

# Romeo Observer.

J. RUSSELL, - EDITOR AND PUBLISHER.

Romeo, Thursday, May 3, 1866.

## Editorial Greeting.

Respected reader, we are before you in all the freshness of a new existence. We fancy our appearance to be respectable, our mission worthy, and we indulge a reasonable hope of a favorable reception by the public. By the casualty which destroyed the office of the "Romeo Argus," nearly a year and a half ago, the people of this region were deprived of a local journal, which deficiency the *Peninsular Herald* has in part supplied for the past year, but the extensive circulation of that paper in other parts of the State, together with the fact that its especial design was the advocacy of the Temperance Cause, rendered it impossible to combine the two objects in the same sheet. The publisher, therefore, in compliance with the strongly expressed wish of the people of Romeo and vicinity, ventures upon the publication of the *OBSERVER*, as their organ of communication with the public, relying upon their appreciation of his efforts for support in the enterprise. The financial and social utility of such an agency to the community, if wisely conducted, we presume will not be questioned by any, and that its continuance must necessarily involve a heavy expense to the Publisher, is of course self-evident; we only ask, therefore, that those who ought to be our patrons will accept the logical necessity of affording such timely and substantial aid as will insure success. And we are happy to say that the frankly expressed opinions and liberal manifestations which have so far greeted us are very encouraging. The sphere of a local paper is comparatively limited, yet within the area of its circulation it should be the most potent social agency in existence. Such should be its tone and spirit on all questions affecting the welfare of society as to render it a welcome and useful guest in every family circle. Education, religion, morality and good government should receive its earnest support, and whatever is wrong in principle or practice it should prudently seek to correct. Each branch of honest industry should find in the local paper, not only a herald, but a counselor and a guide; its weekly issues should be a repository of the useful, the beautiful, and the true. This species of journalism we apprehend is beset in this region especially, with two very formidable difficulties. The first arises from our near proximity to the city of Detroit, and the extensive patronage given to the larger weekly, semi-weekly, tri-weekly, and daily papers. These by their large editions and better facilities for obtaining general intelligence, furnish many inducements to subscribers, which are quite beyond the reach of the local press. We only ask that the people will consider that the county paper is indispensable for legal advertising, etc., and they should have a local pride in an organ which reflects their home interests. The other difficulty referred to, is ever more formidable than the one last considered. It arises out of the division of community into political parties, and the recognized agency of the press in giving publicity to opinions and strength to these organizations. We are disposed to think that strong party prejudices have been sometimes fostered, through these local papers, by indulging in a style of writing, offensive epithets, personalities, etc., which we hope

to avoid. At this point, "soft words and hard arguments," shall be our motto, and our correspondents are respectfully requested to take notice and govern themselves accordingly. Opponents we shall be likely to have, because we expect to hold definite opinions on a variety of subjects connected with public affairs, and to express them frankly as occasion may seem to require. We promise no neutrality; we like the sentiment, "Independent in all things and neutral in nothing," to which we add an intention to be courteous to all men and over anxious to please none. In political faith the *OBSERVER* will be, at present at least, what its Editor and Publisher has been for years, *Republican*. Our sympathies are with Congress, and in opposition to the reconstruction policy of President Johnson, as we understand him. We believe that those who have exerted their utmost skill to destroy this government, should have no voice in adjusting that disturbed condition of things of which they have been the guilty cause; but that our national honor and safety require that they shall be subjected to such political disabilities as to prevent the recurrence of so dire a calamity as they sought to bring upon the country. We are too well acquainted, however, with the fickleness of human nature, as seen in the history of such organizations, to promise perpetual and unconditional fealty to any political party, as such. In the welfare of those mostly in the Southern States, who by the exigencies of suppressing the late rebellion, have been partially restored to their natural and unalienable rights, we expect to feel a lively interest, not because they are black, or possess superiority of intellect, but because they are human and have received injuries at our hands which we are in duty bound, as far as possible, to repair. To as many as can either endorse or be tolerant enough of these opinions to favor us with their patronage, we most respectfully make our editorial bow.

