

THE BANNER.

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

Some communications crowded out by the foreign news.

Depot Located.—See the advertisement in relation to it, and make your bids.

There are some advertisements on the next page, that have a tendency to please the Justices and Constables. Look out.

The Banner.—The narrative on our first page, and the deeply interesting foreign and other news, make this number of the Banner a very interesting one. A few extra copies, in wrappers, may be had at the office.

Depot Buildings.—Our attention has lately been called to our estimated cost of the Depot buildings at this place, a few weeks ago, and sure enough the figures make us say \$250,000 instead of \$25,000.

Come On.—Subscribers for the new and enlarged volume are already coming in. Come on. The clouds that hung over our prospects for making it a paying adventure, are disappearing, and we hope to see a clear and prolific field before us by another fortnight.

War! War!—Our readers will doubtless be deeply interested in the news brought by the America and Canada. Everything indicates increased trouble & bloodshed. The failure of every effort to avert this general collision, seems to have exhausted the patience of the powers who have sought a satisfactory compromise, and driven them to the determination of settling it by force. See the foreign News.

O. H. P. Bailey of San Jose, California, has our thanks for late papers.

VALENTINES.—Our young folks had quite a sprightly time of it last week, and no mistake.

Tell your Editor.—There are many persons who think an Editor ought to know every thing and tell his readers all he knows. It is difficult to arrive at perfection in the performance of this task; but how much nearer we might arrive at it, could be determined by a trial of the plan for every one to tell the Editor all he knows. This might certainly result in placing everybody in possession of everything that everybody knows.

Tell your Editor. Yes, try it, and such as is fit for the public eye, his readers will get. How can it be reasonably expected of him to attend to his office duties, and know all that is going on without? If every one interested in their county paper, (and who is not?) would contribute their little mite in this respect, it might be greatly increased in interest, and those thus interesting themselves often confer public benefits and receive the thanks of hundreds of readers, from whom they least expected them.

Reader—if anything extraordinary occurs in your neighborhood, & it is known to you and your neighbors, you are certainly too well posted to believe that everybody else's neighbors know it. Then if you do not wish to be selfish with your news items, tell your Editor.

There are many persons who were formerly citizens of our county—your old neighbors—some in Iowa, Illinois, & perhaps farther west, or in California, who take the Banner in order that they may keep posted in the local items about their old homes—the prosperity or misfortunes of their old friends; and as you respect them, see to it that they are not disappointed—and tell your Editor everything—but a falsehood.

Narrative.—Our readers may find on our first page a deeply interesting narrative of the sufferings and privations of a woman captured by the Comanche Indians, on her route from Texas to California.—Read it.

Small Pox.—The small pox is prevailing in many parts of this State. It is confined to no particular place or locality.

Nearly all of our exchanges that speak of it at all, locate it in the country. In Washington, Putnam, Bartholomew, De- catur, Marion, Johnson and Miami Counties, it is said to prevail. In one instance, it is said that there are thirteen cases in two families. It appears to have acquired quite an extensive range in a very still and noiseless way.

Persons who have been so unfortunate as to be exposed to such diseases, have here- tofore been so universally shunned and

neglected, and suffered to die entirely alone and uncared for, that now, if they are accidentally infected, they will, for self preservation, keep it as still as possible. This is the way the disease has acquired its present extensive range in our State.

Stockholders Notice.—Amongst our advertisements will be found a call upon the stockholders of the Cincinnati, Peru and Chicago Railroad, for ten per cent on the amount subscribed. W. G. Pomeroy Esq., of this place, is ready to receive in behalf of the Board.

To the little account of the girls' oyster party which we published last week, none of the young gents interested should take any exceptions, as it would incline the public to believe that there was something real in it. They should have laughed it off, and pushed it along as a jest played off by the young ladies, as it was intended.

But we have since understood that there is some real trouble somewhere, and that the young gents took the article as an allusion to it. This is not the fact. Had we been advised of any difficulty in reality, not a syllable would have appeared in the paper about it. No indeed, that's not our pew. A different sphere, as we last week stated, has been chalked up for our paper.

The Nebraska bill.—Factions.—Certainly no one will think that we, who care so little about political parties and organizations in these days, are inconsistent in amusing ourselves at the cut up, mixed up, and divided up condition in which the various political parties at present find themselves upon the Nebraska bill. Indeed, we should not be surprised to see two or three factions of the Democratic party set up shop for themselves. The State Sentinel, we believe, has been reading some of the Indiana democratic members of Congress out of the ranks, as being too much tainted with abolitionism in their opposition to the repeal of the Missouri compromise, which is one of the main purposes of the Nebraska bill. Indeed, we should not be surprised to see two or three factions of the Democratic party set up shop for themselves. The State

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