

THE AMERICAN.  
LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

TIME TABLE—W. W. V. R. R.

DOWNWARD TRAINS.

Chicago Express	8:35 a. m.
Chicago Mail	8:45 a. m.
Day Freight	2:15 p. m.
Night Freight	12:00 p. m.

UPWARD TRAINS.

Chicago Mail	9:07 a. m.
Chicago Express	9:00 p. m.
Day Freight	9:20 a. m.
Night Freight	12:00 p. m.

Protracted Meeting.

The good Methodist people of this place are holding a protracted meeting every evening during this week, with a large attendance upon the services. It is hoped that much spiritual benefit will be the result of these very interesting meetings.

Interest on Judgments.

A bill has passed both branches of the Legislature providing that the interest on judgments shall be at the same rate as that of the original contract.

Revenue Decision.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has decided that farmers have no right, after having their grain manufactured into flour, to then sell the flour in any manner, without paying a license to the Government. If they do, they are liable to the penalties provided by law.

New Postmaster.

Mr. T. J. Tyner has been appointed Postmaster at this place. Jeff. understands the business, and will no doubt prove to be a good official for Uncle Samuel.

Returned Home.

Hon. C. E. Clarkson and wife, who have been visiting in this neighborhood during the few weeks just past, started back to Iowa on Monday last. They stay were a most welcome one to their many old friends and acquaintances. We wish them a long life of unalloyed happiness and continued success in their abundantly comfortable home.

The Cheapest.

Persons knowing themselves indebted to me will find it cheaper to come and settle their accounts with me than to pay the expense of some one else to collect them for me. I am intending to leave the County, and I must have my money before I go. Come, my fellow citizens, pay me what you owe me, and save trouble and expense. T. C. BECKS.

"Barrett's" Celebrated Hair Restorative.

Lindell Hotel.

This popular hotel, situated on the corner of Sixth and Walnut Streets, Cincinnati, (A. H. Jaynes, Proprietor,) is undergoing thorough renovation, and continues to be a favorite resort with the traveling public. Comfortable beds in well furnished rooms, the best of meals with accommodating waiters, for all of which moderate prices are paid, render the Lindell House one of the best of Western hotels. We notice that the gentlemanly and attentive "mine host" formerly of the Moss House, and the accommoming young Frank Kraft of the Seitz House, both of Greensburg, Indiana, are attaches of the "Lindell." We heartily commend this hotel to the transient public.

Religious.

The ministerial services of Elder Parker, of Harrison, Ohio, has been recurred by the Christian Church at Metamora, to preach at the latter place on Thursday evening of each week. Use "Barrett's," and no other.

Overcoat.

Trichier & Scoby are selling Good Overcoats at \$7.50 to \$9.50. Now is the time to get bargains at their store.

Bee Cholera.

The singular calamity among honey bees in this County is attributed to a disease designated as a kind of cholera. Many of our people have lost almost their entire crop.

Wiley & Case

Are in receipt of another superior stock of Family Groceries of every kind and quality, which they are offering at the lowest market prices. They also have a superb assortment of Quinceau and Glassware, and also an infinite variety of Candies, Pickles, &c. Call in them when you want to purchase anything.

Eclipse of the Moon.

On Wednesday the 27th of this month, at 7:30 o'clock P. M., the full moon, in the sign of Cancer, will move into a portion of the shadow of the earth, and become a little less than one-half eclipsed. The middle of the eclipse will occur at 8:42, the end at 9:20 in the evening. The size of the eclipse will be 51 digits on the northern limb. The moon will be one hour above the Eastern horizon at five minutes after six o'clock on that evening.

The world uses "Barrett's."

Where to Get Bargains.

Judging from the way farmers and others are carrying off Harness, Saddles and other articles in his line, at this season of the year, T. C. Becks is certainly giving his customers great bargains. But there is a better bargain for some good, enterprising person who will come and buy his stock and fixtures, and succeed him in his thriving business. Who will be the lucky man?

United States District Court.

BEFORE JUDGE M. DONALD.  
The United States vs. Jonathan M. Dair and his sureties on a distiller's bond. The question decided in this case was raised by demurrer to a plea, as follows:

Deponent Sayeth.

Depositions were taken before Charles Moermann, Notary Public, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, in the contested election case of Reid vs. Julian. Two witnesses were examined from each Precinct in the Townships of Springfield, White Water, Salt Creek, Highland, Ray and Metamora, and also several from the two Precincts in Brookville Township. Thos. B. Adams appeared for G. W. Julian, and Henry Hanna for Judge Reid. The testimony shows very great irregularity in the voting last October in each of these Precincts, there being no boundary lines established, and voters casting their ballots at either Precinct in their respective Townships. The County Commissioners sometime ago abolished the line dividing these Precincts, for some reason best known to themselves; but whether said intent was in doing so, has not yet clearly appear. The testimony will most probably result in throwing out the entire Congressional vote in every one of those several Townships, thereby decreasing Reid's majority in Franklin County fully 1,000 votes.

