

No small-pox in Rensselaer, and we believe no case in the county of Jasper.

A thief recently stole an overcoat from a Cincinnati doctor, and along with it got a first class case of small-pox.

Kentland News: A man by the name of Clark came to Kentland last Thursday and expressed himself as feeling sick and unable to get to where his relatives live in the country. It was suspected that he was taking smallpox and for lack of other quarters he was placed in the jail. Dr. Chaffee has charge of him and pronounces it smallpox. It is thought that the jail is a safe distance from the street and buildings and if proper precaution is taken there is no need of the disease spreading.

In view of the fact that smallpox is raging in several localities in this state we publish the following as a cure for this loathsome disease. It was furnished the Liverpool Mercury by a well known English physician and we would advise those who read it to cut it out and preserve it:

thus: "The same lot of persons—the same newspapers—that were abusing Garfield up to the day he was assassinated, the Star Routs whose effort was to stain Garfield with their own dirt—are now abusing Blaine. They are determined to associate the ex-Secretary of State in every way with the murdered President."

Speaker Keifer has succeeded in blocking the way to tariff reform for the next two years by packing the Ways and Means committee. Only tariff bills that are favorably reported by the committee stand any chance of being adopted by the house. The power of the President to veto a bill seems slight in comparison with that of the Speaker, which has not been vested in him by either the laws or the constitution. The majority can accomplish but little without the divine sanction of the Speaker, and representatives can do but little more than give their votes if not smiled upon by that functionary. They may introduce bills but nothing comes of them. They can hardly make speeches unless the Speaker is willing. That functionary is supposed to go by rules, but when an unscrupulous Speaker is determined to set them aside, rules go for naught.

PROGRAMME

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TEMPERANCE MEETING.

The regular meeting of the Rensselaer Blue Ribbon Temperance Union will be at the Court House, Saturday evening, January 14, 1862. The following is the programme of exercises:

1. Song by choir.
2. Prayer by Rev. Philip McDade.
3. Song by choir.
4. Reading Scriptures by the Vice President, Miss Amanda Osborn.
5. Song by choir.
6. Reading minutes of previous meeting by Secretary.
7. Song by choir.
8. Opening Remarks by Charles H. Price.
9. Song by choir.
10. Declamation by Mary C. Stewart.
11. Song by choir.
12. Remarks by C. P. Mitchell.
13. Song by choir.
14. Declamation by Miss Lydia Parry.
15. Song by choir.
16. Miscellaneous remarks.
17. Song by choir.
18. Closing remarks by Simon F. Thompson.
19. Song by choir.
20. Benediction by Rev. Geo. Havens.

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We still hear a great deal about the administration of this administration to pursue remorselessly the Star Route scamps, and in evidence of their sincerity in that the appointment of Benjamin H. Brewster to the Attorney Generalship is triumphantly quoted. Mr. Brewster has been a lawyer of distinguished prominence and marked ability. No one cavils at that. But age has its compensation, and Mr. Brewster is no exception to its infirmities. That the "government" will indulge in loud mouthings and encourage its organs in giving large assurances does not exactly make it clear that any of these rascals will ever be brought to book. W. A. Dorsey, who corrupted Indiana from its moorings, and Brady, who gave him and his pals the facilities for accomplishing their nefarious work, as well as robbing the treasury debauching the ballot-box and making this administration a possibility, made to pay the penalty of their crimes by their beneficiaries! The idea is preposterous. If it should so happen it would be through a miscarriage of the eccentric form of "justice" in vogue with the men now authorized to make and unmake the laws, judges and juries who will have jurisdiction of the causes. "Put not your faith" in these, who would be princes, to the extent of believing that they will destroy those wits who have real wit, fertility and general cussedness it would be plain Mr. Arthur, kicked out of the New York Custom House "in order that the office (Collector of Customs) may be honestly administered."

The Committee of Ways and Means has been so constituted as to make it next to impossible to have any reform of our miserably disjointed and outrageously unjust and inequitable revenue system. The prompt approval of the Morrill bill by the Senatorial Finance committee, to constitute a finance commission foreshadows the purpose of the republican representatives in both Houses. Indeed, Judge Kelley, Chairman of the House committee, has avowed as much. The roving commission favored will protract its labors until too late to enable legislation on the subject until after the next Presidential election. You remember what a handle was made of this issue in 1860. The same game is to be played over again in 1864, if they have their own way. This is simply a denial of justice to the masses of the people, but what care these political speculators. This leads me to remark that the protectionists, as they falsely style themselves, don't "point with pride" so much to Prussia any more as evidence that their financial system is an unmixed blessing. From reports emanating from the various parts of Bismarck's dominion, both mining and manufacturing interests, despite the high tariff for their "protection," are in a "state of obstinate stagnation," and the effect has been "generally ruinous to local industry." The complaint is common over the Empire, and a loud demand is made for a "return to the customs policy of 1865, as the hope for trade." The words in quotation marks are extracts from the various boards of trade throughout Germany, and with two solitary exceptions, the testimony is concurrent in declaring the effect in Germany as "disastrous to all kinds of trade and industry."

Speaker Keifer's assignment to committees, under the "inspiration" of ex-Secretary "Secor" Robeson, has created a buzz, not confined at all to the minority. On the 53 committees all the chairmen but four are representatives from Northern States, and those four are among the unimportant on the list. But it is less to this than other causes exception is taken, Pennsylvania is rewarded with the lion's share of places of prominence, while New York is scarcely considered. If not to-day, yet at an early period a move will be made, it is said, by Republican members, to change the manner of appointment of these committees. You know the practical work of legislation is done by these committees, and the Speaker has practically made a "mess" of it in his assignment of the members upon them. If he does not enlarge his field of information and action, Mr. Keifer will not find the Speaker a bed of roses.

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DIED.

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