Romeo Lodge, I. O. G. T., No. 150.

ROMEO, MAY 2, 1866.

Editor *OBSERVER*.—Dear Sir.—The following is the list of Officers elected, appointed, and installed in this Lodge, last evening, by D. D. G. W. C. T. PILCHER, for the ensuing quarter:

Eliza Phelps, W. C. T.; R. F. Settridge, W. V. T.; E. A. Teall, W. S.; L. E. Horton, W. T.; Sib. Hopkins, W. I. G.; A. H. Shelp, W. O. G.; Rev. Wm. Taylor, W. C.; Mary Virdries, W. A. S.; Amos W. Palmer, W. F. S.; Hiram Price, W. M.; Albina Ayres, W. D. M.; R. S. Bancroft, W. R. H. S.; Susie Poor, W. L. H. S. A. B. Rawles, P. W. C. T.

Respectfully yours,  
EDWIN A. TEALL, W. S.

The Awards to be given to the Captors of Jeff. Davis.

After so long a period of time, the reward for the capture of the traitor Jeff. Davis, has been proportionately awarded entire to the Fourth Michigan Cavalry, as follows:—

Lt. Col. H. D. Pritchard, com'd'g, \$10,000; the Captains, each, \$729.60; First Lieutenants, each, \$555.83; Adjutant, Quartermasters, and Commissary, each, \$660.10; Sergeant Major, \$271; Hospital Steward, \$289.72; Commissary Sergeant, \$229.30; First Sergeants, each, \$250.15; Sergeants, each, \$208.45; Corporals, each, \$187.61; and 341 Privates, each, \$166.76.

We take the Liberty

Of sending the first number of the *OBSERVER* to a large number of persons throughout the County whom we hope will take an interest in its circulation.—All who receive it are respectfully requested to forward us their own names and those of their friends who are willing to subscribe.

For the Romeo Observer.  
Detroit Correspondence.

DETROIT, April 30, 1866.

"The great fire" has been the chief event of importance during the past week. On Monday night, as most of your readers are doubtless aware, the buildings and wharf occupied by the Detroit and Milwaukee, the Michigan Southern, and the Great Western (Canada) Railways, were burned. These premises were situated on the river front, embracing in their length about three blocks, or about one sixth of a mile in extent. The buildings consisted chiefly of sheds for the storage of freight, but embraced as well the entire business offices of the Detroit and Milwaukee road, the local business office of the Southern road, and the freight office of the Great Western. They were all, with the exception of the passenger depot, embraced under the same roof. Our information is to the effect that the fire originated from a barrel of kerosene or benzine, which, while being headed, sprang a leak, when one of the attendants advanced with a lamp to see the extent of the difficulty, ignited the gas or vapor arising from the inflammable liquid, which instantly exploded the barrel. The flames spread almost as rapidly as a train of burning gunpowder. The material was of a very combustible nature, and the openness of the structure gave free play to the wind. It was impossible to remove a single article of property, while a number of lives are known to have been lost by the suddenness of the fire and the celerity with which the flames spread. The night passenger train of the D. & M. Road was standing in the Depot, nearly ready to start. Many passengers were in the cars, and some in bed, in the sleeping car. In the panic which ensued, it was with great difficulty that these persons were extricated, and it is even thought that one or two were lost. Yet there is no doubt, but that a number were lost on or from the ferry steamer Windsor. This boat was lying at the dock, discharging or receiving freight. Those on board were prevented, by the suddenness of the fire, from escaping land-ward, and before the boat could be loosed from her moorings, she also was wrapped in flames, and the only alternative for those on board was a choice between certain death by burning and an uncertain fate by jumping into the river. Some of those were rescued, while others were lost. The aggregate loss of property is variously estimated at from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000. The railroads are heavy losers in cars. Many Detroit merchants lost heavily in goods. Interior merchants were also sufferers to some extent.

