Disasters on the Lakes in 1855.

Capt D P DOBBINS, General Inspector of the Board of Lake Underwriters, has prepared for the Underwriters' Convention in session at Buffalo, a statement of the marine losses upon the Western Lakes for the year 1855. The total loss of property is given at $2,821,529, against $2,187,525 in 1854—an increase of $633,704; and the total loss of life at 238, against 119 in 1854—a decrease of 1. The total number of disasters in 1855 was six hundred and three, of which two occurred in the month of January, two in February, two in March, eight in April, forty five in May, thirty seven in June, thirty five in July, seven-teen in August, seventy four in September, one hundred and, forty-eight in October one hundred and forty-three in November, twenty six in December, and thirty five dates not given.

Three steamers, seven propellers, six barques brigs, thirty-eight three-schooners and nine have gone out of existence during the year, making a total of 58.

Even with the enormous aggregate of loss given above, Capt Dobbins states that the loss of property is under the mark, and when complete returns are received, will be found to exceed it. The aggregate losses of property on the western lakes during the past season is the large number of steamvessels lost, principally propellers, comprising nearly thirty three per cent. of the whole aggregate value of property destroyed.

THE BLACKFEET INDIANS.—The Commissioner of Indian Affairs has received a letter from Indian Agent Hatch which states that the Blackfeet Indians, together with other tribes in their immediate vicinity, are all amicably disposed towards the government, and desire to follow the advice of the Indian agents placed among them. The Indians entered into a treaty with the United States on the 17th October last, the stipulations of which it is thought, will be faithfully adhered to. This agency is fourteen hundred miles from the nearest post office east of the Rocky Mountains.

Guilt Work, Mirrors, Lamps and Trimmings.

ELEGANT Gilt Oval, Hollow Back and Square Portrait and Picture Frames, Gilt Mouldings from 6 to 24 inches wide, Pier and Mantel Mirror Plates, a large assortment of Lamps, Chimneys, Globes and Shades, and a large assortment of Lamp Trimmings, Globes and Shades for sale low. [dec 1-1855—3m] M'CALL & CO.

Guns, Pistols and Cutlery.

DOUBLE and Single Barrel Guns, Colt's Revolving Pistols, Shot Pouches and Belts, Powder Flasks, Bags of all kinds, Gold Caps, Rifles, Sheets, Ramrods, Worms, Pocket Knives for sale by [dec 1-1855] M'CALL & CO.

NOTICE.

THE partnership or joint business of Cook and Kelly is dissolved and settled by the subscribers. All persons indebted to them are required to settle up and pay without delay.

The Ice and General Teaming business will be carried on by Hiram Cook as usual and contracts will be entered into by him for the season.

Erie, Jan 12, 1856—3w3t COOK & KELLY.

House and Lot for Sale

THE subscriber offers for sale his house and lot on which he now occupies, situated on State and Second streets. The house is new, now finished and will be sold on easy terms.

Payments one third in hand and the balance in one and two years. For further particulars inquire of the subscriber on the premises or of S. S. Negley, Esq., on the 6th street. WILLIAM POTTER.

Erie, Jan. 12, 1856

Strayed Cattle.

CAME to the farm of the subscriber on Section No. 2, two Heifers, one red and white, the other a gray or lune cow, two years old. The owner are requested to come and take them away. M. SHANK.

Millcreek, Jan 12, 1856

MERIT vs. BRAG.

DO YOU WISH A GOOD PICTURE?

DOUBTLESS every one who reads this notice desires to have the most perfect likeness of himself or friends that can be taken. If so, we would say to this end, we would advise you to call at the room of the subscriber, and judge for your own good judgment rather than that of a committee, whether such committees are in the employ of the Erie County Agricultural Society, or in the employ of any other society. We would also caution the public against pictures, to let merit, not brag, decide the choice in selecting an artist. Pretenders can play upon two or three "golden strings," and even quote poetry, and sometimes even prove that good Daguerreotypes are made in a "twinkling" from their so-called "extensive establishments in the Galleries." And yet we would not have the public be too hard upon the "Agricultural Society" as it, because, "where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise," or, in the language of a favorite poet, when describing one of his pretensions

But it some justice to ascribe to chance
The wrongs we might expect from ignorance
None can the mounds of the creation blame
We therefore must their right to it allow
When born too low to reach at fame
'Tis rather his misfortune than his crime.

The undersigned would, therefore, say to those in want of a good Daguerreotype to call at the room over the tween Brown's Hotel and the Reed House, where the best pictures, the best assortment of cases, and best sky light in this city. Do not be induced by the language of an eloquent southern lecturer on the "sciences" and you will find that a brag and a pretender "plays upon a harp of five hundred strings," and that like his *pictures*, there is not one of them true.

Erie Jan 12, 1856—3m H. ABEL

William Evans } No 22 August Term 1855
vs
Lydia Ann Evans. } A. S. Subpœna in Divorce

WHEREAS, William Evans did on the 8th day of February 1855 prefer his petition to the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Erie, praying for a divorce from the bonds of matrimony therein set forth that he might be divorced from the wife Lydia Ann Evans.

Therefore notice is hereby given to the said Lydia Ann Evans to be and appear before the Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas then and there to be held in the county aforesaid on the first Monday in February next, to answer to the charges preferred.

J. KILLPATRICK, Sheriff.

Erie January 12, 1856 4w6

James Marshall } No. 23 Nov Term 1855
vs
Jane Marshall } Alias Subpœna in Divorce

WHEREAS James Marshall did on the 8th day of January 1855, prefer his petition to our Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Erie, praying a divorce from the bonds of matrimony therein set forth that he might be divorced from his wife Jane Marshall.

Therefore notice is hereby given to the said Jane Marshall to be and appear before our Judges at the said Court of Common Pleas then and there to be held in the county aforesaid on the first Monday in February next, to answer to the charges preferred.

J. KILLPATRICK, Sheriff.

Erie January 12, 1856. 4w6

SHERIFF SALES

By virtue of various writs of *Venditioni Exponas* issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Erie county to me directed, will be exposed at public sale, at the Court House in the city of Erie on Monday the 25th day of February 1856 the following described pieces or parcels of land, viz:

All the right, title, interest and claim of Lewis Reed of in and to the following described piece of land situated in Union township, and bounded and described as follows, viz: Beginning at a post on the south side of Cranberry street, at the distance of 264 feet east of the intersection of said street with the east line of Reed street, thence southward parallel with Reed street 264 feet, thence eastward parallel with Cranberry street 132 feet, thence northward parallel with Reed street 264 feet to Cranberry street, thence westwardly along the same 132 feet to the place of beginning, containing nearly 80 thirty feet to the pole, be the same more or less, excepting and reserving thereout and therefrom one acre of land sold to the Erie and Pittsburgh Railroad Company, and also excepting and reserving thereout and therefrom a piece of land sold to the Methodist Episcopal Church, on which the church edifice now stands, and also excepting and reserving thereout and therefrom a piece of land sold to the Methodist Episcopal Church, on which the parsonage now stands. Taken in execution at the suit of Jacob Zimmerman.

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