

# THE BANNER.

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

Railroad President.—We regret to learn, as we do by the last *Laporte Whig*, that the ill health and professional duties of Joss B. Niles, Esq., have induced him to decline serving as President of the Cincinnati, Peru and Chicago Railroad Company, longer than to finish the unexpired year of Gov. Bebb, for which he was elected. The Board is to meet at Peru on the 2nd of next month, when his term expires, and we suppose another will be elected to fill his place. We have no doubt but that the Company will do the next best, and substitute a reliable, energetic business man.

The Ward Order.—The great mass of the people of Kentucky are right in relation to the acquittal of Mat. Ward. In various parts of the State they are still holding meetings and expressing their deep indignation at the result of the trial. Kentucky sees clearly her unfortunate position, as the late universal expressions of indignation emphatically declare. Her citizens see and know that an atrocious *murder* was committed in their midst—that one of their most estimable citizens was slain, as they believe, without shadow of cause. To these facts all must assent. But we have no disposition to follow up this unfortunate affair. Upon the heads of nominal abettors and a perfused jury and witnesses who have voluntarily shown their willingness to sacrifice the peace and happiness of thousands, and the reputation of their State, to save the life of one *willful murderer*, because he had money—the awful responsibility must rest.

LIVINGSTON'S NEW LAW REGISER, or, a hand book of useful information, and Guide for every man of business.

This is a new and reliable work of reference, prepared and published by John Livingston, Esq., of N. Y.

*Chicago Journal.*

We have a copy of the work above alluded to, and a comparison of its contents with our own knowledge of the facts so far as Indiana statistics are concerned, we look upon it as a consummate cheat, and rather than advise our readers to swindle themselves out of two dollars for a copy, we recommend them to send for a copy of Mrs. Leslie's Cook Book, or Greeley's Whig Almanac.

Has the *Plymouth Banner* cut our acquaintance? We have not seen a copy since its enlargement, complimentary notices of which event have come to us through sundry exchanges.

*Laporte Times.*

Before the enlargement, the Times cut our acquaintance, and our established custom forbids our begging any paper for an exchange. Its want of capacity to discover any thing in the *Banner*, worthy of "complimentary notices," made it dependent upon its exchanges for this bit of intelligence.

The Ward Case.—The prompt and deserved denunciation of the verdict of the jury in this case by the citizens of Kentucky where an expression of opinion has been had, is a remarkable trait we are glad to see manifested, but as soon as a similar occasion occurs, similar results may be anticipated. If correct conclusions are deducible from the past, the people of that State are easily excited and as easily relieved from excitement.

A Good Coon Dog.—A brar new Jonathan from the country was once endeavoring to sell his dog to some town chaps, and as is fashionable in commercial dicker, manufactured the substantial recommendation—that he was a crack coon dog.—Many inquiries were made in relation to other traits, but they were cunningly evaded, and he was finally asked how he knew him to be a good coon dog. "Well, we've tried him for everything else, an' he's no account, an' we'll tu him, that he must be good for that, of he was fit for anything at all, for that's all we hain't tried him at." A dose of "turpentine" was applied behind his ears, and Jonathan was soon on chase of his dog—whistling him back.

Are there not some men in this world down with the same complaint that troubled the dog, and who conclude that they are fit for nothing else but to edit a newspaper, and when the effort is made with a similar fate? But who'll whistle after them?

Generosity Rewarded.

A lady belonging in New Orleans, was traveling recently on the New York and Erie Railroad, with her servant, and one or two children. Upon arriving at Dunkirk, she found by some mishap or oversight, she was destitute of the necessary funds to enable her to reach home.—She was entirely without acquaintances, and her distress was extreme, when the circumstance became known to an engineer on the train, feeling it was no case of imposture, he advanced to her, from his own hard earnings, the required amount. A few days since he received a package

by express from the South, upon opening which, he found a letter of thanks from the lady's husband, containing the money he had loaned, and accompanied by a beautiful and valuable gold watch. The circumstance reflects honor upon all the parties concerned.—*Forum.*

How much more such proceedings are calculated to inculcate feelings of attachment & national pride, than if she had been ejected from the train as destitute of friends as she was of money, suspected of unwholeness because she had "her servant" with her. Such generous deeds are often the work of those in moderate circumstances and apparently unknown, than of those who live in what is called "high life," but they do not always remain in obscurity.

Who is He?—The *Cincinnati Gazette* has the following notice of Fred Douglass in its report of the proceedings of the Anti Slavery Convention recently held in that city.—*Forum.*

Mr. Douglass made a speech of nearly two hours in length, marked by the singular power in argument, satire, humor and pathos, that has given to this son of a distinguished southerner a name in both hemispheres.

It is rather strange that the Forum don't know Fred Douglass. Who is he?—Why, he's a *Nigger*—a piggy smart one, at that. He's no skin to Steve.

Such tributes as the following—unsolicited and unsought—of course have no tendency to flatter our vanity; but because they speak in commendable terms of the liberality of our generous patrons, "of course" we copy them for their gratification. The following is from the *Fort Wayne Times* of the 10th inst.—

*Plymouth Banner*

Still comes a welcome exchange. Few County towns like Plymouth can boast of so good and able a paper as the *Banner*. Bro. Burns make the *Banner* equal to your ability, and the people will patronize you liberally.

A hem.

A poor woman was arrested in Cincinnati the other day for stealing four *potatos* from a barrel in front of a store, to feed her half starved children. The justice fined her a dollar.—*Exchange.*

If Mat. Ward's case had been submitted to a jury of such men as the Cincinnati justice, the tatters would have cost him more than a dollar.