The aggregate loss of life has been estimated as high as thirty, but this is doubtless too high. Ten bodies have already been recovered from the river. A mournful afterpiece was the falling of a portion of the wall, on Saturday, killing one of the workmen engaged in removing a safe from the rubbish, and severely injuring two others.

On Thursday night, about nine o'clock, a cold blooded murder was committed on the person of Mr. Robert A. Morris, near the village of Dearborn, in this county. Mr. Morris had been in the city during the day, and had disposed of some produce, the proceeds of which he had with him. He was set upon by the murderers while in his wagon on the highway. An altercation, with pistol shots, was heard by persons in the vicinity, and immediately it became evident that Mr. Morris' team was running loose at the top of their speed. Upon being brought to a halt, Mr. Morris was found lying in the bottom of the wagon. He was unconscious, and died during the night. He was shot through the arm and head. Robbery was doubtless the object although the desperadoes secured nothing. The rational supposition is that they were defeated in their object by the horses taking flight and running before they had time to rifle the pockets of their victim.

The tendency of the higher grades of Wheat and Flour is still up. The week shows an advance on best Flour of about 25c, choice white Wheat superior being quoted at \$11a11 75. Wheat is up fully 5c, and is quoted on the street at \$2 40 for No. 1 white, and \$2 10a2 15 for No. 1 red. Corn on the street, 50c. Oats 40c. Potatoes are dull and nominal at 50a55c. for best varieties. Apples are declined and weak at \$4a5 per bbl. Dried Apples in good demand at

1-2c. Dried peaches in fair supply at 35c. Butter is not just now in demand for shipping, and local wants are supplied at 30a34c. for good. Eggs in good supply at about 15c, with a tendency to weakness. Seeds are steady at \$5a5 25 for Clover and Timothy.—18c. Wool has been moderately at 48a55c.

DEAR SIR was once traveling through one of the rural parishes, some league from London, and introducing himself to the parson as a member of the same profession, was invited to partake of his fraternal hospitalities. The Dean consented, and accompanied the parson to his church the next morning. And there the Dean had the satisfaction of hearing one of his own sermons preached by an ignorant minister without a word of acknowledgement. When the service was over, the Dean asked the preacher how long it took him to write such a sermon. "Oh," said the minister, "I wrote that sermon in about two hours." "Did you, indeed?" said the Dean in reply. "Why, it took me over two months to write that very sermon!"

LORD HOWE.—Admiral Lord Howe, when a captain, was once hastily awakened in the middle of the night by the lieutenant of the watch, who informed him with great agitation, that the ship was on fire near the magazine. "If that be the case," said he, rising leisurely to put on his clothes, "we shall soon know it." The lieutenant flew back to the scenes of danger, and almost instantly returning, exclaimed, "You need not, sir, be afraid, the fire is extinguished." "Afraid!" exclaimed Howe, "what do you mean by that, sir? I never was afraid in my life;" and looking the lieutenant full in the face, he added, "Pray how does a man feel, sir, when he is afraid? I need not ask how he looks."

—Let a man live as long as he will, the first thirty years of his life will always seem the longest, and the daily routine of after years will pass like the sounds of a clock, while the hands on the outside and the movements within mark the passage of time to others, till the weights run down and the pendulum stands still.

—A Union Temperance Meeting will be held at the Baptist Church in this village, on Saturday evening of this week. All are respectfully invited to attend.

AN ARMY OF SMOKERS.—It is estimated that there are 200,000 smokers in the city of New York, who consume two cigars a day, making the total consumption 400,000 per day. These at an average of five cents amounts to \$240,000 annually.

—A man of wit once said, rightly enough, "He who finds a good son-in-law gains a son—he who finds a bad one loses a daughter."

—Gentlemen who smoke allege, that it makes them calm and complacent.—They tell us that the more they fume the less they fret.

—Who does the best his circumstance allows, does well, acts nobly; angels could no more.

—Keep your eyes wide open before marriage, half shut afterwards.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ROMEO  
CASH CAPITAL \$100,000.

OFFICERS.  
NEIL GRAY, President, E. W. GIDDINGS, Vice-President, H. O. SMITH, Cashier.

