

THE DECATUR DEMOCRAT.

BY A. J. HILL.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 1882.

The grand jury of 1881 was the prosecution of the Star Route thieves.

The halfbreeds who hold under Arthur must keep silent or loose their official heads. Arthur is reported to be a grateful man to the stalwarts.

The Democratic editors of Indiana met at Indianapolis on Thursday. The Democrat was not represented; it being impossible for us to attend.

ENGLAND is getting alarmed. In far off India the Irish land troubles are being discussed. It is feared that discussion may arouse sympathy, and sympathy action upon the part of the natives.

The New York Tribune has no post office. It is severely criticising the Arthur administration. Those papers holding office by virtue of Arthur, think the Tribune a very malicious journal. Truly sight and sense are very much modified by the position occupied when looking over the ground. Impartial judgments, with certain snarlings, are as scarce as water during a drought.

The Republicans are playing the usual role at Washington. They are preparing for unlimited whitewash. The Committee appointed to investigate Secretary Sherman, are especially appointed for that purpose. The people will never hear from that Committee the extent of his crookedness.

Who filched the \$5,000 lost somewhere between Cincinnati and Bluffton is still a mystery. The responsibility lies between the bank sending the money, and the express company, each affirming the other's agents stole it. The question will, it is understood, be settled in the courts.

JOHN KELLY is evidently in a bad way. He has been repudiated by Tammany and has recently been trying to mortgage his followers to the Republican party, but they are disgusted with his methods, or distrust his ability to deliver the goods, though he has so often and effectively served them, that they consider him their natural ally. He is always for anything for a consideration.

The Journal is constantly improving. The editor seems to have taken his inspiration from Guiteau. His Guiteauisms last week were almost equal to the inspired original.

That is, they contained all the malice and venom the editor could command, but compared with Guiteau's, they are blunt shafts, more dangerous to the marksmen who shoot them than the target. The Democrat is a generous adversary, always ready to give credit where credit is due.

The proposition of Mr. Lorillard to furnish a faster mail and passenger service across the ocean than hitherto considered practicable has been pronounced visionary by many. The question will receive a practical test as soon as possible. It is to be hoped it will prove a success, and that in a short time, we shall see American steamers enjoying a monopoly of the mail and passenger trade between this country and Europe, by reason of their superior comfort, speed and safety.

Fort Wayne voted against appropriating \$75,000 to aid in the construction of the Hooking Valley and Springfield railroad, by a majority of 1,217. The Chicago & Atlantic R. R. will now doubtless effect an arrangement by which the road will be built to Decatur, instead of Ft. Wayne, leaving the latter place out in the cold, or more properly speaking, without cheap soft coal, unless they make arrangements to procure it elsewhere. So far as Decatur is concerned, it does not affect our interest, except to deprive us of a competing road to Ft. Wayne.

The Journal is very eager to provoke a personal controversy with THE DEMOCRAT. It is also very desirous to appear the champion of all good in the moral and intellectual world of Decatur and the region in which it circulates. It wishes to appear as the original and only champion of temperance, virtue and religion; the foe of all that is bad and of all bad people. It wishes to be the interpreter of law and learn our people how to administer justice. It feigns to tell us how to live right; how to die right.

The Journal, in the estimation of its editor, is the grandest paper of any age, and contains more good sound practical common sense, originality, wit and sarcasm to the square inch than any other newspaper in existence. In short, it is the model newspaper of the age; the editor a model in all that it implies.

The Democrat represents the opposite of all this.

This is the Journal's extravagant estimate of itself; its estimate of the insignificance of THE DEMOCRAT.

Our readers may think this exaggeration, but those who have read that paper carefully for the last six weeks, will find such sentiments either broadly expressed or unmistakably implied. With these views of the Journal

THE DEMOCRAT does not propose to take issue or discuss.

While a county paper is a local history of the county in which it circulates, more or less complete, its columns will at the same time, to a greater or less extent, reflect the various moods and phases of character of the editor; of his culture and his boorishness; of his modesty and his egotism; of his charity and his resentment; of his arrogance and his humility, in short whatever of nobleness or baseness or nothingness there is in his character, will in time be faithfully reflected. It is upon this reflection that the public look upon, when they go to make up their verdict of the character and ability of a paper, and measure it at its true value, and that verdict will be rendered regardless of the denunciations of arrival or of his own vain boasting.

