

THE STANDARD.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

All communications intended for publication in *THE STANDARD* should be mailed in season to reach this office Wednesdays in order to insure insertion the same week. Correspondence is solicited from every township in Jasper county, upon all matters of local importance, viz., marriages, births, deaths, accidents, removals, improvements, crops, etc., etc. No pains will be spared to make this an interesting feature of the paper, and it is the wish of the publisher that some person in each township will take the trouble to write up the news of his township and send it in for publication, and thus assist in making *THE STANDARD* the best local newspaper in the county.

A POSTAL CARD CORRESPONDENCE COLUMN will be opened to the patrons of this paper and everybody else who will be kind enough to furnish us with brief items of local news. We extend the invitation to everybody to send in the news of their respective neighborhood written on a postal card for publication in this column. We desire to make this an interesting feature of the paper and hope our friends will respond cheerfully to this invitation. Who will be first?

Congress, at its late session, appropriated \$2,000 towards erecting a monument to mark the birthplace of Washington.

News is received of a bloody battle fought on the 4th instant, between the British and the Zulus, which resulted in a decisive victory for the former, and a probable speedy termination of the war.

During the first six months of the present year nearly 1,000 miles of new railroad track was laid, and there is a fair prospect that twice that amount will be laid during the next six months. This is only one of the many indications of returning prosperity.

The frequent and heavy rains in both England and Scotland have caused an almost total failure of the wheat crop. This will create an unusual demand for American wheat at a corresponding increase in price. With the immense crop in store and good prices the average farmer can throw himself back on his dignity and await the good time coming.

Hon. Thomas J. Wood, of Crown Point, is figuring for the democratic nomination for congress in this district. Mr. Wood is a gentleman, and all that, and perhaps well enough qualified for the position, but, like all other democrats, is "rattled" on politics. He would, however, stand a better show of being elected to congress than Senator Winterbotham would of being elected governor.

The Landers "boom" which was started by the Indianapolis Sentinel, does not meet with much encouragement from the democratic press of the state. The latter think the Sentinel a little too fast, and cry "Hold on a little," but the Sentinel don't "hold on" worth a cent. It is for Landers, tooth and nail, and no other need apply. The Sentinel fiddles for the dancer who is willing to pay the most.

Bro. Bitters, of the Rochester Union Spy, was egged and horsewhipped, the other day, by an indignant widow lady who claimed that an article had appeared in the Spy reflecting seriously on her character. Too bad! too bad! to have the freedom of the press trampled upon in that way. Truly the way of a country newspaper man is hard, especially when he is treated to a diet composed of eggs and horsewhip.

John Sherman took the democratic party by the heels, at Portland, Maine, the other day, and shook it fairly out of its boots. He turned its record inside out and exposed its true inwardness. Such speeches will at least open the eyes of the people to the glaring inconsistencies of the policy and measures adopted by the democrats, if they do nothing more. They cannot but be productive of great good, as will be shown in the elections to be held this fall. The republicans were never in better fighting trim than they are to day, and every indication points to a republican victory in the approaching elections.

Our southern brethren are again afflicted with that terrible scourge, yellow fever. It made its first appearance in Memphis during the recent heated term, and has prostrated scores of people, a great many of whom have died. The strictest quarantine regulations were enforced to prevent the spread of the dread disease, and thus far it has been confined principally to the city mentioned. A number of new cases are reported daily.

Thousands of people have fled from the city and numbers are fleeing daily to northern cities to escape the ravages of the terrible disease. Business of all kinds is at a standstill, and it is feared, even should the disease abate now, that serious results will follow. The business interests of the south are likely to suffer severely from this and other equally as terrible scourges to which that country is annually subject to unless something can be done to remove the producing cause.

REMINGTON NEWS.

[From our special correspondent.]

The Hathaway Elevator is being repaired and renovated, so as to be in readiness for the coming grain season. All three of the Cherry boys are home, having been summoned from Nebraska by the death of their dear mother, Mrs. S. M. Black.

One government saloon closed up, preparatory to being converted into a grocery. Only two more to be heard from. So much for Jimmy Dunn's labors.

The great question of the day is to decide whether Morgan and Legg do business in Rensselaer and board in Remington, or merely board in Remington and do business in Rensselaer. Who knows?

Remington is painfully quiet just at present. No drunken rows, no squabbles, and not even an occasional dogfight to mar the peace and harmony of this sober community. Cox has settled the muss between Kitt and Guy, by "taking it all on himself." Well that's the way the darkey did.

The Temperance Festival at the close of Dunn's meetings, last Thursday night was a grand success. Ice cream, lemonade and cake vanished perfectly fast, and money flowed in dinto. The receipts were something over \$100.00, to be used in defraying the expenses of the series of meetings.

