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The National Banner

LOCAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

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Henry Watchorn is laying brick at Churhouse.

Mrs. R. R. King and Mrs. Brunner are visiting friends in Ohio.

—And now the autumn leaves partake of a somber hue and the nuts are gently falling.

—The Huntingdon County Fair was a magnificent success. Receipts over \$5,000. They had no family tickets there.

—Judge Wood left for Iowa on Monday afternoon, to look after his real estate interests. The tax sharks have been after him.

—We are grieved to learn that a number of young men of this place are slowly but surely falling victims to the vice of gambling.

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—On Thursday night of last week Mr. Dickinson Miller, of this place, lost a valuable horse. Nothing unusual had been noticed, but it is supposed that during the night the horse was taken sick, and in his struggles managed to throw himself in such a position as to break his neck. He had kicked off a portion of the saddle, so that when found in the morning he was dead and lying partly out of the stable.

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—The Bourbon *Mirror* is offered for sale on favorable terms.

—A synodical convention of Lutherans is being held at Spencerville, DeKalb county, during the present week.

—The Lagrange County Fair is said to have been a success. We did not learn the extent of the net earnings.

—Fair of the Northeastern Indiana Agricultural Society at Waterloo this week. A number of our citizens are going there.

—The horse disease seems to have made its appearance on the Hawpatch, at least some of the horses of that locality have taken to sneezing.

—Our citizens should show the Fire Company next Thursday evening that they appreciate their efforts to give us some protection against fire.

—One of our merchants, hard money Democrat, says he had a dream the other night that the raw bair would be snowed under in Ohio next Tuesday to the tune of about twenty thousand.

—Our excellent Avilla correspondent, after a protracted silence, appears with quite an interesting letter this week. He never writes unless he has something to say, and what he says is always to the point.

—The special order that has been under discussion in Excelsior Lodge No. 267, I. O. O. F., during the past two weeks, has been continued to next logical night. All the members are requested to turn out and participate in the final decision. Come!

—It is to be greatly regretted that the "boys" who participated in the reunion at Ft. Wayne did not have more pleasant weather. How true the words of the German poet:

"Mit des Schicksals Maechten
Ist kein ewiger Bund zu schaffen."

—Prof. Burrier, superintendent of our public schools, is at present engaged in the examination of pupils, preparatory to the grading of the school. The Professor is making excellent progress in promoting the educational interests of the place.

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The Fair Next Week.

With favorable weather next week, we shall have a splendid County Fair. Quite a number of entries have already been made; every mail brings information pointing to a grand turnout.

We regret to learn that in certain quarters there is still some objection urged against the abolition of the family ticket arrangement. If these persons would but reflect a moment and inquire into the causes which prompted that action, they would soon discover that the Board of Directors did exactly right. We will state a few reasons in support of this proposition:

1. There is no equality about the family ticket arrangement. There is no sense in an arrangement which permits Jones to take six persons to the Fair, while Smith can take but three, for the same money.

2. The family ticket system has been most shamefully abused. Despite the vigilance of the gate keepers, from three to four families have gained admission on one ticket, so that by a fraudulent use of the ticket from 20 to 30 persons attended the Fair for one dollar.

3. There are now scarcely a half dozen Agricultural Societies in the State that have not been obliged to abolish the family ticket arrangement. No society can afford any kind of remunerative premiums while adhering to that system.

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