

# THE DEMOCRAT.



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## Wild Cats.

The bills on the "Bank of Plymouth" are becoming quite plenty among our farmers, and if some of them don't get their fingers burnt before twelve months roll around, we have guessed wrong.

The managers of the concern are generally appearing men, but they are comparatively strangers among us, and we understand that they had no assets to give to the Assessor, belonging to the Bank, that were liable to taxation. We can look on such institutions only as swindling concerns, and the less the people have to do with them, the better.

The "Plymouth Plank Road" bills belong to the same category—not worth a cent, only at Mr. Walker's option.

The road is not worth anything, and there is nothing else pledged for the redemption of the bills and were Mr. Walker to die, his administrator could not redeem a single bill of the Plymouth Plank Road; at least this is our opinion. He has a controlling influence in a branch of the Bank of the State, at this place, and receives and pays out this plank road paper, which gives the people some confidence in the "Red Dog."

But the safe way is to refuse "wild cat" concerns, with which country is flooded.

A few of our citizens speak highly of the paper issued by the "Plymouth Bank" and use their best exertions to circulate it throughout the county, and there is no doubt but they are handsomely rewarded for all the influence they use in order that the unsuspecting may be imposed upon by those pretending to do a banking business, but who have no capital.

## Utah.

The latest news from Washington says that a Governor for Utah will be appointed in a few days. The situation has been tendered to several prominent men, but they have respectfully declined the honor.

It seems to be the policy of the administration to avoid, if possible, any difficulty with Gov. Brigham, and his deluded followers. But the laws of the United States must be obeyed. 2,500 troops have been ordered to the frontier Forts, and no doubt, will accompany the government officers to Salt Lake. Should those troops be insufficient to prevent the laws of the U. S. from being trampled under foot, more will be forwarded.

## Township Assessors.

At the session of the Board of Commissioners of Marshall county held on the 1st inst., the assessors of the different townships, charged, and were allowed the sums opposite their names, for their services as such to-wit:

Union.....James Brooke,.....\$36,00  
Center.....Elias Jacoby,.....75,00  
Green.....Orin Maxon,.....42,00  
Bourbon.....Robert Cornwall,.....51,00  
Tippecanoe.....J. H. Shatto,.....33,75  
German.....Peter Schlorb,.....54,00  
North.....Joseph T. Wbridge,.....33,75  
Polk.....John Snyder,.....34,50  
West.....John W. Cleveland,.....31,50

Total \$391,50

The law requires the Assessor to keep an accurate account of the time they necessarily spend in the discharge of their duties, and to be sworn to the same. The Commissioners allowed the Assessors each \$1,50 per day, which foots up the nice little sum of \$391,50.

The law authorizes the Commissioners to allow a sum not less than \$1,50, nor more than \$2,00 per day, to each Assessor.

## Election News.

Some of the Republican papers have been exulting over the late election in Minnesota. In this instance as in many others, they have been slightly too fast. The latest news gives the Democrats 35 delegates and the Republicans 11. The Democrats have at least an equal chance for the balance.

## Buffalo.

At the late municipal election in Buffalo the Republicans and Know Nothings had a union ticket, but the Democrats' elected their Mayor by 1,300 majority, and ten out of the thirteen councilmen by about 1,000 majority. "We are satisfied with victory."

The prospect for fruit was never better in this county (except Peaches) than now. —M. C. Dem.

Where in thunder is "Peaches?"—M. C. Rep.

It is said that "weak critics magnify small errors."

Large sums of money have been sent from Detroit and other places, to save the inhabitants of some of the northern counties of Michigan from a death of starvation.

For the Democrat  
MR. EDITOR:—Agreeable to promise, having lived in Eldora one year, I take pen in hand to give you and your worthy readers, a brief sketch of Iowa at large, Hardin county in general and Eldora in particular. It is necessary that an individual should summer and winter, in a country before he can form any just opinion of its advantages and disadvantages.

This is the country for the rich man—here property increases in value much faster than in older countries; land that was bought three years ago in this county at one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, has been sold near town without any improvements on it, for two per acre. I bought lots two years ago last June for \$100. Dollars that sold last fall for \$100.

This is likewise the country for the poor man; here he can put his plow into the prairie, and the same year raise a good crop of corn or potatoes. All his hay costs him is the gathering, and his cattle and horses can walk in grass all summer, knee deep.

I arrived in this town the 8th day of last May; broke the prairie, and raised some good corn, excellent potatoes, fine garden sauce, and the best lot of melons I ever saw, and this spring I have plowed, harrowed, and planed, and no mellower or better land can be found in Marshall county.

Public Schools and religious organizations exist in almost every district; and society is as moral and refined, as in many of the older states, Indiana not excepted.—Hardin County possesses, combined with a fertile soil, plenty of timber, good water, and mineral and agricultural resources, which will place it in the first rank with the wealthy counties of the State.

But enough of Hardin County, a look at Eldora and I am done.

Eldora the place of our adoption, is a delightful village, situated on a high prairie about a half a mile west of the Iowa River, close to timber, stone, and stone coal; has a population of about 500 inhabitants—is situated near the centre of the county, North and South, and about seven miles from the center East and West. The growth of Eldora during the past year, was very rapid over 50 good buildings were erected and probably over twice that number will be erected this season.

Eldora contains two good Hotels, called the Eastern House, and Eldor Hotel.—Five general variety Stores, two Drug Stores, and Stove and Tin shop, one Grocery and Provision store, and three Blacksmith shops One Tailor shop, boot and Shoe shop, (A harness maker wanted.)