DIRECTORS.  
Neil Gray, E. W. Giddings, E. S. Snover, E. F. Mead, John Smith, Jr., Hugh Gray, A. M. Grover, M. A. Giddings, F. K. Hurd.

This Bank discounts bills and notes, buys and sells exchange, deals in U. S. Securities, receives deposits, and does a general banking business.

H. O. SMITH, Cashier.  
Romeo, May 1, 1866. obltf

Lost! Lost!

IN this village, on Friday, the 20th inst., a pair of GOLD-BOWED SPECTACLES. The finder will be rewarded on leaving them at my place of business.

C. F. MALLARY.  
Romeo, April 30, 1866. obltw2

## OBSERVE!!

IN THE "OBSERVER" of to-day and profit by what you there observe, and let your attention be directed to the

### Hardware Establishment

OF  
A. B. RAWLES & SON,

Where you will find a stock of Hardware complete in all departments and at the lowest remunerating prices. The following are a few of the leading articles on sale:—

Axes, Axes, Adzes.  
Boils, Butts, Boilers, Bells.  
Crowbars, Cans, Cultivators, Cages, Cutlery.  
Dividers, Dippers, Draw-shares.  
Enamelled Kettles, Edge tools, Eave spouts.  
Firmers, Forks, Fellos, Faucets.  
Garden Tools, Gauges, Glasses.  
Hoes, Hammers, Hinges, Horse hails.  
Iron, Iron Stands, Irons (sad).  
Jack planes, Jointers, Japanned Wares.  
Knives, Knobs, Kettles.  
Levels, Locks, Latches, Lanterns.  
Malleable iron, Mouse-traps, Mop-sticks.  
Nails, Nuts, Nail-rod.  
Ox-halls, Oil-stones, Oil-blackings.  
Pails, Pans, Pie-plates, Pumps.  
Quarter-round files, Quarr-cups.  
Rakes, Rope, Ropes, Razors, Rivets.  
Sawdust, Shovels, Stoves, Sheep-shears, Spoons.  
Tacks, Traps, Trowels, Tin wares.  
Undertakers stock.  
Vices, Ventilators.  
Wash-boards, Wardrobe hooks, Well-chains.  
X-celled oil-tempered springs.  
Yoke pins, Yokes, Yoke notches.  
Zinc, &c., &c.

Above please notice our alphabetical list, drop in and select what you want. We feel sure our prices will suit.

A. B. RAWLES,  
HENRY RAWLES, } A. B. RAWLES & SON.  
Romeo, May 24, 1866. obltf

### NOTICE!

I HAVE this day sold one-half my stock, Hardware, Nails, Stores, &c., to my Son, Henry Rawles, and have formed a co-partnership with him under the firm name of A. B. Rawles & Son.

A. B. RAWLES.  
Dated, Romeo, April 10, 1866.

I desire to tender my thanks for the liberal patronage heretofore extended to me, and would respectfully solicit a continuance of the same to the new firm. Having made this new arrangement I wish to notify all persons indebted to me by Note or Book Account, that I want them to pay up, as I want to close up all my old business up to this date, April 10, 1866, as promptly as possible.

A. B. RAWLES.  
Romeo, April 10, 1866. obltf

THE undersigned have entered into co-partnership under the name and style of

### C. F. MALLARY & Co.,

to date from January 24, 1866, for the purpose of transacting the

### Hardware Business

at the old stand of C. F. Mallary, in Romeo. We shall aim to keep a full assortment of all goods in our line, and our design is

### NOT TO BE UNDERSOLD!!

We are now receiving our Spring and Summer Stock of

### STOVES & TINWARE,

IRON, STEEL,  
NAILS, GLASS,  
HOUSE TRIMMINGS,  
GRAIN CRADLES,  
SCYTHES,  
FORKS, HOES,  
RAKES, &c., &c.

And shall strive to satisfy all customers both as to quality and prices of goods.

C. F. MALLARY,  
D. C. GREENE.  
obltf

Romeo, April 30, 1866.

