OBSERVER.

...cal, Personal and Miscellaneous.

$3,000 Erie Money.

...wanted in payment for debts due this office.

...ELEY'S LAST DODGE.—We have heretofore ...d the fact that Greeley, of the New York *Tribune*, ...commenced a prosecution for libel against J. W. ..., Editor of the Cleveland *Plaindealer*. The ostensi... ...se of this prosecution is that the *Plaindealer* charg... ...Greeley, during the last presidential campaign, with ...g received a goodly slice from the Mariposa estate ...the support of Fremont; and with receiving a fee of ...d for services rendered in lobbying the bind grant of ...Des Moins improvement company through Congress. ...we repeat, is the nominal offense committed by the ...tor of the *Plaindealer* against his Republican highness, ...ACE GREELEY; but that it is the *real* cause, no one but ...blind fool will for a moment imagine. Greeley don't ...enough for his "good name" to make such an ass of ...self as to prosecute a brother Editor for libel; besides, ...s libeled people enough himself—is doing it every ...—s to know that if libel prosecutions is the game, it is ...se the *Tribune* establishment can be invited to play ...day in the week. Neither is it to vindicate the ...ty of the offended law that Greeley has all at once ...e a "moral reformer." It will be recollected by most ...ders, we presume, that during the last session of Con... ...n one of Greeley's letters from Washington, he ...ly stamped the Hon. Mr. Rust, of Arkansas—for ...offense the enraged member from Arkansas, took ...st opportunity to cane the doughty "bran-bread phi... ...ther" like a dog; and, although Rust was immediately ...ed, and held to answer for the assault, Greeley utter... ...fused to appear against him, and thus insure his con... ...n and punishment. So that it cannot be for any re... ...the "philosopher" has for the majesty of the law that ...pells him to commence this prosecution. That is ...e offense: but the head and front of GRAY'S offend... ...e suppose that he has labored somewhat diligently to enlighten his brother Postmasters with regard ...eir official duties, and to prevent them from ...ming the services of clerks to the *Tribune* without ...That our readers may understand this clearly, we ...ere remark, that the *Tribune* is furnished to subscri... ...20 cents cheaper where it is sent in packages to clubs ...ut the names of the subscribers written on the pa... ...ches, in effect, making Post Masters, who suffer ...eives to be thus made tools of, *Clerks* for the *Tribune* ...ishment, and that, too, without compensation. This ...e, by which Greeley was "putting money in his ...," at a round rate, is in direct contradiction to the ...of the Department; and the *Plaindealer* took ...per opportunities to impress the fact that it was so ...the minds of country Post Masters. By this policy ...ble the *Tribune* has lost a large number of ...bers. In addition to this, Mr. GRAY has contended ...a good show of propriety, that Western newspaper ...has a better right to the patronage of Western men ...the immense newspaper monopolies at the east, and ...he eastern publishers are not a little more honorable ...r competition, publishers West will have to resort ...mmar policy in self defense. The circumstances ...are probably the real cause of this prosecution, and ...this affair is resolved into no more personal or ...al matter. As a cotemporary justly remarks, the ...country press is interested in it. Every publisher ...in this or the Western States, has to labor against ...fluence of mammoth eastern journals which are fur... ...d to Western people at prices which would not pay ...r SINGLE ARTICLE OF PAPER alone, used in printing.

And the canvasser for a newspaper is told that the ...he or some other eastern paper containing a dozen ...the amount of matter of the humble Western sheet, ...obtained at half the price. And if Western editors ...t allowed the privilege of GRUMBLING occasionally, ...time they knew it so as to avoid libel prosecution.—...ect that this matter bids fair to be one of considera... ...nsequence, will excuse us for giving it so large a space ...columns. We will wait and see whether Mr. Gree... ...s his $10,000. When he gets it we hope he will di... among certain humble country publishers, who ...suffered from Eastern monopolies.

NEW CANDIDATE.—The Meadville *Journal* is out ...trong article, urging the nomination of ALFRED ...COOPER, Esq of that county, as the Republican ...ate for Governor next Fall. So far as political ex... ...goes, it cannot be seriously contended that Mr. ...s a solitary qualification. He is a lawyer of fair re... ...and an amiable, courteous gentleman; but it requires ...ing besides these to qualify a man to *fill* the Exec... ...of the great State of Pennsylvania. She has ...graced by an imbecile—a nonentity—for two years, ...time she had something more substantial. But ...think Mr. H. stands the ghost of a chance to be ...tioned in the Republican convention—it is only ...Democrats, like Cameron, Hamlin and Fremont, ...ve consideration at the hands of this old party in ...e. So, Mr. *Journal*, your nomination won't be ...rd—mark that!

