

THE DECATUR DEMOCRAT

BY A. J. HILL.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 1882.

Rooms Democratic Central Committee.

DECATUR, INDIANA, March 2, 1882.

The Democratic Central Committee will meet at their rooms in Decatur, on Wednesday, the 16th day of March, 1882, at 2 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of selecting delegates to the Judicial Convention of the Indiana Circuit of the State of Indiana. A full attendance is requested by order of the Executive Committee.

N. BLACKBURN,
Chairman.

Hartford Township Democratic Mass Meeting.

There will be a Democratic Mass Meeting held at the school house in Buena Vista, on Saturday, the 25th day of March, 1882, at 1 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of nominating township officers and to transact any other legitimate business.

E. MORROW,
Committeeman.

Democratic Congressional Committee.

In pursuance to call the Democratic Congressional Committee of the 11th District met in convention in Tibbitt's Hall, in Marion, on Wednesday, Feb. 22, 1882, for the purpose of selecting the time and place of holding the Democratic Congressional nominating convention.

The convention was called to order by W. J. Hilligass, of Huntington, Chairman of the Committee, and John W. Kern, of Kokomo, was chosen Secretary.

The roll of the counties being called, it was found that all were represented with the exception of Wabash, the member from that county being unavoidably absent.

On motion it was unanimously decided that the convention should be held in Marion, Grant county.

After some little debate it was unanimously decided to hold the convention on Tuesday, June 20, 1882.

It was also decided that the basis of representation should be one delegate for every 206 votes cast for John W. Shanklin for Secretary of State in 1880, and one vote for every fraction over 50, which entitles the various counties of the district to the following representation:

Counties.	Vote.	Delegates.
Blair.	2,242	11
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Grant.	2,401	12
Howard.	1,825	9
Huntington.	2,615	13
Jay.	2,190	11
Miami.	3,048	15
Wabash.	2,361	12
Wells.	2,327	12

Total number of delegates..... 100

Several brief, but spirited and ringing speeches were made by various gentlemen present, after which the convention adjourned sine die.

W. J. HILLIGASS,
President.

JOHN W. KERN,
Secretary.

The new five cent Garfield postage will be ready to issue about the first of March. Old Zach Taylor's vignette used to adorn the five cent stamp. The propriety of making the change is questionable.

So far there are but two Democrats who aspire to the nomination for Congress in this Congressional district. Hon. Joseph S. Daily, of Wells, and Hon. John L. Farrar, of Miami. They are both good representative men and either of them in the event of their nomination would get the hearty and cordial support of the party and party press of the district.

The Journal thinks Tennessee has disgraced herself in repudiating her indebtedness, all of which may be true as well as the strictures it indulges in. If Tennessee wishes any help in the repudiation business, and wishes commendation therefor, all she has to do is to go through the process of Mahoneism. That would be justification for any wrong, so far as the Republican party is concerned.

DR. G. H. MC LIN, a citizen of Huntington protested against the action of the City Marshal, and called the attention of the council to his disrelection of duty, in one of the papers of that place. The Marshal horsewhipped the Doctor. A public meeting passed censuratory resolutions, which resulted in charges against the officer, and will cause his removal from office in all probability. The Democrat contains a lengthy and impartial statement of the affair.

The indictment against the star route conspirators is a formidable paper document, comprising six hundred pages of legal cap paper. If size was an indication of earnestness upon the part of the government, it would indeed be a formidable legal document. This indictment doubtless was the origin of that troublesome conundrum proposed and now being discussed by the Republicans of this state, as to how they will carry Indiana in an "off year." If Dorsey, the Secretary of the National Republican Committee, is convicted, they will have to go down into their own poackets for the "soap" necessary, unless another Borsey should arise and other methods for defrauding the government and the people be devised, by which the necessary corruption fund can be procured, and without which the Republican party cannot maintain itself in power.

