

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16.

"Two little dogs, and all—
Tray, Blanch, and Sweetheart—see they
bark at me!"

In the Contest of October 28, we noticed the emigration to Missouri, in an article, which, as we said before, received the unqualified assent of the good men of this neighborhood, and of all others with whom we have conversed. This article, unexceptionable as it is, received the animadversion of the former editor of the *Deseret*, a little paper lately printed somewhere about *Salem*, in this state. But this animadversion we promptly proved to consist only of mangling, perversion, and unfounded insinuation. Against such disgrace we have no defence: they are the weapons of little minds, which may injure with the ignorant, but are harmless with discriminating and honorable feelings. And they are the distinguishing features of a little mind, that it is jealous, envious, obstinate and unforgiving; that it is as malicious as an ape, and in every thing spiteful, snarling, censorious and capricious, as imitative as a monkey. This may account for the bustle among "the small fry" of the state whenever the *Centinel* appears among them.

If any stranger to the country wishes to see a specimen of the genius of our editors, let him take the *three notch'd* road, and enquire for *New-Albany*—then,

for his further gratification, let him turn about, and look sharp for the track of the wheel that leads to *Brookville, Indiana*. The talents conspicuous in the printers at both places, will give him a very correct idea of the abilities of the whole, and a high opinion of the taste of the good people of the State.

The *New Albany* man opened upon us respecting our remarks on *Missouri*—we exposed his mean attempt at deception, since which we have heard no more of him; but the printers at *Brookville* have followed on the cry, with the same motives, but with less success; for the *New Albany* man garbled, cut up, and omitted such parts of our remarks, as did not suit his purposes, and published the remainder in his own form; while the *Brookville* gentry have reprinted the article entire, which answers for itself, and completely refutes all their reflections on our principles.

As a further specimen, however, of the course which these little ones take towards me, I shall copy such parts of one of their late *editorials*, as are necessary; and briefly give my opinion of each at its conclusion:—

"It is somewhat extraordinary that the extension of Negro Slavery should find an advocate in the Editor of a public paper in the State of Indiana."

It would be extraordinary, if true—but the insinuation is false, as regards the *Indiana Sentinel*.

The following article from the pen of the Editor of the *Indiana Sentinel* published at Vincennes, manifests the same feeling towards Missouri as is prevalent in the slave states—the same disposition to praise her institutions; and to undervalue those of the free states."

False.

"All the emigrants on their way to that country are "good looking people"; their waggons are drawn by "excellent" horses and "surrounded by NEGROES, CATTLE and other STOCK."

I never said so—there are as ugly people in Missouri as in Indiana; which is not saying much for them.

"Its constitution is said to be superior to that of Indiana, because a much greater degree of power is vested in the executive and judiciary departments, and of course, less left with the people."

True.

"It is a fact that at the present salaries the people can command the best talents in the state (*Indiana*)."

False.

"What he says respecting the soreness of the Eastern Politicians on the subject, and the injustice and impolicy of refusing to accept the constitution of Missouri; the danger of exciting "sectional irritations," and the necessity of attending to other questions of paramount interest, is exactly the language used by the warmest advocates for the extension of slavery."

False.

"The expressions of fear for the consequences of sectional irritations and local jealousies come with but a bad grace from the very men who in the heat of the contest on the Missouri question, were loud in their denunciations of "civil war" and "fire and sword" if congress would not accede to their favorite project. Like them this editor attempts to save his language over with few *caut* and *pharisaical* expressions of depreciation of the principles and regret for the existence of Slavery: We say *pharisaical* because their reluctance to meet the question on constitutional grounds, their unwarrantable heat and resort to threats, and the great and general interest taken in every thing relating to Missouri, by the friends of slavery, proves such expressions to be false."

This paragraph is all perversion—a saddle upon the wrong horse. The "men, who in the heat of the contest on the Missouri Question, were" the first & loudest "in their denunciations of civil war, and fire and sword, if Congress would not accede to their favorite project," were the members from the Eastern states. They "flamed with heat;" they "resorted to threats;" and, we

are truly sorry to add, it was from them we first learnt the probability of a dissolution of the Union.

