

# The Journal

TERMS:—\$1.50 in advance, or \$2 at the end of the year.

WM. NASH, EDITOR.

GALLIPOLIS, FEB. 24, 1876.

## Turnpikes—Cost—Advantages.

If we could prevail upon the people of Gallia county to enter upon the system of building Turnpike roads, we should feel that we had accomplished a lasting good. With such thoroughfares in use, we might look for a rapid advancement in population and wealth. With nothing but mud roads, we shall stand still, if not retrograde.

Union county, this State, has thoroughly tried the experiment of building Turnpikes, and Judge P. B. Cole plainly gives the result in the following letter to a citizen of Crawford county, where the construction of such road is being agitated:

JOHN HOPLEY, Esq.—DEAR SIR:—Yours of the 23d ult., directed to me at Marysville, has been received. I cannot answer your interrogations with great accuracy, but can approximate the truth.

1. Number of miles gravel road in Union county, about 160.

2. Average cost per mile, \$2000.

3. Where the gravel had to be hauled a long distance, or when the grading was very heavy, the cost was much enhanced. Some miles cost as much as \$2500, and others not to exceed \$1500.

The roads were made of gravel exclusively—our gravel was of medium fineness—not coarse nor yet sand, but fine gravel and becomes a solid mass much better than gravel, because much smoother and equally as solid.

In Union county we proceeded under the acts authorizing tax to be assessed for two miles on each side of the road, upon petition of a majority of the land owners.

The County Commissioners issued the bonds of the county to pay for the work, and then assessed the lands to pay the same, principal and interest.

We regard this law as the best for the purpose of constructing roads.

These improvements are of almost universal popularity among farmers and all others.

In the first place there was great opposition from the farmers, but after they had tried one road, there was no trouble to get all we wanted.

7. The value of lands, especially in the newer parts of the county, has gone up remarkably; lands previously selling for twenty-five to thirty dollars per acre, have gone up to forty-five and fifty. On the older and better improved parts, the per cent. of rise has not been quite so great, though the advance has been marked everywhere. Lands formerly selling at \$50 and \$75 dollars per acre, will bring \$60 and \$90; and this notwithstanding the universal tendency downwards, in the price of land.

But the towns of the county, Marysville and Richmond, have more than quadrupled in business in the last five years, simply because the people can get to town any day in the year, whereas, formerly there was a half of the time that it was nearly impossible to go to town.

People come to regard it in the same light as the building of a barn, a house, or fences—simply as an improvement to their estates, and a profitable thing to do. In addition, it brings a large amount of outside capital into the county. The bonds are sold, generally to outsiders. It affords employment to laborers, and is gradually paid back, and the general prosperity is advanced.

We have some ten roads connected with Marysville now graded, and I have no idea that any contributor to their construction could be induced to give up the roads and return to the old mud roads, if they were paid all the money they paid twice told, and with interest added.

I remain yours, truly,  
P. B. COLE.

THE Ohio State Grange met in Cleveland on the 15th. A large number of delegates were present. There are 1247 subordinate Granges in the State, with a membership of over 60,000.

TWO OCEAN steamers, the Franco and the Strath Clyde, came together off Dover, England, on the 17th, and almost instantly the boilers of the Strath Clyde exploded, and 52 of her passengers were drowned.

THE Ohio Grangers propose to visit the Centennial display, at Philadelphia, and the State Grange, in session at Cleveland, has submitted a plan whereby the expenses of living there may be lessened. It proposes by means of a stock company to secure a desirable location on the Centennial Grounds, and provide for the proper comfort and entertainment of members attending at economical rates.

THE Marietta Register concludes that members of Congress voting against the Centennial appropriation, "are in an awkward position."

A BILL has been introduced in the U. S. Senate to protect agriculture from the ravages of grasshoppers, chinch-bugs, army and cotton worms, etc.

It provides for the appointment of a Commission of Entomologists to investigate the matter and report to Congress. It is estimated that the damage from insects during the past year has not been less than \$300,000,000.

The whisky ring is attempting to the resignation of Secretary Jew, by misrepresenting his motives. The President. Should this resignation be accepted, it will be bad for the country, and will send the Secretary toward the Presidency.