*Dolphi Times*, 12th,

In New York, furniture is manufactured now on purpose to be sold as having belonged to some of the first families—it goes off well.

*Cin. Commercial.*

PROMISORY NOTES.—It was held in a decision of the supreme court, rendered at the last December term, in the case of Ayres vs. McConnell, that under the statute of Illinois a purchaser of a promissory note by delivery only, (not indorsed in writing) cannot set off the amount due on such note in a suit brought by the maker of the note against such holder.—

The owner of a promissory note endorsed to him in writing cannot sue for and recover the same in an action in his own name. Neither is such note a subject matter of set off against the maker of said note.

One of the signers.

We yesterday published an account, taken from the Rochester Advertiser, of the performances of a Reverend G. N. Adams, who, after seducing a young girl, the daughter of a Congregational minister in New Hampshire, & embezzling five thousand dollars from a widow lady whose husband was killed by the Norwalk bridge disaster—this amount having been awarded to her by the railroad company as compensation in damages—left for parts unknown.

Well—it occurred to us whether this same Reverend G. N. Adams might not be one of the three thousand and fifty New England clergymen who protested, "in the name of almighty God," against the passage of the Nebraska bill. Our curiosity having been excited, and the Washington Sentinel having published a list of the three thousand and fifty protestants, we have taken pains to make an examination. *And sure enough the Rev. G. N. Adams is one of the signers of the famous New England memorial!*

PISTOL SHOOTING.—The New Orleans *Picayune*, of May 4th, says: The great match and bet of one thousand to eight hundred dollars, has at last been decided. Mr. Travis winning the money upon the first shot. The affair came off on May day, at the private residence of Mr. C. A. Babbitt, in Bayou Ramos, on Tiger Island, parish of St. Mary's, in this State. It became difficult to procure an apple, a small orange, only about five inches in circumference was substituted. After the shooting distance of thirty-six feet measured, and all parties agreed, the orange was placed by the Judges, upon the head of a gentleman, a friend of both parties, Mr. J. P. O., and no object intervening. The first shot told the story, hitting the orange, half of the bullet going through.

Both gentlemen displaying great nerve upon the exciting occasion. Some of the best sportsmen and acknowledged best shots in the country were present, and all express themselves fully satisfied that Mr. Travis is the best pistol shot in the world.

The orange can be seen at Travis's pistol Gallery, 65, Gravier Street.

PUBLIC SENTIMENT.—The state of public sentiment in Louisville in relation to the verdict of the jury in the Mat. Ward case, may be inferred from the fact communicated to the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* by a gentleman from Louisville, that, on Thursday week, about one hundred of the merchants of that city discontinued the *Journal*—the only paper in the county which has defended the course of that

jury—and stopped their advertising; on Friday two hundred and fifty more ordered its discontinuance, and on Saturday, as many as three hundred more. Monday morning there was not a boy in Louisville who would carry the paper about the streets.

SMITH THE SORT.—As an evidence of what the girls can do if they have a mind Cincinnati press states that three years ago a poor orphan girl applied and was admitted to set type for that paper. She worked two years, during which time she earned \$200; and availing herself of the facilities which the printing office afforded, acquired a good education.—She is now an associate editor of a popular paper, and is engaged to be married to one of the smartest lawyers in Ohio. Such a girl is bound to shine and eclipse tens of thousands who are educated in the lap of luxury and taught all the "accomplishments" of a boarding school.—Such a wife will be a jewel to her husband, an ornament to society, and an honor to her son and her country.

WHAT POST MASTERS MAY FRANK THEIR OWN PRIVATE LETTERS, &c.—Each post master whose compensation for the last preceding year did not exceed \$200, may send through the mail all letters written by himself on his private business, which shall not exceed one half ounce in weight, *free of postage*. If the compensation exceed \$200 then he has the right to frank only such letters as relate exclusively to the business of his office or of the Post Office Department. No postmaster can receive or send free any printed matter, and in every instance where a postmaster receives a communication addressed to him as postmaster which is of a private character and designed to promote private interests, without paying postage, he will return the same to the person who sent it, under a new envelope, with the charge of letter postage endorsed thereon.

*Washington Star.*

The POWER OF JOURNALISM.—One of the highest duties of an independent press is to represent and hold forth to the people whatever directly or indirectly strikes at or affects the public morality—the principles by which society is polished and well guarded States is protected and advanced—and the sentiments as well as the principles by which the Constitution of the United States is maintained in vigor and health. This duty was well discharged in the recent case of the appearance of an article in the Washington Union favorable to Russia, the power of journalism was shown in the fact that the author of this article was thrown over board, and the administration promptly relieved of any share of responsibility for its sentiments. In spite of all that may be urged by the shallow or the envious, the public will look the independent press not only for information, but for the inculcation of just and true American doctrines; and whenever it shrinks from its duty in this respect, it will deserve to be neglected and despised.

Bell & Son report American securities unchanged, with moderate business and firm markets. London money market quiet for short periods; closed on the 28th ult. at \$74 57 87.

BOSTON May 11.

Owing to the bad working of the eastern line the whole of the news by the Canada has not yet been received here.

A Russian decree gives the English and French vessels six weeks from the 19th of April to escape from Russian ports in the Black Sea, and six weeks from the 19th of May to leave the Baltic ports. Property in neutral bottoms will be regarded as inviolable.

The Washington sailed from Southampton on the 26th inst. with 200 passengers.

Washington, May 11.

The Union of this morning says that ample satisfaction will not be awarded for the seizure of the Black Warrior, it will be

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New York, May 11.

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