

# The National Banner

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To the readers of the BANNER, one and all, a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

THE PRESSURE upon our advertising columns is such as to leave us considerably less space for reading matter than we desire. To obviate this difficulty, we have made arrangements for hereafter issuing a supplement each week until the demands of our advertising patrons shall have been fully met.

WHILE Pennsylvania has just done away with annual sessions of her Legislature and inaugurated the biennial plan, the Ohio Constitutional Convention has decided to incorporate a clause for annual instead of biennial sessions of the Legislature. The Pennsylvanians, in our opinion, have made the best swap.

CALEB CUSHING has been appointed Minister to Spain, *viz.* Gen. Sickles. Mr. Cushing is a man of eminent ability and will represent our government with credit. He is over seventy-two years of age, has been in active public life since early manhood, and is regarded one of the ablest diplomats and jurists in the land. Politically he may be said to have been in harmony with every administration that would recognize his ability by giving him office. He held important positions under Tyler, Pierce, Buchanan, Lincoln, Johnson and Grant. In 1860 he was an ultra pro-slavery man, and will be remembered as seconding from the Baltimore convention upon Douglass' nomination for the Presidency. He has the experience, the talent, and the learning to fill any office in the gift of the nation.

ANOTHER virtuous Congressman who could not refrain from making a speech expressing his earnest desire to get rid of the necessity of taking more pay for his services than he believed them to be worth, has come to grief. The Hon. Mr. Hale, of New York, has been obliged to rise and explain. It seems that this sincere advocate of a reduction of salaries was the agent of the United States before the American and British Mixed Claims Commission, at \$10,000 per annum, and that while receiving this salary he also drew his pay as a member of Congress at the rate of \$7,500 per annum. It turned out, as the report of the debate in the House on the 18th ult. shows, that the more he attempted to explain the worse he made his case appear. It begins to seem as if the hypocrites as well as other rogues are to be no longer exempt from public indignation and scorn.

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THE SENSATION of the week ending yesterday was a strike on part of the engineers and other employees of the railroads directly and indirectly controlled by the Pennsylvania Central. The strike was occasioned by the issuing of an order, some time since, for a reduction of 10 per cent. in the pay of employees from and after January 1st. The engineers notified the companies that they would not submit to the reduction, and in order to meet the crisis at once abandoned their respective positions on Friday last. Charles E. Wilson, the Chief of the Brotherhood of Engineers, publicly announces that the strike would have been rather dangerous in the office of State Auditor—*New Era*.

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## FACT vs. FICTION.

Under this pretentious caption the *New Era* of December 25 treats its readers to a column and a quarter of choice literature with reference to the allowing of their Board of Commissioners for publishing the proclamation for the recent judicial election in this county.

We must confess that it is a disagreeable task for us to be compelled, at the beginning of the New Year, to engage in a controversy of this character with a contemporary and neighbor. It was our earnest wish, our profoundest hope, that no such duty would devolve upon us—that we might send forth this issue of the *BANNER* without containing a single article; or a solitary paragraph, that could be construed as reflecting upon the conduct of any one engaged in journalistic or other honorable pursuits.

But on the very day that we are accustomed to having brought to our attention the beautiful words recorded by Luke: "On earth peace, good will toward man," the editor of a neighboring journal—a man for whom we ever entertained the most friendly feeling and upon whom we never inflicted an injury—deliberately, devotes the major portion of his editorial page to the dissection of the most *malicious falsehoods* that ever emanated from the pen of a public writer.

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A careful reading of the above implies that the editor of the *Era* wrote deliberately—that he intended to convince the tax-payers of Noble county that we committed a fraud upon the county by taking from its treasury the sum of \$3.75 more than we were legally and justly entitled to. The charge is one of a serious character; if true, congenial punishment should be inflicted upon the offender; if false, the accuser must assume the responsibility and odium of having (1) wilfully deceived the people, and (2) of having libelously, scandalously and maliciously traduced the personal character of a fellow-man.

Now, let us see who is the thief or the liar. The notice heretofore mentioned was first inserted in No. 22 of the *BANNER*, dated Sept. 25, in the fifth column of the local page. The second insertion was made in No. 23, dated Oct. 2, seventh column of same page; third insertion in No. 24, dated Oct. 9, seventh column of second page.

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## Teachers Association.

The teachers of Perry township met in the Town Hall on Saturday, December 20th, for the purpose of organizing a township teachers' association. The house was called to order by Trustee Dunning, after which C. L. Housman was appointed Chairman and Norman Babcock Secretary of the meeting.

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## STATE ITEMS.

Wilbur F. Storey, of the Chicago Times, ate his Christmas turkey in South Bend.

Most any one is willing to serve on the jury these dull times, at \$2.50 a day, and seats found.

The Laporte Herald estimates the cost of liquor consumed in that city at a quarter of a million of dollars annually. That would build factories enough to nearly double its population.

At the Singer Works, South Bend, the old regime has been resumed, except that the piece men work at thirty-six hours a week: the machinery and day hands working full time, nine hours per day.

The Studbakers presented to Mr. Colfax a \$500 carriage on Thursday. It is a splendidly finished buggy, which can be changed into four different kinds of carriages, and was greatly admired at the Chicago Exposition.

The roughs and rowdies of Fort Wayne made a bad use of Christmas. They had two fights, in which one man, Ed. Downey, was stabbed and another, Ira Thompson, shot. Neither is dead, but Thompson's wound is dangerous.

Two New Albanians are "lawing" for possession of a hog valued at \$3.75. At the second trial of the case, the jury disagreed, although eight lawyers shed light upon the matter.

5. The best method of teaching Orthography solicited.

6. That we recommend the total abolition of Physiology and Hygiene from district schools.

7. That Geography should be taught to every scholar, from oldest to youngest, regardless of text books, beginning with their own township and spreading through adjoining townships, counties and States.

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