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TO BUSINESS MEN.

Since the enlargement of our paper, our circulation has increased to such an extent, that it is now the largest paper in Indiana, and is the most widely circulated in the State. It is the only paper that is read by the masses of the people, and it is the only paper that is read by the masses of the people.

Now is the time to subscribe. The winter is coming on, with its long nights and cold days, and every family should be supplied with an abundance of good reading. No reading is as cheap as newspapers. As we have not said much, heretofore, to our friends in reference to extending the circulation of our paper, we will say a few words now.

A merchant who has procured a large assortment of goods, feels that he is justifiable in calling the attention of the public to his stock, and he has a right to set forth their qualities. If he has paid a higher price, for a better article, he is justifiable in explaining that fact, and asking a higher price from his customers. Having made the necessary explanation, it is the customer's privilege to buy of him or go where he can get an article at a lower price, though probably much dearer in the end. While such a merchant would scorn to ask patronage merely to support him, he may feel, that, having gone to great expense to procure and keep such a stock as the wants of the country require, he has a right to a liberal patronage, if he deals honestly. The mechanic who bestows extra labor and expense on his products feels no degradation in saying to the friends of improvements that, while he asks nothing as a charity, and wants no one to buy of him merely to support him, he has reason to expect that his extra pains to make a serviceable article will be duly appreciated.

That we have been at great expense to produce a paper worthy of extensive patronage is manifest from the size and general mechanical appearance of our sheet. That we bestow an extra amount of labor upon it is also manifest to any one who will read it; and that it is worthy of patronage may be proven both from its large list of subscribers, and its innumerable borrowers. The support of such a paper, without public patronage, is a town the size of Brookville, is a compliment to the taste and intelligence of its patrons, and a wonder to many. There is no paper of its size, any where in Indiana—in town or city. There is no paper of its size published in any town of the size of Brookville, in the United States, that we have seen or heard of. To publish such a paper generally requires the proceeds of the advertising of a large city, and the profits of a Daily paper. But in Franklin and adjoining counties there is such an appreciation of a good home paper, that we are well patronized. Any of our readers could buy as much reading—even more, than it is, for less money. They can get a city paper for one dollar, adding the postage, for one dollar and twenty cents, but at least half of the reading is wholly useless, being city local items, and a great deal is absolutely pernicious, being puffs of theatres, etc. When we announced our intention to refuse to advertise for shows, lotteries, etc., some said we could not be sustained. When we determined not to be a party organ, there was great fear among our friends. One kind friend from Springfield township very frankly advised us not to buy a power press and not to enlarge, for he doubted whether an independent paper could be sustained. But, after two years' experience, we find we have made a living, without ministering to vice, and notwithstanding the fears as to our subscription list, it is 20 per cent. larger than when we took the paper, and 33 per cent. better.

When we speak of an independent paper we do not speak of a neutral one. Ours is not that kind of a nuisance. It is not decidedly on one side or other of any question of importance we would like to know it. What we mean by independence is a readiness to defend the right, regardless of party. We may be indulged in a word of retrospect as illustrative of our meaning. When we learned from Col. Johnson, of Nebraska, when on his way to Washington, what were the designs of the Missourians on Kansas, we did not stop to ask what Whiggery or what Democracy would say of the scheme (for there were Whigs and Democrats then, but none now) but we exposed it and promised eternal hostility to it and all its abettors. Not a word had then been said about it in any paper, and we had no means of knowing whether it would be popular or unpopular. Neither did we care. We thought that we knew what was right, and we exposed it. Up to that time both parties had yielded to every demand of the south, and it was reasonable to suppose they would again, and we supposed we were isolating ourselves from all parties. Nor did we care for this.

It would be false modesty to say that we do not find cause of rejoicing, in

the fact that the step thus independently taken, has been sustained by overwhelming majorities in all the free states. While do not claim to be a leader in this movement, we do claim to have acted independently.

Again, early in December, 1853, and at least three months before the Know Nothings were heard of, and five months before there was one in this state, we published a series of articles exposing the trucking of both parties, to the Catholic church. We predicted that American Protestants would sooner or later rebuke those who thus attempted to sell them to a foreign politico-religious despot, but we did not hope for so soon an uprising of the masses to vindicate their religious and political rights. Though not a leader in this American movement, we claim to have acted independently, and here too, we have cause of rejoicing to find the millions on our side. No abstract question before the people has half as many votaries as the cause of pure American protestantism and American politics, if it could be disconnected from the unfortunate entanglements that demagogues have thrown around it. On the abstract question, four fifths of the entire American population agree, even including Americanized foreigners. That America should govern America, is not only self-evident, but it is a proposition in which the judgement is sustained, by the spontaneous emotions of patriotism. Every patriot revolts at the idea of yielding his birthright to foreigners, whether they take possession by armed force, or more indirectly by transporting their men here to take possession of the ballot box in the guise of voters. As we have often said, so we say again, let not the circumstance of place of birth be a test of citizenship, but let the voter be in heart an American, and let those who love their country repudiate the demagogues who would court the vote of non-Americanized foreigners simply because he is such.

