

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

LICENSE NOTICE:—The following named persons have filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions of Elk county, their Petitions for License at the January Sessions next, agreeable to the Act of Assembly of March 2d 1863, entitled an "An Act to regulate the sale of Intoxicating Liquors," &c:

TAVERN LICENSE.

Mrs. J. T. Burroughs	Centreville.
Mrs. E. O. Clements,	Ridgwa.
Daniel C. Oyster,	Hellen, J.
C. Volk,	St. Mary's.
E. Boble,	St. Mary's.
Michael Gerg,	St. Mary's.
A. Fauchman,	St. Mary's.
Louis Arner,	Wilcox.

STORE LICENSE.

James Coyne,	St. Mary's.
J. Windfelder,	St. Mary's.
Joseph Wilhelm,	St. Mary's.

GEO. ED. WEIS, Clerk.
Ridgway, Dec'r. 10th 1864.

Information Free

TO NERVOUS SUFFERERS,
A GENTLEMAN, curek of Nervous Debility, Incompetency Premature Decay, and Youthful Error, actuated by a desire to benefit others, will be happy to furnish to all who need it (free of charge,) the recipe and directions for making the simple remedy used in his case. Sufferers wishing to profit by the advertisers had experience, and possess a sure and valuable remedy, can do so by addressing him at once at his place of business. The Receipt and full information—of vital importance—will be cheerfully sent by return mail.

Address **JOHN B. OGDEN;**
No. 60 Nassau Street, New York.
P.S.—Nervous Sufferers of both sexes will find this information invaluable.

(3 months)

By this Sign we Conquer.

"Whenever the way seems long,
Or the heart begins to fall,
We sing a more wonderful song,
And tell a more marvelous tale."

JANUARY 1, 1865.

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEW YORK MERCURY.

THE PRIDE OF THE FIRESIDE.

In the prime of a vigorous intellectual manhood, the Phoenix of the weeklies begins its flight for the new year, over the wrecks of its flagging and lifeless contemporaries, with its eye fixed upon the sun, beneath which it owns no rival.

The war, which has toppled down what ever it shallow and baseless, has written no wrinkle on the bright ægis of our success. Our features for the issue of 1865 shake the pillars of whatever has heretofore been deemed imperial in serial literature. Both sides of the Atlantic render us tribute. We shall continue the thrilling romances of

Mrs. M. E. BRADDOX, necromancer of the strong dark passions, to whom we pay more annually than the entire capital of our imitators, and add to our American staff the champion jester of the cap and bells, **JOSEPH BILLINGS**, who will commence with the first of January a series of his well known inimitable comic papers, written expressly for us, in his irresistibly convulsive vein. Harriet E. Prescott, the most polished and imaginative sketch-writer living; P. T. Barnum, the world-famed showman and autobiographer; Miss M. A. Earle, Fairfax Balfour, Dr. J. H. Robinson, and "Ned Buntline", renowned and versatile novelette-writers, will eke out the sparkling contributions of such facile poets, feuilletonists, humorists, critics, travelers, paragraphists, etc., as George Arnold, W. O. Eaton, Millie W. Carpenter, George Alfred Townsend, Julia S. Ingraham, Edward Willett, George Martial, Joseph Barber, J. A. Patten, and others numerous enough and clever enough to run all the newspapers on the Continent.

The vivid pencils of Darley, McLellan, and White, the first draughtsmen of the age, will make the new volume pictorial, and whatever of fugitive or meteoric note may appear during the year, will at once be engaged and made available.

In addition to its crisp and telling editorials; its delectable Gossipers' Club, in which the aptest and wittiest poems, caricatures, and burlesques of the time first appear; and its coquettish Ladies' Promenade, to which all the mothers, sweethearts, daughters, wives, and widows of the land subscribe their experiences, **THE NEW YORK MERCURY** will continue the faithful and elegant.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF POPULAR PEOPLE.

highly illustrative of the oldest, ablest and artful folk of the era; the Great Fashion Article, by Jennie June, whose sprightly notes upon the latest and most perfect New York modes are suggestive to leaders of society everywhere, and universally consulted doth in the metropolis and throughout the country; and commence a series of illustrated Sketches of Grotesque Adventure in Foreign Climes During the War, by Alfred Trample; as well as Hints upon Cookery, by Henry Gosling, the metropolitan *cuisinier*.

The first of the year will inaugurate the thrilling trigonol novelette by Doctor J. H. Robinson, entitled:

ALETHEE:

OR

THE CHILD OF THE CORD,

which will be followed by a splendid new story by Miss H. E. Braddon, written expressly for **THE NEW YORK MERCURY**.

Notwithstanding the upward march of every article of luxury and consumption, and our enormously increased outlay for the year 1865, the Star Paper of the Republic with its forty columns of sterling original matter, will continue to be issued at six cents a copy, and sold by all newsmen and periodical-dealer, in America. Its long and honorable history insures its subscribers against the casualties and fatalities which have swept so many mushroom journals off the board, and left their patrons disconsolate at the loss of their money.

