

## BLOOMINGTON PROGRESS

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### Meeting of Republican Central Committee.

We are requested to announce that the Republican Central Committee of Monroe County, appointed January 28th, 1870, will meet at 1 o'clock P. M. on Saturday, February 26th, 1870, in the Grand Jury Room in the Court House, in Bloomington, for the purpose of organizing, and attending to other important business. Every member is urged to be present.

The committee is composed of the following persons, viz:

George A. Buskirk, Wm. F. Browning, Wm. J. Allen, Clinton M. Houston, Robert C. Foster, Wm. O. Fec, James Small and Jessie T. Cox, of Bloomington Township.

Cleland F. Dodds, J. Frank Fec, Wm. Roddy and James M. Howe of Perry Township.

Wm. R. May, of Bean Blossom Township.

Wm. K. Rawlins and John Campbell of Washington Township.

Thomas Y. Rader of Marion Township.

Michael H. Buskirk and William L. Adams of Benton Township.

Andrew W. Reeves and Samuel Parker Thompson of Richland Township.

John T. Eller, Alfred Thrasher and Henry Eller of Van Buren Township.

E. Barrett of Salt Creek Township.

Francis Burgoon of Polk Township.

Abdulom Ketcham, Samuel Wal-lingford and William Leonard of Clear Creek Township.

John T. Woodard of Indian Creek Township.

[For the Progress.

### The Dirty Pool.

I once shunned canvasses and felt that a christian was out of place there. Now I honor the man who makes conscience of duty and goes where duty calls him.

Religion requires, 1st, that a man shall do no harm, shall avoid all known sin; and, 2dly, that he shall be faithful in every duty and do all the good he can. Now the christian man, minister or layman, owes it to God as a *duty of religion*, as well as to the State, as a duty of patriotism, to bring out for office, and try to elect, such men as will honestly serve the people and best promote their interests. And to pray that God would give us good rulers while we fail to use the means he has already given us with which to get them, is mockery of God. Our franchise is of no value, and we throw back into God's face the power he has given us to get what we pray for, if, after praying for good rulers, we leave it to bad men—a little clique or caucus on this side, and another on that side—to nominate the candidates. For all we can then do is to vote for one of the two nominations, or throw our vote away.

How is the temperance man ever to get a temperance law passed, and stop the curse of dram-selling, and drunkard making, if the caucus brings out drunkards for the legislature; how is public economy to be secured and our taxes reduced, and wholesome laws passed, if we send to the legislature men whom we would not trust with our own private affairs.

Christian men *ought* to attend political meetings. And they *ought* to try in the caucuses to secure the nomination of good men. Then will we begin to get good officers.

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The *Live Issue* is the name of a new paper that has recently made its appearance in Bloomington. The *Democrat* of that place says:

It is published from this office, but is wholly independent of the *Democrat* in newspaper, the *Democrat* party, and for that matter, of everything and everybody else in this locality. Both *Democrats* and *Republi-cans* contribute to its columns, and it goes for repudiation straight.

Upon the appearance of this paper, the Democratic Central Committee of that county called a meeting, and hastily passed resolutions denying that they as a party, had anything to do with it, and actually passed a resolution stating that they were *in favor of paying off the national debt*. The action of that committee and the resolutions themselves speak ill of the Democracy of Monroe, as it is a conceded fact that a denial before a charge has been made, is prima facie evidence of guilt. If their skirts were clear, what necessity of this hasty denial?

Rev. Levi Hughes has for a few months been in charge of the Presbyterian church at Remington, Indiana. He has added fifty-one members to the church during the last two weeks. Brother Hughes has been deaf for over ten years, not being able to hear his own voice.

When the Democracy passed out of the State offices, at Indianapolis, in 1860, the debt of the State was seven and a half millions; to-day it is one and a half. This fact, alone, is sufficient to convince reflecting minds that the public weal demands the retention in authority of the party that has been faithful to its trust, and forbids the restoration of the party that fattened on spoils wrung by fraud, and the unscrupulous use of power, from the hard hands of honest industry. Never in the history of any State was there so glorious account of its stewardship rendered by any party, as that which the Republicans of Indiana render to the people of this Commonwealth.

The Democratic party of Indiana, in biennial Convention assembled, solemnly declared:

That any attempt to regulate the moral ideas, appetites or innocent amusements of the people by legislation is unwise and despotic.

Let us substitute for the word "appetites" Webster's definition thereof, and we can better understand what the declaration means:

That any attempt to regulate the moral ideas, *the desire of gratification, either of the body or the mind*, or innocent amusements of the people by legislation, is unwise and despotic.

If that does not mean that it is "unwise and despotic" for the State to interfere with or attempt to curtail the fullest gratification of any propensity or desire, it means nothing. If it does not endorse and encourage the "social evil," there is no language that could be employed for that purpose. And if it does not mean that the "unwise and despotic" laws against bigamy, or polygamy, should be repealed, so that a man's "desire of the mind or body" for a plurality of wives would be left untrammeled by law, will some Democ. lexicographer tell us what it does mean?