THE democrats in Congress are worried over the financial question. The party is all "split up," the views of members occupying a wide range, from the radical inflationists to the hard-money, forced parsimonious. At this point come forward those who have no opinions but the "loves and fishes," and propose a compromise—a platform upon which all can stand. The Cincinnati Enquirer, representing the inflation end of the line, spits upon the proposed compromise, and thundering remarks:

This proposed compromise is a pernicious plan, *per se*, and one not only to permit but to compel the coming battle to be fought on the chosen field of the Republican party—the war of 1861, Andersonville, Ben Hill's speech, Tucker's talk, Bob Toombs' twaddle and the name of Hambleton's boy. On that field "Death and Thunder" can not save the Democratic party from defeat.

Like the woman who was watching the fight between her husband and the bear, we are an unconcerned looker on.

HON. R. M. SIMMONS, of Marietta, is mentioned as a candidate for Secretary of State before the Republican Convention. He is worthy of the honor; would make a splendid officer.

THE trial of Gen. Babcock has been in progress, at St. Louis, for two weeks past. The evidence in the case was closed on Friday. The case was probably given to the jury on Tuesday. A verdict of acquittal is the general expectation. The evidence on the part of the prosecution was very lame.

THE democrats in Louisiana are trying hard to get up another disturbance. They propose to impeach the Governor and other officers, upon mere frivolous excuses. The Democrats in Congress, however, seeing the evil party tendency of these revolutionary proceedings, have joined in a plea for peace, and it seems probable that the thing will be hushed up. Wait until after the Presidential election, is the demand of the Northern wing.

THE President signed the Centennial appropriation bill with a pen made from the wing of an American eagle.

CHARLOTTE CUSHMAN, the greatest of American actresses, died in Boston, Friday. She was born in 1816.

THERE seems to be no doubt among the friends of Minister SCHENCK that he will soon return from the English mission.

HARPER'S Weekly thinks our Democratic Congress is a failure as a reform institution. No one can dispute the conclusion.

THERE was a walking-match at Exposition Hall, Cincinnati, last week, two women being the contestants. Millie Rose was the winner, having walked 207 miles in less than five days. Her opponent, Alice Mattice, walked 185 miles in the same time. This is a wonderful record for women walkers.

DURING a heavy wind storm, at Boston last week, the historic elm, on the Common, above two hundred years old, was blown down.

A BILL has been introduced in the Senate reorganizing the entire school system of Ohio. It embodies the views of State School Commissioner Smart. It does away with sub-districts, provides for county superintendence, makes the county, instead of the township, the basis; abolishes the present Boards of Examiners, and establishes examination districts of three counties each, with the County Superintendents for examiners, etc.

SIXTY-EIGHT Republican members of the Ohio General Assembly have been sounded in regard to the Presidency, and this is the result: 61 for Hayes, 3 for Blaine, 1 for Brewster, 2 undecided, and 1 for the nominee.

THE Texas election occurred last week. The democrats polled the most votes.

MOODY and SANKET are holding revival meetings in New York. Their services are daily and nightly crowded. At the Friday evening meeting it is estimated that there were twelve thousand people present.

QUEEN condition of things in Nevada. The Virginia City "merchants" haven't refused to take silver yet, and the consequence is that everybody is loaded down with trade dollars and halves, and everybody is trying to get rid of them before the merchants "strike," and trying to make everybody else take as much silver and as many big dollars as possible.

ATTENTION is called to the statement of the old Girard Fire Insurance Company of Philadelphia. Property owners seeking reliable indemnity, will do well by calling on the agent, A. F. MOORE. Office in Star building, over WASON'S Book Store, Gallipolis, O.

## Neighborhood News.

Capt. Bay has sold the steamer Fashion to parties in Pittsburgh.

You are best, Mr. Bush. Mr. H. N. Gillet gives the Ironton Register the count of grains of an ear of corn, which numbered 1769.

Charles E. Walters, of Proctorsville, is a candidate for voluntary bankruptcy. H. Resener & Son, of Cheshire, are creditors to the amount of \$30.25.

