

**A GIANTIC BALLOON.**  
A London paper says: Over the Ashburham Gardens, in the county of Devon, a balloon of unparalleled dimensions, and which, from the peculiarity of its accompanying machinery, seems likely to acquire a remarkable place in the history of aeronautical science, is nearly spherical in shape; it is ninety feet in diameter; it is capable of receiving 288,000 cubic feet of gas, and has a lifting power of eleven tons. Its magnitude will perhaps be brought more distinctly home to the imagination of our readers by the statement that its receptive capacity of the balloon is which Mr. Glaisher made his important experiments, and which was, we believe, the largest one ever constructed in England, held only 98,000 cubic feet of gas, or about one-fourth of the quantity for which the new aerial monster can be inflated. But the balloon to which this immense power may be applied is perhaps more remarkable than more likely to lead to valuable as well as interesting results. It is a self-inflating balloon, from its elastic and unmanageable properties, has hitherto been little better than huge and costly toys. The present balloon is placed in an important respect, under human control, through its connection with the solid earth by means of a rope and pulley system, and by a string, and to this circumstance, it will be easily understood, it owes its name. This cable is worked by steam engines, and is fastened to the ground by a device of its own, and is capable of being inflated to the extent of eleven tons, which is about two tons more than would be usually required to lift thirty persons, the number of persons to be accommodated. The gas which is to inflate the vast machine, and which is pure hydrogen, is worked by a steam engine of two horse power, and produces and for its manufacture some two hundred thousand pounds of sulphuric acid and one hundred and ten thousand pounds of iron sulphate, and is consumed. So costly and so delicate a work necessarily required some external protection, and an immense circular screen, formed of iron plates, was, about the public from the space within which the balloon rests. The balloon, with all its machinery, is French property, and has been fully devised and is almost exclusively worked by Frenchmen. It offers a prospect of the enterprise, as well as the skill of our brilliant aeronauts, and neighbors. It has, we have been informed, involved from first to last, an outlay of £28,000; and it is now proposed that some returns should be obtained for this investment by charging one shilling to each visitor, within the enclosure, and one pound to the aeronauts who ascend in the apparently safe and commodious car.

**The Agitator.**  
WELLSBORO, PENN.  
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 4, 1868.  
**THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION.**  
Unto God, our Creator, we are indebted for life and all its blessings. It is, therefore, because of all that He has done for us, and in the performance of our duty, that we have assembled here to-day, to enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise. For this purpose, and in accordance with an established custom, I have designated THURSDAY, THE 16th DAY OF NOVEMBER NEXT, and recommended that the people of this Commonwealth on that day, abstain from their usual avocations, and assemble at their chosen places of worship, to praise the name of God and magnify His gifts, and to acknowledge His mercies and His beneficent influence of grateful hearts.

rate of taxation is steadily increasing. The contrary is the exact truth. Tioga county, never more prosperous than this 4th day of November, 1868, pays not over one-sixth as much to the Government as she did 1865. The same is true everywhere.

**Administrators Notice.**  
LETTERS of Administration having been granted to the undersigned on the estate of Henry Sibley late of Tioga county, all persons indebted to or claiming against said estate, must settle with MARCIAN SIBLEY, Knoxville, Nov. 4, 1868. Adm'r.

**Roy's Drug Store**  
IS THE OLDEST  
**Drug Establishment**  
IN THE COUNTY.  
THE stock of Drugs, Perfumery, Dye Stuffs, Glass, Fancy Articles, PATENT MEDICINES, LAMPS, &c., is the most complete and carefully selected. THE STOCK OF WINES AND LIQUORS are warranted to be old, pure, and of a superior quality, and will be sold only for medicinal use.

**WELLSBORO INSURANCE AGENCY.**  
REPRESENTING THE FOLLOWING COMPANIES: VIZ:  
AMERICA INSURANCE COMPANY, HARTFORD, CONN.  
HOME INSURANCE COMPANY, NEW YORK, N. Y.  
INSURANCE COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA, PHOENIX, N. Y.  
HOME INSURANCE COMPANY, NEW HAVEN, CONN.  
PHENIX INSURANCE COMPANY, NEW YORK, N. Y.  
LYONING COUNTY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, WELLSBORO, PA.  
Which has an accumulated capital of \$8,808,019.49.

**Insurance Agency.**  
**WYOMING INSURANCE CO.,**  
WILKES-BARRE, PA.  
R. C. SMITH, Sec'y. W. S. ROY, Pres.  
W. T. REAR, Gen'l. Agt. L. D. SHOEMAKER, P. P.  
**CAPITAL AND SURPLUS, \$150,000.**  
THIS is the company for which Theodore H. Hatfield was lately agent, and policy holders who wish to renew their insurance are requested to apply to the subscriber.

**Cash for Dried Berries!**  
CASH for everything I buy, and I will pay you 10% more than any other dealer.  
**Flour,**  
FEEL, PORK, FISH, SALT, &c.  
Always on hand and for sale at the lowest CASH Price.  
All kinds of Produce bought and sold for CASH.  
N. B.—Don't ask for credit after this date.  
Wellsboro, Oct. 1, 1868. M. B. PRINCE.

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