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FALLING IN TO LINE NATURALLY.—In writing an article a short time since, headed "The Quincy Fraudulent Map," the sentence occurred, "procuring money under false pretences, &c." This looked a little too strong, and the sentence was altered to a milder form. The Pittsfield Union, in copying the article, restores the word *false*. When therefore, our Quincy friends read that "the Quincy fraudulent map has been circulated in the East, palpably for the purpose of attracting population, and procuring money under false pretences of questionable fairness, to build eastern connections," they must lay the peculiar criminal odor thus given to the charge, at the door of our neighbor of the Union. We did not like to be so hard on them. The editor of the Union inserted the *penitentiary* words no doubt because he thought they ought to be there.

From the Pittsfield Union. THE PIKE COUNTY RAIL ROAD.

The more we acquaint ourselves with the history of this proposed road—the efforts that have been put forth, both for and against it, and the unworthy means resorted to defeat it, the more is our indignation aroused and the more firmly are we convinced that our county has been foully dealt with, by foul men actuated by foul and sinister motives. Let us look at the facts.

The Naples and Springfield Rail Road, is the last link of a chain of Rail Road whose various termini lie in the lap of the East. From Hannibal, Missouri, to St. Joseph, a charter for a Rail Road has already been obtained, and the road will be built within the time specified by the charter. What that time is, we do not know, not having at present the means in our possession by which to determine the question. But we believe all concede that the road will be built within the time specified.

[Just here we volunteer some information for our neighbor of the Union.

Messrs. Duff & Learned, of New York, last month took the contract for the construction of the whole road from Hannibal to St. Joseph, at \$23,000 a mile, the entire work to be completed in four years. Last Wednesday (20th April) they sub-let the first twenty-five miles at this end of the route. The work at this end will commence about the middle of next month; will be rapidly prosecuted in a permanent manner, and twelve months from this time, the road will probably be in successful operation for a considerable distance west of this city.

At St. Joseph on the 10th of next month, the first twenty-five miles at the other end of the route will be sub-let.

The remainder of the line, extending a distance of over one hundred and fifty miles, will be placed under contract as soon as the same can be prepared by the engineers.

Our friend of the Union will thus perceive that we have gone farther than merely obtaining a charter.

The sooner the Pike County Railroad is built the better.]

If any one will glance at these maps he will see that the Pike County Railroad is the Road that should be the connecting link between Naples and Hannibal. It is the route because it is the direct one. It is the one which should be built. It is the one that will be built, unless the capitalists of the east give credence to the fraudulent maps of the route that have been placed in their hand by a few designing and interested men in and about Quincy.

We are prepared to prove to a demonstration that the proposed route through Pike county is the shorter route by some 36 miles; and any one can see it is the most direct. What is the route by the Quincy Road? Simply this: It is to start at Naples; then it runs in a northeasterly direction 6 miles, till it gets to Meredocia; there it crosses the river, and runs in a northwest direction 18 miles, till it reaches Mt. Sterling; thence almost due west 17 miles, till it reaches Clayton; thence it runs southwest 28 miles till it gets to Quincy; thence it runs in almost southerly direction 20 miles till it finally reaches Hannibal; that is if it take that route. They are however attempting to run it to Palmyra, which is somewhat nearer.

Now, we leave it with the reader—was ever a route more zig-zag?—more outrageously crooked? Does any one suppose that capitalists, with a full knowledge of these facts will take stock in such a route, when it is known that the Pike county Railroad route is 36 miles shorter, and not near as zig-zag, nor half so hard to grade? If they do, they surely will not act with their accustomed sagacity, that is certain.

But we must close for the present. We ask the readers to peruse the articles, found in another column, from the Hannibal papers.

The Directors of the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad will meet here next Monday, when the depot will be located.

The river rose two inches last night. The Dubuque, arrived from Galena this morning, reports the river rising all the way down; and that the Desmoines, out of which a large portion of the water has been supposed to come, is low and falling.

Dr. Hopson will preach at the Christian Church next Sunday evening, commencing at early candle light.

QUICK TRANSIT.—By yesterday morning's mail we received a copy of Arther's Home Gazette, bearing date Saturday, April 23d! Arther's Home Gazette is printed in Philadelphia. There can be no mistake about the date.

We have returns from a number of towns, in which the friends of the Maine Law and Prohibition figured conspicuously and triumphantly. In every instance, (save one) that we have heard of, where the contest was Prohibition vs. Whiskey, the enemy were routed, horse, foot and dragoon. Who says the people are not prepared for a prohibitory law? We annex a few returns that we can make room for.

In Bosten township, Wayne county, Ind., the vote on license or no license stood 34 for and 35 against license. This is under the new law of the State.

In Richmond township, Wayne co., Ind., the vote stood, no license 376—license 226—Majority 150.

