

Thirty locomotives are said to have been smashed on a Virginia railroad within the past five weeks.

Hon. George Major, in the election for Prison Directors, received a larger number of votes than any of the successful candidates.

A divorce in the morning, a license in the afternoon, and re-married at night is rather quick work. But that's the way they do it in Warsaw.

In Chicago is a colored man named Underwood whose breath is said to be a burning flame which actually burns a cloth or other substance held up to his mouth.

A walnut knot that grew near Centerville, supposed for many years to be worthless on account of rot, was lately sold upward of \$200 to be used in Europe.

Grant still hankers after a "sit" on the retired list with a pension of \$15,000 per year. Let him hanker, and do something for the boys who shouldered the musket.

Mr. Conkling can't say pleasant things except to women. He speaks of Cornell as "that lizard on the hill," of Mr. Arthur as "the prize ox at the county fair," or as "the eat I threw at my enemies in the Chicago Convention."

Thirteen train men on the Third Division of the Pan-Handle have recently been discharged for violating the ironclad order of Superintendent Watts, which prohibits them from drinking intoxicants and visiting saloons and gambling houses while on duty.

The great mistake that Gen. Fitz John Porter made, was in not joining the radical party. Had he done so he would to-day be sharing the honors of foreign missions with rebels Mosby and Longstreet, and perhaps Senatorial honor with "dirty-dog" Logan.

An exchange very sensibly remarks that a great many horses are injured at this time of the year by placing frosty bits in their mouths. They take the skin of the horses tongue and lips and makes their mouths so sore they cannot eat. Those who don't think such treatment cruel should touch their own tongue to cold iron in the winter and see what the result will be. Bridles should be kept where it is warm in winter.

In the U. S. Senate, last Tuesday, in the discussion of the tariff, Mr. Beck said both the report of the Tariff Commission, and the bill of the Finance Committee had been carefully framed, not to reduce the burdens of the people, but to put as much money as possible into the pockets of the favored classes. The Committee's bill, however, did embody a few reductions, and therefore the Senator from Ohio, Sherman, preferred the report of the Commission. It was well that the people should know the real position of that distinguished leader on the other side as champion of a high protective tariff.

Commenting upon the Star Route proceedings the Cincinnati News says: "In the Star Route cases the Government has blundered in such a way that nothing but a conviction will save the prosecution from serious suspicion. The conspiracy charge against Dickson has been withdrawn, and it appears to have been instituted rather in aid of the prosecution than for the punishment of an offender. On the other hand, the excessive zeal in the cases pending is balanced by the failure to indict Kellogg, whom they gave political reason for not disturbing—the last of the carpet baggers. He is both an important factor in the Senate and knows too much about the frauds of 1876 for the Republican party to lay violent hands on him."

A Stalwart Prediction: (New York Special to the Tribune.)

A prominent New York Stalwart said to-night speaking of President Arthur: "A friend of mine went down to Washington a short time ago, and I told him to go to the White House and call on Arthur, and tell him what we are expecting of him, and that he must now begin to do something for his friends. He went to the White House, and as soon as he and the President could get alone, Arthur put his hands to his head and exclaimed: 'Heavens, how I wish I were out of this place! Its responsibilities are killing me!' 'Why, Arthur,' said my friend, 'you must not talk like this. I thought you were a man of the world than this. You must throw off this sort of feeling and do something. It is only my opinion but I am willing to venture a prophecy, I think you will find the Senate and the President have come to an understanding. That understanding is this: The President will attempt as far as he is able to evoke out of the present chaos in which the party is involved some sort of an executive policy which will make for it a good name with the people. In return the Senate will permit him to make such changes in the Federal offices throughout the country as he sees fit. Furthermore, the changes will be made in a way in which there can be no misunderstanding. They will not be confined to one city or one State. You will find a decided action along the entire line."

BARKLEY TOWNSHIP INSTITUTE

The teachers of Barkley township met in Institute, Saturday, Jan. 20th, 1883, at Center school house, for the third session of the present winter term.