There are organized Religious Societies, Baptist, Presbyterian, Methodists, and Camelites. One Lodge of I. O. O. F. called Eldora Lodge, No. 77; and one Lodge of the Sons of Temperance.

No Liquor shops can be found in this town; they cannot exist here, I feel proud in saying that I have not seen a drunken man in Eldora since I came into it, (I am sorry to learn that Plymouth has become such an essential whiskey market.) It was not so "years ago." Eldora can likewise boast of one of the ablest conducted papers in Northern Iowa, called the Hardin County Sentinel, Edited and Published by Jas Spears and Co. The most of the citizens of Eldora are Eastern people, and all are enterprise public spirited, and intelligent. Public Schools and Religious organizations are considered the main pillars of good society, and are liberally supported.

Now Mr. Editor I have endeavored to give you a brief sketch of Iowa as it is, and if any of you think you can better your circumstances by moving towards sun-down we extend to you a welcome hand. Here, by a little industry, you may soon become independent and be surrounded by all the elegancies and refinement of civilized life. Be exempt from the Sheriff's process, and enjoy the fruits of your Industry and excellent judgment, and be enabled to walk down the decline of life with a calm and peaceful mind, undisturbed by the pressing demands of stern necessity.

Several tributaries winding in from the prairies, pour their waters into the parent stream, thus supplying abundance of water for the agriculturalists.

Good water can be obtained by digging from 10 to 30 feet.

No marshes and stagnant pools, receptacles of putrid vegetation producing ague and fever, are to be found in this country; consequently we are free from that great scourge of the west, the ague. It finds no foothold on these rolling Prairies, fanned by the pure breezes of the northern zone. Grav Yards are seldom seen and Doctors are obliged to engage in other business in order to make a living. Still there are objections to this country; we have recently passed through a very cold winter intermingled with storms and disagreeable winds; in fact the principal objection to this country are the winds which in cold weather make the cold doubly keen. But their beauty in summer fully compensates us for their rigor in winter. We are seldom in summer without a gentle breeze, resembling much the balmy sea breeze to be found on the shores of the rolling Atlantic.

We have in this county no less than 16 regular laid out towns, the principal of which is Eldora the county seat. A trial being made at the April election to move the county seat to a small village by the name of Berlin, the people of the county placed their seal of condemnation upon such a move, and methinks will continue to do so, if the people of Eldora do as they have promised. Iowa Falls, the second in size, possesses a beautiful site, and bids fair to be one of the finest villages in the country; its population are refined industrious and intelligent. Steamboat Rock is likewise a flourishing village, and has many natural advantages. Hardin City, New Providence, Mount Pleasant, and Queen, are all flourishing villages, the last of which like its namesake "is pretty well up in the world." But easier "stormed" in these days when it rains and blows eight days in every week, then its illustrious namesake when the brave Wolfe lost his life. Coal of the canal kind has been discovered in various places in this county, and no doubt now exists, that the valley of the Iowa river is one large coal field in Eldora and various points along the river the coal now being used is equal to the canal coal of Western Pennsylvania, and far superior to the Illinois coal. Iron ore of a very pure quality, has been discovered in rock specimens and regular veins, estab-

lishing the certainty of an abundance of iron.

Limestone, marble, and good building stone, are found in abundance.

There are in this county now in operation, sixteen saw mills, propelled by water power: eleven steam saw mills, and two tanning mills and many others now being built.

The British screw steamer Arago arrived here to-day, from Bremen May 23d, and Southampton May 30. She brings upwards of 450 passengers. She spoke on the 29th the steamer Herman, in lat. 44 deg. 20 min. lon. 10 deg. 41 min.

The U. S. steamer Susquehanna arrived at Coevoe on the 23d May, from Libson.—She is to assist in laying down the ocean telegraph cable.

The Kangaroo, from this port, arrived at Liverpool on the 13th.

The LATE.—London, Saturday, May 30.—The French Journal has the following statement respecting the affair: "An English brig, the John Edwards, bound from Bordeaux to Liverpool, was compelled, by contrary winds, to anchor in the roadstead of Belleisle. As she had no colors hoisted to show her nationality, the State schooner Armatrice fired a black cartridge to remind the visior of the omission. A second was equally unanswered to, when a third cartridge with ball was discharged, and the shot killed one of the crew named Williams. The Captain of the brig accounts for his not showing colors by saying his signal halyards had been carried away and he could not replace them. The case is under investigation by the authorities."

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The George Law connected at the Isthmus with the Sonora, which brought down nearly \$2,500,000. She passed the Golden Age, on the 24th, bound up, with the New York passengers of the 25th May; and June 2d, passed the Golden Gate, with the mails of the 21st.

The Geo. Law left Aspinwall on the evening of the 3d of June. The U. S. ships Decatur and St. Marys were off Panama, and the Wabash and Cyane off Aspinwall.

Intelligence from San Juan del Norte states that over 1,000 of Walker's men are at that place, destitute and sick.

The British steamer Satellite had sailed for California.

Afairs in other South American states generally tranquil.

The Panama Star expresses fears that Gen. Walker, in conformity with threats made by him after his capitulation, will return with more filibusters to the Isthmus, and regrets that Gen. Mora did not bind him and his officers, in the terms of capitulation, never again to put foot in Central America.

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The papers give details of the massacre by the Mexicans of Col. Crabbe and party. It seems to have been attended by incidents of unusual cruelty. Crabbe himself was led out alone, tied with his arms above his head, and then riddled with one hundred bullets.

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