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**TREASURER OF STATE.**—A. G. LYNCH, of Shelbyville, is being urged by his friends as a candidate for Treasurer of State upon the Republican ticket. The Republicans of Shelby county claim that they are entitled to some consideration for their struggles at the polls against odds—believing that, although in the minority, their efforts to succeed should be favorably recognized. Taking this view of the case, they have put forward one of their best men as a candidate for a responsible position upon the State ticket. Mr. Lynch is highly spoken of by those who know him best, and from the Shelbyville *Republican* we extract the following with reference to him:

"That the people of our State may the better know Mr. Lynch, we will briefly sum him up thus:

A son of Rev. T. H. Lynch, DD.; a graduate of Asbury University; President for sometime of Brookville College; and for the past four years Cashier of the 'First National Bank' of this city. In whatever capacity Mr. Lynch has served, he has always pre-eminently shown his ability for the task before him, and his financial ability is heartily acknowledged by all who, as stockholders or otherwise, are interested in, and familiar with, the conduct of that enterprising Banking House, Modest, and of unassuring manners, Mr. Lynch would never put himself forward and struggle for place; but his friends in Eastern Indiana, knowing his merits, have determined that he shall at least have formidable strength in the coming Convention."

### Forepaugh's Menagerie Building Burned.

Some time during Wednesday night, an incendiary set fire to the building containing the band-wagon and canvas of Forepaugh's menagerie, which is in winter quarters at Connersville, Ind. The flames spread so rapidly, that it was impossible to save any of the contents of the building. The destroying elements soon spread also to the main building, and threatened to reduce the entire menagerie to ashes. But owing to the energetic efforts of the employes, the fire was put out before the large building had sustained much damage. The Superintendent, fearing that the building would be burned, gave instructions to have all the animals set at liberty. Many of the most valuable were turned loose in the Fair Grounds, which caused the sheep and cattle to flee terror-stricken, from their new companions. A large lion gave chase, and several sheep fell victims to his wrath, but a large bull, whose dignity had heretofore caused all the smaller beasts to stand in awe, and recognize him as master of the premises, seeing that a new master was about to usurp his throne, acted boldly about, determined to protect his allies or die in the attempt. A fearful struggle ensued, but the lion was victorious. He laid the bull dead at his feet, and, apparently satisfied, allowed himself with the rest of his associates, to be recaptured and confined in their winter quarters. The loss will amount to \$45,000, which we understand is fully covered by insurance.

The most important question connected with the next census, and which is now occupying the attention of the Census Committee, is the proposition of Mr. Larin, of New York, to decrease the ratio of representation in Congress, for the purpose of increasing the number of Representatives. The principle argument in favor of it is, that at present, Congressmen are unable to do justice to the growing demands of their large constituencies, and cannot attend to their correspondence with them, without employing clerks or secretaries.

It is settled that the Indiana Republican State Convention shall be held on the 22d of February, according to precedent. The Democratic Convention is to meet, as usual, on the 8th of January. The former clings to the memory of Washington, and the latter to that of Jackson's battle.

The Twigg's swords for which General Butler has been sued by a young woman—who is not a niece of General Twigg—were in 1862 sent to the officers of the United States, and are now in the Treasury. The silver plate mentioned as appropriated by General Butler, was turned over to the Quartermaster, and sold under General Bank's administration, and the money has gone into the Treasury of the United States. General Butler was applied to, to use his influence to a word, but that, on searching, I found a better one in my own language."

did not. He refused to interfere. The suit is brought and published for political effect. The whole story in regard to the swords is told in "Parton's New Orleans," page 447. The swords and box of silver were found under the floor of a house. The woman was asserted at the time to be Twigg's mistress.

The New York Times fears that the canals of that State will soon lose all their business, and that the railroads will get it, unless horse power can be superseded for drawing the boat along. It wants to have the new plan of cable-towing that has been so successful in Europe, adopted here. A wire rope laid along the canal bottom is picked up and used by the driving wheel of the boat, which works above, instead of beneath the water. The friction of the rope on the bottom prevents it from moving endways, and the boat is propelled by the resistance of the rope to the wheel, which is turned by an engine in the boat. The wire cable used on the Meuse in France, is an inch in diameter, and costs \$50 a mile. For more than a year past it has been in use there, and is found to be much cheaper than horse-towing.

