

BUTCHER - KNIFE.

DANVILLE:

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letters and legal advertisements.

05 The Hendricks Circuit Court commences next Monday.

05 A journeyman gunsmith can find employment for a short time by calling on T. N. Jones.

05 The Indiana State Fair commences at Indianapolis, on the 5th of October and continues five days.

05 'A Stockholder,' in his Railroad article this week, presents some new ideas in regard to our Railroad. Read it.

05 John W. L. Matlock, of this place, will attend the Missouri State Fair, at St. Louis, with his blooded stock.

05 Free School commenced here on last Monday, with about one hundred and sixty scholars. D. M. Cox is principal, assisted by Mr. Mitchell, Mrs. Kempton and Harrison.

Notice.—All persons who feel interested in organizing a Literary Society for the coming winter, will please meet at the Court House on next Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock.

05 Eld. Edmund Herrod, of Boone county, will preach at the Missionary Baptist church in this place, on Sunday the 27th of this month, at 2 o'clock P. M.—All are invited to attend.

05 John Maloney paid a short visit to Esq. Singer yesterday, which cost him about \$9.25. It seems that John had been retailing liquor on the Sabbath day, whereupon the mighty State of Indiana called on him to account for his conduct.

Advice.—Now that winter is fast approaching, we would advise all property owners to gravel or pave the sidewalks in front of their property. When the roads become muddy, our walks in many places will be almost impassable. Gravel can be had very cheap now, but if you wait until winter, you can scarcely get it at any price. Who will be first to commence the good work?

For the Butcher Knife.

The Rail Road.

The Indianapolis Daily Journal of the 17th inst., publishes a notice to the stockholders in the Indiana and Illinois Central Railway Company, over the names of S. C. Stevens, John D. Defrees, J. A. Liston, John Love, and J. P. Drake, calling a meeting of the stockholders to convene at Indianapolis on the 18th of November, 1857, then and there to take the necessary steps to go into liquidation, and apportion the loans and means of the Company *equitably* among the stockholders *pro rata*.

This thing is to be done at last, *equitably* among the stockholders *pro rata*! Bless those endearing terms; may they ever be ringing in our ears, and their precepts practised by all with whom we may have business to transact. Who will be so unreasonable as to refuse an equitable adjustment of the affairs of the road, and a division of the proceeds of the Company, *pro rata*? Who so selfish as to demand more than "equity" will yield him? or who so timid and modest as to content himself with less? "Equity" is the very soul and spirit of the law. It is natural justice, in honesty and right. It will place the stockholders all upon an equality—the cash stock subscriber side by side the land stockholder—the Morgan hills and hoop-pole thickets, with the Jasper swamps and cranberry orchards, at their true cash value. Who will not hail this proposition with joy, and regard it as the brightest prospect revealed to the stockholder within the last two years?

The stockholders above named, calling the meeting at Indianapolis as above stated, say they are fully satisfied of the impossibility of procuring the necessary funds to complete the road, and that the only way to save something of their investment from total loss, is to put the road in liquidation, and which they conceive to be the only hope of the stockholders. If this is truly our only hope, let us meet together promptly and execute our work with dispatch. Let us save what we can from the grasp of long-armed officers. Let us bear no more Railroad speeches—no more promises—no more false reports. But let us have action, action, action in the premises. Preparatory for this, let the stockholders of Hendricks county meet at Danville at an early day for consultation, say on Saturday the 17th day of October, at one o'clock. Every stockholder should attend on that day. Let no one stay away. We are told by those

calling the meeting at Indianapolis, that we have three classes of stockholders in the company, to-wit; first, those persons who do not want to sacrifice their stock for the benefit of others. The second class are those who would sacrifice the whole stock to make the road, because they have lands along the line of the road which would be enhanced in value by its construction. And the third class are the office holders who are receiving salaries.

We shall be fortunate if we do not encounter a fourth class of stockholders, more formidable and obstinate than all the others put together. I mean that class who care nothing for the road or the value of the stock after the road is constructed; but who became interested in the road merely because they were permitted to put refuse and worthless lands in as stock, at a price more than forty times their value, and by means of which the credit of the company has been destroyed and the stock rendered worthless. These are the most troublesome and dangerous men to both the road and the honest and bona fide stockholders.

But in the meantime, what shall we do if it shall be determined by our courts of justice, that there is no such company as the *Indiana and Illinois Central Railway Co.*, possessing the franchise of a corporation? How then? What will become of our lands? More anon.

A STOCKHOLDER.

05 A drove of cattle passed through town this morning in a very disorderly manner. In going through the alley between Judge Marvin and Sheriff Ohaver's property, the Judge's fence was literally demolished and the cattle gave his garden a severe trampling.

05 The Christian Church of this place is now receiving a thorough painting, which adds much to our side of the town.

05 Within the past three months, \$1,000,000 new cents have been issued from the mint at Philadelphia, weighing forty-three tons.

05 To carry a Collins steamer from New York to Liverpool requires eight hundred tons of coal, enough to keep an ordinary family forty years.

05 Among the amusements announced to be at the State Fair, is Yankee Robinson's Circus.