EX SENATOR CONKLING, has been nominated by the president for the position of associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. According to Senator Edmunds, this is the "second prize in the lottery of assassination." So far as Arthur is concerned it is fit that he should thus honor his chief who made him vice-president, thus placing him in position where the presidency was in direct line prospectively. Senator Conkling's bitter strife with Garfield, giving him the benefit of all doubts, was the innocent cause of directing the assassin's bullet at the heart of Garfield, and elevating his chosen bêchman to the presidency. If Conkling has one spark of that delicate sensibility that is supposed to exist in every right minded breast, he cannot accept the position. And should he signify his acceptance, the senate would do itself honor in refusing to confirm him. Waiving the objections indicated, so extreme a partisan as ex-senator Conkling has always shown himself to be, renders him unfit to perform the high, exalted and non-partisan duties he would be called to sit in judgement upon.

MONMOUTH ITEMS.

BY "VIRE."

Rain, mud, and candidates are plenty. Yankee Robinson's double show was in town Saturday.

Mr. Smith lost a valuable horse last week.

Jim Wells is again with us wheeling saw dust.

Miss Matie Dutcher, of Decatur, was here over Sunday and Monday, visiting her many friends and relatives.

A debating club was organized here last week, which meets every Thursday evening.

Some Republicans with the intellect of a wooden nutmeg, perhaps less about equivalent to the editor of the Journal, charged that Warden Murdoch of the penitentiary, at Michigan City, was making a fortune out of the sale of the slops, offal and garbage, of the penitentiary. Governor Porter directed an investigation, and as they were after the Warden's scalp, it is fair to conclude it was no whitewashing affair. It resulted in a triumph for the Warden. These fellows imagine every Democrat is dishonest as themselves.

THE Huntington Democrat publishes a decision of the supreme court which decides there is no property in dogs. A tramp was indicted for the larceny of a dog, alleged to have been stolen of a citizen. The circuit court decided it was not theft, and the decision has now been affirmed by the supreme court. The dog is a creature unknown to the law, except to pay a special tax to make good his ravages upon sheep-folds.

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OSCAR NOZ, charged with setting fire to the buildings at Warren, which destroyed several business rooms, among others the Warren News office, was recently tried at Marion, Ind. The trial resulting in a disagreement by the jury standing six and six. The dramatic denial by the young man at a religious meeting in Wells county, was convincing of his innocence to his friends, but did not wholly satisfy the jury. Should a second trial result likewise, and he go free, it should be the business of his life to hunt down the incendiary and bring him to justice. Somebody set the buildings on fire, having a motive for so doing. This will constantly face those who would solve the problem of his guilt or his innocence, and unless the guilty be found out and punished, though Noz escape unharmed, there will be a moral conviction from which no jury can absolve him.

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BY ROVER.

Geneva is well blessed with rain and mud.

L. W. Watson's addition to his hotel is a great improvement.

W. C. Ladd and wife have been retained to teach the spring term of the Geneva schools.

We noticed Sheriff Krick's smiling countenance on our streets, Tuesday.

The State of Indiana vs. Daniel Runyon et al., will be tried in the Circuit Court, this term. Quite number of persons have been subpoenaed to testify in this case.

The roads are so bad now that Mr. Kelly has abandoned his hack and now carries the mail on horseback.

D. P. Bold is about to erect an addition to his hardware store.

The English sparrows are getting as numerous in Geneva, as bugs on a potato vine.

Rev. W. W. Roberts, Rev. C. H. Murray, and others from this place are in attendance at the District Conference of the M. E. Church, at Decatur, this week.

Alex. Robinson, returned from his visit to Ohio, last week.

Charles Porter paid a visit to Decatur, Monday.

Mrs. Garrison died Monday morning of fever, at her residence in Geneva. She leaves a large circle of friends to mourn her loss.

George Calderwood, the famous temperance lecturer, of Columbus, Ohio, has been addressing the people of Geneva on the subject of temperance for several nights past. Mr. C. is an able speaker and never fails to please his auditors.

