

A Merry Christmas, dear reader.

Auditor Nowels and Treasurer Adams are doing Indianapolis this week.

The brick work on Duvall's livery building is approaching completion.

John P. Dunlop has charge of the work on the I. D. & C. this side of the Kankakee.

M. F. Chilcott, Esq., and Clerk Price made a flying visit to Kentland the other day.

A Vermont Yankee was sent to South Carolina to hunt up census frauds, but he finds that the first count was correct.

Mrs. Thomas McCoy will entertain the ladies of the Thalian Dramatic Club of Lafayette, during their engagement in Reservoir.

The Democrats of the Tennessee Legislature would elect the United States Senator; they have a majority of four on joint ballot.

The boy arrested for complicity in a burglary and held for bail, gave the bailiff having him in charge the slip, and he is still at large.

Delphi Times: The I. D. & C. Company have purchased two second-hand standard gauge engines of the Jeffersonville, Madison & Indianapolis railroad.

The north and south portions of the I. D. & C. are now in process of construction between this and Chicago; we are informed will connect at the Kankakee within sixty days.

Ex-Auditor H. A. Barkley is a happy father. The little stranger entered this world Saturday of last week. It is a "male inhabitant," and doing well. We wish the parents joy.

General Ord will reside permanently in San Antonio, Texas. His friends in that city say that "the face of his espousal of Hancock's cause greatly influenced Mr. Hayes in ordering his retirement."

A great many Republicans in Iowa apparently are not in favor of admitting colored men to the Legislature. The majority for the constitutional amendment having that purpose in view was less than half that cast for Garfield.

The will of the late James E. Brown, of Kittanning, Pa., bequeathed \$25 to every widow in Kittanning and \$25 to every wife who shall become a widow this year to be made to include those Kittanning girls who shall hereafter become wives.

Justice Wood was appointed by the President successor of Justice Strong on the United States Supreme Bench. It is probable the Senate will not confirm it, as he is appointed from Virginia, when, as a matter of fact, he is a citizen of Ohio.

A mob took a negro from the Brush, Indiana, jail, last Sunday week, and hung him for raping and robbing his employer's wife. If this hanging had been done in the South, what a howl would proceed from the throats of Northern radicals.

The New York Herald, which is by no means friendly to the Democracy, turbulently tells this truth:

"We owe a good deal to the Democratic House and Senate. It is due to the Democrats to say that their management of our legislation for four years has done a great deal to satisfy the world that we are a homogeneous Union."

Delphi Times: Colonel Yeoman, Receiver of the I. D. & C. railroad, has contracted with John K. Fry for the construction of an engine house, to be located near the site of the old one, which burned last spring. The building is to be 33 feet wide and 60 feet long, one story high, and arranged to accommodate two engines. The structure, when completed, will cost about \$400.

It now turns out after a careful compilation of the vote for President that Hancock has a majority over Garfield. The following are the figures on the total vote cast:

Hancock, - - - - - 4,438,641
Garfield, - - - - - 4,432,128
Hancock's plurality, - - - - - 6,113

Total vote, - - - - - 9,149,857

Weaver's vote, - - - - - 324,988

The result is that Garfield is in the minority on the popular vote polled. The Cincinnati Enquirer, in commenting on the results, says:

"Now deduct one million negro votes that he received in the South, and two hundred thousand that he received in the North, and it presents the astounding fact that Garfield is elected President of the United States on a

White vote of 8,329,416

And a white vote against him 4,753,900

We are no prophets, but if a real action among white people doesn't take place in this country before long, we will be mightily mistaken. All fanatics have their day."

With this state of facts we are not surprised to know that the "gentleman of color" understands his importance to the Republican party, and that this class is now moving for the repeal of all laws in the States that prohibit their marriage are social standing with the "white trash" of this nation with a big "N." Where is the young American that is not proud of the rapid strides of modern Republicanism?

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Correspondent of THE SENTINEL.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20, 1880.

MR. EDITOR—It was no part of my plan, when I wrote you I would next be heard from at Washington, to allow a week to intervene before that engagement was met. It has, however, and what apology have I to make? Simply this, that I rather expected Fraud Hayes' vote would have been more inspiring of comment, and that not as many members of Congress would have delayed an appearance until after the holidays. You are saying mentally, "There, H has been borrowing hope in anticipating that the interloper in the White House would furnish a text for comment to eke out a letter?" Well, he did, and several, and if they had not been already discussed of in the usual and deserved contemptuous phrase I should descent rather freely upon them. Think of the knave, the riffer of another man's office and the purloiner of another man's salary, H. Dehaven will be glad to meet all old customers.