A shooting affray occurred at Jackson last week. Flaker, the bartender at the Isham House, Swanson, John Reed, and others, indulged freely in the use of pistols, and fractional bricks. Unfortunately the pistol balls all missed, but the bricks had better luck. The general result is that a few ugly faces may be seen.

They have been having great revivals out in Synanon township. Baptist, Methodist and United Brethren Churches have been greatly strengthened. About 100 have been added to the church, many of whom are prominent citizens.—Ironton Register.

The house of Alfred Carr, (colored) was burned in Portsmouth on Wednesday. A child four months old perished in the flames.

The Iron National Bank, of Portsmouth, has surrendered its charter, and will hereafter do business as a private banking house, under the name of W. Kinney & Co.

Rev. M. D. Vaughn is holding a protracted meeting at Hamden.

Robert Williams, a miner, had a leg broken between the knee and ankle, and received serious internal injuries, in a coal boat at Middleport, Friday.

Margaret Nixon has been convicted of murder in the second degree, at McArthur, for the murder of her infant.

Drs. Ackley & Parker, of Pomeroy, have dissolved partnership.

The Jackson county Infirmary has 86 inmates.

The Superintendent of the Washington county Infirmary receives \$240 per annum.

A forty-eight pound wild cat was killed in Fairfield county last week.

## State Items.

The Delaware Gazette reports the fruit in that county "all safe as yet."

The Ross county fruit crop is reported to have been damaged by the recent freeze.

Fairfield county farmers report the fruit safe, and prospects of an immense crop.

The original name of Cincinnati was Losantiville.

John Lynch, a young physician of Lancaster, has been adjudged insane, and sent to the Athens Asylum.

At Xenia, on Sunday, the 30th ult., seventy persons were baptized at the colored Baptist Church.

Dr. Tom O. Edwards, a former well known and popular physician, of Lancaster, which District he at one time represented in Congress, died on the 28th inst., of paralysis, in Wheeling, W. Va.

Catherine Wieg, a German woman aged 48, living on Spring Grove Avenue, Cincinnati, committed suicide early last Friday morning by drowning. Cause, a brutal husband.

"General" Cox, now living in Van Wert county, Ohio, was born July 4, 1776. Both parents were massacred by Indians. He served through the war of 1812, and was with General Scott at the capture of Niagara and Fort George. Mrs. Cox, aged ninety, and several children ranging from fifty to seventy years of age, are taking care of the veteran.

At a recent meeting of the Warren County Horticultural Society opinions were expressed that half the peach buds were killed. Other fruits, it was reported, promised well.

Jesse Wheeler, sr., aged 77 years, and Mrs. Margaret Ferguson, aged 75 years, were married at Findlay on the 6th inst. The ages of the venerable pair foot up 152 years.

## The Poor Soldier.

Says the Washington correspondent of the Cincinnati Gazette:

"The House Committee on Invalid Pensions has discharged its clerk, Wilson of Illinois, a badly wounded Union soldier, to make a place for a Democrat. This committee, like most of the other committees of the House, has gone into a secret investigation for political purposes, the committee has found it necessary to discharge this very gallant Union soldier. This committee has commenced its investigations about the Pension Office, but as yet has discovered nothing."

ALEXANDER H. STEPHENS is dying. An Atlanta minister, who has recently visited his bedside, says:

"I found the illustrious sufferer still prostrate and feeble, waiting in patience and cheerful submission to the Divine will, trusting in the Almighty Redeemer, prepared by the infinite love for any issue, feeling assured that all things work together for good to them that love God." Said Mr. STEPHENS: "I should be glad, if agreeable to the majority of the nation, to publish the fourth volume of my encyclopedia. But Heaven knows what is best."

MOTHER STEWART gives this incident of her trip across the Atlantic: "I was sitting in the saloon feeling a wee bit solitary, when some gentleman came in and called for a bottle of champagne, and distributed glasses to his friends. In a moment, noticing me, he stepped with a glass, asking me to accept it; but I declined. He insisted that it would be very beneficial, as I was about to sail. I asked him if he was aboard; he said he was. I then remarked that I might as well tell him that I was Mother Stewart. He expressed much pleasure, bowed, then said, 'we must drink your health,' and they did. But was it me, if the health I found a shipboard is the kind that comes for the drinking of it, let me never be drank again, and let me have no more of it while the world stands. It must be confessed, that I have had the 'Oh, my' mad enough to set Mark Twain up in material for a whole book."