Andy July killed a large pike in the old Lob, Monday.

Two or three smart young hoodlums stoned the mail train going south on the G. R. & I. R. R. last Saturday, near Ceylon, breaking several glass, but luckily hurting nobody. These scamps should be caught and punished for their smartness and we are told that the railroad officials are on the track of them.

We are indebted to J. D. Hale for the report of the primary election, held at Ceylon, Saturday, for the purpose of nominating Democratic township officers for Trustee—David Long, Road Superintendent—M. Rynearson, Assessor—G. W. Bryan Justice of the Peace—Lewis Long and J. H. Smith, each receiving the same number of votes. Constables—Henry Michaud, Reuben Myers and Daniel Christman.

The pasors were appointed a committee to assign Local Preachers and Exhorters work.

Reports were then made by the Presiding Elder, and the reports of the various charges showing the condition of their work. All were able to report their churches in a flourishing condition. Some new churches have been erected during the year.

Rev. M. S. Metts reported that the ladies of Decatur, had raised \$1,520.00 toward building the new church.

Rev. W. B. Wones, reported Jackson township, in Allen county, without a church building of any kind.

Edward Mason lost his wife by death last week, which is a heavy blow to him. He has the warmest sympathy of a host of friends in his sad bereavement.

Additional Locals.

Congressman G. W. Steele has our thanks for a copy of the Congressional Directory and other favors.

The Toledo, Delphos & Burlington railroad opens a new route to Cincinnati, March 5th, for freight and passengers. The depot is on Court street, within a square of the Court House, and is as near the business centre as any depot in the city. This will be a great convenience to the traveling public who will not be slow to avail themselves of its convenience and advantages.

The following is the list of petit jurors of the Circuit Court for the February term, 1882: Nicholas Clark, Henry D. Filling, Conrad Brake, Wm. J. Adlesperger, Wm. Jackson, Jacob M. Shoemaker, Casper Heinman, David Werling, Jacob Yeager, Jr., H. Reinking, Mark Aspy and Joshua R. Parrish.

The following persons were at Fort Wayne to hear Booth:

Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Derwin, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Place, Maggie Townsend, Eva Blair, Jessie Allison, Flu Spencer, Maggie Hill, George Luckey, Paul Moore, Thomas Wyche, Mr. Larned, Bart Shirey.

If they or any of them should get the small-pox, Phillips would crow him self to death.

Mrs. Ann Eliza Young lectured to a good large audience of our best and most cultured people last Saturday night. The lecturer was worn out and fatigued from constant speaking, rendering it difficult for her to articulate with her usual ease and clearness, but good order and an appreciative audience was a compensation, to herself and her hearers for her indisposition. She faced the audience with a graceful presence, with an expression half sad and pleading; a face indicating a history gravely upon it, which evoked the sympathy of her hearers and which was at once generously accorded her. Her lecture was of course, Mormonism, but her plea was for her sisters unwillingly held in the bonds of polygamy. With the present agitation upon the subject, it was a question of absorbing interest, especially so, as falling as it did from the lips of a prominent personage in the history of an institution, an organization, a form of religion, that has no sympathizers outside of its own membership, which is held together by virtue of the most arbitrary, brutal, and despotic power known to western civilization, and which is one of the foul blots upon the escutcheon of our common country.

The nicest canned and dried fruits to be found in market at John Welfley's.—48w2.

Handsome water sets in cut glass, just received at Welfley's. Come and see them.—48w2.

Fresh Holland herring just received at Welfley's.—48w2.

A new line of pretty and cheap hand-tamps at Welfley's.—48w2.

Ladies needing new corsets will do well to look at the handsome patterns at John Eiting's.—48w2.

James Eiting will be at his old stand Friday, with good meals for all the visitors. Go to Eiting's when you want a good warm meal.

Call and see the celebrated Folwell Cashmere's that are warranted all wool, from 45c up. Jas. Edington.—48w2.

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