The Advocate.

JOHN F. MOORE, Editor.

THURSDAY:

December:::: 5th, 1867.

Col. Dan. Rice.

We notice in several of our exchanges that the name of the gentleman who heads this article is mentioned in their columns as a candidate for Presidential honors. Without committing either the Democratic party or ourselves we would say in this connection that if patriotism and national pride of our country should be the test of a candidate's availability, then certainly Col. Rice would carry off the palm. We need not say any thing in regard to his immense popnlarity—it is a household word throughout the length and breadth of our land.

The following is the Colonel's platform:

"As by the people alone, without distinction of party, rebellion was crushed, so by the party of the people alone can the Union with all its countless blessings be restored.

In order to accomplish this, vindictive, fanatical, and dilatory legislation must be rebuked; the absolute right of each State to determine the qualifications of citizenship, under the Constitution maintained; corruption in office denounced and punished; honesty and the strictest economy in the administration of public affairs required; equalization of taxation imperatively demanded; the appointments of soldiers—particularly of those wounded or disabled in the service—to all Government offices the duties of which they were qualified to perform, conceded; protection for labor guaranteed; religious tolerance assured; and the rights of every citizen before the law defended and maintained.

☞The testimony of Gen. Grant, before the Impeachment Committee is by no means calculated to increase his chances for the Presidency among Republicans. Taking his testimony all through in regard to the Government of the Southern States, he is of the same opinion as President Johnson. His testimony shows that while the President wanted to have Davis, Lee and others, tried, he, Grant, steadfastly opposed it and recommended their pardon.

From Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.

THE IMPEACHMENT QUESTION.

Both the "impeachers" and "anti-impeachers" of the Radical party are hard at work preparing for the great conflict which commences on Wednesday. The former are endeavoring to secure a majority for their resolution, while the latter are marshalling their forces with the view of killing it as soon as it shall have been called up. The tone of the President's message, which is understood to be a rather strong document, may possibly drive a few week kneed Radicals into the impeachmeut trap, but beyond that the indications have not changed, and the better opinion seems to be that the scheme will be defeated.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The President's Message went in day before yesterday. It charges that the State of reconstruction is most unsatisfactory to the people. It declares that the upholding of negro governments in the South will cost two hundred millions per year. It says that of all dangers which our nation has yet encountered, none are equal to those which must result from the success of the attempt now being made to Africanize half the country.

The late elections admonish the Nation to retrace its steps. While the Executive should carefully refrain from interfering with the execution of the laws, a case might arise in which the President would be bound to take the high responsibility of his office and save the nation at any hazards.

He charges the great frauds in the collection of internal revnue to the workings of the tenure of office bill, which has prevented him from removing freely, and caused rogues to feel secure in office.

He has a long argument for a return to specie payments, and a strong argument also against the national banks.

He announces that a treaty has been made with Denmark for the cession of the island of St. Thomas, and thinks that the West Indies will gravitate naturally towards the United States.

He says that he has not accepted the arbitration proposed by England, concerning the Alabama claims; asserts the claims to be just; and says that England cannot refuse to settle them without violating the international law.

☞The initial number of the *Daily State Guard*, the new Radical paper at Harrisburg, has been received. It presents a neat typographical appearance—but in politics is blacker than the gates of Hades are said to be.

The President's Message was read before Congress yesterday.

The Normal School, Again.

It is now a considerable time since the noble and well conceived plan of erecting a normal school in this place, was first broached in our columns. Such an institution is most certainly to be established somewhere in this district composed of the twelve surrounding counties, relating to which our county occupies the most central and advantageous position. And hence, if we promptly act, our claim holds all others in abeyance. The feasibility of this project we say was fully set forth in communications by many of true well-wishers, but now with a feeling regret we notice that a general listlessness seems to prevail on the subject, and that not even the slightest measures are a taking toward its performance. What we ask, can be the cause of this self prejudicial inaction? Is it a fear that the necessary funds will not be forthcoming? It cannot be, for, as to this, there is not a grain of doubt in our mind. The State appropriates $15,000 and the district is to raise the sum of $30,000. Now the men who are expected to, and who will, principally assist in accomplishing the end, surely are not likely to do it unasked and without a word, when such men as ought to be *movers and leaders* remain idle and apparently careless. We will talk of the advantages of a lyceum where perhaps some Plato is destined to be bred; we will say that "Virtue and learning are endowments greater than nobleness and riches," but all to no purpose, if, as the Satirist says,

"We see the right and we approve it too—
Condemn the wrong, and yet the wrong pursue."

This is what stands between us and our grand desideratum. Some of our influential men seem to think, as it were, that the ponderous and powerful machinery of an engine should go into operation, when not even a fire is kindled!