The young man who does the heavy articles on the *Reporter* is terribly anxious for a "Coronet" band. "Coronets" are good enough in their place, but it is doubtful whether there are any thoroughbreds in Remington whose right it is to wear them. However, frot them out and the pearls may possibly be converted into money. Other towns are satisfied with a Coronet band.

From the melodious screeches that float over the evening air, it would seem that a brass band was being sprouted in this town. If Gabriel does not give forth any more harmonious toots, when he takes his journey, the dead will be very shy of waking up to follow him. That they will awaken there is no doubt but as for following after such discordant caterwauls that is out of the question.

There has been a difficulty in reaching our Cemetery ever since it was located, especially in times of high water and muddy roads. The town duds have surmounted that difficulty now, by purchasing a right of way through Powell's addition, commencing north of the termination of Ohio street and crossing the creek east to the Cemetery. The stream is to be bridged, and as the road runs over high ground the track will be good at all times.

The farmers who sowed wheat last fall in this section are highly pleased with the experiment, and the feeling is becoming prevalent, that in time to come, when the soil becomes more thoroughly subdued and cultivated, this will be a very fair wheat-growing region. Should that prove to be true, many thousands of dollars can and will annually be saved round about Remington, which are now and have been for years sent abroad for flour. Our merchants pay out from \$50,000 to \$60,000 yearly for flour alone, which money ought to be saved for use here.

Death has again entered in our midst and removed one whose loss will be sorely felt and deplored, not only by the stricken family, but the entire community. Mrs. S. M. Black died about 2 o'clock Sunday morning after only two days illness. The news of her death was a shock that sent a gloom and sorrow through the hearts of all who knew her. In the church of which she was a member and in society she was ever in the front in deeds of charity and everything that had for its object the elevation of the human family and in ministering to the sick and the afflicted, she had few equals and was excelled by none. Her bereaved husband has the heartfelt sympathy of all the numerous acquaintances, and she is sincerely mourned by every one, who has for the few years past been wont to see her, ever active in the discharge of christian, family and neighborhood duties. The funeral on Tuesday afternoon was more generally attended than any ever before in Remington. During the services all the business houses were closed.

RAILROAD NOTES.

Work on the Narrow Gauge—A Trip to Bradford.

Delphi Times.

The progress of tracklayers on the narrow gauge has been delayed somewhat by the storm of last week, but they have steadily though slowly advanced. To-day they will penetrate the bowels of Mt. Pisgah, at Pittsburg, and the work will be concluded, so far as possible previous to the completion of the bridge across the Wabash. A large force of men are at work on the bridge, and nothing preventing, it will now progress rapidly toward completion. The Wabash, however, is a very uncertain stream, and it is impossible to tell what obstacles they may have to contend with.

Gregg & Bulger yesterday made a shipment of 125 barrels of flour over the road at a material saving in the material of freight.

The question of a switch at Pittsburg is one which agitates the good people of that borough and perplexes the management not a little. The grade of the road is fifty feet or more above the level of the town, and just how to get down without involving too much expense is a conundrum for the engineer to solve. It is now proposed to place the switch head just above the tannery, and skirt the brow of the hill to the west, making a steep descent, but one which takes the only advantage of the provisions of nature presented.

A tank has been placed at the Bragin farm, one mile from Pittsburg. The establishment of a station at Goslee's farm awaits the necessary formalities. The station will undoubtedly be located, but there are some formulas yet necessary before it is done. Nothing yet has been heard from the Postoffice Department regarding the establishment of a post-office at that point, but there can scarcely be a reasonable doubt that the numerously signed petition will be favorably considered.

The regular mail and express train will commence running from Pittsburg to Rensselaer on Monday, the train leaving Pittsburg at 3:30 p.m., and connecting with trains on the State Line at Monticello and on the L. N. A. & C., at Bradford. The train from Rensselaer will arrive at Pittsburg at 8:30 a.m., and when the road is completed to this city, will connect with the 8:45 train west and the 9:15 east on the Wabash.

It will, from present appearance, require about six weeks to complete the bridge across the Wabash. But never mind! We will enjoy that great jubilee yet.

A correspondent sends the following account of a trip over the line to Bradford:

DELMON, Ind., July 16, 1879. To the Editor of the *Times*.

