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Crawfordsville!
Advertisers, call up and examine our List of
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Louisville, New Albany & Chicago Railroad.

Time Table which took effect June 19th, 1865.
Accommodation GOING NORTH.
Through Freight..... 10:20 a.m.
Express..... 2:40 p.m.
Express..... 8:02 p.m.
GOING SOUTH.
Through Freight..... 9:33 a.m.
Accommodation..... 9:32 p.m.
Good connections made with all other roads.
B. F. MARTIN, Superintendent.
June 24th, 1865.

The News Condenser.

We are informed by the special of the New York Times that the withdrawal of any member of a court-martial, or any number of members, does not affect the proceedings as long as three hold together. This is applicable to military commissions. Certainly not. They are organized to convict, and it is unnecessary to discuss any incidental question like that.

General Slocum's resignation has been accepted by the President.

There is another delegation coming to Washington to urge the removal of General Palmer from Kentucky. In it is embraced the representatives of the masses of the people of the State.

The Commissioner of the Land Office has decided that if two or more parties apply for the same tract of land under the Homestead Act, at the same time, it will be awarded to the highest bidder.

Over \$2,000,000 taxes were on Wednesday taken from the people under the Internal Revenue Act.

General Howard, of the negro boarding-house, will inspect the affairs of the boarding-house in North Carolina.

More Fenian arrests have been made in Ireland.

A gunboat continued to cruise off Cork, looking out for a vessel reported from America with arms for the Fenians.

The London Times ridicules the movement.

The Army and Navy Gazette does not believe the army is infected with Fenianism.

They draw attention in Paris to the fact that there are two small islands between Newfoundland and Ireland not marked out on the present maps, but adapted for service in laying the Atlantic cable.

The Emperor of Austria has issued a manifesto to his people, in which he guarantees to them the right of representation and legislation.

The Fenian prisoners were all remanded at Dublin for a week. They would all be tried together. Arrests continue. Among the latest are a merchant tailor in Dublin named Druffe, and a stationer in Liverpool named Archdeacon. They professed to have found in each case treasonable documents and arms.

The New York Herald's Mexican correspondence represents a terrible state of affairs in Mexico, and that disorder and violence reign supreme. The guerrillas increase in numbers. Sixteen hundred French troops have lately arrived, and more negro troops are expected from Egypt. It is feared they will bring the cholera with them from that country.

Applicants for pensions need not make certification for the loss of limbs, as the Department has that information already.

There is a report in Georgia that the Hon. A. H. Stephens has been paroled, and is about to return home.

The North Carolina Convention organized by the appointment of C. E. Read as President.

Thirty-five thousand bales of cotton were burned by the late fire in Memphis.

A Convenient Gate.

A gate which every farmer should have been on exhibition in the Court House yard for several days. It is the most convenient and simple in construction and operation of the kind we have ever seen. For further information persons can address Nathan Maxey and John G. Osborn, who are selling the patent in this and adjoining counties.

The Banner Store.

Wm. Bowers, the prince of our city merchants, makes his new announcement for the fall and winter trade in another part of the paper. For beauty and variety of goods in which the most fastidious can select to please the taste, the Banner is the place to buy. Polite and obliging clerks, with a gentlemanly and energetic proprietor has made the Banner an institution which is an ornament and credit to our city.

Mr. J. P. CAMPBELL has returned from New York, after an absence of four weeks, where he has been for the purpose of buying the fall and winter stock for their house.

Explanation of the Keeney-Benefiel Imbroglio.

We wish this to be regarded as an explanation to the public, as it is the first time we have said anything in reference to this matter, and we speak now without any feeling of malice or ill will to Mr. Benefiel, but simply to defend ourselves from the unprovoked assault of the idiotic printer (we won't disgrace the profession by calling him editor) who in assailing us, by his foolish and meaningless remarks, has given Mr. Benefiel an enviable notoriety which otherwise he would not have obtained. The last issue of the Journal reflects upon the credit and respectability of some of our most worthy citizens. We have had no conversation with the persons to whom this cowardly and hireling villain has behaved so unjustly and know not whether they consider him of sufficient importance to be noticed. But as we have been attacked without cause or provocation; not having been a witness to the "transactions" to which he alludes, we will give, in justice to ourselves, the facts as we have learned them. It seems, to give a most liberal and charitable view to the circumstances, it would have been better for the Journal to have said nothing about the matter. If it was a slander it would have died out, but now we are compelled, reluctantly, to explain the origin of Keeney's spleen.