Again, respect for the community in which we live, for the press gang of which we are a humble member, forbids us to take a bout with the Journal, corresponding with its attacks. The material is not wanting, has been urged upon us. We prefer to regard them too low, insignificant and malicious for a reply. The only feeling they inspire within us is shame, that the editor of the Journal has exhibited his baseness self at so great a disadvantage.

Circuit Court.

Circuit Court adjourned at a late hour Sunday night, to an adjourned term to be held, commencing on the 30th day of January, 1882.

CRIMINAL CALENDAR.

State vs. Adam Miller, selling liquor to minors. Finding for defendant—discharged.

State vs. John Coffey, assault with intent to kill. Motion to quash the indictment overruled; jury impaneled; plea of not guilty; judgement, fine of \$200, and committed to Allen county jail for six months and until fine and costs are paid or relieved.

State vs. Jesse Miller, larceny; defendant recognized, in the sum of \$200.

State vs. Joseph Simcoe, provoke; finding for defendant—discharged.

CIVIL CALENDAR.

Geo. W. Blessinger vs. J. J. Tonnelier et al, complaint on account. Finding for plaintiff and judgement for \$85.55.

Christian Bessker et al, vs. Samuel Eichelberger, change of venue, Jay county, finding for defendant return of property ordered and finding that it is of the value of \$35.

Joel K. Baker vs. Wm. Drew, complaint on note; finding and judgement for \$48.33. Costs adjudged against plaintiff.

Lucinda Hathaway vs. Michael W. Hathaway, divorce. Decree for plaintiff and \$200. Alimony allowed; custody of children to plaintiff.

Samuel Chilcote, Admr. John M. Chilcote, complaint on note and attachment; sustained, judgement and order of sale of property.

State ex rel Loretta Bowman vs. Oliver P. M. Andrews, bastardy; provision for maintenance of child having

been made, relatrix permitted to dismiss cause at defendant's cost.

John W. Foltz vs. George Burk et al, appeal from the Board of Commissioners of Jay county, who refused the plaintiff license to retail. On the trial here the jury failed to agree.

The Young Peoples' Temperance Union will meet at the Presbyterian Church, Friday evening, January 13, 1882.

Programme as follows:

Voluntary.....Choir.
Prayer.....Rev. Dastman.
Music.....Choir.
Select reading.....Choir.
Music.....Choir.
B. Exercise.....G. W. A. Luckey.
Music.....Choir.
Speech.....Rev. M. M. Gleason.
Music.....Choir.
Speech.....Joseph Thomas.
Duet: Tena Railing and Kate Jackson.
Committee.

SALE OF DITCH.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been notified in writing by John Schupp, a land owner, and person interested in the so-called Buckmaster ditch, situated in Washington township, Adams county, that the following named persons, to-wit: Susanah Archer has failed to procure the excavation or construction of such part of said ditch as was appropiated them respectively by the viewers, appointed according to law in the manner and time specified in the report made by said viewers. I shall, therefore, in pursuance of section 12 of the ditch law, approved March 9, 1875, on

Friday, the 3rd of February, 1882,

at 2 o'clock p. m., at the Court House door in Decatur, Indiana, let to the lowest and best responsible bidder, the excavation and construction of so much of the said Buckmaster ditch as is described below, to-wit:

From station 150 to station 155, being 500 lineal feet appropiated by said viewers to Susanah Archer.

Said work to be done strictly in accordance with the specifications attached to the report of the viewers, filed in the Auditor's office, Adams county, Indiana.

Bidders will be required to file a bond, with good and sufficient security, payable to the above mentioned Susanah Archer, for the faithful performance of said work within the time specified at the day of the letting.

G. CHRISTEN, Auditor.

Auditor's office, Adams county, Indiana, January 3, '82.

Tobias Hobson was the first man in England who let out hackney horses. When a man came for a horse he was led into the stable, where there was a great choice, but he was obliged to take the horse that stood out to the stable door, so that every customer was alike well served, according to his chance, hence it became a proverb, when what ought to be your selection was forced upon you, to say "Hobson's choice."

