



ASHLAND, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 20, 1854.

Hon. H. H. Johnson, Member of Congress from this District, will please accept our thanks for Documents received.

Michael Miller, the Confectionary man, whose good humor seems to prevent his ever growing old, has just received a lot of presents for the Holy-days. Pith in, youngsters—you can get a hat full for three cents.

TO OUR READERS.

We perhaps owe an apology to our readers for want of the usual editorial variety this week. We ask your indulgence, as we are very busy closing up our affairs as Clerk of Ashland County, which the people, fortunately for our pecuniary interests, have relieved us of, as well now as heretofore. We want no more offices as they cost as much as they are worth. We are a Printer by trade, and when we go into the office ourselves, we think we can publish as good a paper as is published in Ohio.

SHOCKING ACCIDENT.

We regret to learn that one day last week Robert Moorhead, an employee in the Steam Mill at Jeromesville, in this County, had both of his legs crushed while oiling the machinery, and died in about three hours. It appears that it was necessary for him to go in between the "fly-wheel" and "pitman." One of the bolts of the pitman caught his clothes while he was stooping over, drew his legs in between the crank and timbers—a space of about four inches—literally crushing them. It is said the bones actually made an indentation of a quarter of an inch in the solid timber! The poor fellow leaves a family to mourn his untimely loss.

FRANKLIN AND WARREN RAIL ROAD.

Last week, Dr. Clark, one of the Directors of this Road, made a statement of its condition. Whatever misgivings there may have been relative to the Road heretofore, we think since examining into the facts, not only of the exhibit made in our last issue, but from personal inspection of the Road, that there is no doubt but that the Road has been honestly and judiciously managed. It is a great work, and, of course, there are impediments thrown into the way calculated to embarrass the Company. The slightest embarrassment, sometimes, is sufficient to alarm Stockholders. We freely confess that at one time we were somewhat sceptical ourselves, but since examining into the facts we know that so far all is well. The financial condition of the Road is better than any other in Ohio. To prove this we need only refer to the fact, that while all the other Rail Roads in the State have been compelled to stop work, the Franklin and Warren goes on in "the eye" of its way. Hard times, as might be expected, affects it some. Yet it keeps moving, and when good times arrive the cars will commence running. No Road in Ohio has ever progressed so far as this one, upon the subscription of Stockholders. This, of itself, speaks loudly in behalf of the Road. While other Roads have been compelled to pay their Bonds in market in order to raise funds, this Road is able to wait for "the good time coming," before a dollar of their Bonds will be put into market. The amount subscribed is sufficient to prepare the Road for the Iron. Is this not better than any Road ever attempted to be built in Ohio? The facts prove it. If, then, this is the fact, has not the Franklin and Warren Rail Road, a better reputation than any other Road in the State with eastern Capitalists? The exhibit of the Company, so far as this County is concerned, shows that there has been expended in our own territory over \$7000 more than there has been received from Stockholders. This looks as if the head men were not unwilling to venture their capital for our benefit. It shows, to our mind, that they are determined that the Road shall be built, and so says every Stockholder in Ashland County. It is greatly to the interest of us all, in a pecuniary point of view. Besides all this, who would live in a community now-a-days without a Rail Road? For our part we think we are a few years behind the age, compared with neighboring Counties who possess fewer advantages than ours. The Road can be built if we will. It. Stockholders pay up your Stock, and the Road will be pushed forward as far as the money goes. It will be remembered that all the installments became due on the 7th day of last November, and but one half of the Stock subscribed has been paid in. How can we expect the work to go on, when Stockholders are so tardy in paying in their Stock?

The Managers of the Road intend to hold a meeting of the Stockholders in Ashland sometime next month, when the Executive Committee will be present to give any information in regard to the condition of the Road that may be desired. Let all attend at the time and judge for themselves.

ASHLAND UNION SCHOOL.

The Fall Session of this institution closed last week. We were present at the examinations but a short time, but from what we learn the exercises were very creditable to both teachers and pupils. In school government Mr. BARNES, the accomplished Principal, is a convert to the doctrine of moral suasion, and it is said he makes it work like a charm. Corporal punishment is almost wholly unknown, except in the Primary departments. The enrollment shows only about one per cent. per week—less, we think, than any other institution in this part of the State.

Mrs. RAY, assistant in the Primary department, has resigned;—place supplied by Miss M. J. GARDNER, of Huron county. Miss BUSHNELL, of the High School department, has also resigned;—place supplied by Mr. ENCKEL. The total number of scholars enrolled in the High School during the term was 133; Grammar School, 54; Secondary department 72; Primary department, 200; total, 450. This certainly shows our Union School to be in a very flourishing condition, and that the citizens of our town and county appreciate the efforts of the Principal and his able Assistants. The teachers are all competent, persevering, and ambitious to do their whole duty. Success attend them in their noble work.