A letter-writer from Richmond, Virginia, notes the interesting fact that the school where colored men are studying and fitting themselves as teachers and ministers, is in the building formerly used as the slave-pen to confine the negroes at night. He writes: "It seemed a sort of poetic justice that this very place, with its marks still at its windows, of the iron bars that held back the negro to the dead level of ignorance, should now be the cradle of his instruction, and the place of his eager resort for draughts at the Pierian spring that has, till so recently, been closed to him."

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We notice that Bayron & Vater, the energetic proprietors of the Lafayette Journal, determined to make one of the best papers in Indiana, have secured the services of Joseph Odell, Esq., late of the Chicago Evening Post, as its leading editorial writer. Mr. Odell was formerly editor of the Journal, and represented this Congress-onal District in the National Convention. He is one of the best writers in the country, and has won a distinguished reputation. The Indianapolis Journal says "he is one of the ablest writers and best editors in the West," the New Albany Commercial says that "he is a trenchant and brilliant writer." The Louisville Democrat, while denouncing his politics, pronounced him "an able and scholarly writer." The late George D. Prentiss declared him to be one of the "most brilliant writers in the West." The Chicago Evening Post asserts that he "is a very versatile and a very able writer," and the Lafayette Courier gracefully says "we regard Major Odell one of the best writers in the State." We congratulate the Journal upon such an accession to its editorial staff, and welcome the Major back to the State.—Crawfordsville Journal.

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The Commissioners appointed by Governor Baker to relocate the county seat of Martin county, at West Shoals, directed that the people of that town should pay to the county the sum of \$2,500, the value of the present county buildings, which sum is to be expended toward payment for the new buildings to be erected at West Shoals.

The Terre Haute Journal says:

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### A Piece of Impudence.

Jesse D. Bright, spit out by Hoosierdom into the good old Commonwealth of Kentucky, which he dishonors by a seat in its Legislature, had the effrontery to object to the chartering of the "Abraham Lincoln Lodge of the American Protestant Association of Covington," unless it would first agree to a change of name. This man is trying to live a sort of Benedict Arnold Number two in American history, but on account of his utter insignificance will fail in the attempt. The only memorable thing he did in his life was writing a letter of recommendation for an inventive genius, Thomas Lincoln, of Texas; to Jefferson Davis, "His Excellency, the President of the Confederation of States." The letter was dated March 1st, 1861, when Bright sat for Indiana in the United States Senate, and when Jeff. Davis had no use for a gun except in his war against the United States. The letter afterwards turned up, and its miserable writer was kicked with deserved contempt out of the Senate.

Honorable Garrett Davis, of Kentucky, made the motion for his expulsion and pressed it with commendable vigor. Bright would like to have the people believe that he was expelled for "his manly speeches on behalf of the rights of the States," but he never did or could make a speech, manly or otherwise. We suppose he wants the name of the "Abraham Lincoln Lodge" changed to "Thomas Lincoln," in honor of his pot, the gunsmith.—Louisville Commercial.

The Red River War.—A

British province, called the Red River Country, north of Minnesota, has been in rebellion for some time. The country has been ruled, since its first settlement, by the Hudson Bay Company, until the organization of the Dominion, when the people very wisely concluded to take the small matter of ruling themselves into their own hands. The principal portion of the population are half-breeds—Indians and French.

They are a hardy and fearless people, and their wild, impulsive natures have caught the contagion of freedom from our borders, and they are now in a state of war against the government of the Dominion. Their Declaration of Independence is similar to ours in spirit and resolution, she instantly decided on her course of action.

Keeping out of sight and very quiet until the man was some 15 feet from the ground, she leaned out, grasped the top of the ladder, and instantly threw it over. The fellow gave a yell of horror, which awoke the male members of the family, who, on rushing to the scene of the midnight disturbance, captured a stranger with a broken leg, and having upon his person sundry burglars tools and deadly weapons. Eunice is a spunky girl, we think, and though country-bred she commands our respect almost as much as do those dear creatures in lace and diamonds who insist on swooning.—Provided there is a gentleman at hand to catch and support the woman—whenever a spider or worm obtrudes its hideous form upon their vision.—T. H. Express.

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According to an Indianapolis paper it is not easy to find twelve men in Marion county who think there is any harm in killing a man.

The Petersburg Press says a great

deal of corn in Pike county, gathered in the Fall and stored in cribs,

moulding badly, and much of it is so badly damaged as to be unfit for use.

There are two free banks in the

State doing business as banks of

reputation, the Bank of Salem, at

New Albany, and the Bank of

Paoli, at Paoli, Orange county.

Their aggregate circulation amounts

to about fifteen thousand dollars.

John Rose, aged 22 years, and

one Bigger, aged 67, got into a

quarrel last Monday week, near

Newark, Greene county, which

ended in Rose beating Bigger on

the head with an ax, inflicting fatal

injuries. Rose was arrested.

The reported discovery by a Ger-

man financier of a plan whereby the

United States can return to specie

payments without the use of specie

means a contemporary of the In-

diana man who can catch himself

by the coat-collar and hold himself

by the arm's length.

David Evans, an old citizen of

Clinton township, Boone county,

lied recently from hemorrhage of

the gums. He had been badly sali-

vated, recently. The case is a

singular one, and will excite much

attention in medical circles.

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It was a profound philosopher

who compared advertising to a grow-

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plants his seed, and while he is

sleeping the corn is growing. So

with advertising; while you are

sleeping or eating