It is thus with some of the men whose duty it is to take a part in this enterprise. If they would proceed as they ought to do, all necessary things would flow as a consequence. If, on the other hand, this golden occasion is allowed to slip, it is foregoing one of those brilliant opportunities whose like we never look upon again. To insure success, then, we must first *begin*. "*Dimidium facti qui caepit habit*," the beginning is half the work. Once that we are up and doing, *all the other things will be given*.

We for one, will perform the part incumbent on us, and discharge the duty that we owe, as every one owes, to the community; by apprising the county of all meditated movements, and of the time of meetings, &c., and also taking an active part in them. In views of the many undoubted benefits and advantages of our location, as being, by means of railroads projected and already executed, far the most accessible point in the district, as combining the scenery of Tempe and the gelid Haemus, and which in salubrious air and waters is not surpassed by Ballston Spa, and in view of the fact that strangers always leave this place heartily convinced that they had never known a more healthy locality, and other thing more than we could name, who will dispute what we emphatically assert, that our title excludes all others? We would ask in fine, whether our citizens can be so blind to the welfare of their children, as to neglect this enviable offer, the completion of which will be *the making of the place*.

☞This Senatorial district may well be proud of her Senator at Harrisburg. We mean the Hon. WM. A. WALLACE, the present efficient Chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee. A dinner was recently given him by some prominent Democrats of Philadelphia, at which MR. WALLACE made one of his usually eloquent and able speeches. The Democrats owe MR. WALLACE a debt of gratitude, which, when opportunity offers, they should lose no time in repaying.

ORPHAN'S COURT SALE.—In pursuance of an order of the Orphan's Court of Elk county, grented on the petition of Peter Chamberlin and John Chamberlin, guardians of the heirs of A. S. Rhines, deceased, late of Warsaw township, Jefferson county, said guardians will expose to Public Sale on the premises at 1 o'clock P. M., on SATURDAY, December 21, 1867, all the interest of A. S. Rhines, deceased, being the third interest in all that certain tract, piece or parcel of land, situate in Spring Creek township, Elk county, Pa., known as the "Oregon" tract, surveyed upon warrant No. 2956, bounded on the north by No. 2962, and tract known as Carr's tract, on the east by No. 2915, on the south by No. 2914, on the southwest by Jefferson county line, and on the west by No. 2811. Also—one steam saw-mill in good running order.

TERMS.—One-third of the purchase money in hand, and the balance in two equal, annual payments, with interest from interest from the date of confirmation of sale, to be secured by judgment bonds with approved security.

PETER CHAMBERLIN,
JOHN CHAMBERLIN.
Guardians of Heirs of A. S. Rhines, dec'd.
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New Advertisements.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

We have found it necesary, in order to keep the financial department of the Advocate on a good basis, to adopt the following rule:

Transient Advertisements must be paid for in advance; and all Job Work as soon as completed.

Bills made out and presented to yearly advertisers at the beginning of each quarter.

Subscriptions to be paid for invariably in advance.

novlf JOHN F. MOORE, Publisher

All orders for Stoves and Hardware will be promptly attended to as soon as received, at the
12'67 St. MARY'S HARDWARE STORE.

Hoods, Nubias, and all kinds of Woolen Goods at the cheap store of
12'67 HYDE, GILLIS & CO.

Do you want to purchase a silver watch—American or Foreign? if so, go to
12'67 HYDE, GILLIS & CO.

Fresh Oysters constantly on hand at the store of
12'67 HYDE, GILLIS & CO.

Notions of all kinds in extensive variety at the store of
11'67 HYDE, GILLIS & CO.

An extensive assortment of CLOTHING at the store of
12'67 HYDE, GILLIS & CO.

BOOTS, SHOES and GAITERS—every kind, style and variety at the store of
12'67 HYDE, GILLIS & CO.

A large and complete stock of Hardware and cutlery at the store of
12'67 HYDE, GILLIS & CO.

TOBACCO—The finest brands for smoking and chewing, at the store of
12'67 HYDE, GILLIS & CO.

QUEENSWARE—an extensive assortment, at the store of
12'67 HYDE, GILLIS & CO.

Newest Styles of Balmoral Skirts at the cheap store of
12'67 HYDE, GILLIS & CO.

Ladies' Dress Goods—latest and most fashionable figures, at the store of
12'67 HYDE, GILLIS & CO.

Hats, Caps and furs, in great variety and at the lowest price, at the store of
12'67 HYDE, GILLIS & CO.

Mens' woolen and cassimer Shirts at sensation prices, at the store of
12'67 HYDE, GILLIS & CO.

Undershirts and drawers, cheaper than the cheapest, at the store of
12'67 HYDE, GILLIS & CO.

LATEST ARRIVAL!!

FALL AND WINTER GOODS!!!

