

BLOOMINGTON PROGRESS

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WEDNESDAY, OCT. 6, 1869.

A special from New York, on Friday, announced the sailing of the Cuban privateer Hornet. She was originally cleared from Philadelphia for Havana and Liverpool, but after seizure and release, she went to Halifax, thence to a point on the Massachusetts coast, where she took guns, supplies and crew. She is Clyde built, and can, under heavy pressure, make fifteen knots per hour. She has seven guns, three on each side, and a pivot gun, a one hundred pounder Parrott of long range. Her side guns are two thirty-two pounders, two sixty-eights, four pounders, two grape and case-mate pieces, also 68 pounders. Her crew numbers 153 men, sixty of whom are Americans who saw service during the war. She has sixty-two experienced gunners, and all munitions, boarding books and complete paraphernalia. She is a regular commissioned man-of-war, commanded by a Cuban, and commission from Cespedes. Her commission is to capture Spanish merchantmen and take them into Mexican ports. She is also to capture and destroy Spanish transports, and all passenger steamers engaged on the Cuban coast.

Forty-three thousand and nine eight gate-tickets were sold at the State Fair Grounds on Thursday. The largest sales on any one day last year was twenty-four thousand four hundred and fifteen.

Herzog, the famous racer, who made a mile in 1:43, best time on record, died last week, at the Buckeye Course, Cincinnati, of congestion of the lungs. His owner refused \$15,000 for him a few weeks ago.

Philip Steimel, accompanied a party of gentlemen, one of whom carried a rope, to the woods near Belleville, Illinois, and didn't get back any more. Philip's offense was an attempted rape.

George Hampton, who robbed Michael Wuest, of Lawrence county, some months ago, was convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary by the Lawrence Circuit Court at Bedford. Hampton was awarded five years for his crime, on the first trial, but concluded that he would have a new one, which the court granted. The second trial resulted in his getting six years, and sentence was pronounced.

Jane Thomas, would have killed George Hammer, at Franklin, Ind., a few days since, if she had known how to fire off a revolver. Placing the muzzle at the back of his head, she tried to pull the trigger, but she had only half cocked it. The four barrels were all fired off afterward. Disappointment in love was the cause of the attempt.

Says the Plymouth Republican: Some of the farmers in the county are coming a sly trick on nature. They have broken down the corn stalks above the ears of corn in order to force all vital properties into the maturing corn. This is rather sharp practice, but whether it will pay or not, we cannot yet say.

Mr. Basye Barbour, who lives on Fort Harrison Prairie, two miles north of Terre Haute, has just threshed the wheat out from a ten acre field, and finds the yield to be a trifle over forty bushels to the acre. His mode of planting was novel, and suggests an idea to our farmers worthy of attention. He took one half the usual quantity of seed, and drilled one way, and then with the other half drilled crosswise. Mr. Barbour attributes this unusually heavy yield to this new mode of planting.

The Democracy of Mercer county, Ohio, are in favor of repudiation. At a recent County Convocation, they resolved, "That we are in favor of the repudiation of the bonded debt of the United States." And "that our members of Congress be requested to vote against appropriations providing for the salaries of the Assessors and Collectors of Internal Revenue, or the interest on the bonded debt." There is political honesty! We hold that men who will repudiate an honest debt, when able to pay it, would steal if they had a chance.—Martinsville Gazette.

Easy, easy, Bro. CALLS if you keep on telling the truth at that rate, we shall have to ask some persons we could name, not to regard your remarks as personal.

We don't hear so much in Democratic newspapers about "Republican wastefulness and extravagance" lately. What is the matter? Can it be possible that the mossy-backed fossils who run the Democratic engines have waked up enough to find out that the public debt had been reduced about fifty millions of dollars since the advent of a republican administration? It would be astonishing if a Democrat should learn anything, but very strange things happen now-a-days.

Explosion of Steam Boiler, and Loss of Life at the State Fair.

On Friday last, on the State Fair Grounds, a steam boiler exploded, fearfully mangling between eighty and ninety persons, 27 of whom were killed, and 56 wounded. The boiler belonged to the engine of a portable saw mill, and was of the manufacture of Shaffer & Co. The engine which was driving the saws, had been stopped, and several men were cleaning the saw dust out of the pit, which had been clogged up, and the engineer placed his hand on the valve, to let steam, when the explosion took place. Lack of water is supposed to be the cause of the accident. The following is the list of killed, as we find it in the Indianapolis Journal:

P. L. Davis, carpenter and millwright, residence corner Broadway and Cherry street.

E. L. Davis, son of P. L. Davis, William Dunning, of the city, formerly of Rochester, New York, head sawyer at State Factory. He leaves a wife and five children.

Ruel Beverly, of Paragon, Morgan county.