M. M. Tyler, Vice President, in the chair. Roll call, found all the teachers present, except Robert Paris, also several visitors. Programme of exercises read by secretary. Miss Vena Bauk and Mr. George Antim appointed critics.

Miss I. Coons, A. McElfresh and Lizzie Richardson appointed committee on programme.

Regular exercises, class drill, Third reader grade, A. McElfresh.

Supplemental reading, what kind, when, and how used? Lizzie Richardson.

The proper sphere of the text book for Arithmetic, Vena Bauk.

The two motions of the earth and their effects, James Brushman.

How I teach the modes and Tenses, George Antim.

The French and Indian War, James Pierce.

Organs and process of Assimilation, Belle Koons.

Work necessary to be done by school teachers outside of school hours, M. M. Tyler.

Pestalozzian principles, and how far they are applicable to present methods of instruction, Ida Koons.

Advantages and disadvantages of spelling school. General discussion.

Each subject had been carefully prepared, and some of them gave rise to very interesting discussions.

School reports were then read by each teacher present.

Miscellaneous business was now introduced, and the time of holding the next meeting was decided for the 2nd Sat. in Feb. at the Center school house. This is the last session, and all are invited. Mr. George Antim then read the following resolutions, which were adopted by unanimous vote.

Resolved, That the programme for next meeting be published in county papers.

Resolved, That the trustees should allow the teacher his wages for the legal holidays during his term of school.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be sent to both county papers for publication.

The committee on programme, next reported the following regular exercises for next meeting:

What attention should the study of authors and their most prominent works receive in Fourth and Fifth Grades? A. M. McElfresh.

Elocutionary drill with Grammer Grade, James Pierce.

The solution and explanation of problems on board, the object and character, Ida Koons.

The changes of the moon and eclipses, Belle Koons.

Tides and Ocean currents, Vena Bauk.

Parsing and discussing difficult constructions, Robert J. Paris.

Class drill in History.

State Government as exemplified by Indiana.

Complete outline to be placed on the board and explained, George Antim.

Artificial stimulants and their effects on the system, James Brushman.

The three objects of the recitation, Lizzie Richardson.

The teacher's control of the pupils on the play ground, and on the road to and from school. General discussion.

Reports were then given, and minutes of previous session read by Secretary.

Adjourned to meet at the above named time and place.

M. M. TYLER, Vice President.

LIZZIE RICHARDSON, Secretary.

WHEATFIELD INFORMATION.

Wood hauling and telegraph line is the order of the day with a portion of the citizens of Wheatfield.

Our school after two weeks vacation, is again in full blast.

Mr. Breys were visited by Mr. Paul and daughter Mollie, of Porter county on last Tuesday.

The scholars who were perfect last month at the River school, were Vina Sexton, Miley Sexton, Zedoo Sexton and Herman Hiller.

Mr. Muffley, is slowly, but surely recovering.

Mr. John Sexton has returned from a protracted visit among friends and relatives at Monticello.

Miss Anna Brey, attended the Porter County Teachers' Association, at Hebron last week, of which she is a member.

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The name of the telegraph line of northern Wheatfield, is the "Western Union." The offices, Chicago and New York.

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Wheatfield supports a literary now, meeting each Saturday eve, at the Gates school house.

We are sorry to record the death of the only daughter, of Mrs. Osborne, she receiving the intelligence to-day that her daughter, who resides near Chicago, has been dead for over a month.

Mr. Robert Biggs and wife, are staying at Mr. Helmick's at present.

A marriage on the tapa.

One-Off-U.

An Impossibility.

Deserving articles are always appreciated. The exceptional cleanliness of Parkers Hair Balsam makes it popular. Gray hairs are impossible with its occasional use.

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The New York letter in the Detroit Free Press says it seems almost incredible, and had I not hadocular proof I should not dare to state it, that a single dress, just finished for a lady in that city has on it 1800 buttons of varying sizes. Ten days were consumed in arranging and sewing on the buttons by a seamstress. On each sleeve there were 100 buttons; on the body, basque and collar 250, and on the skirt 1350.