Again, when we saw that the American movement had fallen into the hands of demagogues, who desired to ride on the popular wave, into office, we fearlessly opposed them. From the first, we have contended that the principle of American protestantism—call it Know Nothingism if you prefer—is too sacred—too dear to every American protestant to be appropriated by any party—by any set of place-seekers. It belongs to the nation, and as the property of all free men, it will prevail as soon as the masses can shake off the incubus that demagogues have put upon it. It will be remembered that, from the first, we have contended that Know Nothings are not a party. Some have tried to make them such, but they have signally failed. The result of the late elections has shown this most conclusively. While the important idea of American protestantism is deepening and widening—while the people, without regard to party issues on other questions, whether old or new, are determining to rebuke those who would sell their country to foreigners, they have signally rebuked those who have tried to make this feeling a stepping stone to power.

In this independent course of ours, we find we have again been sustained by the people. How it shall be in the future, we cannot tell. We only premise to try to do right.

But we had no intention of writing thus when we began. We merely intended to urge the friends of our paper to use their influence to circulate it, more extensively. Our circulation should be doubled—it could be by the proper effort. We have but few subscribers who could not get another, and many who could get ten or more with little trouble. We gave, last week, the reasons why we cannot publish at a lower figure. It should satisfy every reasonable man.

In extending our circulation, we labor under peculiar difficulties. Papers that are devoted to party interest find, in party aspirants, efficient agents. We published a few weeks ago a circular from a late Post Master General, urging post masters to act as agents for party papers. We have no such agents. On the other hand, we know several post-masters who have done their best to stop the circulation of our paper. In this case we appeal to the patrons of our paper. Will not every subscriber do something? If you love our independence, though you may not love our doctrines, help to circulate our paper. We cannot promise you an office, nor even our vote or influence in procuring an office. We will not sell ourselves to any body for all the subscribers in the state. We will do this, however—We will deduct one dollar from the price of your paper the next year, if you will send us three new subscribers with the money in advance when you send them the paper for next year, or we will send you the paper gratis, if you send us six new subscribers, and twelve dollars. Explain to the new subscribers that you got that for your trouble. You may, if you prefer, share the commission with them, and each get it at \$1.75. This is the best we can do. Remember they must be new subscribers. We will allow the same commission to any person who is not now a subscriber. He can have his own paper and for three others, for seven dollars, either by charging two dollars and retaining the 25 cents on each, for his trouble, or by each getting the paper at 1.75.

Will not each lover of freedom and sobriety use his influence to send in at least 500 new subscribers by the first of January? It can be done, and we expect to carry this county next year against the combined influences of Romanism, rum and slavery, if should be done.

Old Lineism and Protestantism. We have often alluded to the antagonism of the old line party to the Protestant church. We shall not stop to enquire into the cause, but we notice one important fact connected with the present state of parties.—In 1852, according to the best information we have, five sevenths of the Methodist preachers in this county voted the democratic ticket. Now there is not one in the county that votes the old line ticket, or sympathizes in the least with its movements.—At that time about the same proportion of the laymen, at least four-sevenths voted for Pierce, now there are not, to the best of our knowledge, thirty Methodists in the county who hold with the old line party. We know only 13, of these Dr. Gifford is the only one who is a recent convert to the party, and he is only attached to it because his profits as a liquor seller, in his drug store, have been cut off by the prohibitory law, and that party promises to restore them if it gains the ascendancy.

Nearly the same is true of all Protestant churches. We do not know that as large a proportion of the Presbyterian preachers voted for Pierce, but we are sure that there is not more than one, if that, now in the county, who would vote with the party that claims to be Democratic. Among the laymen of that church, we know of but three old liners. There may be a dozen, but we do not believe there are over eight in the county, and among these, as among the adhering Methodists, there are some who have the promise of office, in due course of time.

