

# BLOOMINGTON PROGRESS

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## No Statesman.

Ever since Gen. Grant's election, all of the Democratic papers have been full of the vilest personalities, with reference to the President's qualifications, his habits, his early history, etc., and have shed hypocritical tears over the fact that he is not a statesman; and in this howling, we are sorry to say, many of the Republican papers have been induced to join. The people have reason to be thankful that Grant is not a statesman, (which is only another name for an intriguing politician) and that there are "no statesmen" in his cabinet. President and Cabinet are plain, unassuming, practical men, and as a consequence, we have a carefully administered Government, a steady, rapid decrease in the public debt, and a growing confidence in the value and honest payment of the bonds. The members of the Republican party have reason to be thankful that we are not governed by "statesmen," but that the administration of the Government has strengthened the confidence of the nation in the honesty of the party in power.

"Statesmen" was the disease that gave birth to the Southern Confederacy; the South was full of "statesmen" at the breaking out of the war, and the people believed in them; but these visionary spouters have lost their prestige, and can not soon regain the confidence of the masses.

**The Public Schools.**  
The Trustees of the Public Schools of Bloomington, feeling the need of certain improvements in these schools, submit the following to the patrons of the same:

The chief evils, and the ones to which special attention is called, are Irregularity and Tardiness in attendance of pupils. These evils have become serious, greatly impairing the progress of individual pupils, and in a degree affecting the general efficiency of the Schools.

It needs no argument to prove that schools cannot reach a high degree of efficiency under the above conditions. Facts incontestable sustain this position. Pupils here and elsewhere, who are irregular in their attendance, are, almost without exception, lower in their grade of Scholarship. They lose, not from absence only, but from discouragement. Falling behind their classes while absent, they become discouraged, and as a consequence not unfrequently lose their class standing, and, in some cases, withdraw from school entirely. Parents must not, therefore, expect rapid advancement from children who are irregular in their attendance, nor should they hold teachers responsible for such advancement. Teachers cannot instruct pupils who are in the streets.

The second evil, Tardiness, is also serious. It affects alike the advancement of the pupil, and the order of the School. Tardiness and system, are in antagonism.

In view of these facts, your Trustees hereby appeal to you to unite with them, and the Teachers, in remediying these evils. You must remember that the remedy is chiefly with you. Teachers nor Trustees can neither alone do this work. Trustees may make rules, and Teachers enforce them, and the evil, in a great degree, remains. Home is the effective source of reform. Your prompt and hearty co-operation is therefore solicited in this important work. We shall confidently expect this co-operation, though at times it may cost some inconvenience, or even sacrifice. Your loss will be the children's gain.

Bating the evils named above, and the consequences therefrom, we believe your Schools are in good condition. Pupils in the main, are orderly and studious, and Teachers and Superintendent are industrious and faithful, laboring diligently for the good of the Schools and the children.

You are cordially invited to visit these Schools, and see them working for yourselves. Besides giving you reliable information, your visit will encourage both Teachers and pupils.

Resolved on doing what we can to increase the efficiency of the

Schools, and looking to you for aid, we remain respectfully and obediently yours,

MILTON HIGHT, } School Trustees.  
GEO. M. CHASE, }  
GEO. W. HOSS, }

Nov. 29th, 1869.

P. S.—To aid pupils in punctuality, the bell on the High School Building, will hereafter be rung twice each morning; first at 8 o'clock, as a signal for pupils to prepare for school, and at 8½, as a signal for starting to school.

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## Liability of Railroads.

The following important decision was rendered in the Supreme Court of Indiana:

Delzell vs. the Indianapolis & Cincinnati Railroad Co. Marion Common Pleas Court Reversed Elliott, J.

This case grew out of the injury inflicted to a horse belonging to him, by reason of the foot of the animal becoming fastened in the planking at the crossing of the railroad, whereby he was thrown to the ground and so badly hurt that he died from the injury. The railroad company, in their answer, say that the work of planking the crossing was done under the supervision of the City Civil Engineer, and to his satisfaction, and that they are not liable. The Court decided that the answer is not a good one. It was the duty of the corporate authorities to see that the streets were kept in a safe condition for travel, and that the city might, perhaps, be liable for the injury complained of; but it so, still, the railroad company cannot escape from liability for its own carelessness and improper acts, resulting in injury to others, by simply showing that they were satisfactory to an agent of the city authorities.