REGULAR.—The Railroads have been more or less ...d with snow all the week, consequently the mails ...been very irregular; and consequently again, our ...s is irregular as the mails. We have made the best ...e could of a pile of old newspapers, and hope that ...ptable we spread our readers may not be as fresh, ...ever quite as substantial and reliable as ever. You ...ance make a good paper with nothing but old ex... ...s to call from, than one of our fashionable milliners ...manufacture a modern lady out of six penny calico ...cotton lace.

ANOTHER FIRE.—The Conneautville *Courier* states ...another fire occurred near that place the other day, ...it indicates from the circumstances attending it, that ...incendiarism was at the bottom of it. It says: "The ...saw-mill and car factory, belonging to GEORGE MC ...NEY, of Conneaut, two miles south of Conneaut... ...the Linesville road, was burned on Friday morn... ...last week. The engine boiler and some other ma... ...ry was saved. Loss about $2,000, with no insurance. ...he fire originated is a mystery. The mill had been ...for some time, but on the day previous repairs were ...made and a slight fire was kindled in the mouth of ...e, which, however, was thought to have been entirely ...ished on leaving the mill in the evening. The fire ...ed out of the car factory, a long distance from the ...and no signs of fire could be discovered between the ...

...HY LYLE; OR, LIFE AND EXISTENCE. A Novel. ...E Marryatt.—We are indebted to the publish... ...arrett & Co, New York, for a copy of this ...Those who used to be delighted with the pleasant ...of Mr. MARRYATT will welcome this volume from ...e of his daughter; and although it is written in a ...ent vein, and calculated to amuse and instruct quite ...ent class of readers, as well as a different generation, ...ry the unmistakable signs of that genius which used ...e the Captain's stories so immensely popular.

...ale by J. J. Lintz, Park Row Book Store!

...KE'S SON.—The New York *Tribune* commenced ...e the other day with—"It is a trite remark, but ...the readers of newspapers have frequent occasion ..., that truth is stranger than fiction." The *truth* ..."trite remark" is illustrated in the fact that the ...Republican papers of the country are more numer... ...the circulation much larger than Democratic ...ers, in this sense, "*truth is stranger than fiction.*"

We acknowledge the receipt of one dollar from ...D McC." of Philadelphia, for the benefit of the ...family mentioned by us two weeks since. "But ...ount of these is Charity."

The muscles of the human jaw produce a power ...four hundred and thirty four pounds.—*Exchange.* ...Power of the human jaw is something that cannot ...mathematically demonstrated; it is incalculable.—*Ed. Obs.*

...ps it so, it explains why so no people can never "hold ...w."

The last kink in the fashionable world of New ...is station two policemen at the entrance of the ...ment room when "upper tendom" gives a party.—...ut we suppose will be to examine the pockets of the ...when they retire to see that they hav'nt got any of ...ny silver in their pockets.

...T.—According to a table published in the *North ...*, giving the names of the members of the present ...ature, the curious fact is demonstrated that there ...no "gentlemen" connected with the two houses in ...ct of social religion—one members of the Senate, ...the House, and one, the Speaker) at Arlington, among ...ers. All the rest are mere Mechanics, Merchants, ...ers, Farmers, &c. &c. This is a very deplorable ...of affairs—very!

...there is a law in Virginia which very properly ...s every man who gets married to give security for ...upport of his wife and children, if he should have neg... ...there are scores and hundreds of men married every ...who have no reasonable expectation of supporting ...ly, and who do not consider their inability to do so ...ality of a second thought, we think the Virginia ...ight to be adopted by every State in the Union.

The National Hotel in Washington, caught fire ...last morning. But little damage was done.

WEST SPRINGFIELD ACADEMY.—This deserved... ly popular and progressive institution closed its first term under present management on Friday last. In accordance with previous arrangements the exercises were conducted in a thorough and public manner. Although a heavy rain prevented a fully full report of proceedings, our space permits only a mere outline.

Assembling to programme, the proceedings of the day were inaugurated, on the part of the students under the direction of their fidelity, by public exercises in elocution, which were commenced by all highly creditable. At 1 o'clock P. M. a large concourse, consisting of trustees, faculty, students, and patrons of the institution, and citizens generally, assembled at the Academy and marched thence in procession to the Universalist Church, in the following order:

1st. G. Hard, Esq., *President*; Rev. J. E. Forrester, Orator of the day. Rev. L. Rathbun, Officiating Clergyman.

