

**THE HIGH PRICES OF FUEL.**—The people of Batavia are indignant that the prices of fuel are so high, and have held a meeting to take measures to procure a supply at lower rates than dealers charge. We hope they may succeed, but we do not believe it. Here the prices of fuel are higher than usual, but it is easily traced to high freight on the canals and railroads the past fall, and the small supply.

The indications now are that the present stock of coal in the yards will be exhausted by March, and if so, the cost of procuring it by rail will be such that still higher prices will be charged. It is unfortunate for the poor, and everybody for that matter, but there is really no reason why the prices of fuel should not be regulated by supply and demand, as well as those of the great staples of life. The sagacious and those who had the means, bought their winter's stock of coal before prices advanced and foresaw what was to come.