The members generally from the Eastern states are more celebrated for their intelligence than their patriotism. They have more talents than love of country; and it is painful to suspect that some of them are determined once more to open the Missouri Question, and pursue it, although the co-operation of their country should be the consequence. Should they do this from motives only of philanthropy, and a just regard for the rights of the human race, there might be some excuse for their thoughtless zeal—but we think we can trace the hand of *England* in this thing—of *England*, remorseless, inconsistent *England*, who has made the slave subject her hobby to ride into more power—who has spent millions of dollars to abolish the abominable trade in black skins, while she keeps thousands of her white ones in more horrible impressment, and scourges them, from zone to zone, with the lash of more inhuman and unblushing tyranny—of *England*, designing, perfidious *England*, who, in her dealings with these states, has always held out the olive branch of peace, & the poisoned chalice of luxury with one hand, & the purse of golden bribery with the other. If the hand of *England* be not at work on the American Slave Question, it is the first time she ever neglected so fair an opportunity of injuring a rival without danger of being called to account for it.

A fox once went into a mask-maker's shop to examine its contents. He picked up a mask, and admired the regularity of its features: but, when he inspected it thoroughly, and found it to be chiefly *paste-board*, he smiled and remarked—"This is a decent head—a very good looking head—'tis a pity there is nothing in it!"

This is offered to the reflection of some of those who have the management of public prints in Indiana; who strut and carry their *paste-board* skulls about, with as much self-importance as if there was something in them; while, in fact, they were made but for little else than to hang their hats on, while their jaws and tongues seem to be placed under them merely for the purposes of eating and drinking.

I was once something like a believer in the doctrines of *futility*; that each created being must of necessity fill the part intended for him by his maker; and that he, who was born to be hung, could never be drowned;—but I have been quite sceptical of late, and involved in singular uncertainty; when I see certain men, born for other uses, so impudently attempt to pervert their *destiny* by pretending to be lawyers and editors of newspapers; like honest *Tray* of *New Albany*, the lovely *Blanch* of *Brookville*, and the modest, unassuming *Sweetheart* of *Jeffersonville*; of whom it may well be said, that it is lucky for him that he is a *standing* candidate for office; for if he kept any other position, he would remain without notice in the crowd, and nobody be charged with want of perception.

As to the Missouri Question, we sincerely hope it may terminate in harmony, and according to the letter of our national constitution. We most sincerely wish that the inimitable rights of man, which color cannot alienate, may be maintained; that every human being in Missouri may be left in the enjoyment of "LIFE, LIBERTY, and the pursuit of his own happiness;" and that no *privilege* may be surrendered, the exercise of which is compatible with the honor, peace and prosperity of society.

This has been our constant text:—this has been the theme of all our declamation on the subject. As for those shameless prevaricators, who still continue to pervert our meaning, and slander our intentions, we shall take no notice of their cant in future. We have more interesting duties to perform; more pleasing tasks to accomplish. They may whine and bark as constantly as they choose, they shall not again interrupt our avocations. They may continue to yelp and snarl,

"And lift their legs, with currish sleight,
"At every thing that stands upright,"
excited either by jealousy, or necessity;
and they may do it with impunity.

We have enough to do with those who deserve attention; and shall not trouble ourselves with the squeakings of such mast-fed editors.

We have inserted this week the Messages of the President of the United States and the Governor of Indiana. It would be strange if these communications were not worthy of attention; and we particularly recommend them to the perusal of our readers; and we beg they would be careful in noticing their observations on the state of the times, and the causes of the present hardships suffered by the people. The people of Knox district would not all believe the *Centinel* on this subject before the late election; but these executives must certainly be believed; if they are not, let the infidels wait till the close of the session of our legislature, and they will see "confirmation strong" enough.

What do the President and the Governor say is the cause of the present hard times through the United States? Do they charge it to the *Steam Mill*, or to the *State Bank and Branches of Indiana*? Answer me, ye who rant and canted, and told so many lies and swore to them, too, before the election:

Ye, "who sigh'd and groan'd
For public good, and meant your own!"

O, "you have made sweet work, you and your voices!" You made the stupid multitude believe you, and elect your

candidates; and you have got your candidates into a fine predicament—see if your lying can help them out of it. A common lie takes ten more to support it; but the lies you printed and circulated, were so base, so malicious, so unqualified, and so void even of the semblance of truth, that it will require all your ragged lives to invent justifications. They outstripped all that were ever said or sung in the English language. They exceeded every thing since the base art of base electioneering was thought of; they were so brazen, so barefaced, and yet unblushing. You elected your candidates, but those very members now curse you for your pains and impudence with all their hearts.

