

The National Banner



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No man worthy of the office of President should be willing to hold it if won out or placed there by fraud.

U. S. GRANT.

None of the leading Ohio journals endorses that portion of Sherman's speech at Mansfield which relates to resumption. John will have to try, try again.

The St. Louis platform demanded the repeal of the resumption act. A majority of a quarter of a million endorsed that platform and its candidates. Shall the voice of the people be respected?

How does John H. Baker, the Congressman from this District, stand on the question of repealing the resumption act? His constituents, among whom we include all the people, have a right to know.

THE BANNER is emphatically opposed to the re-election of Sam Randall as Speaker of the House. Its first choice for that position is Col. Morrison, of Illinois; its second choice Milton Sayler, of Cincinnati.

John Sherman wants to see the democratic ticket of Ohio elected by 20,000 majority, it will only be necessary for him to remain on the stump until the second Tuesday of October. His speeches will do the business.

We are glad to learn that Congressman Hamilton, of the Fort Wayne District, favors the election of Col. Morrison for Speaker of the House. The democratic delegation from Indiana ought to be a unit on that question.

THE Indianapolis Journal raises its voice in favor of the repeal of the bogus resumption act. It is not improbable that the entire delegation from Indiana will vote for repeal, unless John H. Baker should be ambitious to form the exception.

THERE are a good many impractical theories incorporated into the various platforms adopted by the workingmen who have recently held conventions in some of the leading cities. These must be eliminated before the movement can take deep root among the masses. People do not as a general thing fancy the idea of jumping from the frying pan into the fire.

LATEST accounts from Europe indicate that the demand for American wheat will be unusually large—in the neighborhood of one hundred million bushels. Now, if the infernal scamps in our country, who are doing their best to force wheat down to a dollar per bushel, can be frustrated in their nefarious schemes, there is no reason why times should not soon be bettered.

We give it as our deliberate judgment that if the next Congress does not promptly repeal the resumption and silver demonetization acts, the greenback men will sweep a majority of the western districts at the congressional elections next year. A good deal of confusion and imprudent legislation in the future may be averted by heeding the public demand in good season.

In Pennsylvania the greenback party is making a vigorous effort to rouse the discontented laborers into an alliance with it. It is said that twenty new clubs have been organized in the vicinity of Pittsburgh during the past few days, and around Pottsville a similar activity is perceptible. In the meantime both republican and democratic county conventions in the "Old Keystone" State are passing resolutions demanding the repeal of the resumption and silver demonetization acts.

The "big papers" are not exactly enamored of John Sherman's speech at Mansfield. Some of them give the Secretary pretty severe knocks. While admitting that the wily Ohioan talked smoothly upon finance, they do not hesitate to point out various deficiencies in his boasted policy. The Chicago Tribune, for example, draws a happy comparison between Sherman's financial policy and that of the famous Micawber. "The Secretary insists that he will resue, as Micawber did that he would pay, but is equally oblivious or indifferent as to how he will do so."

Another incendiary fire last Saturday night, August 18th, across the river this time, an old vacated barn. Some seem to think it caught from the flames, all of which may be true. It was a good run for the boys who are practising for the tournament at Goshen. We expect to make it warm for 'em down at Goshen, or else we'll not; don't know which. We expect to charter a car, run up to Butler and down the Air Line to Goshen.

We had a severe hail storm four miles southwest of town last week—Wind, hail, &c., but not much damage. The passenger house will soon be ready for business.

Wheat is turning out better in all parts of the country than anybody had expected.

Now, Mr. Editor, as this is our first effort we drop the quill.

AVILLA ITEMS.

LOW PRICES FOR WHEAT.
The great curse of this country is the super-abundance of speculators and stock jobbers. The markets of our great cities are completely under the control of these sharks. They create panics, disturb values, regulate prices of commodities, and commit deviltries in general.

Just at the moment when a hopeful people looked for relief from the terrible depression which has been so keenly felt throughout the length and breadth of the land, they are confronted with the discouraging statement of a constant decline in the price of wheat, the remunerative sale of which was to banish "hard times" from our midst! Despite the fact that all the grain which the United States have to spare will be needed by the people of Europe, prices have been forced down beyond all reason by operators in the leading markets. This has been accomplished by shifting right and left, for future delivery, not what they own, but what they expect to buy when prices are screwed down to so low a figure as to insure them enormous profits on their investments, at the expense and to the great detriment of the producer.

Politics is being stirred up in Ohio. Is it not time that every voter be studying up political reform?

