

# National Banner.

## LOCAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

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### BREVITIES.

The Radicals are sorely troubled about the Democratic nomination for Congress in this District. If they will keep quiet, they will know soon enough "who's who."

The new rail road has reached Avilla. An engine is expected this week.

The census report shows the population of Ligonier to be 1,512—several hundred less than many of our citizens estimated it.

The attention of those interested in Agricultural Fairs is directed to an article on the first page of to-day's paper.

Marshal, Hicks has a farm for rent. Advertisement.

A lively interest is taken in the Prussia-France difficulty, by many of our citizens. The feeling is decidedly against the course of France.

Considerable work was done on the harvest field last Sunday.

An immense crowd was in town last Wednesday to see O'Brien's manager—Lager, whisky, soda water, lemonade, ice cream, &c., were consumed in immense quantities. A few bloodless fights occurred during the day, otherwise things passed off without disturbance.

An ordinance prohibiting the erection of frame buildings on Cavin street would doubtless meet with general favor among a vast majority of our citizens. We commend this subject to the consideration of the town council.

All kinds of pure drugs, patent medicines, wines and liquors, choice groceries, wall and window paper, paints, oils, perfumery, brushes, stationery, soaps, dyes, starch, and everything kept in a first-class drug store, at Moore & Tharp's.

Two loads of new wheat, the first of this year's crop, were brought to this market by James Wilson, of Washington township, and purchased by Sol. Mier, at \$1.17 per bushel.

WHILST conversing with our old friend, Levi Diller, last Monday evening, we incidentally learned that about seven weeks ago (one day after the burning of Judge Tousley's state factory) his stave factory and saw mill in Green township, together with a large quantity of lumber and staves, were burned to the ground, supposed to be the work of incendiaries. Mr. Diller's loss is fully \$7,000; no insurance. C. B. Jones had an interest in the stave factory, and sustains a loss of about \$1,000. Mr. Diller's loss is a severe one, and he asks the indulgence of his creditors until he can straighten his matters so as to satisfy all demands.

What benefit W. Skillet expects to derive from so barefaced a statement as that contained in his last local, viz:—"that the Democrats of Ligonier are very much chop-fallen at the course of the Standard" in returning to its vomit, is a profound mystery to us. Now, we undertake to say that the very reverse is the fact, and we challenge Judge Skillet to name a single Democrat who is "chop-fallen" in consequence of that paper's support of Billy Williams. We do wish these radical scribblers would use less violence in distorting the truth.

The editor of the Goshen Times has an amazing faculty for mixing things generally. He speaks of us as an aspirant for congressional honors, and has us defeated for Secretary of State. Still more astonishing is his discovery that the Democracy of Laporte county was recently "nearly rent in twain." Wondrous flights of imagination—strange hallucinations, the probable result of Starr having been born at a time when his heavenly namesakes were slightly muddled.

Ede Fisher, of Noble county, is a modest fellow. For eight years he has held the position of County Auditor. He now wants to be Treasurer. —Columbia City Post.

Modest! that's no name for it. It is the purest self-sacrifice, that the machinery of our county government may not come to a sudden stop. The court-house without Ede Fisher? Preposterous!

Passing the door of Wm. Crow at Kendallville, we noticed his business room crowded with customers, who were making purchases of family supplies. He keeps one of the best assortments of grocery stocks in that city, and his large and increasing trade is the best evidence that he is a liberal and upright dealer. Try him before purchasing elsewhere.

In the town of Tipton, Ind., where the temperance men have complete control of the municipal government, liquor dealers are required to pay a license of only \$25 per year. In this place the license was \$100, and there are some people so unreasonable as to howl because the town council reduced it to \$50.

BRO. STARKE, of the Goshen Times, perpetrated an "awful joke" in speaking of a "dying condition," forsor! Look to Connecticut, New York, Oregon, and if that means death, we are more than ever convinced that "it is sweet to die!"

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC.—A Sunday School Picnic will be held near Brush's Schoolhouse in Washington township, on Saturday, July 30. A general invitation is extended.

Xanthe Canfield and Emery's Ladies and Misses' Gaiters before purchasing. This stock comprises all the latest styles and are of the most substantial finish.

Canfield and Emery will sell you better made Boots and Shoes for less money than any other firm in the country does. Call and see if this is not true.

Go to Canfield and Emery for custom made Boots and Shoes. Their work, for style, quality and durability, cannot be beat in the country.

### Cromwell Items.

**Dear Banner.**—The late rains have been doing a great amount of good for the corn and potato crops. The farmers are on the alert, hauling in and stacking their wheat. We may look for more than an average yield of grain produce this season.

Our Sunday School was visited on Sabbath last by the Rev. Mr. Caskey and his wife. The young people turned out pretty generally, and they had quite an interesting time. There were a few, however, who are sorry to say, who were "led up by the devil" into the bushes after berries.

Don't forget the grove meeting of the Universalists, to be held at this place on Sunday next. Several preachers are expected to be present. Services at 10 A. M. and 2 P. M. Bring your baskets full—All are invited to attend, and we don't think any one will be near hell for competing in the chaff, leaving us in a pleasant dream of the past.

First of all, "vacation" has spread its pleasure for the renewal of dormant physical energies, and to ease the weary brain, and a rest and pleasure which, we confess, was rather "thrilled" this warm weather. Well, we've left x-y and the right angled triangles, with the ninety and nine pentagons of boarding school life behind us, and now we can twist our tongues to pleasure in Latin labyrinth, while we run over ome, omes, amaz at leisure. Yet, as we left the hall of the school building with our arm full of books, while students bade us adieu, there was something like regret that gave us the heartache dreadfully. But that is all over for a time, and we are at liberty once more, and we feel like saying, "what a glorious world!"

Home duties are many, but the spirit is willing, and the heart is weak, and we see them all before us like chaff before the wind, while we are pleasantly surprised to find that we have so much time to read, write, draw, visit, and ramble in the woods. We are not delirious, nor crazed with the happy change, but we confess that we feel some like we were nearly ready to join the Millerites, and ascend in robes of ecstatic rapture.

Well, we had a long time to ourselves last week—a whole day—and we went where everybody else went—to see the elephant. It was to be seen in all his glory, at Ligonier, where the managerie waked up everybody, as everybody's purse would open somehow, just because they had a big time under the canvas. Our purse opened, and wouldn't go shut, until the last greenback had disappeared. But who cared? We saw the elephant. But that was not what made our visit to Ligonier so very pleasant, for our numerous friends seemed to vie with each other in bidding us a cordial welcome, while we were almost overjoyed to find we were not forgotten. There were our pleasant, obliging friends of the firm of Straus & Meagher, very busy indeed in waiting upon the throng, but not too busy to chat pleasantly with one, who feels a warm gush of friendship in the heart-deeps for the Jewish people. We shall ever cherish a kindly regard for J. S. Lockhart, who was so thoughtful as to present us with tickets for dinner, at one of the best hotels in the county, and the best in Ligonier. We enjoyed the company of Ed. Meagher, who is a perfect gentleman, and who escorted us to the Helmer House for dinner. Everything there was in the very best style, and a bountiful, tempting dinner was not slighted. We have taken dinner there before, and would advise those wishing a good meal to stop at the Helmer House.

"Your respectfully, MATTHEW RIPPETT."

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