SOMETHING that always soots—a chimney-sweep.

For the Gallipolis Journal, Morgan Brees.

Quits a solar freeze, mingled with snow and overcast.

Miss Libbie Thaxton has recovered from her late illness.

Mr. Elijah Rife is dangerously ill with typhoid fever.

Rev. I. Z. Hanning is holding a protracted meeting at Poplar church, with good success.

Mr. W. S. Thaxton has returned from teaching school over among the mountain fastnesses of West Va.

One death of late—the wife of Mr. Moses Shoemaker. She leaves a family of six children.

Mr. Bononi McCall, of Cass county, Mo., is here on a visit.

Messrs. Robert and Joseph Thaxton have returned from Charleston, W. Va. The former brings with him a new wife.

Mr. S. D. McCormick, of West Va., is taking steps to get up a writing school at White Oak school house.

Mr. Thomas Lee is going to pull up the weeds in West Va., and reset them in old Gallia.

The meanest men on the job are those fellows who entered the Poplar church the other night and stole fourteen testaments, a few hymn books; these they went to Mr. Kent's saw-mill and cut half-soles off his saw-mill belt. Those testaments, etc., ought to work a penitential conversion. D. J.

For the Gallipolis Journal, Vinton Stubbs.

E. T. Holcomb has gone to Cincinnati to attend an important case in court.

Joe C. Matthews, Wm. Butler and Geo. W. Eagle took a number of horses, cattle, hogs, etc., to the city last week.

John Clark, colored, known by the sobriquet of "one eyed John, the painter," has got into trouble, and into jail, by having too much propensity for the bottle. The governor of the saddle-skirts, etc., which were cut off Mr. Martindale's saddles, mentioned in a previous letter. Better go both eyes on it next time, John!

Our young ladies are jubilant over the success of their ball and supper on the 14th; and well they may be, for a more *recherché* affair never came off in our village. Mr. Al. Stevenson, of Jackson, was among the many guests from abroad. Come again.

A verdant youth from Adamsville, being exalted in spirit by the elevating influence of *benzine*, insisted on a game of poker at our strictly moral doggerly the other night. He got it—a poke in the short ribs—"see it," and went "one better" towards the village down the creek.

The pupils of our schools are preparing for an exhibition at the end of the term.

Lee vs. Pierce, suit for \$25 before Judge Turner and a jury, last week. Verdict for plaintiff.

Cline vs. Shepherd, breach of contract, before Judge Drake and a jury, 19th inst. Verdict for defendant.

Mr. Elstagle, brother-in-law of Benard Beck, is negotiating for property in our place.

Capt. Washburn makes a large shipment of produce to Cincinnati and Pittsburgh this week.

The JOURNAL missed us again last mail. We will grin and bear it while the mud lasts.

By the way, wouldn't it be well to give us a rest on those *Edison* ads, and such like, every other item in the local columns? There is a muchness about them, which makes it be- wildering to the unwary reader. They are hard to dodge, and the number of mental somersaults they occasion, is appalling.

Mr. Ralston and Miss McLeish were married on the evening of the 18th. The boys belled them and reported a donation of nine pies—propitiously augury of future bliss.

For the Gallipolis Journal, URBANA, ILLINOIS, Feb. 17, 1876.

MR. EDITOR:—As our subscription to the JOURNAL has about expired, enclosed one dollar and fifty cents to renew. We cannot do without the JOURNAL at all, or think so anyway. We are from Gallia, and our neighbors, a great many of whom are from Gallia, are all glad to get hold of the JOURNAL to hear from the old home. Among these are J. D. Porter, J. M. Martin, R. Allen and others.

When you let the Copperheads up then we will let the JOURNAL slip. We have had a very open winter; no snow at all, scarcely 2 inches of snow all winter.

There was an immense corn crop raised here last season, about all husked now. It is worth 30 cents per bushel. Hundreds of thousands of bushels have been marketed in Champaign and Urbana alone.

The oats were damaged considerably by the heavy rains in July and August. Some did not save any at all, while some saved a few hundred bushels. They are worth 23¢/25 per bushel.

