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THE BALHYNCH TRIALS.

The old wheel of Time has almost accomplished another revolution since we were last cheered by the first glad smiles, and invigorated by the first sweet fragrance of an opening spring-time. Our forest trees, now stripped of their glory, our gloomy hills and desolate fields, black and dreary by the ravages of winter, must soon put on again the leafy decorations and the grassy garb, which the great wardrobe of nature so magnificently supplies. Bright morning of the year, we greet thee! With arms wide-spread, we bid thee welcome! Never did a spring season look brighter in Indiana than the present one. We look out upon the prospects of the year of which it is the beginning, and while we see nothing to alarm or dishearten us, we find everywhere the very best and most satisfactory causes for hope and encouragement. While the angry elements of smothered ambition and the restive spirit of war and conquest are hanging over Europe like a great black and threatening storm cloud, soon to pour its fury broadcast all over that densely populated division of the globe, we, as a nation, are at peace with all the world, and what is more pleasing still, we are in a very highly prosperous condition at home. We have a Democratic administration, a wise and judicious Executive, an able and honest Cabinet, and a Congress composed of some of the best talent and patriotism of the land, and we, therefore, have nothing to apprehend in the way of politics and government. Our farmers in all parts of the country, and our mechanics of every description, have everything to excite their hopes and stimulate their diligence. Trade was never in a more flourishing condition. Every product of agriculture, every demonstration of domestic manufacture, and every form and fashion of the constructive art, find an easy and lucrative market. We have heard some expressions of fear that the present prosperous state of things rests not on a permanent basis, that it is only the result of accident, and that while there is an unusual depression elsewhere, we are just now enjoying the benefits of it. We cannot subscribe to this opinion, however. Our mammoth railroad system has a great deal to do with it. Let us look at this matter a little. A few years since we had to pay an enormous exportation duty, our sea port markets were far less accessible than they now are, and the only facilities we then had for the conveyance of our surplus staple commodities to maritime cities were very expensive, indeed they were so much so that the real value of the article itself was well nigh consumed before it had acquired any commercial value. This is no longer the case; our railroad system has obviated the whole difficulty, and this vast sum, formerly taken from us in exportations, now, instead of going into the safe and coffers of buccaneering canal and steamboat companies, finds a lodgment where it always should have been, in the hands of those by whose toil it has obtained an existence. The farmer now, instead of getting only fifty cents, actually realizes one dollar per bushel for his wheat, and his other grains have advanced proportionately. We say again, the secret of the whole affair is the gigantic operations of our railroads. Truly we may say of this, as Napoleon said of the time in which he lived, there is nothing in history like the 19th century, and there is nothing in the 19th century like the era of our railroads.

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DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CONVENTION.

The Democracy of Montgomery county are requested to meet at the Court House, at Crawfordsville, on Saturday, the 22d inst., to appoint Delegates to attend the State Convention to be held at Indianapolis on the 24th of May next.

Other important business will be before the meeting, in regard to the organization of the party for the coming canvass, and it is hoped there will be a general turn out. By order of the

CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

THE WAR.

Our readers have been duly apprised by our Extra of the passage of the Danube by the Russians, and the declarations of war by France and England. Stirring news may be anticipated in a few days. Failure in the beginning marks the history of every great campaign undertaken by the Czars. The same histories, however, also prove that, whether the war was for defense or conquest, success has generally crowned the ending. The late bold hand showing of the great western powers appears to have roused the sleeping energies of the Russians. At once they hurried resistlessly across the Danube, drove back the Turks, and took possession of a broad tract of country lying between the Danube on the West and North, the wall of Trajan on the South, and the Black Sea on the East. It seems the generally received opinion that the object of this combined movement on their part is the capture of Constantinople, before the allies arrive to defend it. This opinion is strengthened by the sailing of the Russian fleet for Varna, or Variona, a fortress situated on the Black Sea 150 miles north of the Ottoman city. If this be the true divining, it wears an air of startling confidence, to say the least. For before they can succeed Varna must be reduced, Omer Pasha must be beaten, and the allied fleets must be sunk or driven from the sea. But be the object what it may, "the tug of war" is at hand. And as we intend keeping regular accounts of the battles and the movements of the hosts, we would advise our country citizens, who feel any interest in watching the contest, to subscribe with us. Try it.

To the above we will add, that it is also our intention promptly upon the receipt of important news hereafter to issue Extra's containing recitals as full as we receive them.

Such a new order or secret society has been formed among some of the students of Wabash College called the "Guardians of Character." A wide field is open for their labors in this locality.

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