2d. *Vice Presidents*, Hon. M. Hutchinson, Girard; Hon. J. B. Johnson, Erie; Hon. H. A. Hills, Albion; James Williams, Esq., Erie; Henry Teller, Girard; Loren Gould Conneaut, O.

3d. *Trustees*, Messrs. Z. Thomas, Nathan Gould, Seymour Devereaux, John Kegley, N. Blickensdafer, George Ferguson, Lake Thayer and Samuel Rea, sen.

4th. *Teachers*, Mr. John A. Austin, Principal; Miss Isabella Williams, Assistant.

5th *Students*, 1st, Ladies. 2d. Gentlemen.

6th. *Patrons* and citizens.

The committee of arrangements consisted of Messrs. G. J. Mershon, H. Mallory, Wm. H. Baldwin, Lease J. Squires and A. Dewey.

Marshall of the day—Mr. Nathan Mershon.

The comparatively spacious and commodious church, before mentioned, was filled to overflowing by an intelligent audience who listened attentively for nearly an hour to an address from Rev. Mr. FORRESTER, replete with learning, eloquence and practical teachings. Not the least interesting part of the exercises was found in the music by the choir, formed, as we understand, of young gentlemen and ladies attached to the Academy. The melodious accompaniment performed by fairy fingers enchanted attention and elicited the highest encomiums.

We close our remarks at this time by merely saying that the principal of this institution, Mr. AUSTIN, bears the reputation of being unsurpassed as a literary and scientific preceptor, and is alike distinguished for his social and moral qualities. Miss Williams, in point of scholastic attainments, is perhaps unequalled by any lady in the county of Erie, and in every respect eminently qualified for the post of a teacher of which profession she is an amateur. The institution is located in one of the most beautiful villages in the West, in an exceedingly healthful locality and in a community distinguished for intelligence, morality and general prosperity.

THE WEATHER.—Dispatches from various quarters give a dreary picture of snow drifts, high winds and ice bound business. In Boston, Philadelphia, and New York, Sunday night there prevailed the most tempestuous storm known for years. The streets were blocked with snow, and R. R. trains have been impeded ever since.

☞ We have been favored with a copy of the Report of the Surveyor General. It is an able and satisfactory document and places in a clear light the business transactions and condition of the department.

DIED.—Norris M. Woodruff, Esq., father-in law of Henry Cadwell, Esq., of this city, one of the first citizens of Jefferson county N. Y. died in Watertown last Friday. He was one of the wealthiest and most widely known men in Northern New York. His family is one of the first in Watertown, in point of wealth, enterprise and respectability. He commenced life in Watertown when that flourishing village was a mere "huddle," as a tinsmith in a small way, and on the spot where stood his little tin shop, now stands one of the largest hotels in the State—the "Woodruff House." His disease we believe was apoplexy. Mr. W. was subject to fits of insanity, and during a portion of last year he was a sojourner at the Lunatic Asylum in Utica, N. Y.

MUSICAL.—We understand that a Musical Festival is soon to be held in this City, under the direction of Prof. H. B. BRADBURY, who is by all acknowledged the head of the Profession. The plan for this drill and musical entertainment is entirely new, and as we learn calculated to please and benefit all. Old and young, singers and not singers, parents and children, city and country, all can have have an opportunity to participate.

Prof. B. has no equal in conducting an affair of this kind, and we bespeak a great turnout for him. It will be remembered that Prof. B had charge of a Musical Convention two years since, held at the Presbyterian Church in this City, which closed up with much eclat. Particulars as soon as arrangements are consummated.

☞ We invite attention to Clark & Baldwin's advertisement of "The Cheapest Paper in the World." We thought we offered the *Observer* pretty cheap, but the "*Monthly Budget*" takes us down.

☞ Banks thrown out at Chicago, January 17, 1857:

Stock Security Bank,	Danville,	Ill.
Prairie State "	Washington	"
People's "	Carmi	"
Rushville "	Rushville	"
Gramercy "	Lafayette	Ind.
Shawnee "	Shawnee	"

Look out for them!

☞ We call attention to the following notice of Chapman & Co.'s Exhibition of Chemical Dissolving Views of Egypt, the Holy Land, &c., &c. It speaks for itself.

The Exhibition will take place in this city on Monday Evening next, at Park Hall.

Chapman & Co.'s Exhibition.—On Wednesday and Thursday last our citizens had the pleasure of an attendance upon the above excellent entertainment. The audiences were large, and manifested the highest degree of satisfaction with the performance. It is a well-known fact that we have been so overrun with strolling *cosphonist* companies that people have been led to distrust everything in the shape of Exhibitions; but a few such ones as this would rid people of such impressions.