A worthless vagabond by the name of Lowry, has for some time been roaming around Batesville, Indiana, going upon the principle that the world owed him a living. A frequent habit with him, it is said, has been to step up to a man and ask him for some money, threatening at the same time to burn his house or barn, unless it was given him. By some means, William J. Walker, who resides near Andersonville, Rush county, a well known stock dealer, incurred his ill-will, and a few nights since his barn was burned, together with its contents, including eleven horses and two mules, a lot of farming implements, &c. Mr. Walker satisfied himself that the barn was burned by Lowry, and started out at once to avenge himself. Finding Lowry at Batesville, he shot him through the body, killing him almost instantly.

That uneasy gentleman, J. Davis, is going about the country of the Lost Cause, submitting under protest to the adulation and adoration of the chivalry, who kiss the ink with which he traces his aristocratic name on the hotel registers. When last heard from, Mr. Davis was taking his hash at the Peabody Hotel, in Memphis, and submitting, as the Avalanche tells us, to "every possible and conceivable manifestation of respect," short of kissing. Old and young trod upon each other's tails, in the frantic effort to pay their respects to the "hero of a heroic age." He has been serenaded, and invited to banquets, but is too sharp to tolerate. He seals his lips, the Avalanche again informs us, and refuses to give utterance to the thoughts and feelings that burn in his great soul." Now, we have always admired Jeff. up the point of that final and ludicrous episode in his career, in which he is represented to have donned unfamiliar attire, but we don't approve of the conduct attributed to him by the Avalanche. It is not only undignified but dangerous to maintain such a fire smouldering in his great soul, in the imminent danger of calcining his entrails. Why don't he give it air and let 'er burn, or else find some means of utilizing the great heat evoked by the combustion of bituminous and resinous thoughts in his great soul. Properly applied, the calorific thus generated, might be sufficient to run one of Roper's hot air engines, and then the unfortunate ex-President could readily drop into a situation as superintendent of a sugar plantation.—*Mirror.*

The progress of Minnesota, in the production of wheat, is among the agricultural marvels of the age. It is estimated that the surplus wheat of that State, the present year, will be fully fifteen million bushels, while but little of the great grain plateau embraced within its limits has yet been brought under cultivation. One farmer the past year, harvested one thousand acres, with an average yield of forty bushels to the acre.

The late General Wool left property valued at \$650,000, which will be divided principally between his nephews and nieces. Among his benefactions were \$15,000 to the Rensselaer Polytechnic, and \$2,000 to the Troy Episcopal Orphan Asylum. He added a codicil to his will, a few days before his death, setting aside \$50,000 for a monument to himself and wife.

Mr. Bryant recently thus advised a young newspaper contributor: "My young friend, I observe that you have used several French expressions in your article. I think if you will study the English language, that you will find it capable of expressing all the ideas you may have. I have always found it so, and in all that I have written I do not recall an instance where I was tempted to use a foreign word, but that, on searching, I found a better one in my own language."

The Owensboro Monitor reports a negro man in that county, who is cutting his third set of teeth. He is about eighty-five years of age. Whilst there may be "no hair upon the top of his head," yet kind nature seems determined he shall have "teeth to eat the corn cake" as long as his life's span is prolonged.

Prairie fires about Oxford, Trade lively at Columbus city, Cotton pouring into Evansville, Quails plenty about Terre Haute, Indianapolis has 79 taxable Smiths, Duck shooting all the rage at Wards.

Rochester has mush and milk festivals.

South Bend is shipping apples to Cheyenne.

The north part of Lagrange (town) is building up pretty fast. The Millburn Wagon Company at Mishawaka, is now turning out two hundred wagons per week.

The Calumet Dairying Co. propose to drain the Calumet marshes, between Valparaiso and Chicago.

The Rochester Standard takes a tilt at the Bible agents in its last issue. Reason—Bible agents don't help the Democracy.

It is proposed to introduce gas in Rockville.

Evansville is threatened with Crofford as a permanent resident.

Mrs. Asenath Clark, aged 90, is preaching to the Richmond, Ind., Quakers.

The Terre Haute street railroad doesn't pay expenses.

It is estimated that the system of water works which is being put up in Connersville, will cost the city only \$30,000.

