

THE DECATUR DEMOCRAT.

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The grandest fizzle 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 nation.

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 surroundings, 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 effectually served them, that they consider him their natural ally. He is always for anything a consideration.

The Journal is constantly improving. The editor seems to have taken his inspiration from Guitteau. His Guitteaus 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 Guitteau's, they are blunt shafts, more dangerous to the marksmen who shoots 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 Hocking 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 fos 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 feign would 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 is exaggerated, 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 a rival 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 his 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 baser 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 replevied.

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

State vs. Joseph Simcock, provoke for defendant—discharged.

CIVIL CALENDAR.

Geo. W. Blessinger vs. J. J. Tonelli et al., complaint on account. Finding for plaintiff and judgement for \$55.

Christian Bisseker et al. vs. Samuel Eichberger, 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 \$48.83. Costs adjudged against plaintiff.

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

Samuel Chilcoate, Admr. John M. Chilcoate, 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

ORDINANCE.

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

It is 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, lot number 171 owned by Theodore Smith, build new.

Lot number 588, owned by M. Breckamp, build new.

Lot number 587, owned by Mary E. Durbin, build new.

Lot number 586, owned by Garret Bell, build new.

Lot number 585, owned by Helen Bell, build new.

Lot number 569, Godfrey Christen, build new.

On the east side of Second street, lot number 109, owned by Philip Baker, build new.

Lot number 110 Rachel S. Mann, build new.

Lot number 111, Marry Cherryholmes, build new.

Lot number 112, Susan Malone, 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 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 to be of sound white oak or burr oak lumber, not to exceed six inches in width, and to be laid with the three inch side on the ground, and to be fastened to the stringers and to be nailed to the stringers with six nails in each board's four corners, 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 the duty of the Clerk to prepare a schedule of persons names, and the number or numbers of lots or parts of lots belonging thereto as are contracted by such sale to be built new 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.

Section 4. That is hereby made the duty of the Clerk to publish the above and foregoing ordinance in the Decatur DEMOCRAT for two weeks.

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