When he thought that the real lesson of the day had been well impressed upon the scholars, Mr. Chalker dismissed his school, and as he handed the last fish, and struck him through the gills with the others up a willow twig, he chuckled to himself, "I don't know who's had the most fun to-day, the boys or the master, but I'll venture to say they'll be on hand, cold or not cold, after this—Harpers Young People."

The pride of the farmer should be in his fields. In their beauty, in their order, in their product, he should place the gratification of his humble and honorable ambition, says a contemporary. This is all very well as far as it goes, but we would add, the pride of the farmer should be in his wife and children—in their health and culture, mental and social. A farmer with a family of seven, eight or ten children, well bred and trained up, has something to be proud of, and what should gratify an honorable ambition.

ORDINANCE.

Providing for the building new of certain sidewalks in the town of Decatur, county of Adams, State of Indiana. Passed December 6, 1881.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the town of Decatur, that sidewalks be built new along the lots and parts of lots herein below mentioned and described as follows, to-wit:

On the north side of Jefferson streets lots number 171 owned by Theodore Smith, build new.

On the east side of Second street outlot number 1000, owned by Philip Baker, build new.

On the east side of Second street outlot number 110 Rachel S. Mann, build new.

On the east side of Second street outlot number 111, Mary Cherryholmes, build new.

On the east side of Second street outlot number 112, Susan Mallory, build new.

Section 2. It is hereby further ordained by the board of trustees that by the term build new as used in this ordinance that all stringers shall be of sound barr oak or white oak, three by four inches in thickness and laid with the three inch side on the ground. All stringers to be laid parallel with the above mentioned streets and laid two feet apart, and all boards are to be of the same material, and laid in such manner as to not exceed six inches in width, and, not be less than one and one-fourth inches in thickness and to be four feet in length, and to be laid crosswise of the street, and to be nailed to the stringers with six nails in each board's foot, two nails at each end and two in the center.

Section 3. It is hereby made the duty of the Clerk to accompany the Marshal and Clerk the sale of said sidewalks, and it is also made the duty of the Clerk to prepare a schedule of owners names with the number or numbers of lots or parts of lots belonging heretofore or hereafter to be sold to be built new also of party or parties to whom the contract is let with the amount of the expenses and cost of building new, and report the same to the Board of Trustees at their next regular meeting thereafter.

Sec. 4. That it is hereby made the duty of the Marshal, to require a bond, payable to the town of Decatur, with approved security to the satisfaction of the marshal, of each and every party who may have the contract awarded at such sale, for the building new of any sidewalks designated in this ordinance, said bond conditions that said party shall within ten days from the date of sale, complete the contract as awarded.

Sec. 5. All sidewalks designated in this ordinance shall be completed on or before the 30th day of January, 1882, and if not completed by the above mentioned date the Marshal will act in accordance with section four of this ordinance.

Sec. 6. It is also made the duty of the Clerk to publish the above and foregoing ordinance in the Decatur Democrat for four publications.

State of Indiana, Adams County, S. E. 1/4, I. C. King, undersigned, Clerk of the Incorporated town of Decatur, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true, full and complete copy of an ordinance, as passed by the Board of Trustees of the town of Decatur at their December regular session held December 6, 1881.

Witness, my name and corporate seal this 4th day of January, 1882.

I. C. KING, Clerk of the town of Decatur.

[SEAL] No. 40-W-4

DR. KITCHMILLER

will be at the

BURT HOUSE,

DECATUR, INDIANA.

Every second Tuesday and Wednesday of each month to treat all Chronic Diseases. Consultation free. Call and see him. All letters of inquiry received at the home office at Piquette, Ohio. Will receive prompt attention. Write to him and make a statement of your case—no charge.

WANTED.

To buy 100 acres of timber land in Adams county. Call on or address FRANK & KING, Decatur, Ind.

The Sun.

The Sun for 1882 will make its fifteenth annual publication under the present management, shining, as always, for all, big and little, mean and gracious, contented and unhappy, Republican and Democrat, depraved and virtuous, intelligent and obtuse. The Sun's light is for mankind and womanhood of every sort, but the genial warmth is for the good, while it pours hot discomfort on the blistering backs of the persistently wicked.