The Evansville Courier says there

are all the materials for the manufacture of glass in the hills near that city, and urges the building of glass works.

Mrs. Peter Kepler, of Wayne co., while passing through a field last week, was attacked by a sheep and had a leg broken.

The wife of Alfred Jones, living in Hancock county, hung herself with a clothes line last week. She leaves two small children, one of them only a few months old. No cause is assigned for the act.

Rev. Chapman Harris, a colored minister, is on trial before a Ministerial Council in the colored Baptist Church of Madison, charged with repeated violation of the seventh and tenth commandments.

The Greencastle nail factory is turning out nine hundred kegs of nails per week.

Lebanon, with a population of 3,000, has only 300 Sunday churchgoers.

Since the first of last January forty-nine buildings have been put up and completed in Worthington.

A man in Richmond drives a vehicle one hundred years old. It is considered safe to ride in it, provided no one sneezes.

**SUICIDE AT LADOGA.**—A distressing suicide occurred at Ladoga, on the line of the Louisville, New Albany and Chicago Railroad, on Friday night, of the 19th ult. It appears that a man named Daniel Winters borrowed a rifle from one of his neighbors, and proceeded to an orchard near his residence, where he arranged the weapon by attaching a forced stick to the trigger, by which means he was enabled to discharge the gun. The contents of the rifle passed through his head, and when found, he had apparently been dead for several hours. No reason can be assigned for this rash act. Winters is represented as being a poor, but sober, industrious man, and was a general favorite with his acquaintances. For some days his friends represented that he appeared to be in a melancholy mood, and on Friday he was heard to remark that he was tired of living, but no one ever dreamed that he was prepared to commit the act which terminated his life. Winters leaves a very interesting wife and three children, to mourn the untimely taking off of a husband and father, by his own hand.—*N. A. Ledger.*

**CHEERFUL PEOPLE.**—God bless the cheerful person—men, woman, or child, old or young, illiterate or educated, handsome or homely. Over and above every other social trait, stands cheerfulness. What the sun is to nature—what God is to the stricken heart which knows how to lean upon him—are cheerful persons to the house, and by the way-side. They go unobtrusively, unconsciously about their silent mission, brightening up society around them with the happiness beaming from their faces. We love to sit near them; we love the glare of their eye, the tone of their voice. Little children in them out, oh, so quickly, amid the densest crowd, and passing by the knotted brow and compressed lip, glide near, and laying a confiding little hand on their knee, lift their clear, young eyes, to these loving faces.

A Virginian stabbed his wife seventy times in order to kill her, and now meditates in the penitentiary upon the tenacity of female existence.

**Real Estate Transfers.**  
For the week ending Nov. 27, reported by W. H. Jones, Recorder:

Wm. Mayfield to Jessie W. Mayfield, 20 acres of land in Richland Township, \$600. LaFayette Trout to John C. Kriner, lots 31 and 32 in the town of Elkhorn, \$1,200. James Freeman to Thomas Freeman, 120 acres of land in Richland township, \$1,200. Wm. W. Ross to Theodore Thrasher, one acre of land near the town of Smithville, \$100.

Henry F. Perry, Auditor to John F. Campbell, sixty acres of land in Salt Creek town, \$1,200.

Samuel Curry to Thomas N. Curry, 40 acres of land in Perry township, \$1,000. Wm. W. Miller to Charles S. Sampson, 3 acres of land in Bloomington, \$1,000.

K. W. Bullard to R. E. Howe, lot No. 2 in Bollard's addition to the town of Bloomington, being a subdivision of lot No. 47, \$2,400.

Jacob Freeman to Caleb Freeman, a tract or parcel of land in Richland township, \$3,000.

W. H. McCollough has removed

from her 6th street stand, to a

house south of the College campus, on the railroad, nearly opposite Ed. Bullard's residence. Since her removal, she has been receiving a quantity of material in her line, and is now better prepared than ever to do Millinery-work. Her well known taste in the arrangement of colors, and her judgment in the selection of styles to suit customers, insures a large trade.

**VIOLA P.**, infant daughter of T. P. and S. J. Lucas, died on Wed-

nesday last, of putrid sore throat.

There are but a few cases of this

disease in Bloomington, but we are

informed that it is very prevalent

and fatal, in Martin and Daviess

counties.

McPheeters returned from the

city, on Monday, with an immense

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