

THE BANNER.

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Advertisements to insure insertion, must be handed in by Tuesday preceding the day of publication.

New Subscribers.—Many of our present patrons—liberally appreciating our efforts to furnish them a larger paper at the present subscription price—are exerting themselves to increase our subscription list. Every one of them to whom we have spoken upon the subject, agree to mention the subject to their neighbors, and secure us an additional name. In many instances they have already been successful, and for the aid we may receive in our efforts to render our county paper respectable in appearance, and in every way creditable to our town and county, we expect to know in less than three weeks, to whom we are indebted, and we shall delight in remunerating them.

We want all the names handed in by the fifth of March next.

We have heretofore neglected to acknowledge the receipt of favors from our attentive Representatives and Senators in Congress. Of course we are under obligations to them. We occasionally send them a Banner, but they have never said a word about it. Don't you see?

School Teachers may find something to their interest by reading the advertisement of our Township Clerk.

The clearing of the track for the Cincinnati, Peru and Chicago Railroad, is progressing from this place north, with commendable rapidity. Quite a large number of Ties have already been contracted for, and we think we see the proper spirit manifested by all interested, to insure a vigorous prosecution of this work to an early completion. Success.

Another Steam Saw Mill.—C. D. Burch is progressing finely with his new Steam Saw Mill on the south side of the river. It is expected to "be up and about" in a couple of weeks.

If all the saw-logs now on the different lumber yards at this place, are manufactured into buildings during the next season, in this town and county, we shall petition to become a State of the Union by ourselves.

Not Married!—The Wasbush Gazette is under the impression that our up the road neighbor of the South Bend Register is not married—an old bachel! Impossible! He's the putative, and we believe, legitimate father of a full grown and lovely daughter. We never saw her, but her name is *Rebecca*.

Iee!—How self defiant we can sit in our easy chairs as the first approaches of spring fever puts us in a gaping mood, and all around us is melting—except the haughty feelings of the latter day publicans, the consciences of the picayune grinders, and the stony hearts of old bachelors—when we know so well that several of our citizens have stored away an abundance of good ice for next summer's use. It was so firm and solid, that if we can engage the straw in which it is packed, to feed our cow, we'll risk the ice-cream on the next fourth of July.

Advance Price.—We have now had charge of the Banner seven months, and, as will be perceived by the terms, those who defer the payment of their subscriptions six months, are chargeable with \$2.00, but we shall charge no one more than the advance price, \$1.50, if paid within two weeks from this date—at which time the second volume of the paper will be completed. After that time, all who were subscribers at the time we took charge of the establishment, and have paid nothing, will be charged \$2.00. This, in addition to the terms, will surely be timely notice.

At the commencement of the third volume of the paper, which will be after two weeks more, we shall enlarge it to the full double medium size, and as we shall not increase the price of subscription, we rely alone upon an increased number of subscribers, and their strict observance of the terms, to aid in defraying the extra expense we shall necessarily incur in the enlargement.

A couple of youngsters were committed to jail on Monday night last, for interrupting religious assemblies in the south part of this county. Our present Statute is pretty severe upon such offend-

ers and they should be cautious how they offend. The laws are given to our executive officers that they may be faithfully and honestly enforced.

The Marshall Circuit Court commences in this place on Monday next. The dockt presents an unusual amount of business.

Banking House.—The Western Bank is soon to have its rooms in Dr. Brown's new building. The front room is now being fitted up for that purpose, and will be the most pleasant and beautiful business place in our town.

Congress.—The U. S. Senate is still hemming away on Douglass' Nebraska bill, and from the expression of public assemblies in various parts of the country, and the State Legislatures now in session, we are induced to believe that if the plan has any friends at all, they are mostly in Congress. It will never meet with the concurrence of any considerable portion of the people, either in the north or south.

Shot.—A man by the name of Scott was accidentally shot on the 1st inst., at a Wolf hunt, near the county line dividing Allen and Whitley counties.

The conductor of a public Newspaper would vary much from a strict line of duty, by partaking of the spirit of envy and little personal likes and dislikes of the little factions which are apt to intrude themselves into all neighborhoods.

We delight to have it in our power to speak well of all our citizens, and it is surely a narrow contracted and selfish mind that would deprive us of this delightful privilege. If our personal dislikes for a neighbor are to ruin him and his future prospects in business or in society, his for us are just as apt to ruin us and ours. But we subscribe to no such doctrine.

A man with faults may confer public benefits, (if such could not, there never would be any conferred,) and for such deeds he is entitled to public commendation. Personal invective, licentiousness or scurilous insinuations towards our citizens, may travel beneath the sphere in which we expect to operate as the Editor of the Plymouth Banner.

We too highly appreciate their partiality for more noble and better things. As a public Journalist we have to do with public rights and public wrongs, and we shall as readily condemn the one as we shall commend the other; but with private wrongs or private benefits, we have nothing to do—we leave these to the private Newspaper. Have any of our readers ever seen it?

Gold Increasing.—From reliable reports it is ascertained that the total amount of Gold dust shipped from San Francisco is yearly on the increase. The amount shipped to all quarters in 1851 was \$34,492,000; in 1852, \$45,779,000; in 1853, \$54,906,000.

A number of the Press of the eastern cities seem lately to have become fully convinced of the humbuggery of the Crystal Palace association, by its recent award of premiums. It has been, from its commencement to its close, one of the grand failures and fizzes of the age.

