

An exchange well says that Arthur is like th' Yankee's powder—slow but dreadfully sure—to get a Stalwart in when the time comes.

The article on first page of to-day's Sentinel, on the "Enormity of the Tariff"—"Protection" During 1881—is a tattered to a careful perusal.

Some flatulent third termer should push a bill into Congress to pension Fred Grant. It will have to be done some time. Grant mendacity is now a National disease.

The religious people of Clarinda, Iowa had a week of prayer for exemption from smallpox. The scourge passed by the town, and now a day of thanksgiving is appointed.

The indications are favorable for the return of George I. Flit John Porter to all the rights, privileges and honors which were years ago wrested from him by a packed Military Court.

Senator Logan has had his son in law Tucker, a man under thirty, who never had any connection with the army, appointed paymaster over the heads of many old soldiers. It is a life position, worth \$4,200 a year.

A Belgian, who landed at Castle Garden on Saturday, has a pair of horns an inch long protruding from his forehead, and seems proud of his peculiarity. The doctors say they could not be cut away without great danger, as the incision would probably reach the brain.

Reports have it that Senator Logan is pressing Grant to think of something else he wants to make him comfortable in his old age. Well, press the act to pension ex-Presidents. This with the act retiring him as General—should it pass the House—it will be well pensioned.

Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts, in referring to Judge Roscoe Conkling, of New York, in the United States Senate recently maliciously said: "He (Conkling) is being spotted with the blood of the National's chief Magistrate." Such talk coming from a brother Senator is disgraceful. If Conkling can be charged with the blood of Garfield, so can President Arthur.

Merely because President Arthur was moved to tears by the sweet songs of some wandering sons of Ham, an irreverent correspondent of the Times fancies that he is unlike the father of his country, because Washington never slumped over. Yet Washington was regarded as a man of sensibilities, and if he had sat up all day like patience on a monument smiling at office-hunters, he, too, might have wept at evening if the representatives of an enfranchised race had held out to him in tune numbers the promise of a blessed and restful immortality.

Indianapolis Sentinel: It will doubtless be conceded by those who have placed the highest estimates upon Garfield's character that nothing could have been more unfortunate than to publish a private letter, written by Garfield at a time when he was chief of General Rosecrans's staff to Governor Chase, of Ohio. The publication of the letter in question was doubtless owing to the fact that Blaine, in his memorial eulogy, sought to confer upon Garfield military renown based upon nothing more substantial than fiction, and to prop up this airy fabric Garfield's letter is brought forward. Unfortunately for Garfield and his friends, Rosecrans is still living to reply, and to rescue his military reputation from such stigma as duplicit and falsehood sought to fix upon it. Rosecrans, in his reply to the allegations made by Garfield, exhibits an indignation which all true men will endorse. He charges Garfield with falsehood and exaggeration, with treachery and ingratitude, for which, if the Commanding General had had information, Garfield would have been promptly court-martialed and dismissed in disgrace. The affair in the light of truth, surrounds the character of Garfield with any thing but a halo of glory, and thoughtful men will not fail to analyze the facts. This done, and it will be seen that General Rosecrans had for his Chief of Staff a man who, while professing friendship, was nothing better than a stately enemy. Having gratified himself fully into the Commanding General's confidence this Chief of Staff used his position and opportunities to assassinate a reputation amidst the fire and smoke of battles—an exhibition of deceit, of meanness without a parallel. General Rosecrans says of Garfield's statements, that they are "a mixture of untruths and misrepresentations," and do "discredit to the memory of a dead man," and adds: "I had no idea at the time that I was harboring a person capable of such falsehood and double dealing or there would have been a court martial at once. I did not look for such an exhibition of General Garfield's character as this, and am sorry that the letter ever saw the light. But it should never have been written, for, as I have said, it is a compound of untruths and exaggerations." Fortunately for General Rosecrans he is now in a position to set himself right, and to characterize "untruths and exaggerations" as they deserve. It is thus that the mills of the gods reduce specious pretensions, mendacious fictions, and all that goes to make hypocrisy successful, to dimensions of contempt and abhorrence.

UNION TOWNSHIP ITEMS
Again we send you a few "items" Beautiful weather after the storm yesterday.

The political pot has begun to boil.

The republican had the audacity to call us a Nubian Ridger while one of its editors has a brother living in the barren wilds of Keeser township.

The convention last Saturday nominated William Cooper for Trustee, David W. Shields for Assessor and George W. Casey for Road Superintendent.

The Literary still holds out.

James Garret was traveling north Union last week buying cows.

Mr. Sylvia Hill of Ash Grove Hill is visiting her brothers and friends in Union.

The Grape Island school house closed yesterday, quite a number of visitors present.

Spring why lingerest thou.

The roads are becoming almost impassable.

The marshes are full of ducks and geese and almost full of hunters.

Quite a number of our young people intend attending the summer term of the Northern Indiana Normal at Valparaiso.

John Gant went to Gilliam township last Monday. We would advise him to steer clear of the "webfoot" for there is a breaker ahead.

Keeser was represented at the literary last Friday evening. Come again friends.

John C. Alter is Surveying land in Keeser.

James Pierce closed his school last Friday after a successful term of four months. James is a success at school teaching as he is at everything he undertakes.

Robert Swain is rapidly regaining his health.

Several of our citizens talk of going West next fall.

James H. McElhaney was buying hogs in northern Union last Monday

More for the present:

March 14, 1882 GRAVE ISLAND.