Depositions were taken in Wayne County last week by Judge Reid. L. D. Stubb's acted as attorney for Mr. Julian. The substance of the testimony has not yet transpired.

Medical Meeting.

According to previous notice in the County papers, the following members of the Medical Profession met in the Red Men's Hall in Brookville at 1 o'clock P. M. on the 14th inst.: R. Haymond, C. N. Gibbs, J. H. Quick, H. W. Ferguson, H. G. Averdick, T. H. Conner, Wm. H. Berry, Jno. T. Wallach, Geo. Berry, Bertenshaw.

W. W. McGuire not being present, sent in a communication by Dr. Conner.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Dr. Haymond. Dr. Averdick was chosen Secretary pro tem.

After thorough organization, the following gentlemen were elected permanent officers of the Franklin County Medical Society:

President—Dr. R. Haymond;  
Vice President—Dr. Geo. Berry;  
Secretary—Dr. J. H. Quick;  
Treasurer—Dr. Z. Ferguson.

The following Committees were selected to draft Laws and By-Laws—Dr. Conner, Ferguson and Averdick; Committee on Fees for Professional Services—Dr. Quick, Haymond and Davis.

A communication was received from Dr. W. W. McGuire, which was referred to the Committee on Fees.

The most important business having been transacted, the meeting adjourned till the second Thursday in February at 10 o'clock A. M., when all regular Physicians of Franklin County are expected to present themselves and become members of the Franklin County Medical Society, for their own interest as well as for that of the public at large.

R. HAYMOND, President.  
H. G. AVERDICK, Sec'y pro tem.

"Barrett's" most efficacious.

Gauger.  
Dr. John B. Davis, of this place, has been appointed Gauger at Walz's Distillery here.

Chambers & Trainer.

The above named gentlemen, formerly of Cedar Grove, have established themselves at No. 208 West Fourth Street, Cincinnati, not far from I. & C. R. R. Depot, where they have a splendid assortment of Confectionaries of every kind and quality; also Oysters, Sardines, Fruits, &c. They also serve their customers with Ice Cream and Soda Water during the warm weather. They deserve abundant success in their new enterprise.

Yours, D.

Deaths.

Montgomery Wiley departed this life at Georgetown on Tuesday, 14th inst. His disease was small-pox. The remains were brought to his father's, three miles below Brookville, on Friday, where he was buried by the Odd Fellows. Mr. Wiley was about twenty-four years of age, and had served in the Union army over three years.

Thomas Stant died on Monday, 18th inst. at his residence one mile west of Blooming Grove, aged about eighty-three years. Mr. Stant had been a resident of Franklin County nearly fifty years. He accumulated a great amount of property, and was the father of a large family.

Samuel McCleery died at Metamora, Jan. 13th, 1869, of consumption, aged 42 years. He leaves a wife and two children. His remains were interred at Venice, Ohio.

Springfield Township Items.

SPRINGFIELD, JAN. 18th, 1869.

Mr. Editor,—I will for the first time endeavor to pen a few lines for your paper, hoping you will give them a cordial welcome. I presume that some of the readers of the American will be very glad to hear from this portion of the County once more. We are prospering very well, considering the disadvantages that we labor under—such weather as we have at present. We have a pike on every road, for they are almost impassable. We had the pike fever very bad some time ago, but it has all abated. It has become constitutional now. Go ahead, men of wealth, and improve your portion of the County. Do not live in the mud all your lives. Build a turnpike from Brookville to Oxford; then you can have a good road on which to haul the productions of your farms to market.

Our wheat crop looks promising. If we do not have too bad a winter, this crop will be excellent this year. I will go as far as to say we never had as good a prospect of crops of wheat before in my recollection. Corn crops were good last year with us. They went from fifty to eighty-five bushels to the acre.

The farmers in this section of the County are improving their land in one way, that is, by ditching or draining their farms. They use the principally for ditching. But as for improving their roads, they are very slow indeed. I think we have about the best land there is in the County and the worst roads. Do not allow this, men of wealth. Let us put our shoulders to the work, and build a road that will be of some benefit to the neighborhood. It will increase the value of our land and the looks of our country, put money in the treasury and hands to work on the road, and we will have it completed in a very short time.

We have a splendid country store in this little village, owned by A. L. Adams. He is carrying on a very extensive business in the dry goods and grocery line.

