



Trying to Crawl Out of a Very Small Hole.
The editor of the *New Era*, having discovered that he had "got his foot in" pretty badly by his *fiction* relative to the publication of a legal advertisement in the *BANNER*, makes a desperate effort to escape from the odium which attaches to his unjust, false and slanderous accusations.

In his issue of Dec. 25th he asserted positively that there could have been but two publications of the advertisement in controversy, his assertion reading as follows:

"Two publications days only, intervening between the issuing of the Notice and election."

One week after he modifies this by clumsily asserting:

"It will be remembered that we did not assert that it was published only twice—but that only two publications days intervened between his receiving it and the election. This, we felt sure of, because we knew it was not started to Ligonier until Thursday, Sept. 25, and that by course of mail it could not reach there in time for the regular publication."

The strike of the railroad engineers is happily ended. The employees concluded that it was better to submit to the inevitable than continue the struggle.

THE Warsaw *Indianaian* made its appearance in a new dress last week. We can't say that we admire either its new "head" nor the style of type upon which the paper is now printed. Nevertheless, the *Indianaian* cannot be called anything else but a very good paper.

ACCORDING to the Mitchell *Commercial*, Gen. Morton C. Hunter, who was accidentally elected to Congress over Dan Voorhees, is the "coming man" for the next Governorship of Indiana. Mr. Hunter may be a very clever gentleman, but we'll wager a bright silver dollar that he won't be the next Governor. Mr. Hendricks' successor will not be named by the party with which Mr. Hunter affiliated.

THE Steuben *Republican* of last week contains several columns of legal advertisements, published at regular rates. Look out, Bro. McGonigal; some economical genius who believes in conducting the publishing business so as to scarcely "make both ends meet" will come down there and establish an "official organ" for the express purpose of publishing legal advertisements three cents per line below the legal schedule.

THE fight for United States Senator in Kansas to fill the vacancy caused by Caldwell's lapse from grace is growing quite lively. The election will take place on the 28th of January, and there are already about twenty candidates, which goes to show that the position is still held in high estimation. It is not improbable that the Grangers and other farmers' associations, who are in the ascendancy in Kansas, will choose one of their number to succeed Caldwell.

ADELBERT AMES has decided to resign his seat in the Senate of the United States and take possession of the office of governor of Mississippi, to which he claims to have been elected for four years. But he has not yet made up his mind whether he shall accept the United States Senatorship for another term of six years from 1875. Thanks to the easy way in which political matters are managed in that reconstructed commonwealth, he has his choice.

A. C. BOTKIN, late one of the editorial writers for the *Chicago Times*, has been transferred to the *Milwaukee Sentinel*, which enjoys the questionable distinction of being Mat. Carpenter's personal and political organ. Mat. is a candidate for re-election, and consequently stands in need of a newspaper champion. He has made his selection from very suitable quarters. If one editorially connected with the *Chicago Times* cannot do a good job either by way of throwing dirt or washing very dirty linen, we don't think it worth while for Mat. to look around anywhere else.

SPEAKING of the angry debate in the lower House of Congress on the salary grab, the *Harrisburg Patriot* observes: "The House was divided into two parties, the one eager to show its devotion to what it regards as the will of the people, the other as ready to evince its contempt for what it pronounces the clamor of demagogues." The one side affected to regard the other as a pack of thieves, and the other met them with the retort that they were a set of arrant hypocrites.

The Clerk of DeKalb county, J. R. Lanning, Esq., certifies: "It is the rule here to publish election proclamations three consecutive weeks before election, and draw pay for same accordingly from the county." We know each of these gentlemen would give a round sum to exterminate malarial diseases. This being a fact, will they not unite with us in bringing the question of introducing the Eucalyptus before the people? Detailed statements by scientists may be found in the *Druggists' Circular and Chemical Journal*.

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FRUIT TREE SALES.

Why is it that men who want trees of any and every kind, grown in nurseries, generally manage to give their to those they do not know, and in such a manner that, afterward, they gather all connected with tree growing and selling in a mass, and call them scoundrels? It is a business in which scoundrels can flourish, it is true, because of the length of time, if trees live, before they can be proven, or if dying outright, the wanderer is out of reach. But that there are good and true men cultivating trees for sale and others selling them, there is no doubt. It would be a vocation standing alone in the world, if it were otherwise.

