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## Republican State Convention.

Taking their cue, doubtless, from the numerous Democratic organs that have so loudly objected to the holding of a State Convention on the 8th of January, many of our Republican exchanges insist that the 22d of February is too early a day upon which to nominate State officers.

It would seem to us a matter of very little consequence if the Convention should be held as early as the 22d of December, provided the men chosen to take positions on the ticket, are unobjectionable. The Republican Party has been in power long enough to develop the fact that there are a great many office seeking politicians in the organization who are dead weights, and if the dozen or two professional ticket makers and platform builders, who usually meet at Indianapolis the week previous to the Convention and arrange the work of the 22d, are allowed to thrust these men upon the people, the party may anticipate just what it will deserve—a disastrous defeat. Men are not infrequently selected because they are known in politics, and are in correspondence with politicians; and to carry out the selfish ends of these tricksters—men whose names can be found on the hotel registers of Indianapolis, in almost every month of the year—Hon. Mr. so-and-so is chosen, and the humble members of the party who do the working and voting, are expected to throw up their hats and shout themselves hoarse with enthusiasm over the wisdom of “their leaders.”

No, rather let us select men without records or private pledges—men who will be popular with the people—and the people will do their duty at the polls. It is a matter of the utmost indifference to us who the individuals shall be—we have no preferences: no axe to grind, no favors to ask—but as one of the Party for which we labor, we protest against the selection of candidates for the ninety-three counties of this great State of Indiana, by a half dozen men who imagine that they carry the destinies of the entire party in their breeches pockets.

## News in Brief.

Anna Dickinson is 27. Farragut is well again. Sprague has a daughter. Nasby has had the measles. Frank Blair is in New York. Hyacinth eats meat on Friday. Chang and Eng are in Baltimore. Sleighing at Minneapolis. Good sleighing in Maine. Milwaukee has 554 saloons. 454,355 Masons in the U. S. Detroit forbids steam whistles. Missouri tin mines “played out.” St. Louis has 2,000 liquor saloons. Delaware has but one daily paper. Religious revivals at Brazil. Fine tobacco crop in Pike co. Putrid sore throat in Scott co. Cold weather all over the State. Patoka is to have a \$7,000 hotel. Cider \$8 per bbl at Terre Haute. Senator Morton is in Washington. Apples \$1 per bushel at Ft. Wayne.

Cambridge City talks of water works.

Florida is shipping its orange crop.

Vermont has 3,000 marble quarries.

Lexington, Ala., mourns for a tailor.

German emigrants pouring into Texas.

Arabs are reviving the East Africa trade.

Kentucky boasts an unusual invasion of pigeons.

Yeast is peddled in Massachusetts the same as mill.

A \$1,000 cow was exhibited at the Iowa State fair.

There is no water within nine miles of Promontory Point.

A Minnesota church has a large triangle instead of a bell.

Queen Victoria is to visit Ireland next June.

Prussian women can earn 40cts a day harvesting.

Mark Twain averages \$600 per week as a lecturer.

A Buffalonian wants a patent for a mosquito trap.

A North California preacher has invented a \$11 rat trap.

A clergyman in New York took a \$5,000 wedding fee lately.

Twenty-one suits for divorce are pending in Davenport, Iowa.

Cincinnati spent over \$13,000 in street cleaning during October.

Iron may be heated red-hot by repeated strokes of the hammer.

Good wheat is quoted at Albany, Oregon, at fifty and fifty-five cents. The City of Mexico has neither bank, insurance office nor public library.

A Connecticut firm makes tubs, spittoons and washboards, out of paper.

## From Harrodsburg.

Mr. EDWARD.—Our quiet little village was shocked on yesterday, at receiving the sad news of the death of Mr. Daniel Butcher's daughter, aged seven years. Mr. B. had just returned from town, and was eating his dinner, when he was alarmed at the report of a gun near him. On rising from the table he observed the gun had fallen to the floor, the muzzle resting on the back of the chair the child was sitting in. He immediately raised her in his arms, but alas too late, she had breathed her last on earth, the ball had taken effect in the right side, just below the liver, ranging upward.

Nov. 18, '59.

Edward Ketcham, the interesting young scoundrel who committed the heaviest forgery in the records of villainy, has been released from the Penitentiary. In any other country he would have remained in dungeon till he was put in his coffin.

At an election in Parke county, on Saturday, the 13th inst., it was determined, by a majority of over 500, to appropriate \$100,000 to aid in constructing the Indiana and Central Railway, through Parke county.

The latest Internal Revenue decision about whisky, has been interpreted to mean an official prohibition of mixing water with liquor. The commissioners say, all “watered spirits” are to be confiscated, and therein shows his evident leaning for “whisky straight.”

Lieutenant W. W. Dougherty, of the regular army, on furlough, and visiting his parents at Kokomo, Indiana, shot and killed Joseph Van Horn, at the Sherman House, at that city, at noon Thursday.

It is alleged that Van Horn circulated

slanderous reports about Dougherty's sister, and on Dougherty meeting Van Horn, he requested him to recall his remarks. He repeatedly refused, and not denying it, Dougherty shot him. Five shots were fired, three taking effect. He died almost instantly. Lieutenant Dougherty was immediately arrested, and is now in jail.

The trial of John R. Stephens, for the murder of John Reeves, some eighteen months since, terminated in the Criminal Court of Terre Haute, last week, in a verdict of guilty, and that the prisoner suffer death. This case has created intense interest, from the fact of the murderer being one of the most cold-blooded ever committed. Stevens escaped from jail about two or three weeks after the murder, and was re-arrested only three weeks since, in the interior of Iowa.

