

## The Sentinel.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31.

It will cost the State of Indiana \$100,000 annually to keep the registration law in operation.

The old, tried and true maxim, "to let well enough alone," should be heeded in voting on the registry law. The law governing the ballot box, in Indiana, as it now stands, is good enough.

At least 500,000 citizens of Indiana will be disfranchised if they do not register, and at least 200,000 of them will have to lose a day each to meet the requirements of the law. This is time uselessly thrown away, and is therefore money uselessly thrown away.

AMENDMENT No. 1, to be voted for on the first Monday in April, provides two methods for disfranchising citizens of Indiana. If a citizen has not resided 60 days in a township and 30 days in a ward or precinct, he is disfranchised, and even if he has met the requirements in these regards he is disfranchised if he does not register.

Mr. BROWNLEE Thursday received the nomination for the State Senate from the counties of Grant and Madison. The honor came to him in the shape of a splendid compliment, as upon the first ballot he tied with A. J. Brunt, one of the wealthiest and most influential citizens in that part of the State, and on the second ballot he beat him five votes.

HUGH J. JEWETT was in congress once for a few months, and run once for governor of Ohio, and was defeated. Such is his political record as a public man. He is now at the head of a great corporation owned by the money kings of England. We do not suppose there are three Democrats in Indiana or in any other State, outside of New York, in favor of the Jewett boom.

The Burlington (Iowa) Argus, in copying a late editorial article from our paper, concerning Governor Hendricks, says:

In another part of to-day's paper we publish a long article from the Indianapolis Sentinel, concerning Governor Hendricks, and present to the student in favor of nominating him for the presidency at Cincinnati. It will bear thoughtful reflection and careful consideration. He has been before the country for years, and has made a name for himself as a prudent party leader, and no one sticks to him. He presents a clean record. Indiana he represents as a trophy, which is more than any of his competitors can show in coming into the fight; and he is the only man in the Repub-licans to contend against in his State.

There has been a great deal of senseless talk by Republicans touching the action of Congress upon the deputy marshal question. No greater outrage was ever perpetrated than the passage of the law authorizing the appointment of deputy marshals to arrest voters. It was an intensely partisan law, and as such it was wisely opposed by Democrats. The recent action of the House of Representatives, while it does not do away with the law, so modifies its provisions as to rob it of some of its more objectionable features. The deputy marshals, in future, will not all be taken from the Republican party, but Democrats and Nationals, as well as Republicans, will be represented. It would have been better to have repealed the monstrous law against the liberties of the people, but since that could not be accomplished, the next best thing was to have all parties represented. The action, therefore, of the House of Representatives is a Democratic triumph.

NEARLY all of our Democratic State exchanges oppose portions of the amendments; some of them are opposed to all. A registry law seems to be particularly obnoxious, simply because the Republican party perpetrated a greater amount of rascality under the only registry law we ever had in Indiana than under any other instrumentality ever used by the sleek, smooth political rascals of that party. This is quite a sweeping assertion, but during the reign of the old registry law we knew a young Republican lawyer, of this city, who has since seen the errors of his way and become a Democrat. He said that one Sunday before a certain election in Indianapolis, he consumed the sacred day by copying names from a New York City directory, that there might be enough signatures to tally with the stuffings of the ballot box. This was a better plan than that used in Morgan county on another occasion by the Republicans, who ran out of names, and then voted the graveyards of Morgan county. This, however, was not under the registry law, but serves as an illustration of the brilliantly rascally tactics of Republicanism.

## RESIDENCE AND REGISTRATION.

While it may be assumed by some that none of the proposed amendments to the constitution of Indiana are required to promote any single interest of the people of the State, others claim that it will be well enough to discriminate—adopt some and reject others. There are others still who favor the entire batch. It is claimed that the Republican party is solid in favor of all the proposed amendments, and that the Democratic party is divided—some favoring all of them, some none of them; while others will vote to adopt some and to reject others. The amendments are said to be non-partisan in their provisions, and that they are submitted to the people in a non-partisan spirit. The Sentinel takes that view of the subject—citizens may vote as their judgment dictates without reference to party affiliations. The Sentinel makes special war upon amendment No. 1. That amendment ought, in our judgment, to be rejected, as it imposes unnecessary restrictions upon the rights of suffrage. By the constitution as it is, a residence in the State of Indiana for six months constitutes a man 21 years of age a citizen of the State, with the right to vote and to be voted for, but the proposed amendment imposes three additional requirements, the non-compliance with either of which robes him of citizenship and deprives him of his right to vote. He must reside in a particular township 60 days and in a particular ward or precinct 30 days, or be disfranchised. But having complied with the residence requirement—six months in the State, 60 days in the township, and 30 days in the ward or precinct—he is still in danger of be-

ing disfranchised. He must be registered—and if not registered he has no vote, no voice in public affairs any more than an alien or a felon. These provisions, and particularly that relating to residence, strikes at the rights of thousands of good citizens of Indiana, Republicans and Democrats. It strikes especially at poor men—renters—who do not own the houses in which they live, and who are subjected to change of residence by circumstances they can not control, and to say that such men ought to be disfranchised because, however honest and upright, they have not lived in a certain township 60 days, and in a certain precinct 30 days, is to advocate a flagrant outrage that can not be too severely condemned, and an amendment embodying such a provision ought to be overwhelmingly defeated. Laboring men—those who are frequently required to move from place to place to obtain employment, regardless of political parties—should vote against it to a man. The registration provision of amendment No. 1 will work serious hardships and annoyance throughout the State, and especially throughout the rural districts, where there is not a shadow of any necessity for registration. Men will be compelled to go up and be registered, as the Jews were required to go up to Jerusalem to be taxed. If the day for final registration is permitted to pass without registering, there will be no appeal. The voting privilege will have disappeared. There is absolutely no remedy; the citizen is disfranchised as certainly as if he had committed grand larceny, and was serving out his sentence with his head shaved in the Northern or Southern prison. Indiana has had a taste of an outrageous registry law, and the people compelled its repeal. Shall we now have a constitutional provision of the same character, placed almost beyond the reach of the people, whose rights it will strike down? Whatever else may pass, let it be understood by both Democrats and Republicans that amendment No. 1 shall be defeated.

