

Vote for President, 1880.	
Hancock, Democrat, 4,424,690	
Garfield, Republican, 4,416,584	
Weaver, Greenback, 313,893	
Phelps, 1,133	
Dow, Prohibition, 10,791	
Scattering, 3,122	
Total, 9,169,213	
Hancock over Garfield, 8,106	

Rev. Wilson Beckner has been appointed postmaster at Kentland to fill the vacancy occasioned by resignation of S. P. Conner.

The Circuit Court at Kentland adjudged that \$68 75 was sufficient compensation to Spottswood, of the Press, for the "whining" he received, at the hands of Pooler.

Over the County.

Barkley Items.

A gentle shower would be of great benefit to our wheat, which is now heading out.

The young ideas, at Burns', are being taught how to shoot by Miss Ida Coons, who is giving good satisfaction.

Mr. George Gratner, living one-half mile north of Center, is in a critical condition from the effects of injuries received by his team running away some time since. Mr. G. is one of our best citizens, and we hope he may soon recover.

At Center School House, on last Sunday, Rev. Thompson preached to a large and intelligent audience, one of the most able, interesting and instructive sermons your correspondent has ever listened to.

Corn planting is now the order of the day, consequently our corn looks fine and our fields are as void of weeds as a reporter's pocket-book is of money. Why shouldn't this be, when we have some of the best land in the country, and first class farmers who get up early each day, work hard all week, and don't go to town every Saturday afternoon for a dram of that double-distill'd?—Just ask Charley Price what the rest of the sentence is.

We have been permitted to peruse a letter from our old friend, M. C. Bainfield, and thinking, as items are scarce, a few extracts from it would be no uninteresting, I give them, in substance, as follows. He says:

"I started from Franklin on the evening train, Wednesday, April 13th, arrived in Chicago about 12 o'clock p.m., same day. Paid \$45 for a three-ticket to Liverpool. On the 14th, at 9 a.m., took the train for Boston, and drank in the beauties of American scenery along the route until I reached the capital of the Bay State.—Then bidding farewell to the land of the free and the home of the brave, we set sail for England's tranquil shore, and soon we were being wafted along in a north-easterly direction, by gentle zephyrs from the southwest until after having been at sea eleven days, and sailing on an average at the rate of 275 miles per day, we anchored safely in the harbor of the objective point of my through ticket. There I again took the train, and a journey of seven hundred miles in a southerly direction brought me to that place said to be the dearest on earth—Home! Here I found friends and relatives all, except my father, enjoying the priceless boon of health.

"Times here are very hard. Wages for farm hands from \$10 to \$12 per month; miners from \$10 to \$15 month. House rent from \$15 to \$70 per year; land from \$15 to \$100 per acre, and \$25 per acre for tithes.

"So you can see that this government is administered in the "interest of the rich at the expense of the poor," who are no more thought of than an American dog. I long to come back to free America, and I will come as soon as circumstances will permit me to do so."

May 31, 1881. A FARMER.

Union Township Items.

Corn all planted. Rain needed badly. Herders making new burns for their cattle.

Austin Lakin is scouring the country in the interest of the Illustrated Family Herald. We wish him success.

John Gant of Marion township, has visited his parents, in Union, since my last report.

Sabbath school has been organized at the Harrington school house with Dr. Robin as superintendent and David W. Shields as secretary. Attendance good, and all enthusiastic in advancing the good work.

Teachers' Institute will be held at Grape Island next Saturday. The County Superintendent expected to be present. A general turn out is anticipated.

Why does Morel visit Union in his carriage so often? We suspect it is to see—Chat—. We mean upon special topics.

Sheep shearing in full blast.

Jim Garret and family are visiting M. P. Comer, ex-Trustee of Union township, near Goodland.

Rev. Abram Miller will preach at his regular appointments on the second Sunday in June.

GRAPE ISLAND. May 31, 1881.

Slip-Up Items.

Corn is doing well.

Still dry at Slip-Up.

Wheat and oats need rain.