It seems that our usually quiet town was considerably excited by the rumor—if rumor it was—that Mr. Benefiel had been guilty of unchristian conduct. So indignant did Mr. B. feel, that he demanded an investigation and was granted an ecclesiastical trial. The Sunday following such trial Mr. Benefiel was remanded from the pulpit by the Rev. Mr. Crowe, in other words, Mr. Crowe said, in substance—"that the Session are compelled to find you guilty of an intimacy which you have admitted, and for the cause of religion and the church, you are recommended to discontinue it." The trial was conducted in secret and we know nothing of the testimony adduced nor of the guilt or innocence of Mr. Benefiel, but it seems to us that if he was cleared, as the Journal asserts, Keeney would not be anxious to assail those who are his betters in morality, honesty and all the virtues that should characterize mankind. We have no wish to give Mr. Benefiel any undue prominence, as he has already excited more comment than he deserves, but Keeney in coming to his defense by assaulting us and the witnesses he himself called up to testify, has, we are sorry to say, made for Mr. Benefiel a bed of thorns which the ignorant Keeney never dreamed of. If he is wise he will stay the braying of that narrow-headed, long-eared importation from the knobs of a neighboring State, who when he opens his mouth shows the striking marks of his descent.

We trust that the witnesses, who were forced to tell what they knew of this matter and unwillingly too, being ladies and gentlemen of honor, will not allow, in justice to themselves, this rude assault upon their personal characters, upon their truthfulness and standing in community to pass unrebuked, but that they will set themselves right before the community. As publicity has been given to the matter by Keeney, whoif these rumors were false should have passed them by unheeded, satisfied that the community would right those assailed, the witnesses owe it to themselves to give an explanation.

As for ourselves we seldom notice Keeney, and should not now, but that he has persistently drawn us into this by way of explanation. Personally we entertain no unchristian feelings against Mr. Benefiel and know or care very little about his affairs. As for Keeney, he is too far down in the scale of humanity, intellectually and morally, to merit any condescension on our part in noticing his feeble efforts at newspaper controversy.

The poor thing is therefore dismissed for the future with the parting salutation that Uncle Toby gave the maggot-breeding fly—"Go devil, there is room enough in this broad world for you and I."

The Character of Respectable Citizens Assailed.

Keeney in the last number of the Journal thus assaults the characters of the witnesses in a recent ecclesiastical trial held in our city:

"There are a few individuals in our midst, who could materially improve the peace and happiness of themselves, as well as those of those by whom they are surrounded, if they would occasionally refresh their troubled minds with the trite saying, that, 'people who live in glass houses should never throw stones.' There is such a thing as talking too much."

Our volunteer advice, in this case, would be this: spend no time in lying around the alleys or premises of a neighbor, (under cover of the blackness of night,) for the purpose of "seeing sights" or catching a glimpse of his maneuvering or business. Eaves-dropping is calculated only to engender strife and ill-feeling, and make you the despised of all right-thinking and right-thinking people.

"Such conduct is unjustifiable, mean, cowardly and contemptible; and like vice, or licentiousness, is deserving the indignant rebuke of all good citizens."

The few individuals in our midst" he has reference to, are the witnesses, who number among our most respectable citizens, the names of which we here give: Mr. and Mrs. John Hoover, Mr. H. H. Wade, Mr. M. H. Galey, Mr. Thomas Griffith and Mr. Wm. Bowers. These persons are accused of "unjustifiable, mean, cowardly and contemptible conduct," and threatened with a hint that they live in glass houses. Our advice to these persons, is to pay no attention to the filthy slang of this poor miserable creature, half idiotic and totally irresponsible, he should be passed by with total indifference and regarded only as a canker, a plague-sore, an embossed carbuncle upon the body of a corrupt and depraved humanity which purity should shun as a pestilence.

A splendid assortment of new and elegant stoves have been received during the past week at Cumberland's.

The Benefiel Imbroglio—His Defense.

That Mr. BENEFIEL may not accuse us of acting unfairly toward him in the controversy going on between him and certain citizens of our town, and in which our name has been unwarrantably dragged in by KEENEY for partisan purposes, we give below a communication published by him in the Journal. We have no motive or desire to prejudice the community against him. It is an affair in which we have no interest and which we now leave to be settled between him and the witnesses in the case:

Mr. KEENEY:—Will you permit me to occupy a small space in the columns of the JOURNAL, in a brief notice of certain rumors concerning myself, that have been put into circulation by the "Tribune and Republican" (now denouncing President Johnson. They are opposing his efforts to harmonize the Union and are more bitter in their opposition to the "government" than were the vilest "copperhead" sheets against certain policies of Lincoln. The Times is now the only true Union paper in Chicago.