The Sun of 1882 was a newspaper of a new kind. It discarded many of the forms, and a multitude of the superfluous words of ancient journalism. It undertook to report the news of the world, in a plain, unadorned way, and in a manner that would be of interest and use to the people.

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DITCH NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given, that at the September 1881 session of the Board of Commissioners of the county of Adams, State of Indiana, a petition was presented by Henry A. Kintz and Solomon Linn, praying the board to establish the following described ditch in said county of Adams, the commencement, direction and termination being described in said petition, which is on file in the Auditor's office of said county.

Said ditch is located on the following route, to-wit: Commencing fifteen feet west of the southeast corner of the north half of the northwest quarter of section thirty-two (32), township twenty-eight (28) north, range fourteen (14) east, in Adams county, Indiana, thence east 120 rods, thence south 65 degrees east 48 rods, thence in and with the natural channel of creek or stream north 10 degrees east 60 rods, thence north 20 degrees east 42 rods, thence northeast 100 feet, thence north 8 degrees west 18 rods, thence northeast 24 rods, thence north 18 rods, thence northeast 78 rods, thence north with the natural channel of the old ditch or stream to a point 15 rods east of the center of section 29, township and range aforesaid, thence in and with the channel of creek or stream to the southeast corner of the northeast corner of the northwest quarter of section 29 aforesaid, thence north 70 degrees west 36 rods, thence the Winchester road, and there to terminate, where said stream crosses said Winchester road.

Passing over and affecting the lands of Henry Kintz, Moses Bixler, Lucy E. Rout, Jeremiah Archibald, Daniel Railing and Martin Huffman, Nicholas Tennellier, Solomon Linn, Thomas Mallonee and Jacob Bogner.

Said petitioners representing "that a large portion of the lands through which said ditch will pass are totally unproductive for want of proper drainage; that the construction of a ditch will not only be conducive of public health, convenience or welfare, but the same will be of public benefit and utility, and that such drainage cannot be obtained without entering upon and passing through the lands adjoining, the owners of a portion of which are unwilling to engage in the enterprise of improvement."

The board being satisfied that the petitioners had, in all respects, complied with the acts approved March 9, 1875, entitled "An act to enable owners of wet lands to drain and reclaim them," etc., granted the prayer of said petitioners, and appointed G. L. Schirmeyer, Ferdinand Renking and Richard Winans, viewers, who proceeded to view the proposed location of said ditch, and have filed their report and estimate, and approved the work according to law and made oath to the same, and report the work to be of public benefit.

The following list shows the tracts of land benefited by said improvement, and the owners names thereof.

The north half of the northwest quarter of section 32, township 28 north, range 14 east, owned by Henry Kintz.

The south half of the northwest quarter of section 32, township 28 north, range 14 east, owned by Nicholas Tennellier.

The west half of the northeast quarter of section 32, township 28 north, range 14 east, owned by Jeremiah Archibald.

The east half of the northeast quarter of section 32, township 28 north, range 14 east, owned by Nicholas Tennellier.

The north half of the southeast quarter of section 29, township 28 north, range 14 east, owned by Nicholas Tennellier.

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NEW GOOD!

Boots And Shoes.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS OPENED UP AT THE

OLD STAND

Of Conter & Hothouse a new stock of Boots and Shoes, and invites all his old friends, and customers of the old firm, to call and see him.

Everybody come and see MY NEWGOODS.

A. HOLTHOUSE

THE DOCTR'S TESTIMONY.

A. S. RUSSELL, of Marion, Wayne county, N. Y., says: The wonderful success of Thomas' Electric Oil in all cases of acute and chronic inflammation catarrh, bronchitis, lame back, etc., make the demand for it very great.

THE DRUGGIST'S TESTIMONY.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 5th, 1880.

Messrs. FOSTER, MILBURN & Co.

Regarding the sale of Thomas' Electric Oil, we are gratified in being able to inform you that since we took the agency, three months ago, for the sale and introduction of Electric Oil, our very large sales prove conclusively to our minds, this remedy has extraordinary merits as