Yours, respectfully,  
ARIUS NYE.

For the Gallipolis Journal, Morgan Pt. Still Wears the Horns!

EDITOR JOURNAL:—Sir:—As several are visiting big hog stories, and wishing to hear from others, I send you the following:

Mr. Jonah Robinson, in 1847, killed a hog that "netted" 720 lbs., equal to about \$60 the gross; it was three years old and of the Bedford variety. It was the intention to make him weigh 1,000 lbs., which could easily have been done, but unfortunately, in transferring the one pen to another, his shoulder blade was broken, which necessitated his being killed.

Mr. Obadiah Ralph, a neighbor of Mr. Robinson's, killed a hog, a few years ago, that "dressed" 726 lbs. Mr. Ralph had raised another which he sold to David Jackson, of same county, that weighed 1,100 lbs. gross.

Yours truly,  
RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

BY THE PORTER SCHOOL, PORTER, O., Feb. 10, 1876.

WHEREAS, He has pleased our Heavenly Father, who doeth all things well, to remove from our midst by the hand of death, our kind and loving schoolmate, Lida Rowley.

WHEREAS, It is the desire of all our hearts to express publicly our regard for her memory, and our sympathy with her bereaved friends, therefore Resolved, That we desire to bow in submission to the will of Him whose ways are above our ways, and whose infinite heart abounds in mercy, trusting that He has taken her to Himself, and that our loss is her eternal gain. Resolved, That Lida's loving friends,

ship among us will be a bright spot in the memory of the past, and trust and pray that the strong arm of Jesus may be around her mourning friends to their comfort and their stay in this hour of bereavement.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be published in the county papers, and also be furnished the family of our deceased schoolmate.

MAGGIE HEATLY, MARY ALMOND, J. W. ATKINSON, Committee.

Probate Court, MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Hiram Murphy and Mary A. Kelley. William H. Metteny and Annie M. Ferguson.

Enoch E. Myers and Maggie J. Stewart. Joseph E. Farnum and Indiana Hill. George R. Hayman and Lizzie McNeil. Am. J. Ralston and Catherine McNeil. Charles Wood and Sarah L. Cotton.

OTHER MATTERS.

In the matter of the appointment of a guardian for James Reynolds, the court found that such guardian was necessary, and Samuel Robinson was appointed guardian.

MARRIED.

METHENY—FERGUSON—February 14th, 1876, on board the steamer West Virginia, by Samuel Kerr, J. P., Mr. W. H. METHENY and Miss ANNIE M. FERGUSON, both of Mason county, West Va.

FERNEAU—HILL—Feb. 17th, 1876, at the residence of David Swisher, in this place, by Samuel Kerr, J. P., Mr. JOSEPH E. FERNEAU and Miss INDIANA HILL.

TAYLOR—BLACK—Feb. 12th, 1876, in this place, at the residence of Ohio Stewart, by Samuel Kerr, J. P., Mr. CHARLES TAYLOR and Miss MARTHA BLACK, all of this place.

MURPHY—KELLEY—Feb. 14th, 1876, in this place, by Samuel Kerr, J. P., Mr. HIRAM MURPHY and Miss MARY A. KELLEY, all of this place.

DIED.

HOWARTH—At his residence, one mile from Chambersburg, O., on Friday, February 11th, 1876, of consumption, after a long, protracted illness, Mr. GEORGE HOWARTH, aged 30 years, 3 months and 15 days.

He was a young man of more than ordinary mind and personal attractions. He has passed away from the place which has known him so long and so pleasantly, and save in memory of those who loved him so dearly, will know him no more.

My pen lingers lovingly upon his name, and I would fain say something of him whose name is beyond the need of human praise, that would make his example more beautiful and endearing to the living, who loved him and knew him best.

He was kind, industrious and attentive to all his friends. During his sickness he was very patient, and when sorrow and ceaseless suffering fell upon him, the light from Heaven seemed to radiate his face, and with an angel's patience, a child-like smile and an unfeigned faith, he passed over the valley of death to meet his friends who have passed on before.

He leaves a mother, three sisters and two brothers, who deeply mourn his loss.