The General Manager of the I. D. & C. railroad, i.e., Col. Yeoman, called me from my usual avocation on yesterday morning for a trip of pleasure and profit to the road, and myself, at eight o'clock, a.m., the sturdy engineer, "Rowland Hughes," gave forth challenge to the echoes of the hills and valleys which furnish a background to the first mile of the road just west of the treacherous Wabash river; and then amid the "pish," "whish," and clang of the bell, all familiar sounds to the employee of the railroad, we moved steadily and slowly through the delie, and once on top of the grade, she began to show a clean head and a merry clatter as we sped over the track. No incident marred our progress until near the Tippecanoe river bridge, where a slight wash-out had been caused by the recent copious dudge, a messenger from the planet Jupiter, so our sage scientists would have us believe; but, the scientists to the contrary notwithstanding, willing hands made short work of unloading two carloads of gravel. Then away we went again and over the "A Bace Bridge," which so securely spans the beautiful Tippecanoe river, and with a shrill "hallo" the Rowland sounded the challenge to the sixty feet grade and bade the tax-lighters take notice that she still breathed forth the vapory notes in kindly tones and wished for the time to come when they, like true, honest men, would hand over the laurels which furnish the slings for railroads. Although the law withheld for the time the performance of the paying deed, yet patience, perseverance and the nerve of the General Manager will see them tread to the music of the union, etc. A short stop at Monticello; then, like the famed Arab steed of old, the "Rowland" breathed two shrill notes of alarm and away we sped as if blessed with life, and desiring to show our Delphi friends that narrow gauge engines were made for both draft and speed. In a short while the thriving town of Bradford loomed up in the distance and nearing the crossing of the L. N. A. & C. railroad, Supt. Millikan, by a skillful hand at the lever, made a "switch," passing our three flats to the right while the "Hughes" remained on the main track. Soon the passenger train of the road from Rensselaer arrived and our volunteers having loaded two cars with iron rails and other supplies, the engine sounded her bell and whistle, and out of the town, homeward bound we sped. No incidents of moment occurred on our journey, and at three p.m. we aighted again at the ravine near Pittsburg, weary, warm, yet with all well pleased and content with the privilege gained, and satisfied that the road-bed will but slight further work to render it perfect and safe.

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THE DELPHI AND INDIANAPOLIS.

The corps of surveyors on this line are making slow progress. There is all the difference in the world between a preliminary survey and a locating survey. In the latter the progress is necessarily slow. On yesterday the corps had reached Pickard's Mills, a point at the junction of the three counties of Hamilton, Tipton and Clinton, and about thirty-three miles this side of Indianapolis. After they strike the old Michigan-Road, in the vicinity of Michigantown, the progress will be more rapid, and the boys may confidently be expected home in three weeks.

The health of the corps has not been the best. When a short distance out the whole gang, with the exception of the engineer and axman were badly poisoned by vines, so that they were compelled to lay by for four days.

Now, however, they have all recovered, and are pushing this way as fast as the exigencies of the case will permit.

Rev. Thos. Vanscoy and wife, of Evanston, Ill., stopped over yesterday with friends in Rensselaer. They are on their way to the Battle Ground camp meeting.

NEW GOLD MINES NEAR ELIZABETHTON.

We had the opportunity of interviewing Dr. Kelly, one of the lucky prospectors of the Eliz. Colorado, last week, and in course of conversation we gleaned from him the following facts:

He and his partners, Messrs. Murphy and son and Mr. Atkins, left Jasper county, Ind., March last and proceeded directly for the placer fields they are now located on. They have received a description of the country from a friend, and being old Californians they draw a favorable inference from this description, and started in to work with a confidence of ultimate success which still possesses them. At first they prospected the hills and gulches for loden and found several, both of silver bearing galena and gold quartz. Near a two foot crevices of decomposed quartz carrying gold, they prospected the gravel and found in one pan eighteen "colors." This was pretty good and they immediately set about prospecting a bar containing a few acres which lies between the gold ledge mentioned and the river. From Indiana Gulch, or which they have their claim, they made a ditch across the bar and ran a ground sluice in several parts of the bar, and it has prospected well throughout. They have worked a ground sluice up Indiana gulch some 60 feet and found good pay there. On a hill on the other side of the gulch they have also found a good prospect.

The precious deposit is found in coarse gold and some nuggets. Being desirous of first ascertaining the extent of paying ground, they have devoted their attention thus far to prospecting, but now they are satisfied—more than satisfied that they have rich ground—so work in earnest will now progress. They are very sanguine in regard to their quartz ledges, but with a small capital they do not see their way to develop them, while they can successfully work their placer ground at once. Of course the amount of prospecting they have compared with the scope of country is trifling. These mines are about nine miles from Elizabethtown, and whatever mineral wealth is found thereabouts, and business transacted there, it will be tributary to the nearest substantial town in Coshocton County. The discoveries made by Messrs. Kelly & Co. hold out a fair promise for further prospecting in that country.—[Cincinnati Journal.]

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