Among the Anti-Means Baptists, a larger proportion of those who were Democrats in 1852, have joined the old liners. Among the Missionary Baptists the result is about as with the Presbyterians and Methodists, very few are willing to join the old line party, though many were democrats in the days of that party. The same is true of the Universalists. And nearly to the same extent have the Lutherans refused to identify themselves with that party, though it has done its best to court their influence and votes on the score of their being foreigners. Among those who read English, and have any considerable intercourse with the other protestant Christians, a large number have refused to lend their influence to the party that claims to be Democratic. But for the prejudice that old liners have arrayed against the Republican party, in relation to foreigners, there would be found with their brother Protestants, on the issues that are now before the people. The above state of facts is nearly the same all over the State, and we merely allude to them as a phenomenon in politics that was never known before in our history. It is not difficult to account for it, seeing that that party has set itself against Protestants of all denominations.

Complimentary! Mrs. Goodwin requests us to return her compliments to Messrs Bentley and Berry for the polite manner in which they call her a liar and ignoramus in last week's Democrat. It is more gentlemanly to do such a thing indirectly, hence she duly acknowledges the respect shown her. Whether she is capable of writing so simple a denial of a charge implicating her social character, as that which she pretends to have written, is a matter that she feels no special concern about.—Should it be necessary to proclaim her a liar, and publish her such, for a year or two, she may notice it hereafter.

Gloves. It would be useless to attempt to specify all the good and pretty things that may be found at the Shank High store. Our attention was particularly called the other day, to their gloves, and as an appreciation of their merits, we deliberately put on a pair, and walked off with them. And we are gloves. None of your common stock, but gloves. They are lined with satin, and furrowed without. But we must not describe ours too particularly or some of our poor neighbors will want to borrow them. Just go to Tyner & Kimble's and make your wants known and buy for yourself. That is the way to do. Look into the American and see who advertises and go right there for goods.

"RATTING."—We know a "printer" who is a government officer, and who receives nearly enough from public printing to support him, and who, consequently, can afford to put his paper down to a dollar a year "which is less than is usually paid" for a paper.—This same "printer" squeals most rati-fically at a proposition of a neighbor to do job work cheaper than he (the "printer") can afford. It is all right "in the price of a paper, when the difference is made up out of the county treasury, but it is "unparalleled meanness" to do job work cheap.

THE LITTLE GIANT.—From present appearances a great many farmers in this and Fayette and Union counties will procure Little Giants this fall.—Remember, we send them to any place on the canal at Cincinnati prices. See advertisement.

Blackwood and the Reviews. We do not know how any reading man can get along without these invaluable publications. After having once tried them, we are sure they would be found indispensable. For ten dollars a year, the subscriber gets 4,000 pages of reading matter, and this is but part of the consideration. The quality of the stuff is pre-eminently good. The labors of the finest and best stored intellects are placed at the command of the reader, and in a comparatively small compass, the whole field of contemporary research and progress in History, Biography, Natural Science, Metaphysics, the Arts, and Literature, is brought within sight. All the books published in this prolific age cannot be read by any one man, but in this microcosm a sufficient knowledge of their contents can be acquired.

TERMS.—Any one Review or Blackwood, \$3 a year. Blackwood and one Review—or any two Reviews, \$5.—The four Reviews and Blackwood, \$10. Four copies to one address, \$30. L. Scott & Co., publishers, 54, Gold St. N. Y.

Changes about Bloominggrove. Wm. Nelson takes the Hayes farm now occupied by John McCready; McCready takes the B. F. Webb farm; B. F. Webb takes the house formerly occupied by R. H. Swift, Swift has moved into A. S. White's house; White has taken the Dr. Craver farm; Craver has gone to Iowa. Jas. Beeks has moved into the house formerly occupied by Jas. Dukate, Dukate has taken the house occupied by Richd. Wilson, Wilson has gone to Iowa; Levi Kelly takes the Swift farm, from which S. P. Craver has removed to Iowa. John Osborn takes the farm from which Wm. Apsley has removed to Iowa.

Railroad Accident—Three Men Badly Hurt! The train for Louisville, at 8 o'clock, yesterday morning, over the Ohio and Mississippi Railroad, met with a serious accident at the gravel pits, about 18 miles below the city.—The cars were running at their usual speed, when, at a sudden turn in the road, the locomotive ran over a cow that lay upon the track, and was thrown off.

The engineer, named Adam Horner, was very badly hurt, as also, were a brakeman and passenger. The latter was sitting on a platform in front of the cars, and had been severely injured by the conductor, yesterday, that the accident was caused by the passenger train coming into collision with a gravel car, but we were informed at one of the Railroad offices, that such was not the fact.—*Cin. Columbian of last Thursday.*

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