Good Licks.—At some of the little evening social parties of our young folks, during the present winter, whilst the weather was rather disagreeable and the side walks were covered with ice, it has been strongly intimated that some of the young gentlemen, (we don't know who,) allowed the young ladies to slide to them alone, as best they could. They made no unnecessary talk about it, (extraordinary girls) until one evening last week, those said young gents, and probably several others, each received a ticket from a young lady to an oyster supper—gotten up and prepared by the young ladies themselves, and at their own expense—at the residence of a kind neighbor. At the hour designated each young lady called for her gentleman, and—some managing two—gallantly them safely to the repast.

The supper was splendid, and each one was highly elated with his good fortune in being a chosen one for such an happy occasion. But as their little fingers got bedaubed with candle sticks, they were furnished nothing to clean them, and to use their cambricks for such purposes would render them rather disagreeable for other purposes during the evening. We have not heard, however, that anything of much value stuck to their fingers.

As the time passed to a late hour in the evening, we could not be surprised if the young gentlemen began to consider themselves slightly neglected.

At this late hour we who had not re-

tired, certainly were much alarmed when we heard—kling-a-te-kling, kling-a-te-

kling. 'Tis certainly too late for auction. What is the matter?

Kling-a-te-kling—"Boys lost!"

All explained now. Oh, how we felt for the anxious mothers; but our sympathy alone would not restore their lost treasures.

Kling-a-te-kling—"Two cents reward for the delivery of J—T— at the corners of tip top and tow head streets."

Umph—not so much of a loss after all, and we paid no more attention to it, until we heard the boys all got home safe alone. The B'hoys say it shall never be so again; and we believe it.

Confirmed.—The appointment of Mr. Redfield, to fill the place of Mr. Bronson as collector of the port of New York, has been confirmed by the U. S. Senate.

The Poor House belonging to Randolph county in this State, was consumed by fire on the 25th ult. Loss about \$4,000.

Several of our exchanges concur in our views in relation to advertising the list of letters for the U. S. Government for less than fifty cents per square, when the regular charge of one dollar per square is exacted from the widows and orphans of unsettled estates.

ADDITIONAL BY THE ARABIA.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6, 1854.

ENGLAND.—Lord John Russell has

sent a circular to the members of the

House of Commons, requesting a full at-

tendance at the opening of the House.

Sir John Inglis has resigned.

England is actively recruiting her coast

volunteer artillery and coast defence

guard. 10,000 men are wanted. Exer-

cations are also making to man the navy,

and more ships were fitting out, but ap-

peared to land forces.

FRANCE.—The *Moniteur* publishes a

decree, extending free trade in breadstuffs

between France and England to the 31st

of July.

The revenue from indirect taxes, last

year, shows an increase of over four mil-

lions over the preceding year.

Russia has made overtures to Denmark

for the purchase of the Bornholm Island.

ITALY.—The Roman States are suffer-

ing much for food. A scarcity also pre-

vails at Naples. The prohibition to ex-

port breadstuffs from Naples is extended

to March 1st, and importations are ex-

pected to the same time.

FURTHER BY THE ARABIA.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6, 1854.

The steamer Charles Beecher just arri-

ved from Nashville, caught fire and in a

short time was totally consumed with her

valuable cargo of cotton, tobacco, and west-

ern produce. Many passengers in the

cabin barely escaped with their lives; 15

or 20 perished in the flames. The fire

spread to the steamer Natchez, which, with

a cargo of 2000 bales of cotton, was

entirely destroyed.

The steamer Cairo next caught fire and

was burned. The steamer Sultan and

Grand Turk also caught fire and was con-

sumed. A number of barges caught fire

and were also greatly damaged. Several

more lives are supposed to be lost.

The whole loss is estimated at \$1,000,-

000.

New York, Feb. 6.

No papers of Monday are received.—

The loss of life and property by the burn-

ing of the steamer Georgia, seems to have

been larger than stated. The Georgia

was from Montgomery, and had on 200

passengers, mostly planters and their slaves

immigrating to Texas. About 67 persons

are missing mostly slaves.

The steamer Black Warrior arrived

this morning from Mobile and Havana.

Yesterday as Mr. West, street preacher,

was preaching in a vacant lot he was as-

sailed by a number of Irishmen, who had

come on the ground. Mr. West was dis-

couraging on Catholicism, which gave of-

fense, several knocked down but no seri-

ous disturbance occurred. Six or seven

Irishmen were apprehended.

LATER FROM CALIFORNIA.

ARRIVAL OF THE DAN WEBSTER.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 6.

The steamer Dan Webster from San

Juan, arrived at Balize this morning with

California dates to the 15th. She brings

112 passengers and \$13,000 in specie.—

The Dan Webster connected with the

Sierra Nevada which brought down \$1,

000,000 in gold.

California market heavy and overstocked.

ed. Business depressed—no general news

yet.

Mrs. Partington, upon reading in a pa-

per that the Light guards appeared last

evening in "undress uniform," said.—

"Well, if soldiers will go naked, I am

glad they don't train in the day time—I

am."

"Why, doctor, said a sick lady, you give

me the same medicine you are giving my

husband. Why is that?" "All right re-

sponded the doctor, what's sauce for the goose

is sauce for the gander."

—The Plymouth Banner of last week

says Messrs. Pomeroy of that place have

taken the contract for building 30 miles

of the Peru Railroad, commencing at the

north bank of the Kankakee river in this

country, thence south. The contractors

are enterprising business men, and will

push the work ahead as fast as possible.

The grading between this city and the

Kankakee is light. There is now encour-

aging prospects of the speedy completion

of this road.—*Laporte Whig*.

The South Bend Register of Thursday