CHEAPEST GOODS IN RIDGWAY!
AT THE STORE OF

H. S. BELNAP,

Cor. of Main & Water, end of Hyde House, Where he has on hand an extensive assortment of Goods, consisting of

Woolen Goods, Hats and Caps, Boots and Shoes, Underclothes, Ladies' Dress Goods, Shawls and Nubias, Hoop Skirts, Opera Hoods, Muslins and Calicoes!

Balmoral Skirts, Blankets and Counterpanes, Ladies' Dress Trimmings, Gents' Furnishing Goods, Groceries, Paints, Glass and Putty!!!

Call and see my stock before purchasing elsewhere!

Dec. 5,'67—1y.

NEW GOODS!

JUST RECEIVED AND MARKED CLEAR DOWN

To the Bottom!

AT THE

CHEAP CASH STORE

J. V. HOUK, Main Street, Ridgway, Pa.

HAVING just returned from the eastern cities where I have purchased a large and well selected assortment of goods, I invite the attention of the public to call and examine my stock, consisting of

Dry Goods,
Notions,
Clothing,
Hardware
Hats,
Caps,
Boots,
Shoes,
Queensware

PROVISIONS, &c., &c.

BUYERS WILL FIND

MY STOCK

FULL AND COMPLETE,

and well adapted to the wants of the community.

J. V. HOUK.

Ridgway, Dec5—1y.

NEW HARDWARE STORE!

The subscribers have just opened in

ST. MARY'S

A new and Complete Stock of Heavy & Shelf

HARDWARE!!

And will keep constantly on hand a great variety of

COOK AND HEATING STOVES

Bar Iron, Steel Anvils, Bellows, Nails, Horse Shoes, Springs, Building Hardware, Saws and Files of Every Description!

GUNS, PISTOLS AND CARTRIDGES, Cutlery, Plated Ware and House Furnishing Goods. All kinds of Mechanics' Tools!

TINWARE

Of every description, which will be sold at the LOWEST CASH PRICES.

They have also the exclusive agency in St Mary's for the

IMPROVED ORIENTAL BASE BURNING COAL STOVES!
AND PARLOR FURNACES!

Which have received Four First Class Premiums at the New York State and other Fairs; Also, the Great Silver Medal at the Fair of the American Institute, held in New York City, 1865.

They are Perpetual Burners, only one fire being required to be made during the season.

M. BEECHER, JR.
WM. H. COPELAND.

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Something New.

A LARGE STOCK OF

GOODS

FOR CASH.

The undersigned have on hand a large and very desirable stock of GOODS, and will constantly keep an extensive assortment, including everything that is wanted to

EAT, WEAR, OR FEED.

which they will sell at the very bottom figure and from this date will sell only for *CASH*. We will use every endeavor to make it to the interest of our customers to adopt the universal

CASH SYSTEM.

We have determined to give the

CASH SYSTEM

a fair trial, believing it to be the interest of both buyer and seller.

POWELL & KIME.

Ridgway, Aug. 13th, 1867.—sc.

PATRONIZE HOME INSTITUTIONS.

FLOUR, FEED AND GRAIN.

THE subscribers having completed their New Grist Mill in Ridgway are now prepared to furnish the people of the surrounding country with

Flour of the Best Quality,

and of their own manufacture, at the lowest market rates.

The attention of lumbermen and others is called to our facilities for furnishing them with

FEED OF ALL KINDS,

cheaper than it can be bought any other place in the county.

☞CASH PAID FOR GRAIN☜.

J. S. HYDE,
J. V. HOUK.
J. K. WHITMORE.

November 7, 1867tf

BLACKSMITH'S CARPENTER'S AND joiner's tools for sale "cheaper than the cheapest" at the St. Mary's Hardware Store. (nov28'67.)

WANTED.

200 FARMERS, to engage in a light and honorable business for the winter months, in the vicinity where they reside, which will net them from $50 to $100 per month.

For particulars apply to or address PARMELEE BROS., 722 Sansom St. Philadelphia, Pa. Nov. 14, 1867-4t.

CAUTION.—All persons are hereby cautioned against trusting my wife Johanna Coughlin on my account, as she has left my bed and board without just cause or provocation, and I shall pay no debts of her contracting, unless compelled by due course of law. MICHAEL COUGHLIN.

November 14, 1867-3t.

SCHOOL TEACHER WANTED.—The School Board of Ridgway twp. are desirous of employing a COMPETENT MALE TEACHER to take charge of school No. 1 of said township during the coming winter term. To a good teacher a liberal salary will be given.

JOHN G. HALL,
B. F. ELY,
H. A. PARSONS,
Secretary of the Board.

