward, Richmond, that he recently landed in a ship which arrived here from New York, and rumors are rife of his appearance in various quarters of the city, or as some have it, of his arrest. They are probably untrue, at least it is known that our own Police have not captured him, but a story is afloat that a Baltimore Independent Policeman is in hot pursuit of, and either has arrested or very soon will arrest him.

The reported death of the Emperor of Russia has excited great commotion. Many persons remembering the false report of the fall of Sebastopol, entirely disredit it, and a despatch to the Baltimore *Sun*, asserting that the Russian Minister at Washington pronounces the report a hoax, would seem to give some color to his opinion. Still the presumption is very strong that the news is correct. The ties of consanguinity between the Courts of St. Petersburg and Berlin would insure the early reception of such important intelligence at the latter place, and Lord John Russell would scarcely have telegraphed it from that point to the English Government, without having received his information from the most reliable sources. If true, it must act as a most powerful incentive to peace.

Park Benjamin is lecturing in this city to large houses. I heard its lecture on Fashion. It is a poem, full of pointed satire against the devotees of that capricious Goddess. Her male and female votaries were by turns held up to the ridicule of the audience in a masterly manner. His description of, and ironical advice to a dandy, was capital—One would think it was that curious animal was thus potentially given.

"A tailor's sewing-thing, wandered from his shop."

The extensive library of Edward D. Ingraham, Esq., who died a few months since, is advertised for sale on the 20th inst. It forms the largest private library in Philadelphia, and contains 15,000 volumes. Mr. Ingraham was quite a bibliomaniac, the greatest passion of his life was the accumulation of rare books, engravings, autographs, and other literary curiosities. His collection embraces works on all subjects, and contains many rare editions of standard works. Such, for instance, as a copy of the original edition of Shakspeare's works, printed in the seventeenth century. Some idea may be formed of its extent, by the fact that the printed catalogue and supplement of works on sale, contains 250 large pages. Mr. Ingraham was a member of our bar of some eminence, and was almost as much noted for his brilliancy of wit and readiness at repartee, as for his love of books.

Many anecdotes are told of his powers at sarcasm. On the occasion of his last appearance in Court, he had as an antagonist one of our most learned lawyers, and the case being near ply contested, there was some display of feeling. Mr. Ingraham reserved his fire until his closing speech. In the course of it he had occasion to allude to the value which labor bestows upon raw material, when he said:—"Your honor, here is a sheet of paper—a piece of raw material, whose value is at most, say one cent. But, sir, let a legal gentleman like my learned antagonist, Mr.——, write an elaborate and careful legal opinion upon it and how immensely it rises in value! Why, sir, from being worth one penny it would increase one hundred per cent, and be worth at least *two cents!*"

The police made a descent the other night upon one of our fashionable gambling houses, in consequence of a stranger having made oath before an Alderman that he had been fleeced out of $700 at the establishment the night before. They found a faro bank in full operation, with some twenty-five or thirty visitors, who were nearly all gentlemen who occupy respectable positions in the city. The place was very fashionably fitted up, and is located in Chestnut street, a few doors east of Tenth. At eleven o'clock every night an excellent supper was served up, with the choicest viands of the season. It has been in operation for some years, and there are others here of a similar character, which any stranger can find access to in twenty-four hours, but which, of course, our "vigilant policemen" are supposed to know nothing about.

Our markets have not recently undergone any important change. Beef cattle sell at the exhorbitant rate of from $10 to $13. Flour commands $9 12 to $9 25 per barrel; Rye Flour, $6; Corn Meal, $4 12½; Wheat sells $2 15 to $2 30; Corn, 90a92c.; Oats, 54a55c.

PHILALELPHIA.

