

Persons wishing to confer with me personally will please call at THE BANNER sanctum from Monday morning until Wednesday noon. The remainder of the week I am engaged on the Daily and Weekly Monitor in the city of Elkhart.

J. B. STOLL.

Under the new management THE BANNER appears this week in a changed form, with several columns more of reading matter than heretofore. We were impelled to this change by reason of the fact that the space allotted to the auxiliary plan was entirely inadequate to the demands upon our columns. Every week, during the past year, from two to four columns of matter had to be crowded out and laid over. With our excellent corps of localizers and the additional force added to our editorial staff, the old arrangement no longer served our purposes. Then, we do not fancy the idea of so much sameness in the make-up of the several county papers. A little variation relieves the monotony of things. THE BANNER office has ample facilities for printing the entire sheet at home; its proprietors have the disposition to make it a home paper, and the editorial and reportorial staff will take pains to find interesting and instructive matter for its broad pages. We justify the expense incurred in effecting this change by the very liberal and encouraging support extended to this office during the year just closed. For the past eight or ten years THE BANNER has had the lead in circulation; it has the lead in a more eminent degree to-day. Our subscription list is composed of the very best citizens of Noble county. It is a solid, substantial and paying list. Those whose names are on our subscription books had them placed there because they like the paper, not because anybody persuaded or coaxed them into doing so. Appreciating our efforts to give them a paper that aims to exalt rather than to drown, no extra "drumming" has been necessary to keep up and extend the circulation of THE BANNER.

Truly grateful for these evidences of appreciation, the public may rest assured that under the new management no pains or efforts shall be spared to make THE BANNER a paper worthy of the support and esteem of all good citizens. No other promises need be made. Our work shall speak for itself.

JUDGE DAVID DAVIS says that, inasmuch as his deceased wife had but two sisters, and both have living husbands, the report that he is to marry one of them is necessarily false.

At the meeting of the Indiana State Teachers' Association at Indianapolis, about 350 teachers were present from various parts of the State. Governor Porter delivered quite a lengthy address of welcome.

RIDDLEBEEGER, the Repudiator, has been elected Republican Senator from Virginia by Republican votes, and will take a seat as a member of the Senate, as he could not be elected sergeant-at-arms of that body.

SMALL POX and scarlet fever is raging to an alarming degree in New York. During the year 1881, there have been 1334 cases of small pox reported in the city. Of these 450 have proved fatal. From Dec. 24 to Dec. 28, 177 cases of scarlet fever were reported.

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ACTIVITY AND ENERGY.

Kind reader, have you ever tested, to the utmost extent, your capacity for performing a certain amount of work? If not, make the experiment. Last week the editor of THE BANNER "tried his hand," with the following result:

Monday forenoon was devoted to editorial work for two papers. At 2:17 P. M. we took the train for Kendallville, made settlement with sixteen different parties, pocketed an encouraging quantity of greenbacks, laid the foundation for several contracts in our line, talked politics, &c. with several friends, attended the Band Fair in the evening, went to bed at 11 o'clock, arose at 2:00 A. M., returned to the Ligonier; tried to sleep a few hours, but failed; arose at 5:30, kindled a fire in the cook stove, filled the coal stores, and performed various little chores. Resumed editorial work after breakfast, perused correspondence, wrote a number of letters, made several settle- ments, entertained callers, &c. At 3 P. M. we took the train for Elkhart, encouraged the "boys" of the Democratic (now Monitor) office to push the work of getting matters in good shape, instructed the local editor, gave attention to several matters of business, made suggestions to the solicitor, ordered new material, and returned home at 11 o'clock of that night. Wednesday was devoted to editorial work, prof reading, rendering accounts, &c., &c. Thursday we made a trip to Albion, in company with our young friend, F. P. Bothwell; transacted business with nineteen parties, chatted with a number of persons from town and country; started on the return trip a little after 4 P. M., and arrived at home about 7 o'clock. Report to the office, to report the result of our labors to the book-keeper, who made the proper entries; hurried down to the Banner Barber Shop, persuaded Willie Decker to yield us "his chance," got shaved, ran up-stairs in our domicile to change garments, and at the hour of 8 A. M. appeared at the Latta mansion, just in time to witness the performance of the ceremony that united Mr. Rice and Miss Latta in the bonds of matrimony. Extended congratulations to the happy young couple, kissed the bride and the h. m., partook freely of the sumptuous feast—had no time to eat, however, for the trials of the day will fall in pieces through the sickness of a juror. This is hardly the way to discourage vicious dead-beats from shooting men in the back in order to gain notoriety.

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Very Rev. Father Surin, founder of Notre Dame, and Superior General of the Order of the Holy Cross, sent many of his South Bend friends Christmas present, consisting in each a case of a huge pyramidal frosted cake, daintily iced by the Le Grande Chocolatier and Miss Latta.

Mr. Coudres, in Coudres, with a lot of mules and a chain, was pulling stumps on his farm near South Bend. The mules got frightened and ran away. The chain was thrown around a small tree, which was pulled down, striking a little son of Mr. Coudres, injuring him so severely that he died in a few hours.

A family recently arrived at South Bend, from Europe, under peculiar circumstances, and were sent to Middlebury by Jacob Smuckler, of that place, where they were kindly provided for by some of the German citizens, who furnished house and provisions for the strangers. Such people are surely "good Samaritans."

Jonathan Matthews, proprietor of the South Bend Barber Shop, while riding rapidly, attempted to turn a corner, and in so doing was thrown from the buggy on to a stone pavement. His skull was crushed in over the left eye, and the scalp laid open several inches. He may recover, but it was a close call for him.

Artists of incorporation have been granted a charter by the State of Indiana, with a capital stock of \$2,000,000. The purpose of the organization is to test, on a large scale, an invention of Mr. Bresler, of that city, who claims to be able to extract, through his process, all the precious metals from rebellious ores.

Mrs. Beacher, of Whitey county, whose husband died of small-pox a few days ago, together with her son, died with the same disease on Wednesday of last week. Two others of the family are still very low. One of the Dinnick family has also died.

Everything is being done that prudence could suggest to prevent the spread of the disease.

SPAKER KEIFER has succeeded in blocking the way to tariff reform for the next two years by packing the Ways and Means Committee. Only tariff bills that are favorably reported by the committee stand any chance of being adopted by the House. The power of the President to veto a bill seems slight in comparison with that of the Speaker, who has not been vested in the energy and industry of "the boys" of the new paper (the Elkhart Daily Monitor) went to press in excellent shape half past three. The remainder of the day was devoted to paying off the hands of the establishment, looking after minor matters, and mapping out the work for the week following. At 11 we arrived at Ligonier, accompanied by the lighting compositor, and A. Snyder, the incipient pressman of the Monitor. Just as the clock in Grimes' barber shop struck 12 we awoke from the chair and hastened homeward to find rest from the hardest week's work we ever performed in our life.

Arising next morning we were informed that the type founders in Chicago had made a mistake in filling our order for new column rules, rubber blanket, &c., for the rehabilitated BANNER. Here was another perplexity.

The rules were needed on Tuesday, and Monday was a holiday in Chicago, so there was no earthly hope of accomplishing anything by correspondence. A brief interview with our new partner, Mr. JAMES E. McDONALD, resulted in an arrangement whereby he would be ready to die of ennui if his thoughts and reading were confined to two or three books, and life would be as monotonous that he would be ready for anything exciting that might turn up. But ourselves in our children's playroom, and see how you would like it. By all means, get them something new to read and think about each week.

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