Dearest Gerson, thou hast left us, And your loss we deeply feel, But it is God that has bereft us; He can all our sorrows heal.

M. C. G.

CHAMBERSBURG, O.

HALL—At Millersport, Ohio, on Thursday, February 17th, 1876, of cancer in the face, Dr. C. B. HALL.

Dr. HALL was a member of Morning Dawn Lodge, F. A. M., of this city. Several members of the Lodge went down on the Luella, Sunday morning, accompanied by representatives from the Old Fellows, of which Order he was a member, to take charge of the remains, which were interred at Burlington, with Masonic honors.

KOONTZ—In Racoon township, February 1st, 1876, SAMUEL R. KOONTZ, in the fifty-third year of his age.

Father, rest, we would not cut thee From a home of pure delight, To a land where sunshine darkens, 'Neath the sable pall of night.

But a few more lights and shadows, But a few more smiles and tears Ere we join thee, where existence Goes not out with passing years.

N. A. N.

VINTON, Feb. 23, 1876.

DELONG—In this city, Feb. 12th, 1876, ANNA M. DELONG, wife of Francis Delong, aged 35 years, 2 months and 1 day.

INSURANCE.

LIVERPOOL & LONDON & GLOBE INSURANCE CO.

Cash Assets July 1st, 1875, \$27,382,000.

Losses adjusted promptly and paid without discount.

R. KNIGHT, Gen'l Agent, Cincinnati.

P. A. SANNS, Agent, Gallipolis.

Feb. 24, 1876—4w

Notice.

I HEREBY notify all persons that my wife, Catharine Cole, has left my residence without cause. I hereby notify all persons to neither hire, trust, or harbor her on my account.

She is hereby notified that if she wishes her support from me, she must come home and I will support her.

## Atwood Institute

THE SPRING TERM of this Institution will open on the first Tuesday of March, (7th).

Tuition for Common Branches... \$5 00  
Higher... 10 00  
Rooms in building for self-board... 1 00  
Ingrater term... 1 00

Those desiring a practical education at a very moderate expense, will find this School admirably adapted to their wants. Send for Circular.

J. M. WOOD, : : PRINCIPAL.  
Lee, Athens Co., Ohio.  
Feb. 24, 1876—4w

## Estey Organs.

L. F. MAGUET

CAN FURNISH this instrument up to the best of terms to those wishing Organs. Prices to suit purchasers. These Organs are the sweetest toned Organs in use. Call at the Drug Store of L. F. Maguet & Son, or address

L. F. MAGUET, GALLIPOLIS, O.  
Feb. 24, 1876—3m

Appointment.

THE undersigned has been appointed and qualified as Administrator, with the will annexed, of the estate of Barbara Scott, late of Gallia county, Ohio, deceased. All persons knowing themselves indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same will present them to the undersigned for allowance.

BARBARA E. SCOTT, Administrator, with the will annexed.  
Feb. 24, 1876—3w

Wanted!

TO purchase a river bottom farm in Gallia county. Will pay cash. C. M. BOLCOMB.  
Feb. 24, 1876.

GIRARD FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.

STATE OF OHIO, INSURANCE DEPARTMENT, COLUMBUS, Jan. 31st, 1876.

WHEREAS, THE GIRARD FIRE AND MARINE Insurance Company, located at Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, has filed in this office a sworn statement, by the proper officers thereof, showing its condition and finances, and has complied in all respects with the laws of this State, relating to Fire Insurance Companies, incorporated by other States of the United States.

Now, Therefore, in pursuance of law, I, WILLIAM D. HILL, Superintendent of Insurance of the State of Ohio, do hereby certify, that said Company is authorized to transact its appropriate business of Fire Insurance in this State, in accordance with law, during the current year. The condition and business of said Company, at the date of such statement (December 31st, 1875), is shown as follows:

Aggregate amount of available assets, \$1,019,010 23  
Aggregate amount of liabilities, (except capital), including re-insurance, 388,700 48  
Net Assets, 630,309 75  
Amount of actual paid up Capital, \$350,000 00  
Surplus, 280,309 75  
Amount of Income for the year in cash, 498,731 71  
In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and caused the Seal of said office to be hereunto, the day and year above written.