

# Democratic Sentinel

FRIDAY APRIL 24 1885.

Highmore Vox Populi: Dakota will take her position in the democratic column in four years hence.

The Highmore (Dakota) Vox Populi, Charley Price's paper, says that Bismarck, Yankton and Fargo, heretofore strongly republican, elected democratic Mayors at the last election.

Goodland World: Senator Hooper returned to Remington Wednesday morning. He came via the Great Southern and remained in Goodland over night. One of the last acts of the legislature was to pass a bill introduced by Mr. Hooper to incorporate the Cameron Springs Co., at Kickapoo.

New York World: Postmaster General Vilas has sloughed off another batch of useless Inspectors, and Secretary Whitney has lengthened the hours of clerks in his department under certain contingencies. Thus the good work of reform goes on.

We all remember the crisp new \$2 bills that flooded Indiana just about the time of the October election 1880. They were visible in this locality immediately on the heels of Gov. Porter's meeting in Rensselaer. They were brought to the State by the Dorsey Republican gang to defeat the Democratic State and Congressional ticket of that canvass, and pave the way for radical success the following November. The Washington correspondent of the New York World intimates where these periodical floods of newly-made bills came from. In a recent dispatch he states that there has been recently in Washington City rumors of startling discoveries in the Treasury Department of a sensational character. It is alleged that Secretary Manning has discovered evidence leading to the proof of a fraudulent overissue of greenbacks amounting to many millions of dollars. The charge is not a new one. It has been frequently asserted that this was a favorite method of the Republicans of raising campaign funds during the loose period following the war. If there had been any such over-issue there would be no obtainable evidence now to prove or disprove the charge. The only way it would be possible to obtain evidence of an overissue would be in calling in the outstanding issues of greenbacks and national notes. Even that might indicate nothing, as large quantities of the paper currency are lost or destroyed every year and could not be reached in a call. If such rascality was indulged in, it will be very difficult to ever fathom it. The rascals who perpetrated it have had too much time to destroy every vestige of evidence that might lead to detection.

The Republican correspondents and editors continue to insist that Secretary Bayard always treated the colored man Bruce unkindly. A Washington special of the 20th says: "The statement recently published to the effect that Secretary Bayard held no intercourse while in the Senate with Senator Bruce, the colored Senator from Mississippi, now Register of the Treasury, and which Mr. Bayard indignantly denied, is also controverted by Mr. Bruce. The latter has telegraphed J. A. Emerson, a colored journalist in New York: 'There was no issue between Mr. Bayard and myself, nor has he ever treated me with unkindness.' This should settle the matter, and we suggest that the *Dem.* make note of it.

## Wartner's Sentence.

EDITOR SENTINEL: Whoever is convicted of murder in the first degree "shall suffer death or be imprisoned in the State's prison during life in the discretion of the jury." — Sec. 1904, R.S. 1881.

On a plea of guilty could the Court exercise that discretion and impose the death penalty, without the intervention of a jury?

If an accused person plead guilty "he shall be sentenced." — Sec. 1767, R.S. 1881.

In the contemptuous language of our prosecuting attorney, referring in last week's Republican to a decision of the Supreme Court, would not the exercise of a discretion by the Court, reposed alone in the jury, be such a "merest quibble and flimsiest pretext" as would, on appeal, reverse the case?

In the language of our own Constitution:

"The penal code shall be based on the principles of reformation and not be vindictive justice." — Art 1, Sec. 18.

When Weibren Wartner came into court he plead "guilty," and the duty of the Court was to sentence him. In all crimes, except murder in the first degree, the Court can exercise full discretion within the maximum and minimum punishment prescribed as the sanction of the law.

The words "in the discretion of the jury," occur only in the definition of the four capital crimes defined by our statutes. The legislative wisdom lodged the exercise of this awful discretionary power in a jury, and I wish the Court had chosen civil rather than physical death as the sentence.

It would be better for Wartner, his family, and the people of the great State of Indiana, that he should be a life slave to the State whose laws he so outrageously transgressed, rather than be hanged in our midst, that, too, not strictly in accord with the customs of the country, for severe penalties like this usually attaches to the verdict of a jury of twelve honest good and lawful men, and hence this most awful and solemn discretion between prison-life and death seems to have been referred to the jury.

It is very probable, also, that Wartner is or was now compas- ments, and is consequently unfit to become a subject of lawful execution.

Men should in such matters of moment as this be actuated wholly by reason, and not passion as was "M" in the Republican of last week. Such reasoners had better let their pens rust than to write upon matters of such magnitude with so little reason. X.

S. O. Duvall, of Chicago, visited friends in Rensselaer the present week.

James Porter, of this place, is attending the Central Indiana Normal School and Business College, at Ladoga.

C. W. Clifton, of this place, who last fall went to Colorado as General Agent of the Portland, Maine, Mutual Life Insurance Company, left his boarding house, near Fort Collins, rifle in hand to take a hunt, April 6th, since which time nothing has been seen or heard of him. It is feared that he has been foully dealt with, or may have taken his own life.