Ridgway, Oct. 31tf

NAILS, SPIKES, HINGES, RIVETS, locks, bolts, and all kinds of builders' materials in general can be had cheaper at the St. Mary's Hardware Store than any other place in Elk county. (n28'67)

FRANK ENTZ, MERCHANT TAILOR, Centreville, Elk county, Pa., desires to inform the citizens of Centreville and vicinity, that he is at all times prepared to do work in a neat and satisfactory manner. Give me a call. nov67 1y

LOOK HERE!

WATCHES, JEWELRY & SILVERWARE.

CHARLES HOLES, Practical Watchmaker, Jeweler and Engraver, Ridgway, Elk county, Pa. The subscriber begs leave to announce to the citizens of Ridgway and vicinity that he is prepared to do all work in his line on short notice and at reasonable rates in the very best manner. Shop in H. S. Belnap's Store. Special attention paid to engraving.

He has also on hand a large assortment of Clocks, Watches, Jewelry and Silverware which he offers for sale on reasonable terms. Give him a call. nov7'67tf.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE:—That on the 31st day of October, A. D. 1867 a Warrant in Bankruptcy was issued against the Estate of Chauncy I. Moore of Benezette, tp. in the County of Elk and State of Pennsylvania, who has been adjudged a Bankrupt on his own petition; that the payment of any debts and delivery of any property belonging to such Bankrupt, to him, or for his use, and the transfer of any property by him are forbidden by Law; that a meeting of Creditors of the said Bankrupt, to prove their Debts, and to choose one or more Assignees of his Estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at Ridgway, in the County of Elk in said District, at the Court House, before T. E. Woodruff, Register, on the 7th day of January A. D. 1868, at 1 o'clock, p. m.

THOMAS J. ROWLEY,
Nov. 7'67.—4t. U. S. Marshal.

B. C. BOWMAN et. al. vs. John Finton. In Elk county Common Pleas. No. 27 of April term, 1867.

Foreign Attachment, for money paid for and goods sold to defendant by plaintiffs.

Notice is hereby given that the plaintiffs in the above entitled action have entered a rule to have the damages assessed by the prothonotary, and that the damages will be assessed in accordance with said rule, by the prothonotary at his office in Ridgway, on Saturday, the 4th day of January next, at 2 o'clock p. M.

H. SOUTHER,
nov27'67-6t Plaintiff's Attorney.

JAMES PRYOR vs George R. Welton and R. B. Welton. In the Elk county Court of Common Pleas.

Domestic Attachment.

Notice is hereby given that the report of trustees in above case has been duly filed in my office, and no objection appearing, the same will be confirmed at next term.

GEO. A. RATHBUN,
nov28'67 3t Prothonotary.

PROPERTY FOR SALE.

THE subscriber wishes to dispose of the property formerly occupied by John Rauh in the borough of St. Mary's. Said property consists of two two-story frame buildings, with stone foundations, and one house finished entire and has been used and is suitable for a store room. The other is not quite finished. The property is situated three doors west of the P. & E. R. R. Depot, and buyers will find it one of the best business sites in St. Mary's.

TERMS.—One-half cash, and the balance secured by bond and mortgage on the property. Will be sold cheap.

Apply to ANNA RAUH.
St. Mary's, Nov. 7'67.-tf.

PHILADELPHIA & ERIE RAILROAD.

WINTER TIME TABLE.

Through and Direct Route between Philadelphia, Baltimore Harrisburg, Williamsport, and the

GREAT OIL REGION

of Pennsylvania.

ELEGANT SLEEPING CARS
On all Night Trains.

ON and after MONDAY, NOV. 25th, the trains on the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad will run as follows:

WESTWARD.

Mail Train leaves Philadelphia	11.15	p. m.
" " " Ridgway	2.45	p. m.
" " arrive at Erie	9.00	p. m.
Erie Exp leaves Philadelphia	12.00	noon.
" " " Ridgway	3.52	a. m.
" " arrive at Erie	9.45	a. m.

EASTWARD.

Mail Train leaves Erie	10.25	a. m.
" " " Ridgway	4.38	p. m.
" " arrive at Philadelphia	8.55	a. m.
Erie Exp leaves Erie	4.25	p. m.
" " " Ridgway	10.13	p. m.
" " arr. at Philadelphia	1.00	a. m.

Mail and Express trains connect with all trains on Warren and Franklin Railway.

Passengers leaving Philadelphia at **12.00** *M. arrive at Irvineton at 6.40 a. m. and Oil City 9.50 a. m. Leaving Philadelphia at* **8 00** *p. m. arrive at Oil City at 4.35 p. m.*

All trains on Warren & Franklin Railway make close connections at Oil City with trains for Franklin and Petroleum Centre.

BAGGAGE CHECKED THROUGH.

ALFRED L. TYLER,
General Superintendent.