Work on the railroads is being crowded along—some 75 or 80 hands

in loving their country. "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," and while we desire and hope that the safety of our country will never again be menaced by an internal or a foreign foe, yet the youth of the land should be taught that if, unhappy, the emergency should ever come, it will be their sacred duty to fight for and if needs be lay down their lives for their country, as did those whose memory we honor to-day. This world, without liberty, would not even be a respectable habitation. Hence we honor our forefathers who upon many bloody battle-fields secured for this nation the priceless inheritance of freedom; and we give equal honor to those of the late war, who by their valor and with the loss of their lives, preserved this freedom to ourselves and coming generations."

The Ladies' Literary Society closed the exercises of the day with a very appropriate and instructive programme.

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We of Monon, also claim the most useful professional. Our man is a doctor, a preacher, a lawyer, a school teacher and a politician.—Call doctor a man in sickness; preach his funeral when dead; settle up the estate, and then educate the orphans; also can make a political speech when dead.

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KEENER TOWNSHIP, June 1, 1881. EDITOR DEMOCRATIC SENTINEL:

Dear Sir—Send you these few lines for publication, and the sentiment expressed is that of at least four-fifths of the voters of Keener township, as seen to me in reference to the reconstruction of May 22, 1881, that a bridge across the Kankakee river at Dunn's Ford, is a fixed fact. Now, in the language of Tax Payer, "a bridge across the Kankakee river, at Dunn's Ford, is superfluous," and will be of very little benefit to the people of Jasper county, only Hon. I. D. Dunn, who will be personally benefited several hundred dollars by the building of said bridge. This issue was made some two and a half years ago, during a closely contested campaign, and a few weeks ago, the bridge had not been denied but ridiculed. The bridge, if built, will only be a few rods from the line between the line between Starkes and Jasper counties, and but four miles west of San Pierre, a station on the line of the L. N. & C. R.R., which gives to the people of the northern portion of Kankakee township a very good grading point; and if they wish to cross the river into Porter county, they have only to go two miles up the river from the R.R. crossing, and five miles below, to Baumb's bridge, which gives very good accommodations for getting to Koutou Station or Valparaiso, in Porter county. Therefore it is very difficult to conceive where public necessity requires this county to be taxed to the tune of fifteen hundred or two thousand dollars for the erection of a bridge at Dunn's Ford.

Now I wish to speak of a petition for a bridge across the Kankakee river one and one-eighth mile west of the line between ranges 6 and 7, in Jasper county. The petition was filed June 5, 1877, and a survey of the route made by George Johnson, by virtue of an order of the Commissioners. This bridge, if built, would give to the people of Jasper township an outlet to Elkhart in Porter county, a distance of only five or six miles, but as now traveled we have to go nine or ten miles east to Baumb's bridge, and the same distance back, before we can reach Elkhart. If this bridge was built it would place Rensselaer and Elkhart in direct communication, which would be of great benefit to the people of both counties. But it seems as though we must wait yet a little while longer, and vote the Republican ticket.

During the last campaign we were gorged with the party lash, and made to understand that if the present Commissioners of the second district, who are the great bridge builders over the Kankakee river, in which he is interested, should await its turn, and the one we were interested in over the Kankakee river, would receive his support. But, is our petition was—dismissed. Wonder if his petition will be dismissed at the next term of Commissioners Court.

ANOTHER TAX-PAYER.

Choice Codfish 6¢ cents a pound, at

Kern's new Grocery Store.

at work, and so soon as the grading is done track-laying will be speedily finished.

Eight car loads of iron at the end of the track. Sixteen miles of track down, and within five miles of the Kankakee river.

Joseph Boyce a well-known citizen of this county, has removed to Elk Falls, Kansas, has bought 50 acres of land—40 in cultivation, and 10 acres of nice timber, on the bank of Elk river. He is well satisfied.

Weather cool and health good at Slip-Up. SAND LAPPER. June 2, 1881.

Lee Items.

Health good and business brisk. Gardens and small grain begin to rain.

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