

Daniel Royse, Clerk of the Supreme Court, died very suddenly a few days ago.

Virginia owes \$40,000,000, one of the blessings inherited from carpet-bag rule.

Mr. Garfield will probably recover. Continued improvement is reported day by day.

The "stalwarts" and "half-breeds" still have each other by the ear, at Albany. No election of Senator yet.

There arrived in New York during the past six months 241,903 immigrants, against 176,985 same time last year.

Guineau, the would-be assassin of President Garfield, insists that the death of Mr. G. was essential to the life of the Republican party.

Oxford Tribune: To Mr. and Mrs. Dwiggin on the 7th inst. the precious gift of a girl baby: weight 10 pounds. Mother and child both doing well.

Ar. Irishman in Iowa has just caught ducks to swim in hot water, and with such success that they lay boiled eggs. Who says this is not an age of improvements?

Monticello Herald: Jasper Keyes, has disposed of the Democrat office to C. J. Reynolds, who is actively engaged in preparing to resume the publication of that paper.

Three Americans, Burns, Hamilton and Wilkes, caught in Italy counterfeiting its paper money, are now galley slaves at Gaeta, serving out a twenty years' sentence each.

The New York Legislature will have to adjourn without electing Senators. It ought to adjourn. It is deeply interested with infamy. Perjury and bribery permeate it, saturate it, until it is a stench in the nostrils of all honorable men. Let it die.

At a dance recently given, the Prince and Princess of Wales remained till 3 a. m. The Princess received a magnificent bouquet of exotics, in the center of which, half hidden with the flowers, was a mechanical bird, which warbled several charming airs.

Hon. Stephen W. Dorsey, "the man who saved Indiana," passed through Chicago Tuesday on his way West. He only remained a few hours, and would not interview. He was quite offish, not to say "cranky," and indisposed to give up his views about anything or anybody.

Oxford Tribune: On last Friday Mr. Brown struck James Bayard on the side of the face, breaking his jaw and knocking him senseless for twenty minutes. The blow was unexpected and unlooked for. Brown, on his own account, appeared before the justice and was fined \$5 and costs.

All the registered bonds of the national government are held, it is said, by less than one hundred thousand persons, and \$10,000,000 are held by private individuals in amounts exceeding \$50,000 each. Mr. William H. Vanderbilt alone holding not less than one-seventh of the registered bonds.

Mr. Conkling, by his warfare upon the President, helped to cause a state of things of which assassination was a not unnatural result. New York Tribune. And by the same reasoning as that of the Tribune it can be shown that Horace Greeley was responsible for the assassination of Abraham Lincoln.—Boston Traveler.

Patrick Henry was twice married, and left fifteen children, and there are now living probably more than 100 of his descendants. William Wirt Henry, a member of the Richmonde Bar, and Representative of the District in the State Senate, is his grandson. Senator Roane, of Virginia, was his grandson, and General Joseph H. Johnston in his great-nephew, as was also William C. Preston, the distinguished Senator in Congress from South Carolina.

Mr. John W. Bookwalter was nominated for Governor of Ohio, by the Democrats in convention, Wednesday at Columbus, on the second ballot. Mr. Bookwalter is a native of Fountain county, Indiana. He is a gentleman of fine abilities, thoroughly educated, and possesses a large fortune. He is well equipped for the coming struggle with Mr. Charles Foster and the hosts of Ohio Republicanism. We wish him overwhelming success.

The Cincinnati Gazette has gone into the conundrum business up to its eyes. Hear it.

Which of the acts of the two, Guitteau or Conkling was the most irrational? Which record was most irrational? Which was the madman? In which did personal pursuit show greatest derangement of the mind and greatest disregard of the rest of mankind?

* * * Which of these, Guitteau or Conkling, has acted the most unnatural? Which shows the most unnatural consciousness of the vast consequences to others from the indulgence of his own little selfish pursuit? Which of the two is most the madman, the top when they go to Gilman. We insist that he must be mistaken. It must be the Keener boys and they discard the tops in order to accommodate the tall, web footed damsels of Gillian.

GRAPPE ISLAND. July 11, 1881.

A Fire Company.

As our town is rapidly increasing in size we will soon have the dimensions and population of a little city. As the people augment, and the town spreads, so our means for safety and protection should be better and nearer at hand; and among our needs none demands to be supplied more imperatively than a good and reliable fire company. This subject has never been agitated yet, but it is high time.

We have many buildings, both in the business and residential portions of our town exposed to imminent danger from fire, and were they to become ignited in any way the whole population would be as helpless as infants in extinguishing the flames, or in preventing their spread. At the destruction of Alfred Thompson's handsome edifice, a few months since, there was a capital exhibition of this helplessness. A hand engine, in that instance, could have controlled the fire and saved thousands of dollars worth of property; but there being no proper appliances to utilize the services and strength of the willing hands present, the efforts put forth were abortive. This occurred where the house was isolated, but how disastrous would the result be were a fire to break out in a row of buildings on our crowded streets!