The susceptible Editor of the *Gazette* has had another attack of school-boy sentimentalism—brought on by "seeing a bride, *fresh* from the altar," who "looked well." Indeed, our cotemporary gives it as his decided opinion, founded upon observation, we suppose, that no matter how much of a pug nose, or a squint, a bride may be blessed with, still "there is a *something* that softens the expression and gives a *peculiarly* truthful, loveable 'cast' in lieu of the one they were wont to wear." Wont our sentimental cotemporary just tell us what that "something" is, that has such a "peculiar" effect? Is it this—

Jennie sighed, and Robin squeezed her
Pretty little trembling hand,
Then with outstretched arms he seized her
Half reluctant form, and——and——

"Loose me!" but he clasped the tighter—
"Jennie say, wilt thou be mine?"
Then her bright face grew much brighter,
And she whispered, "I am thine."

Then they clasped each other fondly,
Close together as two bricks,
And they kissed each other soundly,
And——I left them in that fix.

— Orasmus Turner, a well known editor and publisher of several local histories of the western counties of New York, died on Wednesday morning in Lockport. He was for several years Postmaster at Lockport, and at the time of his death, editor of the Niagara *Democrat*.

— *James Parks, alias James Dickerson*, who was indicted for the murder of William Beatson on the 13th of April, 1853, at Cayahoga Falls, O., was sentenced on Monday last, in Cleveland, to be hung on the first day of June next.

PRESIDENT PIERCE AND COL. BENTON.—The correspondent of the New York *Evening Post* says:

When Col. Benton was being tried in the furnace of affliction by the burning of his dwelling, the President called on him and tendered to him a home and the hospitalities of the White House. This was too much for the stern old Roman, who could defy a world in arms against him, but melted to tears at such a consideration and kindness from the President. He declined with suitable expression of gratitude, accepting, however, the proffered use of the library and manuscripts.

CALIFORNIA.—On the 16th February, the Senatorial Convention adjourned, *sine die* by a vote of 69 to 44. Those voting in the minority were principally the friends of Dr Gwin, and the majority comprised whigs and various factions of the democracy.

The news from Kern river is of an exciting character. The accounts from the newly discovered diggins represent the miners as doing remarkably well, some say averaging from $10 to $20 per day. The steamers for San Pedro—the nearest point of disembarkation for the mines—go down crowded with passengers.

The *Alta Californian*, Feb 26th says: The shipment of gold will probably be about $200,000. The shipments for several weeks will probably be small, on account of the stoppage of the great banking houses, which have heretofore bought half, if not more than half of the gold shipped from this State. These houses bought last year not less than $25,000,000 of gold dust in the mines. If these houses should go down their places will not soon be so well supplied.

A CARD.

Wm. B. Hays & Co. would respectfully tender to the Firemen and the citizens generally, their grateful acknowledgements for the efficient aid rendered in suppressing the fire upon their premises on Tuesday evening. Had they been less efficient, there is little doubt our loss would have been much greater. Erie, March 23, 1855

DIED.

Died on the 14th inst, in this city, after a brief illness, BENJAMIN F COATES, aged 30 years, 1 month and 3 days. He leaves a wife and four children to mourn. He was a kind and affectionate father, a good citizen, and useful man.

On the 12th inst, at her residence in Erie, of pulmonary consumption, Mrs. MARY L. BRYANT, consort of J. M. Bryant, aged 34 years and 9 months.

A long and intimate acquaintance with the subject of this notice constrains the writer to say, that in her *life* were exemplified, in more than an ordinary degree, all the characteristics *of* the affectionate wife, the tender mother, and the sincere and steadfast friend, and who *triumphantly* vindicated in her last hours the truth and the reality of the religion of Jesus Christ. C.

In Le Boeuf township, on the 2d inst., Mr J. LENNOX, in the 84th year of his age.

DISSOLUTION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the co partnership heretofore existing between the subscribers, under the firm of SANNER & SCHLRAFF, was this day dissolved by mutual consent. All persons indebted to said firm by note, book account or otherwise, are requested to come forward and settle the same on or before the 1st of April next, up to which period the books may be found at their present stand in Perry Block. The business will be continued by Mr. Sanner. JACOB SANNER

Erie, March 14, 1855 4w URAS SCHLRAFF

For Sale or to Rent.