To mail-subscribers our terms are:
Cash in advance: Single copies, \$250 a year; three copies, \$7; six copies, \$13; nine copies, \$20. The party who sends us \$20 for a club of nine copies will receive an additional copy free. Six months' subscriptions received. Canada subscribers must send twenty cents extra for each subscription, to pay the American postage.

Subscribers should be careful to write plainly the name of their post-office, county, and State. Specimen copies sent free to all applicants. Address,

CAULDWELL & WHITNEY,

Proprietors of the New York Mercury,
Nos. 48 Ann street and 113 Fulton street,
New York City.

We made the acquaintance recently, of a practical Oil operator from Oil Creek, who was stopping a day or so in this neighborhood. He assured us that every indication of Oil exists in the Clarion valley, and gave it as his belief that operations now going forward at different points on the Clarion, would develop Petroleum in sufficient quantities to make Clarion River a formidable rival of Oil Creek, for oleaginous fame. The recent discovery of so called Oil springs below this point, together with other facts brought to his notice on a tour of observation up the Clarion, convinced him that Petroleum exists in paying quantities in the valley of this stream.

We understand that our friend made exertions to secure some very desirably located lands both on the Clarion and Elk Creek, for Oil purposes, but found them already secured by local parties.

We are aware of an intense excitement relative to real estate on our stream for oil purposes, from its source to its mouth, and are informed that every acre of desirably located lands has been secured by parties from Oil Creek and the Cities. A number of Engines have recently passed "down the creek," and have been put to work at different points, from Maple creek to Spring creek. Great excitement prevails farther below and real estate has gone to fabulous prices, and yet finds ready purchasers.

Oil.—It is a pleasing task for us to notice that our own citizens have been overtaken with, the now prevalent "oil fever," which has caused so many strangers during the last few months to visit our place and county, for the purpose of securing oil rights.

Messrs. Houk, Cobb & Co., have lately purchased from J. S. Hyde Esq., a number of acres of land immediately adjoining town, including that portion where an oil well has already been bored to the depth of 250 feet for the purpose of boring for the hidden treasure. We wish them success and feel almost certain, that in a few months they will find the "critter."

☞ If you want any of the following articles, you have only to call at Schenck & Co., store in Centreville and you will be supplied.

Fresh Cove Oysters in Cans.

Airtight Peaches " "

" Tomatoes " "

Fresh Lobsters " "

Pickled " " "

200 Bbl's XXXX Flour just received.

Neglected Coughs and Colds.—Few are aware of the importance of checking a Cough or "Common Cold," in its first stage; that which, in the beginning, would yield to a mild remedy, if neglected, soon preys upon the Lungs. 'Brown's Bronchial Troches,' or Cough Lozenges, afford instant relief.

MOSS AND ELM CANDY.—This is an entirely new preparation manufactured by Berner and Burgess, Erie Pa., for the relief of Coughs, Colds, Throat diseases, Hoarseness &c. It is far superior to the majority of Cough candies now in use, and must take the lead. It is put up in neat and convenient packages, and is just the thing for the masses. Everybody will try it and after once using will never be without it. The great demand for it wherever introduced is a sure indication of its good qualities. It can be had of all dealers in confectionary.

Tennessee.

A Large Force of Confederates Marching on Fort Pillow—Terrible Slaughter of Negro Soldiers on the Mississippi.

St. Louis, Dec. 11.—The *Republican* publishes a special dispatch from Cairo, which says that considerable excitement existed at Memphis on the 9th inst., in consequence of a report that Bureaugard was marching on Fort Pillow, with a strong force and heavy guns, supposed to be intended to be used for the blockade of the river.

Oscelo has been occupied by a small force of rebels.

A party of about twenty-five rebels recently appeared on the river bank opposite Memphis, waving their hats and hurrahing for Jeff. Davis lustily. A force of about one hundred fifty negroes were sent on board a steamer, which landed about a mile lower down the river, and when they fled out on shore the rebels broke and ran, apparently in the greatest consternation, pursued by the negroes, until they came to a thick, bushy place, where the rebels had a large force secreted, who suddenly rose and fired on the negroes. The latter fled, hotly pursued and slaughtered at a dreadful rate by the rebels. A number rushed into the river and were drowned. One report says that only eleven negroes returned, while another says that none got back.

Riot at Toronto, C. W.

Toronto, C. W., Dec. 6.—The excitement in regard to the Fenian Brotherhood is revived and becoming more and more intensified.

Last night an Orange Lodge was broken open and all its property destroyed by the Fenians. Some fine portraits of her Majesty Queen Victoria were disgracefully mutilated.

The excitement to-day is running high, and fears of violence are entertained.

A Confederate General on Parole.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The rebel Gen. Beale has arrived in this city and reported to General Dix. He is released on parole from Fort Warren to act in conjunction with the Union Gen. Payne in the exchange of 1,000 bales of cotton from the South, for 30,000 blankets, for rebel prisoners in our hands.