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The Scientific American gives the following receipt as a sure cure for corns:

If any of our readers are afflicted with these unpleasant companions, it would probably be well for them to give it a trial as the remedy is very simple: "Take one-fourth cup of strong vinegar, scrub into some bread. Let it stand half an hour, or until it softens; into a good poultice, then apply on retiring for the night. In the morning the soreness will be gone, and the corn can be picked off. If the corn is a very obstinate one it may require two or more applications to effect a cure."

A writer in an exchange says: "I discovered many years ago that wood could be made last longer than iron on the ground, but thought the process so simple that it was not well to make a stir about it. I would as soon have poplar, basswood, or ash as any other kind of timber for fence posts. I have taken out basswood posts after having been set seven years that were as sound when taken out as when first put in the ground. Time and weather seemed to have no effect on them. The posts can be prepared for less than two or three aplles."

This is the result: Two boiled linseed oil and stir in pulverized coal to the consistency of paint. Put a coat of this over the timber, and there is not a man that will live to see it rot."

TRANSPARENT GLYCERINE SOAP.

Twenty pounds of fresh tallow and 10 pounds of best cocoanut oil are heated to 167 deg. Fair. On the other hand, 15 pounds of solution of caustic soda of 40 deg. B., or specific gravity 1.384, 12 pounds of 96 per cent alcohol, 15 pounds of glycerine, 6 pounds of brown sugar, and 2 pounds of water are mixed, likewise heated to 167 deg. Fair, and the mixture gradually mixed with the former under brisk stirring. Saponification takes place in this manner without the necessity of boiling. The reaction is accompanied by a considerable increase in bulk. It may then be covered, and after it has become a little cooler, it may be seen that it is transferred to moulds, which must be so placed that the soap can congeal quickly.—New Remedies.

A WESTERN LIAR.

A Western man had been telling some Philadelphians how Western cities grow. He says he went off into the mountains hunting and, night coming on, he went to sleep in a tree to be out of the reach of the wolves. He was awaked early in the morning by some workman, who told him to get down and finish his nap on the court house steps, as they wanted to turn that tree into a flagpole for the hotel across the way. He got down, and while rubbing his eyes was near run over by a street car and got his feet tangled in an electric light wire.

AN OLD PUZZLE.

A Yankee came to a shoemaker and bought a pair of boots at \$5; he gave the shoemaker a \$50 bill, the shoemaker had no change and he went out and got it from a neighbor, and then gave the Yankee \$45, keeping \$5 as pay for his boots. Shortly thereafter the neighbor called, and said, "This note, which I changed for you, is a counterfeit, and I want good money for it." The shoemaker accordingly redeemed the counterfeit.

Now, what did the shoemaker lose by this transaction?

The Star Route trials now going forward in Washington are well calculated to bring what is called the "Department of Justice" into contempt. The Government, it is reported, has considered the propriety of dismissing the Jury for some trivial cause. Should this be done the proceedings would have to be all gone over again. The case is one which enables Biggs and his pals to bleed the Treasury at about the rate of about \$200 per day, and it is believed that the goose which yield such bountiful supplies of down will be kept in good picking order to the latest day practicable.

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DECEMBER SETTLEMENT SHEET OF JASPER COUNTY, INDIANA, FOR COLLECTIONS ON STATE AND COUNTY REVENUE.

Second installment unpaid at last May settlement.

State Tax. \$1,616.19
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County Tax. 1,616.19
Tuition Tax. 1,616.19
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Dog Tax. 1,616.19
County Jail. 1,616.19
Hallroad. 1,616.19
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Total Tax of 1881. \$14,936.23
First installment delinquent at last May settlement.

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Interest on basis of 1880, distributed.

State Tax. \$2,695.25
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Special School Tax. 2,695.25
Dog Tax. 2,695.25
County Jail. 2,695.25
Hallroad. 2,695.25
Ditch. 2,695.25
Total Tax of 1881. \$24,826.88
Interest on old delinquency, and interest on old delinquency.

State Tax. \$8.35
State House Tax. 8.35
County Tax. 8.35
Tuition Tax. 8.35
Special School Tax. 8.35
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Ditch. 8.35
Total Tax of 1881. \$8.35
Collection of second installment since May settlement.

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