A GOOD STEAM SAW MILL, in complete running order, five or six miles from the city, will be sold at a bargain, and terms easy, or, if preferred, will be rented for two or three years. Also, will be sold to the person buying or renting, 400 Saw Logs, laying near the Mill. Inquire of ALLEN A. CRAIG,

No. 1, Hughes' Block, Erie, Pa.

March 15, 1855. 4w

For Sale Cheap.

A FRAME Cottage House, and one half acre of Land, near the village of Wesleyville, Erie county, Pa., is offered for sale very cheap, for ready pay. The House is well constructed, and convenient, and the lot has upon it a fine lot of Fruit and Shrubbery. Altogether it is a fine opportunity for a good bargain. For terms apply to the subscriber. A. FULLER.

Wesleyville, March 10, 1855. 2t42

FRUIT.—Raisins, Currants, Citron, Prunes, very cheap at Jan. 6 STERRETT & GRAY'S

THE FARMER'S HOTEL,

CORNER OF FRENCH & FIFTH STREETS, ERIE.

ROBERT RIGABY, Proprietor.

This House has been refitted and refurnished by the present proprietor and is now ready for the reception of visitors. Strangers and Travelers furnished with every convenience for their accommodation. Extensive Stabling attached. Erie, Dec. 27, 1854 3m

KENNEDY'S MEDICAL DISCOVERY.—A supply of this valuable remedy just received by Erie, March 10, 1855—43 BURTON & HERRON

SASH. The subscribers have made arrangements for keeping on hand all sizes Window Sash, fitted ready for use, also Doors and Blinds made to order on short notice. March 10, 1855—4. BURTON & HERRON

WALL PAPERS

J. S. SELDEN Window and Retail Dealer in Paper Hangings, Window Shades, transparent do., Fixtures and curtain bands, cords, tassels, &c., having his

Spring Styles

of Paper Hangings now offers superior inducements to those wanting any thing in his line. His stock comprises Papers of every grade, foreign and manufactured expressly for himself, and he feels confident from his experience in the trade and his knowledge of the tastes of this community that they cannot fail to suit. Call and see. Erie, March 10.—43

APPLES!

STERRETT & GRAY would beg leave to inform their friends that they have received a large and choice supply of R. I. Greenings which they will dispose of on the most reasonable terms. Erie, Feb 10, 1855—39

GRAHAM FLOUR.

ALWAYS on hand, Graham Flour, also the best brands of Erie County Flour at SILLS'S

Erie, Feb 10, 1855—39

SUGAR CURED HAMS.—A choice lot of Sugar Cured Hams and any quantity of Shoulders at SILLS'S Grocery Store

Erie, Feb. 10, 1855—39 No. 5 Cheapside

POWDER.—200 Kegs, all qualities, Canon, Blasting and Kentucky, Rifle Powder, Canister and Flask Powder, for sale at the same place that every thing else can be had cheap. Oil Champion, at STERRETT & GRAY'S.

Erie, Feb 10, 1855—39

FLOUR.—The best Erie county Brands of FLOUR can always be found at SILLS'S Grocery and Tea Store. Any Flour bought of us we warrant to be of the best quality or the money refunded. Dec 16, 1854 31

Great Bargains In Ladies Furs.

NOW is the time to buy a set of Furs cheap. In order to close out this branch of trade for the season, the balance on hand will be sold very cheap, regardless of cost. Do not miss this opportunity of getting a bargain. Come and price them, and judge for yourselves. Call at No. 8 Brown's Block.

Dec 30, 1854—33 JOHN H. WARREN.

I SAY FRIEND,

What Has Caused this Great Commotion in Town?

I HAVE just opened a new Drug Store, at No. 4, Wright's Block, where I am opening the largest and best assortment ever offered in town, consisting of Drugs, Medicines, Confectionaries, Chemical Perfumeries, Surgical Instruments, Liquors for medical uses, Cigars and Tobacco, and also an assortment of India Rubber goods of the latest and most approved style. Also, Horse Liniments, Keir's Petroleum, Brown essence of Jamaica Ginger, Husband's calcined Magnesia, Cod Liver Oil, Rheumatic Drops, Tonic mixture, Healers of various kinds, Fancy Goods, and a great variety of other articles too numerous to mention.