## Buried Alive.

About two weeks ago a little German girl in Brooklyn, took sick with the lock-jaw, and rumor says that in a few days she was thought dead and was buried. On the evening of her burial, the mother, for some reason, was led to the grave, and, with her ear pressed close to the ground, thought she heard a noise and believed her child to be moving in its coffin. She withheld from asking assistance for fear of being ridiculed, and immediately procured a spade and began to dig up the earth. Soon she came to the coffin and hurriedly taking it from the earth, opened it, and there found the body of her child, nine hours after its burial, as warm as if it were living, and lying on its side. She took the child to her house, where a physician was immediately called in, and every restorative applied to bring the child to life. It was too late; the soul had taken its flight, and in a few hours more the body was cold and icy. It was soon buried again, and has not since been disturbed. This report is common talk among the citizens of the West Side, and the story as above related is well known to a great many reliable persons residing on Detroit street and in Brooklyn.—*Cleveland Leader.*

## Books! Books!

Our readers who desire to send their orders to a reliable firm, should address Hunter & Co., Hinsdale, N. H. For ten years this house has led in the mail book trade. They have no equals in prompt attention to orders. They often receive from six to seven hundred letters daily, and load down the mails with books, &c., sent to their customers. If you desire to deal with a "fair and square" concern, who will do just as they agree every time, be sure to avoid the city swindlers, and address for Catalogue, &c., &c., Hunter & Co., Publishers, Hinsdale, N. H.

## A huge cow, of the male persuasion, entered a fashionable millinery store, at Maysville, Ky., a few days ago, and after carefully surveying the premises, noting, no doubt, the prevailing fashions in bonnets, his bovine humpiness departed without making a purchase, or even breaking a looking glass.

Still Ahead.—The Star Spangled Banner, which for seven years has "waved" to the great satisfaction of its many thousand readers, and to the mis-satisfaction of all swindlers and rascals generally, is even more wide awake than ever. It has, at an immense expense, secured the services of an eminent artist, and the result is that it proposes to give away a splendid engraving entitled Evangelion, to every subscriber for 1870. This superb work of art is one and one-half, by two feet in size, and is equal to the best \$3 engraving ever offered. The Banner is a large eight page, forty column paper, overflowing with splendid reading of all kinds, and costs but 75 cents a year, which is very cheap for the paper alone, but the publishers propose giving to every subscriber, a copy of their elegant engraving gratis. The paper and its publishers are reliable, and it will pay to send for specimens to The Star Spangled Banner, Hinsdale, N. H., or they can be seen at this office.

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Mr. Beecher preaches a long sermon in a few words. The young men who look for easy places, will learn in time, that to rise in the world, requires work and hard study.

## Always buy of those who advertise, if you would secure bargains.

There 1,420 hands and \$2,300,000 capital employed in the book and newspaper publishing business of Cincinnati.

Should the new census bill, to be

referred by the committee, be adopted by Congress, the number of members of the House of Representatives will be increased to three hundred.

Morgan, one of the Terra Haute murderers, has been sentenced to be hung on the 23d inst. Stevens, the murderer of Eeves, is to be executed the same day. On the 30th ult., a motion was made in Morgan's case for a new trial, which was overruled. The action of the Court in this case will be indorsed by all who are opposed to unnecessary and vexatious delays in administering justice. The prisoner had two fair trials, and the third would result like the first and second—in finding the prisoner to be guilty.

A furrier in Cincinnati recently

conceived the brilliant idea of sewing up a man in the skin of a "grizzly," and sending his bear man out to distribute sheep-bills.

As the kindly animal proceeded down the street, with a club in one paw and a bundle of circulars in the other, children fled, women screamed, dogs barked, horses reared, a milk-cart

was demolished, the police rushed to the rescue, the bear was marched to the Mayor's office, and the enterprising dealer in skins found himself most nobly and gratuitously advertised in all the newspapers, next morning.

The editor of the Crawfordsville

Journal pretends that a jug he was

seen carrying on the street contained cider. No one who knows him believes the yarn.

Tom Carrick tried to cut his

throat at Huntington. He got as

far as the jugular, the thing wasn't

pleasant, and he sent for a doctor.

Dr. Keen of Atica lost his pill

bags in the river, and a few days

later his patients all recovered, and the fish all died.

On the Burlington & Missouri

Railroad, near Mt. Pleasant, Iowa,

two trains attempted to pass on the

same track, and the coroner held an

inquest over one dead man, while

the doctors dressed wounds for four

other passengers.

The L. & N. R. R. has received

since the first day of October, up to

the 23d ult., 950 car loads of hogs,

75 of which has been received

from the 1st to the 23d of November.

A bell-boy, at a Cincinnati hotel,

found a wallet in the hall, containing

\$6,000. He gave it to the clerk,

who returned it to the owner. The

man coolly put it in his pocket without saying a word, or even kicking the boy.

Sierra Leone has a newspaper,

which advertises for English com-

poser. The last one was broiled

and eaten by the chief editor, a

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views upon the subject of diet.

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