A. P. Jackson, of Memphis, Clark county.

Philip M. Benham, builder of machinery, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Lewis Wilson (supposed).

Daniel Long, of Vienna, Fauquier county.

Ignatius L. Rossiter, No. 72 King Street, machinist with Greenleaf & Co.

John Wilson, city, employed in the house of James T. Layman & Co. John Gould, engineer of the engine.

Myron B. McVey, of Warren township.

Peter Kreutzer, foreman at Schmidt's brewery, died about six o'clock, at the Surgical Institute.

Jerome Spragues, colored man, attendant at the engine.

Clara Dawson, two and a half years of age, daughter of Mr. Dawson, tile maker on the Pendleton Gravel Road.

John Kennedy, boiler maker, residence 245 South street, near West; died in two hours after having been taken home.

There are four bodies lying at Weaver's undertaking establishment, which were not identified at midnight.

John Geary, city.

Frank Dietz, city.

Gullip Hyde, Putnam county.

A. Kiteken.

William A. Snyder, residence not known.

Henry Light.

One man was reported to have died in the Jeffersonville Depot, while waiting for the train to carry him home.

Henry Coston, colored, one of the off-bearers, is reported killed.

In addition to these, there were fifty-six wounded persons.

The President has appointed Colonel Jesse M. Bayles, Postmaster at Louisville, vice Dr. Sped, who has been in office eight years. This appointment, it is stated, is in accordance with a declaration of General Grant, some time ago, that persons who had held office eight years, must give place to others who have suffered by the war, provided they may be equally as competent for such positions.

And now there will be incurring in the house of Democracy! Their darling paper, their dearly beloved, much petted, and widely advertised *Imperialist*, is dead, gone up, winked out, and never more to be heard of.

Mrs. Eli Davis, of Lewisville, Henry county, some time since got a divorce, and \$30,000 alimony from her husband. Mrs. D. recently brought a suit for \$20,000 more, and failed to get it. With Mrs. Davis, alimony means all the money.

Mrs. Daniel Coffelt, of Johnson County, swallowed a large black spider, by way of experiment, we presume, and was made exceedingly uncomfortable thereby. It is not apprehended that the habit will grow upon her.

A few days ago two young men who were helping some threshers, near Groveland, Hendricks county, during one of the rests, engaged in a wrestling match, on the straw stack, which had become almost six feet high above ground. Both parties fell to the ground. One of them, Wiley W. Daniel, receiving an injury in the spinal cord, which paralyzed his whole system. No hopes of his recovery.

The little brass cheek fastened to every city dog, indicates that its name is registered in the dog's book of life. Otherwise it would be killed.

During the past thirty-five years, no less than fifty-five daily papers have been started in the City of New York, lived for a short time, and then died for want of adequate support, after having sunk millions of dollars; and many of them tried the experiment at a time when it did not cost a tithe of the sum to carry on a daily paper which it costs at the present time.

The explosion of a steam boiler on the Fair Grounds, at Indianapolis, on Friday, has added another chapter to the list of ready long chapter of destructive accidents which have occurred this season. More than twenty lives are actually lost, without warning or suspicion of danger, and scores of men, women and children terribly injured and maimed, are the startling events chargeable in this instance to reckless stupidity or criminal negligence.

The proprietors of the exploded engine were culpable for trusting it in hands so incompetent, and in allowing it, even had it been in good condition, to be subjected to over-pressure in a foolish contest of mechanical power. The engineer was a victim of his own misdoing, and has no further accountability on earth. We suppose the proprietors will be severely enough punished in their own reflections on the horrid destruction wrought by their defective and mismanaged machine, which exposed thousands of unsuspecting people to the most terrible danger and death. To the spectator they must have been shocking beyond description. The sudden and terrible sundering of families and friends, and the lingering agonies of many doomed to death, or to permanent mutilation, little better than death, are more distressing to think of, under the circumstances of this accident, than even the effects of the more destructive calamity at the Avondale mine.

The details of this disaster, are painful to the last degree, as we have received them.

Southwestern merchants are now filling up the New York hotels. Basing their expectations upon the large cotton crop, they are making much larger purchases than they did last fall, and the jobbers are giving them longer credits. In some instances as long as eighteen months have been granted, while four and six months constitute the rule; whereas, heretofore, since the close of the war, cash and thirty days' acceptances have been the usual basis of sales. All this indicates restoration of confidence in the stability of the peace we have been so long conquering in the South, and in the great wealth-producing capacity of that long blasted section of our country.

ORDINANCE NO. XXIV.

Passed by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Bloomington, Indiana, October 4th, 1869, providing that the space around the Public Square of said town, between the outer edge of the gutter to the hitching rack, be paved with stone as is hereinbefore provided:

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