A Chicago man, visiting Cincinnati was being shown around by a citizen who said, "Now let's go and see the Widow's Home." The Chicago man put his finger by the side of his nose and winked, and then said "Not much Mary Ann. I saw a widow home once, and it cost me \$15,000. She sued me for breach of promise and proved it on me. No, sir send the widow home in a huck.

A man was once before, the late Judge Kent of Maine, on a charge of having burglariously entered a lumberman's camp and stolen clothing and money. The witness for the government testified that he saw the prisoner's head, right arm and shoulder thrust through an opening he had made in the cabin, and that the stolen articles disappeared with them. Here the prosecution rested. Whereupon the prisoner's counsel went to the jury gravely protesting that there was no cause; that to make out a case of burglary the prosecution must show an entrance of the whole man—at least the larger part of him; the feet as well as the head must have been within the cabin. Judge Kent instructed the jury to return a verdict of guilty to the extent which the evidence would warrant. After a brief absence the jury returned a verdict of guilty against the prisoner as to his right arm, right shoulder and head, and the Judge sentenced the arm, shoulder and head to the state prison for two years. The prisoner might do with the remainder of his body as he pleased.

From the Valparaiso Messenger.

HIGHWAYS.

Valparaiso, Ind., March 1, 1882.

Editor Messenger—Dear Sir:—In accordance with your request, we herewith hand you a brief synopsis of the provisions of the legislative enactment of 1881, relative to Highways:

The law regulating the repairs and convolutions of highways will be found in the Acts of 1881, page 530. This enactment provides for the election of a township Superintendent of Roads in each township on the first Monday in April, 1882, and biennially thereafter. The duty of the Township Superintendent of Roads shall be to take charge of and superintend the construction and repairs of all roads, highways and bridges within his respective township. He shall take an oath to faithfully perform the duties of his office, and shall execute a bond to the approval of the Board of Commissioners in double the amount of funds that will come to his disposal. He shall have control of all moneys of his township collected for highways, or for bridge purposes; he shall execute all orders of the Board of Commissioners for opening, changing, locating or vacating any highway in his township; and he shall keep the highways and bridges in as good repair and condition as the means in his hands will permit. (Sections 1 and 2.)

It is the duty of the Township Trustee with the concurrence of the Board of Commissioners to assess, in the month of June in each year, a poll tax of each able bodied man over twenty-one years of age and under fifty for highway purposes. Idiots, insane, deaf and blind persons, and such persons as are unable to pay on account of physical infirmity and poverty are exempted from paying this tax. But these exempted poor persons must first procure from the Superintendent a certificate of exemption, which they must produce or inspection to the Assessor, when called upon for list of poll and property for taxation. The Township Trustee must also levy a road tax of

not exceeding twenty-five cents upon each one hundred dollars on the property of his township liable to taxation for State purposes, which levy shall be placed upon the tax duplicate by the Auditor, collected by the Treasurer and turned over to the Superintendent, with sufficient freehold securities payable to the State of Indiana in a penalty of double the amount of his bid, conditioned for the bidder's faithful compliance with the requirements of the plan and the specifications, and provisions of this act. In the case of the letting of the contract, the unsuccessful bidder must in like manner execute a similar bond to the approval of the Superintendent; and if he shall refuse so to execute the bond, the Superintendent may let the contract to the next lowest bidder, or he may advertise for another letting, and in that event the bidder so refusing to execute his bond shall be liable to the township, on the bond accompanying his bid, for all damages. (Sections 16, 17, 18.)

Section 4 exempts incorporated towns from the provisions of this act.

Section 5 provides for construction and repairing of roads on township or county lines and is as follows: Roads running north and south, the north half is assigned to the township on the west side of such line, and the south half is assigned to the township on the east side of such line; and roads running east and west, the west half is assigned to the township on the south side of such lines, and the half is assigned to the township or townships on the north of such lines.

Sec. 7 requires the Superintendent, in the months of April, May and June of each year, first to put all highways in good repair, and then with such other means as may be in his hands, proceed to do work denominated extraordinary, upon such portions of the highways of his township as are mostly traveled; and by ditching, draining, making embankments, culverts and bridges construct a road with a smooth surface of not less than eighteen feet in width, and when the material is within his reach, may cover nine feet width of such road with gravel or any material that will make a hard surface. The Superintendent shall expend all available means in his hands applicable to highway purposes by November 15th of each year. He shall also cause the roads to be mowed twice a year, to wit during the months of June and August, to the end that all noxious weeds and thistles may be destroyed.

The road master, or any other person by his order may enter upon any land in reach of any highway which is being improved, and thereupon construct such ditches, drains and dams, and may dig and remove any gravel, stone, earth, sand, or cut and remove any wood or trees, that may be necessary for the proper construction, repair or preservation of any such highway, any person feeling aggrieved by such act may petition the Township Trustee for an assessment of damages caused thereby, and the Trustee shall appoint three disinterested persons in such township to assess the damages, which must be done within twenty days after the appointment: they proceed as in ordinary cases of arbitration, and the complainant may appeal to the Circuit Court. (Sec. 20.)

The foregoing provision relating to macadamized roads, we understand, is to be enforced only when all the roads in the township are put in proper repair, and there remains in the Superintendent's hand a surplus of money: then he shall, in selecting the portion to be macadamized, take into consideration its importance to the traveling public, and it is convenient to gravel, stone or other material to be used in its construction. Whether any citizen shall contribute anything towards macadamizing such highway, the Superintendent shall expect a like amount equal in value to such donation, if he then has the means on hand. (Sec. 7.)

Section 8 provides that bridges may be constructed any time during the year and that all other work—macadamizing—excepted—must be done in the months of April, May, June and July.

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