Persons in town and country are respectfully invited to call and examine for themselves, at No 4, Wright's Block, where they will find low prices, new Goods, and a plenty of them.

Erie, Jan 6, 1854—34 DR A. THAYER

LOOK AT THIS.

KIER'S Petroleum or Rock Oil, like the water of the Mineral Springs, flows spontaneously from the bosom of the earth. It is a remedy for Tetters, Scald Head, Ring Worms, Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Burns, salds, and Piles. For sale at the Erie Drug Store, No. 4, Wright's Block

Erie, Jan. 16. A. THAYER

New Piano Forte Ware-Room.

Corner of Seventh and State Streets, Erie, Penn'a.

THE subscribers respectfully announce to the citizens of Erie and Western Pennsylvania that they have leased the store lately occupied by Dr P. Hall, and are now receiving their stock, which will comprise the largest and most valuable assortment of PIANO FORTES and MELODEONS, ever offered in this city.

We are agents for the most celebrated Manufacturers in the United States, among whom are Boardman & Gray, Chickering, Leigh, Newton & Bradburg, A. P. Gale & Co., and others equally eminent.

Our assortment will soon be complete, and we respectfully solicit the attention of purchasers to this fact; that we are prepared to sell Piano Fortes and Melodeons on more reasonable terms than has before been offered, and for durability of material, style of finish, exquisite tone and touch, they re unexcelled.

Second hand Pianos and Melodeons taken in exchange, and their full value allowed.

Particular attention paid to tuning repairing &c., by an experienced tuner.

P. S. Prof. Mann will soon commence a class on the Piano, Melodeon and Organ, of which due notice will be given.

A. C. DAVIS.
E. M. MANN

Erie, Dec. 8, 1854—1y49.

Wanted! Wanted!!

MONEY in exchange for goods at low rates in any amount will be received at my cheap Hardware store if offered soon. I would also gently remind those who know themselves indebted to me that a little of the needful would be very acceptable, and by offering some soon they will save cost.

Erie, Sept. 17, 1854—17 J. C. SELDEN.

JUST received by Express, another large assortment of ladies dress Goods, comprising Plaid, Striped and Changeable Silks, Fr. Merinoes, Thibet cloths, &c. S. JACKSON & SON

Nov 11, 1854. v6

BROOMS, Pails, Tubs, Wash Boards, Mop Sticks and Willow Ware in general, cheapest this side sunrise, at

Jan. 6. STERRETT & GRAY'S

North Western Insurance Company,

Office No. 76 Walnut Street Philadelphia, and corner of Fifth and State Streets, Erie

Charter Perpetual.

Assets liable for losses of the company $328,000. Fire Marine, and Inland transportation risks taken at current rates.

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Tea! Tea! Tea!!

THE greatest Tea Depot in the West, having been appointed Agents for the Boston Tea Company, we now offer the sweetest, purest and most delicious Hyson, Young Hyson, Imperial, Gunpowder, Young and Old Hyson, Hyson Skin, Souchong, Black Tea, by the chest, half chest or in 6 lb. caddies, or by the lb., for a saving to the buyer of at least 10 per cent. over the prices asking at any other place. Some fund of a good article of Tea for a very little money will do well to call at STERRETT & GRAY'S

Jan 1, 1855—34

TOBACCO, of all qualities. Pure natural Leaf, sweet Cavendish and Smoking, by the box, bbl, half bbl, or lb. papers, very low at Jan 6. STERRETT & GRAY'S.

(*From the New York Sun Advertiser.*)

GOOD NEWS! GOOD NEWS!!

These of our readers who have not tried that valuable preparation known as DR. JOHN BULL'S FLUID EXTRACT OF SARSAPARILLA, for the cure of the very many diseases with which mankind are afflicted, are requested to read the amazed testimonial forwarded to DR. BULL a few days since, by Jacob G. French, Esq., a gentleman long connected with French's Hotel of this city, and extensively known as a man of unblemished integrity, who would not endorse any medical preparation whatever, unless thoroughly convinced of its efficacy.