ASHLAND WOOLLEN MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

We happened over to South Ashland one day last week, and accidentally dropped into the Ashland Woolen Manufacturing. As long as we have lived in Ashland, we have never visited this Factory. We looked into all the departments, and found them beyond all previous conception. Mr. SMITH, the Manager, understands his business; knows not only how to carry it on, but how to make the best of Cloths, Cassimeres and Casuities. Their business has already increased to such an extent, that the Company are preparing to increase the Machinery in order to supply the wants of their customers. Adjoining the Mill the Company have erected a Business Office, at which will be found the different fabrics manufactured at this Factory. Merchants in Ashland and adjoining towns, find that they can purchase better Cloths at this Factory, and at more reasonable rates, than in eastern cities. We are satisfied that their goods are all woolen, and, consequently, will wear much better than goods of eastern manufacture, and are just as cheap. In this community the matter has had a practical test. Merchants in Ashland, we dare say, will corroborate what we say.

TREASURER OF STATE.

Democratic papers throughout the State have generally expressed a preference for Mr. KNAPP, of the Statesman and Democrat, but he declines running for any office while connected with the press. We clip the following from the State Journal, the Whig organ at Columbus:

"Knapp is one of the editors of the Ohio Statesman, and Democrat; and we understand, writes the hard-money, anti-bank articles of that paper. He is so much of a State rights man that he will on Congress to pass a law prohibiting a State from authorizing bank bills of a less denomination than ten dollars. He thinks the Treasurer should be nothing but gold and silver in payment of taxes; at least so we infer from the tone of his editorials. If the 8th of January Convention hold the same views, Knapp may be the nominee. Personally we have no objection."

THE ARCTIC AND TIMES.

Our "foeman of the Times" is after us sure. He asks us for an "affidavit" as to what we meant by one of our articles. The article itself said just what we meant, and our explanation of the aforesaid fire-brand article is regarded sufficient in this community. Our Miss Nancy neighbor, however, wants some plain language. His articles are queer, and the writer ditto. The Editor is also a mild man, and in substance says to us, "I will deal gently with these poor fellows." And so he has—but when the opportunity presents, his protection is such as the "Valture gives the Lamb." Well may it be said, "there is the Editor of the Ashland Times—he is a honey!"

LADIES SUPPER.

Let none forget this Supper on Christmas Eve. We hope to see old age and youth all "mixed up" on that occasion. The proceeds of the Supper are to be applied for the benefit of the Episcopal Church of this place.

Tickets for sale at R. Q. Beck's Book Store, and at Stocur & Osborn's Law Office. Price, 37 cents;—Oysters and Ice Cream extra.

The Cleveland Express says that the Stark Bank of Bennington Vt., which has hitherto been considered one of the best in the country, was a large loss by the failure of the Canal Bank of Akron. The amount due Stark Bank by these two Ohio Banks is something over \$100,000. The ability of the Stark Bank to resume her business, will depend upon her receiving aid from the above Banks and other creditors.

So far as concerns "aid from the above Banks," the prospect is rather a dark one. If the Bennington victims build their hopes of ultimate salvation upon such a sandy basis, they may be set down as stark mad.

We have commenced an excellent story this week on first page. It will occupy four numbers.

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A young man also swears that Arrison is the one who got witness to write the name of "Mr. Allison," (the murdered man) "Marine Hospital," corner of Western Row and Longworth, "on a card, which card was produced in court, and was attached to the fatal box.

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The "Five Points" is not yet purifying its food, and reeking yesterday through its precincts, and blaspheming Heaven with its hearing of the hymns of Thanksgiving sung by those little ones. For these hardened sinners there is no hope; but the rising generation may be saved; and while we are spending millions to enlighten savages, we should not forget the benightedness that exists within the sound of our own church bells.

Quite a sensation was occasioned here by the disclosure of the fact that Mr. Dorian, the gallant third mate of the Arctic had been dismissed by Mr. Collins, and a certificate of good character denied him. Mr. Dorian intimated in his letter to the parents of young Holland, that during the panic on board the Ignor stores were broken into and freely used; and I for this indiscreet statement, and for the fact that Mr. Collins has undertaken to defend his father's conduct in this business, but he makes a bungling job of it. Dorian was the only officer of the Arctic who did his whole duty, and he has been discharged without a certificate of good conduct! These two facts are beyond question. Comment upon them is superfluous; especially as Mr. Dorian in this morning's Times has used up the Collins name as his best advertisement.

Judge Hoffman's decision in favor of making the New York and New Haven Rail Road Company responsible for the "Schuyler stock" is universally approved here.

A salutary reform has just taken place on the Erie Railroad. No more liquor is to be sold to the employers of the line at any of the refreshment stations. The bars have been removed from the eating saloons, and notices posted up to the effect that liquor can no longer be obtained. The Erie road has so far had a bad name for accidents; the absence of rum will probably lessen the number of casualties.

Trouble in the Camp.

There has been quite a split among the Know Nothing in New York, and at a meeting recently held there a portion of the disaffected, to consider the order of the Grand Council of the Order in regard to certain bolters at the late election, the following resolution was adopted: Resolved, That we repudiate and condemn the aforementioned action of the Grand Council as Anti-American, and Anti-Republican and the most unwarrantable, abominable and dangerous assumption of despotic power ever attempted upon the rights of the professional. Penance and threats of Excommunication only equalled by the Holy Inquisition of Spain, and only worthy of imitation by the Grand Council of Cardinals at Rome.

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