

# Brookville American.

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FRIDAY MORNING, JAN. 7, 1859.

## Rev. B. F. Morris' Lecture.

Our correspondent "The Autocrat of the back seat" in his anxiety to indulge in criticism, has evidently done injustice to the lecture of the Rev. B. F. Morris, delivered at the College Chapel, in this place on Wednesday evening the 22nd of December last. The lecture might possibly contain the same "sacharine matter" if "boiled down" to two thirds its length as delivered, but in reducing it to brevity, it would necessarily loose its elaboration, so very important to the subject discussed. That the "Autocrat" has missed the mark, was incontestably demonstrated by the interested attention given for an hour and a half, so marked that a movement in the large audience could scarcely be observed.

The subject "A True Christian Nationality" was well chosen—elaborately discussed and admirably delivered. It would be gross injustice to the accomplished lecturer, in this brief notice to attempt a description of the many and varied arguments by which he illustrated the importance and effect on both the people and government of a thorough and "True Christian Nationality." It was however enforced in an argument brilliant and conclusive, interspersed with bright pictures and glowing descriptions. We have had the good fortune to hear many of the paid lecturers before Cincinnati audiences and frankly and with pleasure confess, that in no instance has it been equalled by any other than that of Beecher of Brooklyn.

The course of lectures thus offered to our people free of charge through the agency of President Chase must prove a source of great enjoyment and practical good.

## Printing Bills.

If the editor of the *Democrat* will put the question to us, how it happened that our bill of advertising amounted to more than that presented by Mr. Bently for the same work, instead of interrogating us under the garb of a correspondent, we think we can answer him to his entire satisfaction, as well as to the satisfaction of the public. We charged no more than our usual rates, which will be seen by reference to our printed prices at the head of our columns. If Mr. Bently, in this instance, has seen proper to reduce a bill for similar work we are impelled by the evidences on the records of former charges, to conclude it was done for the express purpose to which it was applied, that of a public array of a contrast of the bills.

The charge, that there are other similar evidences to be found on the records, is simply false, as the bill in question was the only one ever presented by us to the time named.

This miserable subterfuge will not meet the arguments heretofore presented by us, in favor of a public letting of the county printing. If the Commissioners are honest in their purpose to economise and serve the public's best interest, it matters not how erroneous a bill we or another may present, they should attest that sincerity by affording an opportunity for competition by advertising a public letting of the County printing, when the people will be advised who will do the work for the least paid.

The Commissioners had ample time to consult Mr. Bently, or others, of the justness of our bill before allowance, and if paid by them without proper examination, it is only another fact to the already accumulated evidence of their unfitness for the responsible place they occupied.

## Meeting of the Agricultural Board.

This body met on last Saturday, and transacted the usual amount of business for the closing up of the year, and without a dissenting voice, adopted, as we believe, the only plan to raise money to liquidate the indobtedness of the Society, which, as we understand was filled.

The Treasurer was authorized to issue certificates of stock, ten dollars each, which will entitle the holder to his annual membership, and a family ticket of admission to the annual exhibition, the Society reserving the right to redeem in the future by paying back to the holder ten dollars, the face of the certificate, which is virtually paying ten per cent interest for the use of the money.

Every farmer interested in agriculture and the future prosperity of the society, can readily afford to loan the institution ten dollars, at a rate of interest that cannot be easily obtained in regular transactions of trade, and at the same time be as safe as if it were in their pockets. If the institution should go down, the real estate is bound for the redemption of the certificates.

Then we say to any and every person who may have ten dollars to invest safely and profitably in a good cause, to call on the Treasurer, T. J. Tyner Esq., and buy a certificate.

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## Mrs. Carrie D. Filkins Bush.

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## Circuit Court Jurors.

We are indebted to W. A. J. Glidewell Esq., Sheriff of Franklin County for the following list of Grand and Petit Jurors for the February term of the Franklin County Circuit Court, to wit:

GRAND JURORS—James Logan, of Fairfield township; Charles Marlin, of Salt Creek; Isaac Beasley, of White Water; Richard Sumner, of Butler; Hiram George, of Ray; George McNutt, of Springfield; John Hackleman, of Brookville; Emanuel Withers, of Highland; John J. Swift, of Laurel; Thomas Curry, of Metamora; John Thurston, of Bath; and Mathias M. Moore, of Bloomington.

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## Editorial Cleanings.

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## Agricultural.

BROOKVILLE, Jan. 1st '59.

The Board of Directors of the Franklin County Agricultural Society met—

the President in the chair. A quorum being present, the Board proceeded to business.

By F. R. A. Jeter.

RESOLVED, That the Treasurer of the Brookville Brass Band be allowed the sum of three dollars to repair their drum, damaged by which the band was playing for the Fair.

By Jackson Lynn.

RESOLVED, That Frederick Scheibe be allowed the sum of two dollars in addition to the one dollar that was allowed him for the second best and greatest variety of flowers exhibited at the last county Fair.

RESOLVED, That Wm. Robeson be allowed the sum of two dollars for digging post holes on the Fair Grounds in the year 1857.

By C. B. Bentley.

RESOLVED, That A. B. Line be allowed the sum of five dollars in full for services, stationary &c., for the year.

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