## KNOW THYSELF.

Knowledge is power. Knowledge is not pedantry; it is not cant sophisms, special pleading, the play of technicalities—battle of nonsensical platitudes, an array of phrases, word traps and paragraph pits. It is not demagogery, bluster, bombast and flippancy. It is not man-worship. It is something better, nobler, grander. It is knowledge. Does the Democratic party know itself? Does it comprehend its mission? Is it familiar with its principles, its traditions, its achievements? Does it comprehend that its triumphs have been secured by its devotion to measures, not men, to principles, to the essentials of liberty, progress, and the divine right of the people to govern? If the Democratic party comprehends these questions—it is capable of carrying forward governmental enterprises, based upon the eternal verities of right; if it is capable of solving, in the future, as it has been in the past, the problems of free government, it will cease its wranglings about men, and devote its power and its opportunities to the solution of problems which underlie the future greatness and glory of the country. It matters not little who shall be the nominee of the Cincinnati convention, if he be a man whose life record demonstrates that he is loyal to the principles with which the Democratic party has been identified from the first, and which have, as the years have rolled on, conferred imperishable renown upon the American Republic. No one man is essential to the perpetuity of their principles, they are above and beyond any man God ever created. They are as imperishable as truth.

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A LITTLE Philadelphia girl, eight years old, recently lost her life, perhaps through her own heretical self-control. She was holding a baby on her lap when her clothing caught fire. She succeeded in placing the baby, uninjured, in its cradle, and then ran into the street to save the house from being burned down. Her own injuries were so severe that she died.

THE Florida orange crop this year is much larger than ever before. From such counties as are easily accessible the figures point to a crop of about 440,000 boxes. In Putnam county alone the 1878 yield was nearly 5,500,000 oranges, and next year, with the large number of blooming trees that will come into bearing, the crop will amount to 25,000,000 oranges.

AN eccentricity of the late Mrs. Gales, of Washington, is recalled by the story of the London beauty who had all her coins secured before putting them into her purse. If Mrs. Gales dropped her handkerchief on the floor she would not use it again until it had been washed. Immediately on returning home after a walk or drive she would change every article of her clothing for fresh garments.

MR. P. T. BARNUM was asked recently whether he would be a candidate for mayor of Bridgeport, Conn., if he could be assured that he would be elected. "No, sir," was the reply,

"if I should ever accept the nomination again and live and triumph in the future as in the past, not because of men but because its principles are those which must prevail if the Republic endures. 'Measures, not men,' is the motto. If the Democratic party 'knows itself,' it will emphasize the motto from this time to the meeting of the convention. This done there can hardly be a mistake in selecting the candidates."

## JANUARY AND JUNE.

The trouble in the family of ex-Senator Christiany, culminating in a divorce, mutually asked, has given philosophic editors occasion to write homilies on the immorality of marital relations between old men and young women. Burns asks: "What should a young lassie do w' an old man?"

and then proceeds to answer, if we remember the burden of the song correctly, dismally. A preponderance of human testimony, if not "the spirit of the age," is against such matches; yet undoubtedly many a young lady has found great happiness in contributing as wife and friend to the happiness of an elderly gentleman. A disparity of years is surely no more unfortunate than a dissimilarity of taste and temperaments. In truth, a happy union of the last qualities will alone for any difference in age. It was not because of his great age or her extreme youth that, as Byron puts it—

"The first Mrs. Milton left the old man's house," but surely the want of affinity. The same might be said of the great and pure Charles Sumner. Official life, anyhow, is not thought to be conducive to conubial felicity. A grave senator, wise in matters of state, gets married, who has no use for a wife. He fancies that he can pick up any beautiful treasury girl, or a milliner's pretty apprentice, who will enjoy his partiality and devotion with perpetual admiration of his strength of mind, eloquence of tongue, if not grandeur of person. That is the great mistake of his life. Domestic squalls are as frequent with sinners in high station as in the houses of the rabble. And a volume entitled, "God Bless our Home," and bound in morocco, has been precipitated upon a high lord's head with an effect, fully as appalling as the execution of a rolling pin in humbler quarters. It is unfortunate for Senator Christiany, and particularly the young woman; it was especially unfortunate for them when they united their dissimilar and inharmonious fortunes.

## CLIPPINGS.

THE Louisville Democrat says it is for a strong ticket—Hancock and English.

BARRY SULLIVAN, the actor, is mentioned as a probable candidate for Parliament for Belfast.

LOD BRAUNSFELD is now in excellent health and spirits, and is distinguishing himself in pedestalianism.

A RUSSIAN countess parades the streets of Nice escorted by three large bloodhounds of quarrele some disposition.

THE number of negroes who have left Louisiana for Kansas since the exodus movement was started is set down at 3,000.

HARD times are said to have made the divorce market very dull in California. People can't afford the luxury of legal expenses.

THE Columbus (O) Democrat thinks that the few scattered remains of John Sherman's boom should be gathered up by his friends and preserved as relics.

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