

FRIDAY JANUARY 30, 1885.

Remington News: Uncle Felix R. Donnelly spent last Sabbath day at Miller. He is a hale and hearty old gentleman for a Mexican War veteran.

It is charged in Pennsylvania that the chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, Cooper, got money to use for the national candidates and devoted it to the election of Cameron candidates for the Legislature.

There is a paper mill now running in Delaware County, Pennsylvania, which manufactured the paper for the Continental currency of more than a hundred years ago, and since furnished the paper for the greenback currency.

Col. A. K. McClure, of the Philadelphia Times, arrived at New Orleans one evening last week, and was met at the depot by a deputy United States Marshal, who served papers on him in a suit for libel brought by the Louisiana Lottery company. The damages are placed at \$100,000.

Remington News: The venerable H. M. Babb and his good wife completed fifty-two years of the journey together last Thursday. Their golden anniversary, it will be remembered, occurred while they were living in Tennessee. Their many friends are hoping they may live to enjoy their diamond wedding.

Remington News: Our old townsmen, F. R. Donnelly, returned from his extended visit to Dakota last Saturday. Mr. Donnelly not being able to stand twelve consecutive months of hot weather as found in Dakota, returns to Indiana to find that we have real winters. He left the Hoosier settlers in the shade, probably fanning themselves.

An old merchant and advertiser, speaking of merchants cutting their advertising in dull times, pronounces it a doubtful policy. If advertising pays them when times are good and they have plenty of orders, it should be more valuable when times are bad. They stand in need of business. Advertising is not a luxury but a business necessity, and the time when it is needed the most is when there is the greatest dearth of orders. We refer to legitimate advertising in journals having bona fide circulation.

The Hand County (Dak.) Press, of Jan. 15th, says of our late clerk of the Jasper Circuit Court; "Chas. H. Price, Judge of Probate in and for Hyde county," is now proprietor of the "Vox Populi," at Highmore, the paper formerly published by Hon. J. T. Blackmore. The Judge is the black sheep of a splendid Hoosier family, being the only democrat of the Price stock. He is brilliant, a splendid good fellow, and a leader of his party in this district. He will make the Vox of the people honest with reform and tariff-for-revenue only talk, but it will be interesting.

The Louisville Courier Journal sets it down all out right when saying that a Democrat is one who believes in a strict construction of the Constitution; in the divorce of church and State; in a sound currency, expressed in gold and silver, and paper convertible into gold on demand; in a clear division of the powers of Government, State and National; in taxation exclusively for public purposes, and, as to imports laid in a low scale of duties; and opposed to subsidies, bounties, sumptuary laws, excessive accumulations and expenditure, preferring a simple and frugal to a splendid Government.

A case of great interest to the common school interest of Indiana was decided in the circuit court at Greenfield, recently, by Judge Forkner, for the state, ex-rel. Hord, attorney-general, against the commissioners of Hancock county. The case was brought to recover money to the school funds that was deducted as fees by the officers instead of the county paying fees out of the county funds.

The special finding is: "I find that part of the school funds derived from interest on the loans of the common and congressional school funds was diverted from the purpose of furnishing tuition in the common schools to the payment of officials of the said county for collecting and disbursing the same." Judgment for \$1,430. Nearly every county in the state, several years ago, practiced similarly, and cases will be brought in all such counties.

Remington News: Wild rumors are in circulation that the murderer of the unfortunate James Cotton, whose charred remains were found among the debris of his burned shanty some eight or ten years ago, has been found. It is said that a man named Smith made confession on his death bed that he had committed the crime for the purpose of getting the money young Cotton had about him amounting to about two hundred dollars. It will be remembered that Smith and a man named Frantz were arrested at the time, but were released for want of evidence. There is nothing truer than the old saying: "Murder will out."

#### Wartner's Confession.

The question was propounded by Deputy Prosecutor Douthit, and answered by Wartner, Mr. Feldmen acting as interpreter.

State of Indiana, ss:

December 4th, A. D. 1884.

P. F. Feldmen, first by me being duly sworn to truly interpret the confession of Wibren Wartner, we proceeded as follows:

Q—Where did you kill John Dreger?

A—I killed him by the river.

Q—How did you kill him?

A—I killed him with the gun.

Q—Did you shoot him, or strike him with the gun?

A—I struck him with the gun.

Q—Did you cut his throat?

A—No, I struck him with the gun; the broken end of the gun.

Q—What part did you use?

A—The broken end, with the lock on it.

Q—Was he on the boat or on the ground?

A—He was on the bank of the river.

Q—Was any one present?

A—None but me and Dreger.

Q—What time in the day was it?

A—Between three and four o'clock in the afternoon, on Wednesday.

Q—At what point on the river did it occur?

A—at the French Island landing.

Q—Did you have the pumps down there, or did you take them with you?

A—I took them with me.

Q—What did you take the pumps there for?

A—I was going to sink a net. After I killed him I tied them to his back.

Q—Where did you get the rope halter that you tied the pumps to Dreger with?

A—I had the halter on the wagon to use in fastening the irons to the nets.

Q—Where and when did you break the wagon?

A—When we were almost to river, I hooked to a stump and broke it.

Q—What did you do with the standard of the wagon?

A—The box fell off the wagon.

Q—What did you tell John Dreger to induce him to go to the river?

A—I told him to come and haul some fish.

Q—What induced you to kill John Dreger?

A—To get something to eat and drink for my family.

Q—What time did you get home that night?

A—I do not know, but it was getting dark.

Q—Did you tell your wife that night?

A—I told my wife that Dreger went off with two men.

Q—What did you do with John Dreger's best suit of clothes?

A—at John Dreger's place, between the cow-yard and the hay-stack I buried them.

Q—Did you put them in a box?

A—I buried them the way they were.

Q—Did you bury them before or after arrest?

A—Before I was arrested.

Q—As a matter of fact did you not cut John Dreger's throat with the knife, and then put it in Dreger's pocket?

A—I did not.

Q—How did you get the blood off the gun?

A—I washed it off in the river.

Q—Has any one promised you any inducement or reward to make this confession, and do you make the same with your own free will?

A—I do it with my own free will.

State of Indiana, Jasper County, ss:

1. Wibren Wartner, being duly sworn upon my oath say that the above confession is true as I verily believe.

WIEBREN WARTNER.

Subscribed and sworn to before me James W. Douthit, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney of Jasper county, appointed by Matthew H. Walker, Prosecutor of the 30th Judicial Circuit, this 3rd day of December, 1884.

JAMES M. DOUTHIT,  
Deputy Prosecutor.

SUBSTANCE OF THE TESTIMONY.

R. W. Marshall, of Keener township, was the first witness. He testified as to how the body was found, its condition, wounds and bruises thereon, etc., Wartner's testimony at the coroner's inquest, when the prisoner stated that he knew Dreger, but did not think the body was that of Dreger, and his further statement that he had given Dreger a check for \$400 and he had gone to Chicago to get it cashed, etc.

Mr. Feldmen, of Keener township, (interpreter) testified as to Wartner's statements made in confession, and that he was not aware of any threats or promises made to induce the prisoner to confess.

The defendant's wife testified to the length of time they had lived in this country, and when they became residents of Jasper county. She stated that they were in great destitution, that at the time her husband and Dreger started on their journey to the river they had only a few potatoes in the house. The cross-examination, however, brought out the statement that they did have, on that day, 50 pounds of flour, besides pork, fish and coffee.

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James C. Thralls, County Surveyor, January 30, 1885.

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