French's Hotel, New York, December 6, 1854.

DR. JOHN BULL, M. D.—Dear Sir: The immense practical benefit I have derived from the use of *your Fluid Extract of Sarsaparilla* induces me to recommend it urgently to all who, like myself, have been subject to that distressing malady, *Complaint of the Kidneys*. I have found your preparation all I could desire, and regard it as one of the best remedies within my own personal knowledge. Sincerely grateful for the health I have secured through your immediate agency, I beg leave to subscribe myself

Very respectfully, yours,
JACOB G. FRENCH

True American Office, New York, December 6, 1854.

DR. BULL, No 2 GRATE'S BUILDING, NEW YORK:—

Dear Sir: Being personally acquainted with Mr French, I take pleasure in superadding my corroboration to testimony of the cure effected in his case through the instrumentality of your invaluable compound. Having personally availed myself of the curative properties of your *Fluid Extract of Sarsaparilla*, particularly in the purification of the blood and the consequent anticipation of those universal disorders attendant upon the changes of the season, I would cordially recommend it as a family medicine which should be maintained in every household. A remarkable instance of the influence of your remedy upon the restoration of the frame, and the almost miraculous resuscitation of a body weakened to the last degree by the excesses of animal indulgence, occurred in the case of an eminent manufacturer in this vicinity, whose modesty and want of inclination, precludes him from a publication of the detailed circumstances of his afflicting disease, which threatened to determine into a settled case of premonitory leprosy. I am assured by him, that by the use of your *Fluid Extract* he has been completely restored to its former and correct enjoyment of unimpaired health.

Yours, sincerely,
THOMAS PICTON,
Editor of the True American, New York

ASTONISHING AND RAPID CURE OF SCROFULA.

We urgently request our readers to read attentively the following statement presented to Dr. JOHN BULL last St. John's Day, by WILLARD A. GOLDSMITH, Esq., of this city, and solemnly sworn to before a Public Notary. It exhibits the case of a gentleman who has been afflicted by scrofula *from his earliest infancy*. He had completely *exhausted* the skill of the medical faculty of New York, and was apparently a doomed man. A trial of *Dr John Bull's Fluid Extract of Sarsaparilla* has given him health, and he now recommends to *others* that valuable and potent remedy which has saved him from a premature grave. The original affidavit, to which is affixed the Notarial Seal of Henry C. Banks, Esq., before whom the deposition was taken, can be seen at Dr. BULL'S principal office, No. 2 Courtlandt-street (Gilsey Building), Near Broadway, New York.

STATE OF NEW YORK, }
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, }

WILLARD A. GOLDSMITH, being duly sworn, pursuant to law, deposes and says, that he resides in the City of New York, that he is engaged in the business of steel and copper-plate engraving;

That *Scrofulous Affections* have been hereditary in his family and hereditary, that all of his immediate relations have been more or less afflicted with it, and that he has not been free from the disease at any time since his earliest recollection; that being in much bodily pain, and prevented from attendance to business, he tried many of the physicians, but found no substantial relief.

That about three months since *Dr John Bull's Sarsaparilla* was recommended to him as possessing some qualities which would relieve his diffed ties and purify his blood.

That after using this medicine for a short time, a feeling of improvement was manifest, and from that moment to this, a gradual but steady advance has been realized, and he is now not only entirely free from all pain, but is enabled to give his business all attention, and is enjoying better health than he ever believed was in store for him;

That he has a son, and *Sarsaparilla of Dr. Bull* in his family with similar results, and believes it to be the best purifier of the blood that can be used, and as a general tonic medicine *with out an equal*.

That he can and does, with *the most positive confidence*, recommend the use of this medicine to *all* who may be similarly afflicted.

And further this deponent saith not.

(Signed) W. A. GOLDSMITH

UNITED STATES