We had heard and read so much of Chapman, as an Ventriloquist, that we attended one evening and became satisfied (like the Queen of Sheba) that the half had never been told. The Ventriloquial answers seemed to come from all quarters, with perfect ease and distinctness of enunciation. He would at times imitate four distinct voices, during one scene or experiment. The Dissolving Views were varied and interesting, and combined with the Ventriloquial feats, presented an entertainment rarely equalled and never excelled by one of its kin.—*White Hall Rep.*

Lumber Yard Removed!

THE Subscriber has removed his Lumber Yard to the foot of French Street,—East of *James Reed*, where he is prepared to pay the highest market price in CASH for the following kinds of Lumber:

4/4 in. White Wood Boards, 10 & 12 ft. long,
7/8 " " " " Clear Plank, " " " "
3X5, 5X6, 7X7, 8X8, White Wood Columns, 10 & 12 ft. l.
4/4 in. Sycamore Boards, 10 & 12 feet long,
4-4 " " " 12 & 15 inches wide, 10 & 12 feet long.
4-4 " Cherry Boards, 10 & 12 feet long.
4-4 inch White Wood Boards, 10 & 12 feet long.
3 & 4 in. thick " " Clear Plank, " " " "
16, 18, 14, 2, 22, 2-4 in. thick, 14, 16, 18, 20, 18, and 19 feet long.

Erie, Jan 17, 1857. E. L. MASON.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE.

BUSINESS LOTS! WATER LOTS!

BUILDING LOTS AND WOOD LAND!

THE undersigned is authorized to sell on reasonable terms, a Lot on French Street, (adjoining J. S. Barrett's grocery store,) 22 feet front 134½ deep, running back to an alley.

A Lot on west side of State Street, between Third and Fourth streets, adjoining Reed's Block of frame stores, fronting 100 feet on State street and running back 150 feet to an alley.

An eligible building lot on south side of Fifth street, between French and Holland streets, part of Th Lot 227, fronting 33 feet on Fifth and 166 feet deep, having a number of bearing fruit trees thereon.

Water Lot, No. 74, between State and Peach streets, adjoining S. Jackson's lot and Walker & Co's Warehouse.

150 acres woodland in Girard township, near the Lake Pleasant and Waterford Plank road, southeasterly from the seven mile post.

40 acres in Summit, west of Sapphire, adjoining D. F. Way's farm.

A building lot on Canal (12th) street, east of Grimes street.

Also, lot No. 1277, on corner of Holland and Eighth streets, having a large frame house, well will of water, &c.

Also, 100 acres of woodland in Summit township, adjoining Isaac Anderson's and Michael Henry's farms.

Good titles will be given for the foregoing well known property.

For terms apply to JAMES HILL.

Erie, Jan. 10, 1857.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

ALL persons knowing themselves indebted to Blake's Bonnet Rooms, will please notice the same more on the 12th of Feb... ...uary next. As about to be a "*new arrangement* and the Books must be settled. By so doing "you will oblige."

Erie, Jan. 11, 1857. T. R. BLAKE, Proprietor.

Wreck of the Golden Gate and some of its cor...

[illegible] Gold, being subject to Duty and Damage of Refinery, especially in the fall goods, also brought on the most severe and distressing sea that [illegible] has troubled with an almost incessant cough and the most difficult and laborious breathing.—I had free resources to my usual remedy, the Cherry Pectoral, but this time it failed to afford me any more than very partial relief.—In this distressing condition I was advised to make use of Dr. BALSAM OF MYRRH, administered in the form of a powerful cough mixture. I accordingly purchased a bottle of it, and, to make a short story of the matter, I will say that I never felt any [illegible] of my cough, [illegible] and which thinks that may be attributed as I was to [illegible] Medicines but resort at once to DR. D. ... Sold by [illegible]

Marine Hospital of the Lake Resolution of Thanksgiving Sunday. Jan. 10, 1857.

FURNITURE WAREHOUSE.

CHEAPER THAN THE CHEAPEST!

THE undersigned [illegible] additions to his already large and [illegible] Furniture, Chairs, Tables, Bedsteads, Bureaus, Wash Stands, Dressing Bureaus, Mattresses, Looking Glasses, Carpets, Oil Cloths, Window Shades, Cradles, Cane Seat Chairs, Rocking Chairs, Fancy Chairs, Rocking Chairs, Children's Chairs, Mahogany Chairs, Cane Seat Sofas, Mahogany Sofas, Mahogany Tables, Extension Tables, Card Tables, Dining