Go on, gentlemen—do something to entitle you to some small portion of respect—for once endeavor to be manly and honorable. You forced your friends into a pretty scrape—do try to help them out of it. It is true, the task is not so "easy as lying," and lying will not answer. Try the truth, for once—if that will not exonerate them, you had better be all hung together, like Wethersfield onions, fifty on a rope.

We have good authority for believing that the election for speaker of the House of Representatives in Congress, resulted in the choice of JOHN W.

TAYLOR, of New York, after 22 ballots, in opposition to Mr. LOWNDES, of South Carolina.

If any thing *black* had influence in this contest, it has an ominous squinting towards Missouri.

We omitted publication last week, for the following reason:—The wagoner, who had paper in charge for us from Louisville, owing to the bad roads, killed one horse, and wounded another;—and he said it was currently reported on the way, that dead and wounded cattle are not very smart travellers.

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT. CORYDON, Nov. 29, 1820.

The General Assembly met on the 27th. The Senate elected JAMES MORRISON, Secretary, *Henry Batman*, Door-keeper; House of Representatives elected WILLIAM GRAHAM, Speaker, *W. W. Wick*, Principal Clerk, *Henry P. Thornton*, Assistant Clerk, and *John Moore*, door-keeper. The election for Speaker, was contended for warmly; we had four ballots, before a choice, *J. Sullivan*, of Jefferson was run in opposition to *Graham*.

The Banking interest has been pushed at, from every quarter; however, the many committees appointed, upon their own motions, were discharged to-day, and the whole subject referred to one committee.—The Governor to-day made a lengthy communication on the subject of Banks, that will be printed and forwarded to you.—It proves much: therefore will be interesting to the people.

Extract of a letter from the City of Washington, to the Editors. House of Representatives, Nov. 14th, 1820.

On yesterday we balloted seven times, without a choice, for Speaker of the House. The leading candidates were John W. Taylor, of New-York, and W. Lowndes, of South Carolina—Mr. Taylor for the most part led, and on one ballot wanted only two votes of a majority of the whole number given. We are now again balloting, and before I seal this line I presume we shall know who is Speaker. The House is tolerably full for the second day of the session.

The Missouri Question is spoken of, and I am of opinion the feelings of last session are yet alive.—I hope, however, that the speeches of last session will not be revived. While I write, the result of the 8th ballot is announced. It is for Taylor 64, Lowndes 59, Smith, Md. 30. 9th ballot, Taylor 66, Lowndes 47, Smith 33—10th ballot, Taylor 74, Lowndes 32, Smith 50—11th ballot, Taylor 61, Lowndes 31, Smith 50—12th ballot, Taylor 47, Lowndes 23, Smith 53, Sergeant 19.

13th ballot, Taylor 32, Lowndes 30, Smith 48, Sergeant 32.

14th ballot, Taylor 27, Lowndes 37, Smith 42, Sergeant 35.

15th ballot, Taylor 26, Lowndes 55, Smith 27, Sergeant 32.

We are going on to a sixteenth ballot, the House having refused to adjourn. Indiana Gazette.

New-York, Nov. 6.

Hayti.—The recent death of Christopher, one of the Presidents of Hayti, and the strong wish manifested by his subjects to come under the Government of Boyer, are matters of the utmost interest not only to the inhabitants of Hayti, but to those with whom they have commercial relations, and to *free people of color* every where. The government of Boyer has been represented as mild and peaceful—at least as much so as the circumstances of the Island will admit.—He is very desirous for the encouragement of science and the arts, and *industrious people of color* are gladly received into his dominions, and a certain sum paid for their passage. It affords indeed an asylum for such people which deserves the attention of the *American Colonization Society*. After the disasters which have attended our African Colony, it is hoped that some enquiry will be made relative to Hayti, which is of increased interest, since the death of Christopher.

John Law. Vincennes, Dec. 4, 1820. 34-4w

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Vincennes, December 8, 1820.

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In the Company lately commanded by Capt. SAM'L. EMERSON, for Captain.

And in the company lately commanded by Capt. ANDREW GARDNER, for Captain. All to take place on Saturday 23d Inst.

December 11, 1820. 34-1w

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ISAAC BLACKFOBD, Adm'r.

Vincennes, Dec. 6, 1820. 34-1w

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Vincennes, Nov. 17. 34-3w

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100 BARRELS, do.

20 KEGS Best GUNPOWDER,

CASTINGS,

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