The "bread and water doctrine" of Henry Ward Beecher, who is one of those popular men spoken of a few weeks ago in THE BANNER, does not meet the approval of thinking men in this place, and not only is he condemned here, but all over the continent. We did suppose at one time that he was imposed upon, when people accused him of acting the part of an adulterer; but since pondering upon his late expression, concerning the strikers, we have lost all confidence in his purity. He defends a theory which brings starvation and misery upon the laboring classes. He shows no mercy, but openly espouses gigantic tyranny. He is one of those aristocratic men who look upon the man engaged in manual labor as an inferior being.

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WILMOT WINNOWINGS.

The voice of the threshing machine is heard in the land.

The German Baptists held a picnic at the grove last Sabbath.

The council of the Evangelical Lutheran church met the Hawpaw and Cromwell counsels, at Cromwell, last Saturday and united the two charges to the Salem Pastorate, which was considered to have been disunited. A pastor will now take these three into one charge after synod. Rev. A. J. Douglas will resign, as it will be physically impossible for him to remain. We are sorry to part with him who has served so faithfully.

Previous to this we gave the account of Mr. Shroff's death, while on a visit to some friends in Ohio. The funeral services were conducted at Salem, August 7th, by Rev. S. Fields. The deceased was born in Champaign county, Ohio, in 1815, and died August 15, 1877; aged 62 years, 7 months and 13 days. He was a man of good standing and possessed a good moral intellect. He leaves a family and many friends to mourn his loss.

We have a little band for evening entertainments, called the Salem Dramatic Troupe, which will exhibit at the Salem school house, August 31st. The troupe is composed of ladies and gentlemen of ability, who have endeavored to make the entertainment a pleasant one. For further particulars see small bills and posters.

The Salem Union Sabbath School are going to have a concert, September 6th. Several schools are invited to attend, at which time Revs. Shafer and Smith will be present. Everybody should turn out and make the entertainment a pleasant affair.

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NOBLESVILLE NARRATIVES.

Again we record the death of another of our kind neighbors who departed this life the 11th instant, viz.—MARY, wife of David A. Keister, aged 70 years, 6 months and 1 day. Mother Keister will be sorely missed in our community. She was well beloved by all who knew her; a kind neighbor and gentle mother. Funeral discourse by Elder Peter Winebrenner. Remains were interred in the graveyard near the Christian Chapel.

Hog cholera is prevailing to some extent in this locality, and of what I can learn it is going to be bad. My loss so far has been about \$12. I can freely lose that if it will stop here. Our farmers are busy plowing for wheat. The last rain will help the plowing, as the ground was very hard.

Considerable sickness in this locality at present; but, as Doctor Ohlwein informs me, none of a serious character.

The potato crop will be an abundant one in this locality.

Some of our farmers talk of sowing wheat during this month. I think they had better wait until between the 5th and 15th of September, and that will be soon enough. We raise good wheat in this locality, but it doesn't yield 50 bushels per acre. A little too big, I fear.—[No, sir. That 50 bushel statement is true to the very letter.—ED.]

As the fall of the year is drawing nigh, "shindigs" are getting to be the order of the day.

THE BANNER is growing better every week. Who would do without it for the small sum of \$2 a year? Every man who wants to be enlightened upon the events of the day can be accommodated by sending \$2 to the BANNER BOSS.

I find that wood ash put in slop is a good remedy for hog cholera. As I have tried it, I know whereof. I affirm.

NEW LEAF.

EAST HAWPAW.

AUGUST 16th, '76.

ED. BANNER:—As the last issue of THE BANNER contained several statements from West Hawpaw, on wheat raising, I esteem it my duty to give the readers of THE BANNER one from the East side. In the first place, we have up all the wheat offered in this market at about nine cents per bushel above the price at which the bears are offering to deliver it in September. Surely, with so much of competition cut off, with such a fine quality of wheat inviting consumption, and with such low freight rates as are now ruling, our wheat ought to command a dollar a bushel per acre in this market.

That is what would command this figure, as a minimum for the whole crop, but for the fellows who persist in selling property which they do not own, and for which they could not pay, even if delivery were tendered to them, some almost self-evident.

Various suggestions are then made to remedy the glaring evils wrought by unscrupulous operators, but it is quite apparent that the Tribune amply appreciates the difficulties standing in the way of a thorough suppression of a parasite that is rapidly sappling the vitality of the producers and "produce trade of the Northwest."

—After the above had been placed in type we learned that the ring has been broken and prices have an upward tendency. Good.

If the following appeal, which appeared in last week's Whitley Commercial, doesn't bring in the shekels, we don't know what would:

"We certainly think that if some of our 'promising' debtors could know how frequently and how keenly we creditors are pricked by our promises, we might make an effort to pay up. We are in a 'tight row of stumps' and are almost willing to beg those owing us to come to our rescue."

Subscribers to whom we send bills in this issue should at once remit, as we would not send the bills if we did not need the money.—EZ.

Certainly, their patrons unless in actual or sore need of money. Subscribers ought to understand this fact. Look out for the X-mark.