### KENNEDY & WELLER

Having purchased the old establishment of Holman & Farrar, continue to manufacture

### Sash, Blinds and Doors,

FLOORING, CEILING, MOLD-ING, etc., etc.

### Chain & Suction Pumps for sale.

PLANING AND EE-SAWING  
LUMBER

Done promptly at reasonable rates. Also,  
SAWS GUMMED.

We hope by honorable dealing and excellency of mechanical execution to merit the patronage of all who are in want of trade in our line.

Romeo, May 3, 1866. obltf

### GEO. WASHER,

BOOT, SHOE & HAIRNESS MAN-FACTURER.

### General Auctioneer,

REAL ESTATE AGENT.

From \$20 to \$45 per acre. obltf

### CALEB NYE,

DEALER IN CROCKERY GLASS-WARE, LAMPS, STONE-WARE, GROCERIES, YANKEE NOTIONS, &c., &c.

Ten Acres of Land for Sale! two miles south-east of Romeo, five acres timber.

Romeo, May 1st, 1866. obltw3

### EMBROIDERED WINDOW CURTAINS, EDGINGS AND INSERTINGS, COLLARS and CUFFS,

can be found at our Store, cheap, and in large quantity.

oblt LOUD & NEWBURY.

### THE CELEBRATED "STAR BRAID,"

for Trimming for sale by  
oblt LOUD & NEWBURY.

## LOUD & NEWBURY'S COLUMN.

THE

# "Popular Store"

IS THE PLACE FOR

## BARGAINS!

FOR ALL WHO WANT THEM.

GOODS BOUGHT WHEN GOLD WAS

### DOWN! DOWN! DOWN!!

OUR STORE IS NOW RE-FILLED WITH AN ENTIRE NEW STOCK OF

### SPRING AND SUMMER GOODS!

Adapted to the wants of all, and are offered at VERY LOW PRICES!

WE HAVE NOW FULL LINES OF DRESS GOODS IN ALL NEW STYLES.

### FANCY DRY GOODS!!

Trimming, Buttons, Hoop Skirts, (the Cheapest in Romeo.) Balmoral Skirts in all grades from \$4 to \$4 25. — Valenciennes, a large assortment, Singham's, Tickings, Stripes and Check Shirtings, Detims, Sheetings, Battling, Cotton Yarn and Warp (a very superior article).

### CLOTHS AND CASSIMERES!

### READY-MADE CLOTHING!

### HATS and CAPS,

### BOOTS and SHOES

Of Every Description, for Ladies, Gents, and Children's wear, and to which we call the particular attention of all, as we are confident our stock in this line is not surpassed by any one.

## Groceries!

A Full stock of the Finest articles in the Grocery line, something wanted in every family.—We desire to call the attention of all lovers of good

to ours, as we keep the best in the County.

Come in and see for yourselves. obltf

### SEEING, IS BUYING!

obltf LOUD & NEWBURY.

### GOLD and SILVER DEEP TRIMMING,

something new and novel, just opened at obltf LOUD & NEWBURY.

### THE BEST ASSORTMENT OF DRESS TRIMMINGS

ever brought to Romeo, now ready at (oblt) LOUD & NEWBURY.

### GILBERT'S BLACK AND WHITE, AND BLACK and SCARLET BALMORAL,

the best made, cheap, at oblt LOUD & NEWBURY.

### ELEGANT and FASHIONABLE STYLES of DRESS BUTTONS,

in all kinds, colors, and sizes, at the "Popular." oblt LOUD & NEWBURY.

### 15 DOZ. GENTS' AND BOYS' NECK-TIES and BUTTERFLIES,

in all the new designs of the season, for sale cheap at oblt LOUD & NEWBURY.

### A LARGE LINE OF FANCY CASSIMERES,

cheap as in old times, are offered by (oblt) LOUD & NEWBURY.

### BLACK and WHITE WOOL SHAWLS

(very fashionable) in all sizes, at oblt LOUD & NEWBURY.