A summary of the laws enacted by the Legislature recently adjourned will be found on another page in this *SENTINEL*.

James H. Honan, of Delphi, is visiting his brother Ed., at this place.

John Kohler and Ed. Parcels are happy over the addition of a son to their respective families.

Services at the Church of God next Sunday morning. Eld. D. T. Halstead will officiate.

## New Cancer Cure.

A Washington Special to the Commercial-Gazette says: "An interesting story is told here by an old friend of General Grant in regard to the late treatment of his case, dating about the time of his recent improvement. Over a month ago Captain J. H. Dibble, well known among western steamboatmen as in command of boats in General Grant's expeditions on the Cumberland and Tennessee rivers, attempted, through his acquaintance in the family, to induce them to use a Brazilian vegetable cure for cancerous affections, which he had recently used in his own case with success. The knowledge of the plant came to the State Department last October from United States Consul Henry L. Atherton, at Pernambuco.

In January, further information was received, and soon after the State Department ordered Mr. Atherton to send some of the preparation here. In the meantime Captain Dibble, having read the October report, sent to Brazil on his own account and procured several bottles, and with one, in a very short time, had apparently effected a cure on his own face. He became very anxious to have the medicine tried for General Grant, but the physicians would not allow it. The little stock the Captain had became exhausted.

Colonel Casey, General Grant's brother-in-law, then became interested in the matter. Captain Dibble represented the need of a supply to Assistant Secretary Porter, who is a warm friend of General Grant, and the State Department sent a cable dispatch to Consul Atherton, directing him if he had not already sent a supply of the cure to immediately dispatch it, chartering a vessel for the purpose, if necessary in order to gain time. He replied that a supply he had sent would be in New York on the 15th of April. In the meantime a small quantity came from another source to the department, and a relative of General Grant's took it on to New York and reported to friends here that its use by General Grant began a week ago last Saturday. The name of the plant is alveole. The milky substance which exudes from it when cut or broken is the portion used. The official reports to the State Department represent it as very potent in ulcerous affections, and in some forms of cancer.

There is great interest felt here among General Grant's friends to know to what extent he has used this remedy.

## Notice of Ditch Assessment and Contract for CONSTRUCTION.

State of Indiana, { ss:  
County of Jasper, { ss:  
In the Jasper Circuit Court.  
William H. Myers, Esq., No. 40.

NOTICE is hereby given to all concerned that in the above entitled cause the Jasper Circuit Court, on the 21st day of January A. D. 1885, entered judgment for the petitioner establishing the work prayed for, approving the assessments for benefits, and directing the undersigned James T. Randle, Commissioner of Drainage, to make and construct the proposed work. See Order Number 11, page 396 to 398.

I now give notice to all concerned and especially to William H. Meyers, James H. Turpitt, William Turpitt, Leavenworth Morrison, Leavenworth Kent, Dr. Wm. Newman Snow, Theodore Shirley, John W. Duvall, John Barnes, Sarah A. Burns, William J. Duran, William Michaels, William McHugh's heirs, John W. Carter, Nancy J. Burget, Elisha Miller, Francis M. Lakin, Union township, Jasper county, Indiana, and Barkley township, Jasper county, Indiana, all named in said judgment as liable to pay assessments for that purpose, and I will proceed to have said work constructed, and will, at the residence of William H. Meyers, on the 25th day of May A. D. 1885, commencing at 10 o'clock A. M., proceed to set the construction of the Ditch in said order, according to specifications in my possession, extending from the mouth of said Ditch. The above parties are further notified that the assessments for benefits made for the construction of said Ditch, and adjudged by said Court, I have ratably assessed to be paid in installments based on the contract price of construction costs, and expenses incurred and necessary to be incurred, and payable at my office, in Rensselaer, Indiana, as follows:

Twenty per cent, May 25th, 1885.

Twenty per cent, June 26th, 1885.

Twenty per cent, July 27th, 1885.

Twenty per cent, August 27th, 1885.

Twenty per cent, September 28th, 1885.

JAMES T. RANDLE,  
Commissioner in Charge.

James W. Douthit, Atty for Petitioner.  
April 24, 1885.—\$6.

## Notice to Non-Residents.

State of Indiana, { ss:  
County of Jasper, { ss:  
Samuel Hemphill, Emma J. Hemphill and John B. Hemphill are hereby notified that Felix Lester and Marilla A. Porter have filed their complaint in the Jasper Circuit Court to have the true boundaries of certain land in said county determined, in which land said defendants claim an interest, and that said cause will come up for trial on Monday, June 1st, 1885, the same being the 13th judicial day of the June Term, 1885, of said Court, to be held at the Court House, in the Town of Rensselaer, Indiana, and commencing Monday, June 1st, 1885.

Witness my hand and the seal of said said Court this April 23d, 1885.

JAMES F. IRWIN, Clerk  
of the Jasper Circuit Court.

THOMPSON & BRO., Atty's for plaintiffs.  
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