At Marietta the temperance ticket received a handsome majority, the Mayor receiving two-thirds of the votes cast. Hurrah for Marietta!

In Wooster, O., the borough election took place on the 4th inst., and resulted in the election of the entire temperance ticket.

In Springboro', O., the election for town officers took place on Saturday, 9th. The temperance ticket was crowned with success.

The temperance ticket in Greene township, Hamilton co., O., has been elected by a handsome majority. Our friends in the county will see by this victory, that there are some temperance men in old Hamilton.—[Ohio Organ of Temperance.

HORRIBLE

The Lawrenceburgh (Ind.) Register says, that on the night of the 7th inst., Samuel Hodge and wife, of Logan township, while under the influence of liquor, quarreled, which ended in the death of the husband.

So far as is known of this tragical affair, it appears that the woman bore two severe wounds upon her head inflicted by a hatchet which made her insensible for some time, while on the bed was found the lifeless body of her husband. It was thought that he had thus fallen asleep, and the wife had in this condition killed him.

Col. Fremont has bought the residence opposite the President's House, erected by the late Mathew St. Clair Clark, for the sum of \$30,000. This is one of the finest dwellings in Washington.

STAMPED ENVELOPES.—The stamped envelopes contracted to be furnished to the U. S. Government by Mr. G. F. Nesbitt, of New York, will be ready for delivery by the first of June next. A large quantity are all ready prepared; but specimens are not yet exhibited.

The prices of Iron, says the New York Mirror, are receding again, and it is the opinion of intelligent dealers, that a considerable fall must ensue. Scotch pig, which has been selling here at \$40 per ton, is only 53 shillings sterling, or about \$12, at Glasgow. The draft of ships to Australia has rendered it difficult to freight foreign iron to advantage.

BITES OF MAD DOGS.—An English journal says that an old Saxon has been using, for fifty years, and with perfect success, a remedy for the bite of mad dogs, by the agency of which "he has rescued many fellow-beings and cattle from the fearful death of hydrophobia." The remedy is to wash the wound immediately with warm vinegar or tepid water, dry it, and then apply a few drops of muriatic acid, which will destroy the poison of the saliva, or neutralize it, and the cure is effected.

From the New York Daily Times. Search for Sir John Franklin—Dr. Kane's Expedition.

By reference to our special telegraph dispatch from Washington, it will be seen that E. R. Kane, having just completed his arrangements and received his final instructions from the Navy Department, expects to sail for the Arctic Ocean again, on or before the 1st of May, in search of Sir John Franklin, and his company of long lost navigators. The enterprise in which this intrepid officer and his gallant band have engaged with such soulful ardor, commends itself with especial interest to every American heart; and no statement of their hopes and plans, or the provision for their own comfort and safety (if there can be comfort or safety in any degree on such an occasion,) no matter how detailed, can fail to be read with surpassing interest. The name and fame of the great Navigator, whose fate is now sealed up in the icy confines of the far north; the touching and elegant efforts and sacrifices made and endured, sought, by his noble wife, who, with woman's heart, still hopes against hope, that he may yet again be restored to her; and the quite recent Grinnell Expedition, which shed so much honor upon its projector, and those who carried out his benevolent designs, have all contributed to make the history of Sir John Franklin as familiar to us all as a household word; but the dreadful doubt still impends, and only adds hourly to our interest in even the least point of any project for its solution.

Dr. Kane is expected to proceed at once to the head waters of Baffin's Bay, taking in on his way, several dog teams from various points on the coast of Greenland. It is also in anticipation to secure the services of several Esquimaux, the friendly officers of the Danish Government at Copenhagen having been obtained to facilitate that object. Upon reaching the *ultima Thule* of Navigation, a sort of "forlorn hope" of not more than twelve men, will leave the brig, take two sledges drawn by the dog teams, and continue their journey over the great frozen ocean, pursuing a due northern line, in search of that mysterious water, the open Polar Sea.

The sledges, in addition to their scanty cargo of food, will carry an India rubber boat, spread upon basket or wicker work—a valuable suggestion by Mr. Bennett, agent of the Stanton Life-Boats. Dogs will be used freely to carry out depots of food for the little party. Once reaching the Polar Sea, if they should be so fortunate as to find such a water this side of dreamland, the search of Sir John Franklin will be guided by the terms of his instructions from the British Admiralty, and be pursued until his book of fate is unsealed, or the ashes of hope shall have become the blackness of despair. Dr. Kane has been strongly urged to attempt the solution of some vexed questions of Geography in relation to the continuity of Greenland; but he regards it incumbent upon himself to confine his efforts to the great object of search.