In passing along giving a sketch of everything that comes to my mind, I wish to give a few words of encouragement to the Springfield Literary Society. This Society is composed of the young gentlemen and ladies of Springfield and Big Cedar Grove. They have an excellent Society. It is both interesting and instructive. This is an institution that every young man and lady should be interested in. It is there they can shake off bashfulness and cultivate their talents. The greatest men we have, or ever had, got their start in this way. Press onward, young ladies and gentlemen; the mark lies at the end of the race. "They that conquer shall wear the crown." So conquer bashfulness, and come out, men of talent and women of usefulness.

Yours, D.

THE INDIAN WAR.

Official Report from Sheridan.

ST. LOUIS, January 16. Gen Sherman has received the following dispatch:

"IN THE FIELD, FORT COOK, INDIAN TERRITORY, January 1, 1869.

"GENERAL.—The destruction of the Comanche village by Col. Evans' command, gave the final blow to the backbone of the Indian rebellion. At 12 o'clock on the night of the 31st of December, a delegation of the chief men of the Cheyennes and Arapahoes, twenty-one in number, arrived at this place on foot, their animals not being able to bring them in. They said they ruled the villages, and begged for peace and permission for their people to come in, asking no terms, but only for a paper to protect them from the operations of our troops while en route.

"They report the tribe in mounting for their losses, their people starving, their ponies dying, their dogs all eaten up, and no buffalo; that we had forced them into the canons on the eastern edge of the Staked Plains, where there were no small game or buffalo, and that they were in a bad fix, and desire to surrender unconditionally.

"I needed to their terms, and will punish them justly, and I can scarcely make an error in any punishment awarded, for they all have blood upon their hands.

"I see it is alleged by Indian Agents that Black Kettle's band were on the reservation at the time they were attacked. This is false. The reservation extends but thirty miles up the Onaqui from Fort Cobb. The battle took place one hundred and twenty miles up that stream from here. It was also alleged that the band was friendly. No one could make such an assertion who had any regard for the truth. The young men of this band commenced the war. I can give their names.

"Some of Black Kettle's young men were out depredating at Fort Dodge when the village was wiped out. Mules taken from the scene of the outrages, and photographs stolen from the scenes of the outrages on the Solomon and Saline rivers, in Kansas, were found in the captured camp, and, in addition, I have their own illustrated history, found in their captured camp, showing the different fights or murders this tribe were engaged in, the trains attacked, the bay parties attacked about Fort Wallace, and the women, citizens and soldiers killed.

"It is at the service of any one desiring information on the subject. It should be known, also, that I invited Black Kettle and his family to come in, through the Arapahoe chief Little Raven, in my interview with that chief at Fort Dodge, in September last, but they did not come.

"Yours respectfully,  
P. H. SHERIDAN.

"Major, General Commanding."

From the New York Post, January 14.

The Great States Given Away.

The Washington correspondent of the Cincinnati Gazette has done a good service to the people by bringing together in a letter, which we publish in full to day, the details of the grants made by Congress to railroad companies, out of the public lands. It appears that nearly one-third of all the lands of the nation have been already given away to great corporations; and that speculators, encouraged by their success hitherto, are now before Congress with plausible schemes for getting nearly all that remains.

The companies created and enriched by these grants will hereafter wield a pecuniary and political power greater than the biggest monopolies hitherto known have ventured to aspire to. The Union and Central Pacific roads alone, which are practically one, will control a financial interest of nominally \$100,000,000, apart from the incalculable value of the lands, 124,000,000 acres, which they receive as a gift.

Even at this time the value at current prices of the franchises and property secured to these companies can not be estimated at less than \$200,000,000; all of it obtained by the projectors without the investment of a dollar of their own, except in lobbying. The power they will have over the politics of the States which will be formed upon their line can not be less than absolute; and it will be a power without any corresponding responsibility, and therefore without any proper check. Their financial power is already felt throughout the country, and is growing with alarming rapidity.

Each of the other great railroads which have received land grants is an incipient monopoly on the same colossal scale. Not less than ten great States, each of them larger than New York, each of them sure to contain, within a century, not less than five millions of people, have been given over to the control of these irresponsible monopolies. A direct grant to a body of adventurers of the right to own, settle and rule a certain country forever, after the fashion of the great monarchs of the age of discovery, would not be, in reality, a more reckless violation of the principles of free government.

Is it time to stop this lavish distribution of empires? Is it time to hesitate in this stupendous manifesto, by which the very traditions told by Herodotus of the kingdoms given to favorites by the Great King of the East are surpassed? Is it time to have regard to the purity and freedom of the government under which our children are to live? If so, the first step is to reject utterly and at once every one of the plundering schemes now before Congress. After this is done, we may think of retracing our steps, and trying to remedy some of the evils for which the way is already prepared.

There are many hair preparations in the market, but none are so valuable an object upon the hair and scalp, as Hall's Vegetable Saline Hair Restorative.

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