

LOCAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

B. & O. R. - Stratfordville Division.

Table with train schedules for Somerset, including destinations like Galesville and Stratfordville.

We regret to learn the prospect at this time, for a fire engine is no means flattering. Cause our citizens don't all see the matter in the same light.

The Virginia and prisoners have been delivered to our Government, but just what will become of them in the end can't be told, until the end comes.

A bell has been purchased for the Catholic Church in this place, and its arrival is daily expected. We are informed that it is a very large and superior one. No doubt we shall all be pleased to hear its deep tones.

Michael Ditto, Esq. of New York is visiting his parents in this place. Mr. D. is an architect of considerable reputation in the city where he resides, and we are pleased to learn that he will, in a measure, display his skill in remodeling the property occupied by his parents on South Columbus street.

It affords no pleasure to state that the stretch of a wild road between Ashbrook's Mill and the Pike is to be macadamized.

Erasmus Parson: The Christmas Tree erected at the M. E. Church for the Sabbath School was a grand success, and while I was watching the distribution of the gifts to the children, some friends, "Washed me by presenting to me as a Christmas gift, a nice white-just such a one as I was well wanted.

More than two to the dinner, B. F. THOMAS.

The Christmas Tree at the M. E. Church, on Wednesday evening last, was a fine affair. The service was opened by song and prayer, after which Rev. Thomas delivered a few appropriate remarks, and a number of songs were sung by the School, when the candles on the Tree were lighted, producing a beautiful and brilliant effect.

A similar pleasant affair took place at the Lutheran Church on Christmas morning, with a large attendance at attendance.

Mike Bowman, who is now occupying Walker & Russell's old stand on West Main street is dealing out groceries by the wholesale, almost. The cause of his heavy trade, lies in the fact that Mr. B. keeps the choicest goods the market affords, and sells them at the most reasonable prices.

By a notice which appears elsewhere in this paper, it will be seen that a Teachers' Institute will convene in Somerset on Monday next. It is to be hoped that our citizens generally will evince some interest in the efforts of the teachers to promote educational interests, by encouraging the Institute with their presence.

Everything you need in the Drug line can be had at Skinner's.

So far as the weather was concerned, Christmas this year has been a day that did not greatly remind one of the "old-fashioned Christmas," with snow covered ground, the jingle of sleigh-bells, and other features of winter time, but the day was like an Indian summer one, with a cloudless sky and a hazy horizon, a haze and frozen ground, a bracing, but not cold atmosphere.

Christmas which among the Christian people, the world over, is sacredly regarded as the birthday of the Savior, was promptly ushered in at 12 o'clock midnight, by a considerable portion of our younger population, by hideous whoops, the bang of guns, and the rattle of fire-crackers. The day, being the more devout of our people repaired to places of worship, thus exhibiting their recognition of the Savior's birthday in a manner which was in striking contrast with the action of those first mentioned.

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Report of Somerset Public Schools for Term ending Dec. 12, 1873.

Table with school statistics: Total term enrollment, Average weekly enrollment, Daily attendance, etc.

For their further information and encouragement, we are glad that we can report to our patrons and friends a very favorable condition of the Schools at this time.

The results of the year's work, thus far, are very satisfactory indeed. There has been an unusual degree of interest and earnestness manifested, alike, by both teachers and pupils. Although less than formerly, we have still to complain of "irregular attendance" of some pupils. But this, as well as many kindred evils, which follow as a result of this one, can be remedied, only by the active co-operation of parents and guardians. We would therefore respectfully call your attention to these matters hoping that in the future, there will be a more generous co-operation on your part, in assisting to remove these hindrances which so greatly impair the efficiency of our schools. Visit us often. Believing that the existing state of money matters renders it necessary, in fact, compels us to make collections, and all parties indebted to us will at once call and arrange for settlement. We want to close up our old book accounts at the close of this year. Come in and see us and examine our Stock and Prices.

Respectfully, J. G. KELLO, Supt.

Matters Worthy of Attention.

SOMERSET, Dec. 22, 1873.

MR. EDITOR: On tomorrow the public Schools of Somerset will close, and their work of Education will not be resumed until the first Monday after New Year's day. This arrangement will afford our Teachers and pupils ample opportunity to make every desirable preparation for a happy and recuperative vacation. Moreover, it will also give them a vacation of reasonable, and we hope sufficient, duration. Our Schools during the passing term, have been very quiet in their studies; we have had no news of stubborn and insurmountable difficulties pertaining to the sphere of their government. The pupils manifest great interest in their recitations and evidence respectful respect for their teachers by their promptness in obeying the summons of the old bell in the Court house steeple, together with their regularity and punctuality in attendance. We have heard the Teachers praise by their pupils and patrons, and have heard no complaint of them from either class. All of this speaks well of our Educational enterprise, considering the many unfavorable circumstances under which this work of vital importance is to be presented. Our Teachers and pupils are compelled to violate the essential laws of hygiene, and have had no complaint of them from either class. All of this speaks well of our Educational enterprise, considering the many unfavorable circumstances under which this work of vital importance is to be presented.

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PROCLAMATION.

To the Citizens of Perry and Surrounding Counties.

We are assured that three-fourths of the Farmers have resolved to conduct their business on a cash basis—a resolution which we heartily concur and will assist in carrying out by establishing a CASH STORE with ONE DOLLAR on each article and positively NO DEVIATION. We know this is the true principle upon which to conduct a mercantile business, and trust it will be appreciated by the people. We propose to furnish goods on these terms at a small percentage, as they can be handled, which will be the rates established for furnishing goods to the Patrons of Husbandry throughout the country—only give ALL cash customers the advantage of the reduced prices.

On and after the 1st day of January, 1874, we will close our books and adopt the above plan. We hope that none will take offense at this and we are convinced that every sensible man will view this as a new light we do—as being best for buyer and seller. We will, of course take all kinds of country produce in exchange for goods, as usual.

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GRAND INDUSTRIAL EXPOSITION

AT ZANESVILLE, O., December 24th, 1873.

January 1st, 1874.

The Four Leading Departments, consisting of Industrial Hall, Fine Art Hall, Floral Hall, and MUSEUM.

Will contain the largest and finest collection of Manufactured Articles, Fruits, Flowers, Aquariums, Rare and Valuable Curiosities, Paintings, &c., ever brought together in Eastern Ohio.

Admission, 25 cents.

GRAND HOLIDAY DISPLAY.

GIFTS FOR THE MILLION.

"Santa Claus" "Try Van Winkle" "Robinson Crusoe" "Rip and Trust" "Bound to Rise" Poetical Works Photograph Albums Fine Pocket Books Port Monis and Wallets Fine Games Water Color Paints Home Vases, &c., &c., &c.

ALSO A large stock of Watches, Jewelry, &c., selected especially for the holiday trade.

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