We have already said, the little band of daring spirits will sail within a few days on their mission of mercy. But when will they return? The query brings before us most vividly all that must be met and endured, ere home is seen again. The vessels are provisioned for three years, but the experience of all Polar travelers seem to show, that after the first winter in that region, the adventurer's effective energies are so subdued as to render him practically worthless. Dr. Kane, therefore, though untrammelled by instructions, is strongly advised to return in eighteen months. And should two winters pass over the party ere we hail their return to receive the reward which is their due, our people will not fall into the English error of waiting four years in doubt as to their condition—but will send at once a party to determine their fate. God speed them, and give them that success they covet, as above all other rewards of their adventurous toils.

NEW ORLEANS, April 23.

The steamer United States, from Aspinwall in five and a half days, reports that the steamship Independence is a total loss. She ran ashore on shoals near the Marguaretta Islands, and afterward took fire. Out of nearly 500 passengers who undertook to swim ashore, 140 were drowned.

The election for the U. S. Senator to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Soule, will take place on Tuesday next. The most prominent candidates are Gov. Hebert and Mr. Slidell.

An Abolitionist Convinced.

Under this caption a Holly Springs, Miss., correspondent of the Memphis Eagle and Enquirer relates the subjoined anecdote:

The following amusing scene actually occurred last summer between a citizen of our town and a Yankee on board of one of the Northern steamboats, perhaps upon the Hudson.

Our Southern friend discovered a disposition, in a very genteel looking man on board the boat to open a chat with him, and nothing loth to hear what his friend wished to say, indicated by his manner that he was approachable, whereupon the following dialogue ensued:

Yankee—"Well, sir, I wish to ask you a question; I hope it will be no offence."

Southern—"Certainly not; I will listen with pleasure."

Y.—"Well, sir, is it true that they work negroes in the plough at the South?"

S.—"I will answer you in the favorite method of your countrymen—by asking you a question or two."

Y.—"I admit the right, sir."

S.—"How many negro fellows do you suppose it would require to draw a good large one-horse plough?"

Y.—"Well, I suppose six or seven—say seven."

S.—"Well, sir, and what are they worth per head?"

Y.—"Well, I suppose \$800."

S.—"That would be \$5,600. Now, what would one large strong horse cost?"

Y.—"I guess about \$100."

Upon this the Southerner looked a little quizzically at his neighbor, who, without waiting to hear the conclusion, stammered and stammered:

"Well, I—I—I knew it was a d—d lie!"

A FATAL AFFRAY.

A difficulty occurred on Tuesday afternoon, the 19th, at the dram shop of Robert Moore, in this city, between Andrew Ramsey and Win. Cartner, in which the former stabbed the latter with a bowie knife, inflicting a severe wound on the right side, which occasioned the death of Cartner on Thursday evening about sundown.

We understand that it was occasioned by a dispute about the division of profits growing out of some kind of gambling co-partnership that had existed between them. We make no comments about the provocation, leaving that to be determined by a judicial investigation.

Ramsey left when the act was committed and although the proper course has been pursued to apprehend him, he has not yet been taken. He is, by birth, an Irishman, and has lived in Booneville nearly two years, during which time he has generally been employed as a bar-keeper. Cartner has resided in this county about 30 years, and was, by birth, an Englishman. He leaves a widow and five or six children.

It will be seen by an advertisement in another column, that \$100 reward is offered by the Mayor to secure the arrest of Ramsey.

We have just been informed since the above was written, that upon a post mortem examination of Cartner, it was discovered that the knife had cut off a piece of the breast bone, severed two ribs, cut through the diaphragm, and passed through the lower lobe of the right lung. His physicians state that it was impossible for him to live under the circumstances.—[Boonville Observer, 23d.

NORTH CAROLINA.—The treatment the temperance men of this State received at the hands of the Legislature just adjourned, gives us, and should them, great encouragement.

When there is a good deal of fuss made it is pretty sure somebody is hurt, and when an antagonist in discussion begins to abuse the other side, it is generally fair to conclude that he feels his position to be untenable. More than 12,000 voters petitioned for a repeal of the present license law the presentation of whose memorial to the House was followed, from the account given by the Spirit of the Age, by the most disgraceful proceedings: the members became perfectly rampant; and the "proposer of the resolution was compelled to withdraw it, to save the character of the House." Such a character as that we are very much of the opinion, is scarcely worth having. A few days after, a similar memorial, signed by 10,000 voters, and more than 4,000 ladies and youths, was presented in the Senate, and was treated in about the same way. The signers were called fanatics; one Hon. gentleman said that the Sons of Temperance—if their petitions were listened to, would soon become greater nuisances than the grog-shops. Another moved that "the memorial be not received," and immediately after, a counter memorial, signed by about sixty names, whose language was abusive and insulting to the temperance men of the State, was received and ordered to be printed.

All this is delightful. It gives us a better opinion of the condition of the movement in the State, and of the activity of the men engaged in it, than we have ever hitherto had. If all the labor that is lost in the world, were only expended on something that would preserve it, what a world we should have.

River still rising.