We need protection against the destroyer, and the question is what plan would combine utility and efficiency with our inconvenient circumstances. As there is no suitable or sufficient supply of water to warrant us in establishing water works, I would suggest the following plan:

1st. Let a volunteer fire and hook and ladder company be organized. Many of our young men would gladly and willingly enlist in such a noble service.

2nd. Let the town trustees or the private citizens of the town negotiate for small hand engine. A very substantial and serviceable engine can be purchased for \$500, and can be paid for by private subscriptions, if in no other way.

3rd. I would advise the construction of five or six fire cisterns, the same to be located in the most populous and exposed parts of town; for instance, one at Washington and Van Rensselaer streets, one at Van Rensselaer and Rutson, one at Cullen and Angelica, one at Susan and Front, one beyond the river, and one in Newton's addition. Others can be constructed as the town grows and demands them. The race would be an inexhaustable resource to protect Front street.

4th. Let a small engine house be built not far from the court house. The total expense of this plan would not exceed \$1,000, and that value in property would be saved at the first fire after it was adopted and put into practice. The subject is one upon which I should like to hear an expression from our citizens through the papers.

Let us not be improvidently sleeping until a woful test shall again establish the truth of the adage that "Experience is a dear school, but fools will learn in no other way."

CITIZEN. UNION TOWNSHIP ITEMS.

Look out for Uncle Simon, next week.

Weather warm for the past few days.

Jacob Troxell sports a large boil on his foot.

Harvesting in full blast.

Messrs. Broady and Hensler bought several fat cows in Union last week.

Ex-Trustee M. P. Comer of Goodland, and old friends in Union last week. M. P. is a clever fellow, and was cordially welcomed by his many friends.

A petition is being circulated and signed by our citizens asking an appropriation of \$400 to build a new bridge over the Iroquois at Alters Mill.

Haymaking will commence earlier this season than usual.

Union will be well represented at the Normal, in Rensselaer. We believe in patronizing home institutions and home talent.

We notice that we are classed with the "unparalleled writers," by Polka and Waltz. Thanks, Messrs. P. & W., for the compliment.

The people of northern Union turned out mass to the celebration, on the 4th, at Pleasant Valley, and had an enjoyable time. Mr. B. W. Harrington presided. Addresses were made by Rev. L. Shortridge, Hon. A. O. Marshall of Joliet, Ill., and others.

Thomas Davison is doing a thriving business at "Pei Ho."

It is fashionable in Union and Keener for young men to be "cut out" by their bachelor brothers. For further particulars inquire of Rev. Bradberry's partner.

The Grape Island school closed on the 1st, and Bob-Tail on the 8th, after a term of two months.

Mrs. John Shields possesses a radio which measures 23 inches in circumference.

Two new schoolhouses to be built in Union this fall—one at Grape Island and the other at Slip-Up.

Polk and Waltz says he knows several gentlemen in Union who own "top buggies," and that they always discard the top when they go to Gilman. We insist that he must be mistaken. It must be the Keener boys and they discard the tops in order to accommodate the tall, web footed damsels of Gillian.

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Walker Township Items.

Weather very warm and dry, though some appearance of rain to-day.

Corn is looking fine, generally.

Farmers are nearly all done harvesting.

Wheat somewhat better than farmers anticipated.

Mr. John Wrenick spent the Fourth of July carding wheat for his neighbor, J. F. Spriggs, where he cut twenty-nine dozen and nine sheaves, and the ex-squire bound it for him, the sheaves were found \$6,080 in currency and certificates of deposit for about \$5,000. They confess the crime.

Twenty years ago a girl baby, elegantly dressed, was deserted by its mother who left it in a Connecticut depot. Several young men clubbed together to support it; but they tired of the sensation, and the child was sent to an industrial school. She is this week a sweet girl graduate at a well known seminary, where she has won high honors. N. Y. Herald.

Nicholas has the largest crop of small grain of any farmer in the township, while Meyers has the largest corn crop.

A man of tact always manages to get out of a difficulty. The clerk of a parish whose business was to read the "first lesson" came across the chapter in which the names Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego occur twelve times, and finding it extremely difficult to pronounce these names he went through the chapter referring to them as "the aforesaid gentlemen."

A great many incorrect statements get into newspapers, but if the advice of the Irishman was followed the difficulty would be at once relieved. When his death had been announced he wrote a hurried note to the editor to assure his friends that he was still alive, and added that no newspaper man ought to publish a death until he was informed of the fact by the deceased.

Choice Codish 64 cents a pound, at Kern's new Grocery Store.

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Waterbury has moved his tailoring establishment into Leopold's corner building.

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