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The firm of Fending & Jost has been dissolved by mutual consent, J. I. Purcuple purchasing the interest of Mr. Jost. The new firm of Fending & Purcuple assume the liabilities of Fending & Jost and will collect all debts due the same. Early settlement is desired.

Prof. Hooper is drilling a company of amateurs preparatory to presenting the drama "Among the Breakers," and a Farce, entitled "The Widow's Victim," at the Opera House during the second week in January, the proceeds to be applied to the purchase of an Organ for the School House.

Mrs. Claire Scott and her excellent assistants performed before Rensselaer audiences three evenings of the present week and gave very general satisfaction. The performances of Miss Scott and Mr. Coburn, particularly, elicited the applause of those present. The Company deserves success.

ABOVE THE CLOUDS.
The "Thalians," of Lafayette, who appeared here on January 14th last, the occasion being the opening of the Rensselaer Opera House, will appear here Friday evening, December 31st, in the beautiful society drama, "ABOVE THE CLOUDS." They seem to be an institution of the Star City; their rendition of the above play having met with great favor there, as is shown by the following extract from the Lafayette Courier:

"The entertainment of the Thalian Dramatic Club last evening was a success in all that the word implies. The drama presented was "Above the Clouds," and the excellence of the rendition was as astonishing as it was creditable. The Thalians have made themselves an institution of Lafayette, and deserve all credit."

Explain, Gentlemen. Explain—
Chicago Times.

It is a fact that the matter of which Senator Bayard made mention was not creditable to any of the parties mentioned—a fact which the record of the Treasury and the evidence of some of the parties themselves will not sustain. Phelps Dodge & Co., purchased in New York \$1,000,000 of merchandise, but to avoid the payment of large duties, invoices were made to them for Custom House use, much below that figure. The duties to be assessed by the real market value, and for the practice of deception in the matter there might be for future of the whole importation. The infamous mafioso system then has the protection of law, and Sanborn and Jayne were to be blamed. The latter failed in information, and the firm settled with the Government by paying it \$72,017. The amount left after paying of costs was \$262,572, of which \$131,636 was paid to Jayne, \$21,906 to C. A. Arthur, Collector of the Port, \$21,900 to Alonzo B. Cornell, Surveyor of the port, and \$21,900 to the Naval officer. When inquiry was made into the matter, in 1874, Noah Davis, the Judge who took occasion recently to lecture a gentleman from the Bench on ideas of personal honor, was forced to testify that he was present and as insisted in patching up the matter whereby his client benefited so materially—his client being the infamous Jayne—and that among the persons present and aiding in effecting the profitable compromise was Ross Conkling.

The new Senator from Georgia has had a bad start, by appearing in the role of an advocate for national education. The system he supports, to be maintained by the Federal Government, is one of the most insidious devices of the advocates of centralization. The common school system supported by the States have been largely diverted from their original and beneficial design of furnishing rudimentary instruction to all children. speak more particularly for my own State, Pennsylvania, where it is under the direction of a wicked shan of a State Superintendent—from what I learn of that voice in other States, however, I imagine it is no exception. The taxation for school purposes in Pennsylvania is something immense, outrunning all other forms of government expenditure. The original system has been perverted into a means of instruction to the poorer children, and an impractical and mere show sort of parental resources for their uncommon education. How it may be in your State I know not, but in my own I know this to be true. It justifies the misgiving, whether even the States have not transcended in this matter, and I am sure that that is the responsibility of the family and the church. Uneasy spirits that are always reaching out after the un-fathomable and unattainable are only happy as regards of something impracticable.

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Wirt, the Dentist, extracts teeth without pain, by the use of Nitrous Oxide.

Miss Mattie McCoy is at home for the holidays.

Miss Maggie Cowdin, of Michigan City, is at present enjoying the companionship of old Rensselaer friends.

Mrs. Quarry, in the 77th year of her age, died Dec. 1st, at the residence of her son in law, Lewis Davisson, Esq., in Barkley township.

The best preparation known in market for restoring gray hair to its original color is Hall's Vegetable Sil-
cial Hair Renewer. Try it!

Miss Orr and Master Delos Thomp-
son, E. L. Phillips, Elmer Dwiggs,
Vic. E. Loubridge, and Louis Holl-
ingsworth, returned from Ann Arbor,
to spend the holidays at home.

Mr. Dehaven, of Newton county
has rented the interest of J. D. Hop-
kins in the Rensselaer Mill. So soon as
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