The issues of THE BANNER during the past two weeks ought to be extensively sent to Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York. We have about twenty copies of each issue that might be used for this purpose. Call at the office and have them addressed to your eastern friends.

SWAN LOCALS.

Since our last contribution from the township of Swan, we have had some weather exceedingly hot. Notwithstanding all this the oats has been cut and ake kept down by Dr. Schutt—Swanites are careful about victuals and drink, or more would be sick, so some people think.

It is good to be well, it is bad to be sick; mosquitoes are plenty and of course they are thick.

John Sherman, the rogue, is doing a deed which is placing the poor class in still greater need.

No rest in this world. The harvest has been cared for, and now it is necessary in order that we sustain ourselfs and fellowman, that we again prepare the soil for another harvest. But we work with greater ease and comfort than usual, because we realize that we have been richly rewarded for the past year's labor, for which everyone should feel thankful. We do not, however, desire to work for a set of thieves and bondholders, such as John Sherman, Jay Gould and others who are robbing the laboring class of their property by burning up the currency of the country and holding undated bonds. This will not do. The fire is

now kindled.

As we go to press, we learn a despatch from the Sheriff of Swan announcing the re-arrest of Stephen Jenks, the murderer of Geo. Mallow, somewhere in Michigan, and that he will be delivered as soon as requisition is obtained.—Lagrange Standard.

Mr. Wm. Ellison, two miles south of Lagro, raised 40½ bushels of flax from three acres of ground, being an average of 15½ bushels to the acre. This is the largest yield reported at the Lagro market. The seed is known as the Wisconsin seed.—Wabash Courier.

Fleas are exceedingly numerous.—Persons will be very grateful for this information.

Harrison Full threshed 12 dozen of oats, and not very large binds either, receiving 28 bushels.

There is a prospect of regular preaching at Hopewell church at present. We'll see and by.

They say the world is an end will come in the year eighteen hundred and forty-one. We were always taught that the world had no end, but after this event takes place, a change in geography will be necessary.

A few peaches in Swan.

Quite a number of swine are dying with hog cholera in this section. Wheat is turning out well.

H. A. R.

FORGERS ARRESTED.

BIG GAME—WESTON AND GRESNER.

CHICAGO, Aug. 19.—A report was published here yesterday, relative to the arrest of certain parties, supposed to belong to a gang of forgers, who had been operating in the vicinity of this city, New York, and other places. It is now known that yesterday morning Constable Hartman arrested, in this city, two men named Weston and Gresner, on the charge of forgery. It appears that these men, working in connection with a man named Stevens and other accomplices throughout the country, have for some time been carrying on a system of forgeries, from which they have realized a large sum of money. In making last night's National Bank of New York was defrauded of \$27,000 by means of checks purporting to have been drawn by Winslow, Lanier & Co. About the same time a check for \$40,000, purporting to have been drawn by the New York Life Insurance Company, on the Union Trust Company, of New York, was presented and paid. There had been other similar operations known, but never made public. Representatives of New York houses employed in making these forged checks have been following the forged parties for several months, and have found the leader of the gang. He is a man of wealth and respectability, named Stevens, alias Henderson, who has been known here as a speculator in grain and stocks. Next to him comes Nelson A. Gresner, a wealthy man of Minnesota, and formerly member of the legislature of that State. Associated with them is a man named Allen, taking personal effects and a certificate of deposit for \$4,000 on Kendallville and Ft. Wayne banks. Up to this time no trace has been made of the fugitives. Search is being made by the husband and father, assisted by many friends.

An old lady, apparently near 60, was killed Friday afternoon at Hillsburg, Clinton county, by the Lafayette, Muncie and Bloomington railroad, by being run over under the rear car, both train passing over her, severing her head from her body. Her name is thought to be Weston, and nothing is known of her past life. She has friends in Chatsworth, Ill., as she was in Lafayette on Wednesday and telegraphed to parties in Chatsworth. It seems that she had no money, and the conductor declined to let her ride further.

Stephen Jenks, who murdered Geo. Mallow, at Ontario, Lagrange county, seven years ago, was recently arrested at Bay City, Michigan, and has been brought back to Lagrange for trial.

He was arrested at the time the murderer was committed, tried and sentenced to imprisonment for life. A new trial was granted, but whilst awaiting for the trial to take place, escaped from the Lagrange jail and nothing has been heard of him since, until last week the news of his capture by detective Dice, of Sturgis. There was a reward of \$1,000 offered for his capture—\$500 by Lagrange county and \$500 by Mrs. Mallow, widow of the murdered man.—Lagrange Standard.

As may be desired, without changing the Seed Box.

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LIGONIER, INDIA, AUGUST 15, 1877.

JOHN WEIR.

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