It has always been found true, that low, vulgar and impure minds, were the first to suspect impurity in others. This is the character of the persons that have put into circulation these infamous slanders and kindred spirits that believe and circulate them—and after all, I have no fears as to the result when all the facts are fully known. "False witnesses did, rise up; they lied to my charge, things that I knew not." "They hid for me their net in a pit, which without cause they had digged for my soul." Therefore, "let the net they have hid, catch themselves—into that very destruction let them fall."

J. H. BENEFIEL,

Two leading radical papers in Chicago (Tribune and Republican) are now denouncing President Johnson. They are opposing his efforts to harmonize the Union and are more bitter in their opposition to the "government" than were the vilest "copperhead" sheets against certain policies of Lincoln. The Times is now the only true Union paper in Chicago.

How Are You Radicals?

The defeat of negro suffrage in Connecticut causes the radicals in this locality to look around the gills. They feel that their occupation is gone, that cuff will never have any political rights in the "accursed union" which they now declare is a "league with hell and a covenant with death." Alas poor Radicals.

The clerks are very busy at Campbell, Galey & Harter's opening new goods. Piles of rich fall and winter Dress Goods strew the counter and fill the shelves. Advertisement next week.

READ the new advertisement of Joslin & Beem in another column. These gentlemen have a large and magnificent stock of stoves and tin-ware which they are selling at low rates. We are satisfied that our farmers can make a great saving by trading at their establishment.

DR. MUDD recently made an attempt to escape from Dry Tortugas. He had secreted himself in the coal bunkers of a steamer about leaving the port, but was discovered and put to hard work wheeling sand.

GENERAL GRANT and his staff arrived at Washington yesterday from their Western tour.

THE negro people of Wisconsin have called a State Convention to meet at Milwaukee, October 29, to promote the success of the proposed amendment to the State Constitution granting negro suffrage.

MR. H. POTTERING has opened a new Dry Goods store in No. 4, Commercial Row. He will be pleased to have all of his old friends and customers call in and examine his stock of goods.

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, Judge Naylor presiding, is now in session.

OYSTERS are said to be unusually fine this season. They are selling in Lafayette at 70 cents half can.

PLUNKETT'S THEATRICAL TROUPE are performing at Fort Wayne. They will visit our city about the 26th of December.

THE MORNINGS are cool and frosty.

If you want pitch-forks or shovels, go to Cumberland's.

EXTRA copies of the Review put up in wrappings can be had by calling at the office.

An Affecting Scene.

A gentleman who was present at the late great convocation of Odd Fellows in Baltimore relates to us an affecting scene that took place in the Grand Lodge of the United States. The different States were called upon for their dues to the Grand Lodge, when, one by one, the representatives from the Southern lodges got up and confessed their inability to pay the amounts assessed against them, their treasures being empty, and the members of the subordinate lodges unable, at the present, to replenish them. After the roll had been called, a representative from the North moved that the dues of the Southern Lodges be remitted. This called forth general remarks from the Northern members, who all concurred in the motion, and expressed great joy at meeting the Southern brethren and deep sympathy at the misfortunes which had overtaken them. The vote being taken on the question it was unanimously adopted, after which a number of Southern representatives arose and thanked the Grand Lodge for their kindness and the sympathy manifested in their behalf. Some were so much affected they could not give expression to their words. Tears were freely shed, and a scene of congratulation and hand shaking ensued, amid which the Grand Lodge adjourned till next day.

N. A. LEDGER.

MINISTERIAL INNOCENCE.—Last week a fast young woman about nineteen, clad in boy's clothes, went up river on the steamer War Eagle, acting so much like a young man that hardly any one suspected her. She stopped at Reed's Landing, put up at a hotel, and as beds were scarce was domiciled for the night with a Methodist Minister residing in Milwaukee, en route for Menominee, where he was to take charge of a congregation. How they slept, whether well or not, we cannot state, but it is safe to say if the minister keeps on choosing such "boys" for bed fellows, we fear he will be deprived of his charge.

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WHAT PRENTICE SAYS.—Prentice says: "The two wings of the Republican party are as much at variance as if they were the wings of different roosters."

We would direct attention to the piles of new goods received by Vance, at No. 1, Commercial Row. If any of our friends want anything in the way of Dry Goods, Hats, Boots or Shoes, we would say to them, no better chance offers in our city to get them at fair prices, nor of more accommodating men than at No. 1, Commercial Row.

The Important Questions of the Day, are:

Shall Maximilian be Driven out of Mexico?—Echo Answers—
"Shall lie?"

Where shall we go to get

CHEAP GOODS?

All well informed people answer at the

BANNER' STORE.

"Where Goods are sold at Cost,

And just a little more."

Ladies and Gentlemen of Montgomery and surrounding Counties:

Again permit us to tender our warmest thanks for the very liberal patronage bestowed on us; and hoping still to merit the same, we would say to all others that the