



**JORDAN AND MARION ITEMS.** Roads rough, Wood hauling is the order of the day.

Cattle are looking well at present. Prayer meeting at the Never Fail school house every Thursday evening.

Literary at the Blake school house every Wednesday evening. Every body invited to attend.

Perry Blake has moved one mile east of his former residence.

Mr. Yeader has moved to the southern part of the township.

Eula Iliff is the champion wrestler and boxer of Jordan. Any one wishing to try their muscle will do well to give him a call.

Madames Benson and Bilderbrand are sick with cancer. They cannot recover.

Tony Zimmer has moved into the house lately vacated by Mr. Yeader.

Thomas Daugherty is erecting a new dwelling house on his farm. Smith & Son, of Rensselaer, are the builders.

The political pot has begun to boil. Wes Reed is working for the Republican nomination for Assessor. The Democrats will spoil his fun with Mr. McGinn or some other good man as their candidate.

Curt Weave, lost a good cow a few days since.

William Babcock has gone to Wabash county to buy cattle.

Henry C. Pierson will soon move to the Pierson farm, east of Rensselaer. A man from Goodland takes his place on the Huston farm.

Rev. McReynolds preached at the Never Fail school house last Sunday. He scored the dancers right and left. Every body was highly pleased with the sermon.

Health generally good.

The schools of Jordan are closing in good condition. The attendance is better than last year.

**NEVER FAIL.**

#### UNION ITEMS.

Weather fair. Quite a "Polar Wave" struck this section Sunday.

There is considerable church talk at present. A meeting will be held at the Brushwood Wednesday night to discuss the subject. It is something the community needs.

With one exception, the schools in this township will close this week. Wild Lily, A. M. Munden, teacher, will not close for some time yet.

The singing school, at Wild Lily, is among the pleasures of the past.

Men in this vicinity are being put forward for the township offices. The contest will be close. Y.

He was posted—"Post no bills under penalty," had been duly inscribed on a high board fence, and the owner had made frantic leavers to catch some one who had disregarded the request. Early in the morning the knight of the paste-brush was busily engaged in ornamenting the fence with a paper advertisement concerning a celebrated liver cure.

"See here," yelled the owner of the fence to the paste mixologist, "can't you read?"

"Yes, I can read," replied the pasteur.

"Well, then, what's the matter with that sign I have put on the fence?" yelled the infuriated owner.

"I don't see anything the matter with it," said the bill-poster.

"You blockhead, can't you read what it says?"

"Yes, but I don't see anything in that which will prevent me from putting up the bills."

"The devil you don't. Then I'll

read it for you: 'Post no bills under penalty'."

"That's all right enough," replied the bill poster, "I am pasting over penalty."

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Also Russian varieties as low as an acre. I have put on the fence soon as I do not keep them on hand. Also Blackberry, Raspberry, Strawberry, and Grapes, and a nice lot of Evergreens and Shade trees, and will have Cabbage, Tomato, Pepper, Celery and Sweet Potato plants in season.

SMITH HADN'T HEARD.—"Hello! Smith had fire over to our house last night! Hear about it?"

"No!!! Don't say so? How did it happen?"

"Same old story—paper and matches?"

"Den ed sorry for you, old man; much damage done?"

"Burnt up a lot of coal—"

"O, originated in your shed?"

"Oh, no, it—"

"Didn't have wood and coal in your house?"

"Well, yes, a little; and you see the thing get a going and blazed away all night."

"Duce you say! Couldn't the fire department stop it?"

"Well, yes, s'pose they could; but they didn't try!"

"Why, that's infamous!!"

"Fa tis, it's burning yet!"

"Why, man alive, are you crazy, coolly standing there on the street corner while your house is burning up?"

"Who said anything about my house burning down? Fire in our big base burner." And he got around the corner lively to escape the snowballs Smith sent flying after him, who regretted he hadn't a shot gun handy.

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An exchange says a pinch of powder alum in muddy water will make it as clear as crystal.

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