The December “Riverside,” in closing the volume, brings forward some of its old and favorite contributors. Mr. Herrick gives the frontispiece, “Wood Hauling”—a picturesque scene familiar to country eyes.

Hans Andersen tells a Danish story.

The Editor completes his account of book-making, by a description of binding, illustrated by eight sketches, and also tells a Christmas story.

The Alabama Legislature has ratified the fifteenth amendment, the Senate by unanimous vote, and the House 69 to 16. The Tennessee House has rejected the Amendment by 57 to 12.

An important improvement in the manufacture of horse collars, has just been devised by a Philadelphia mechanic. The collar being studded with elastic cork, is light in weight, and adapts itself to the shape of the animal as readily as if it was molded.

It is highly elastic, does not chafe or gall the neck, and the cork being a non-conductor, injury from the heat is prevented.

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The late Joseph Pizzala, proprietor of the European House, at Montgomery, Ala., was a Commander among the Masons. At the approach of death, he sent for Father Manucy, to administer the sacrament of the Catholic Church. The Father refused, unless Mr. Pizzala renounced Masonry, which he did, and so was not buried by the Fraternity.

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FALL AND WINTER STOCK

—*OF—*

**Hillinery Goods.**

I HAVE JUST RECEIVED

my Fall and Winter stock of

Hillinery Goods, and ask the Ladies to call and examine them. They consist of Bonnets, Hats, Ribbons, Flowers, Plumines, Kid Gloves, Cuffs, &c. Bleaching and Pressing done on short notice, and latest style. Shop one door east of Reel's Saddlery shop, room formerly occupied by Mrs. A. J. McCollough.

MISS M. A. ROBINSON.

Bloomington, Nov. 17, 1869.

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Guardian's Sale.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT

the under-signed, Guardian of James R. Amerman, minor child of John M. Amerman, will sell at private sale the following real estate, situated in the county of Monroe and State of Indiana, to-wit:

The west half of the northeast quarter of section (36) thirty-six, township (9) nine north, range (2) two west.

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At Lafayette, wheat is but 75¢ per bushel.

James Davis of Aurora, had the

rheumatism, and a traveling quack,

gave him of a pet nostrum.

The dose cured the rheumatism, but they buried Davis, next day.

A man died in St. John's, N. B.,

the other day, whose life was insur-

ed for the sum of \$280,000.

The only child of that man must have experienced something of the luxury of woe.

Says the New York Herald,

“Some people do not believe in ad-

vertising, because, they say, ‘nobody

reads the papers.’ But let them get

into a scrape, and you'll find them

rushing around to the newspaper

office, with the request: ‘Please

don't mention that little affair; I

don't want my name published all

over the country.’”

## Wild Animals at Auction.

[From the Cincinnati Commercial.]

By order of the Common Pleas Court, Sheriff Weber, acting as receiver, sold yesterday the entire effects of Dr. James L. Thayer's Circus, including horses, wagons, wild animals, etc. The sale took place at the stable so much patronized by circuses and menageries on Ninth street, near Spring.

At two o'clock P. M. a crowd of two or three hundred persons had assembled, and the Sheriff commenced his work. Ten performing horses were first offered, and sold at prices averaging about one hundred and fifty dollars each. Mr. Adam Forepaugh became the purchaser of the trick pony “Doctor,” paying for him the handsome sum of nine hundred and thirty dollars. An elephant, small in size, but dignified in appearance, was next led forth, and immediately became the observed of all observers. Bidders seemed to be very shy about making offers, however, and finally his diminutive majesty was knocked down to Mr. Forepaugh for \$127.50. An old showman, who was present in the crowd, remarked that “that there little animal ought to have fetched \$6,050,” and walked off in disgrace.

Four fiery and untamed lions

were next offered, and, after some lively bidding, were awarded to Oscar H. Norman, at \$8,000. The “kings of the forest” did not seem to be much affected by the novel process of being knocked down to the highest bidder, of course—and blinked twice at the crowd through the iron bars of their cage. A few timid persons inquired whether the cage was very secure, and looked fearfully upon the tawny beasts, whose massive jaws and powerful limbs seemed waiting only for the opportunity to burst forth, wild resistless rage and fury. Mr. Forepaugh and Mr. Norman were the principal purchasers, the former investing \$4,200, and the latter \$8,050. The sales will top up about \$15,000.

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A colored gentleman in Texas, went into a blacksmith's shop with his coat-tail pocket full of powder. When he came out, he made a hole in the roof.

Overcome with happiness and ex-

citement, at a Chicago wedding, one Herman Hunn fired a pistol and brought down Guilford Schmerkel, a brother of the bride. Hunn was sorry, but Schmerkel was dead, and sorrow was of no avail.

A pauper off of the poor farm of Boone county, voted against a rail-

road appropriation, saying, “Our

taxes are too heavy now.” The

poor devil hadn't paid even a poll

tax for fifteen years.

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During the Revolutionary War,

an English sixty-four gun frigate,

was sunk in Delaware Bay, near

Fort Mifflin, and the other day it

was raised in good condition, but as

it was out of time as Rip Van Winkle.

An old style frigate of the Nelson

era, would be as much out of

place in this day of plated hulls

and turrets, as Noah's ark in a trop-

ical cyclone.