Generally the purchaser is himself to blame. He hardly makes a bargain in any other matter so loosely, so entirely in the hands of the other party. The smiling salesman, with his hand laid softly on the shoulder of his listeners, makes them hear his stories of luscious melting fruits, or has their pictures painted up to end beyond nature, or the fruits themselves in pickle and magnified, placed before their eyes until the mouth waters, and the thing is done. It seems to be a fatality with some, to throw away their common sense, to crawl out of a very small hole.

The *Newcastle Times* says: "We do not hesitate to say that there has been more whisky sold in Henry county during the last three months than there was during the same time last year. The fact is men are getting drunk all over the country every day, and still there is not a saloon in the county. If the new law is not about as near what men want who desire to sell whisky without a permit, we are greatly mistaken."

One of our State exchanges says: "We submit that this discussion of Hunsbury is that they discuss the question of manufacturing cheese. Once a cow of ground is worth so much. It will produce so much hay, it exhausts the ground so much. One cow is worth so much, will consume so much grass and hay, will produce so much milk, which will produce so much butter and cheese, which will be worth so much. Go on where we leave off, and find the result. Farmers are familiar with the costs of those different items, and can make the comparisons. We believe, however, that the Grangers will decide that it is more profitable to manufacture butter at 20 cents, and cheese at 18 cents per pound, than to sell their hay at \$10 per ton, and cows at 5 cents per pound."

Don't use a hard pencil. At least that is the advice an Evansville hancraft gives his friends. He explains thus: His wife desired him to write a note to a lady asking her to meet a party of friends at their house. After "hobby" had done as his wife desired and started to post the note, she saw on another piece of paper an impression of what he had written. It was: "Sweet Mattie, Effie desires your company on Wednesday to meet the Smiths." Don't fail to come, and when you do, I will have the happiness of a long walk home with you, and a sweet good night kiss. I dare not see you off, or my all-consuming love would betray us both. But, Mattie, don't fail to come." The wife paid "sweet Mattie" a visit, and the result was that Mattie didn't accept the kind invitation.

More next week. R.

THE PREVALENCE OF AQUE within a large portion of Indiana's most fertile territory, operates more disadvantageously against the settlement of these districts than any other consideration. It frightens thousands and hundreds of thousands from becoming citizens of Indiana, and annually drives away large numbers of industrious men who would gladly remain could they do so without jeopardizing health and life itself. The Eucalyptus tree is by high authority pronounced a sure and infallible destroyer of malaria. With the statements of scientific gentlemen before us, we have faith that this wonderful tree could be grown in Indiana. At least, sufficient authority has been adduced to warrant an experiment, or to justify our State authorities in authorizing further investigations. The successful introduction of the Eucalyptus would be worth millions of dollars to Indiana. Hence, our people could well afford to expend a few thousand dollars for the purpose above indicated.

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BRO. WADSWORTH of the *LaPorte Argus*, Bro. Major of the *Herald*, Bro. Chase of the *Elkhart Review*, and Bro. Zimmerman of the *Valparaiso Messenger*, are among those unfortunate individuals who are annually visited by "King Aque." We know each of these gentlemen would give a round sum to the publication clearly to keep the voters apprised of the pending election. Where, then, can be found another man besides Sam Alvord who would say that the *third and most important publication* should have been omitted solely and exclusively for the purpose of saving the county the enormous sum of three dollars and seventy-five cents?

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The outrage above referred to was committed during the time of the burglary excitement of last summer.

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The *Executive Committee of the State Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry* met in this city last week and laid out the programme of work for the current year. Reports from every part of the State represent the order to be in the most flourishing condition.

There are now more than eight hundred regularly organized Granges in Indiana, and the Patrons find themselves busy in instituting new ones every week. Before the spring season sets in this State will be as thoroughly organized as any of the Middle or Western States.—*Indianapolis Journal*.

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STATE ITEMS.

According to the *Noblesville Ledger*, they fine a man in Hamilton county, if he is possessed of a bad breath. Hamilton county expects soon to possess a school fund equal to that of the State of Indiana.

The freight depot on the Toledo, Wabash and Western railroad, at Wabash, was destroyed by fire Tuesday last week. All the books, papers and records were lost. Most of the freight was saved.

The town of Mishawaka at last has

a sensation, having fallen into the

prevalent fashion of having a defaulter.

The gentleman who has been "irregular" is William M. Merrifield, the Townsman's Trustee, who somehow can't pay for his Asylum for school children.

Like most of the defaulter, he had

the confidence of all who knew him

and was an estimable man, although

this is not much of a consolation to

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