

# THE DEMOCRAT.



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## Affairs in Minnesota.

Quite a noise is being made by a portion of the Republican press in reference to the Democratic Delegates, not acting with the Republicans. We propose to give a short sketch of the first day's proceedings of the delegates, as we glean them from the St. Paul papers, in order that our readers may judge who are the seceders.

The St. Paul pioneer says, that the greater portion of the delegates met at the Capitol and were called to order precisely at 12 o'clock, by the Secretary of the Territory, who usually calls the house to order under such circumstances. The Democrats were well aware that the Republican members would urge the immediate organization of the Convention in consequence of some ten or twelve of the democratic members not having arrived. In order to give time for the absents to arrive, Gov. German moved that they adjourn until 12 o'clock next day. The motion was put by Secretary Chase and carried: all the Democrats and about twenty Republicans voting for the adjournment. The Secretary then declared the delegates adjourned until 12 o'clock next day, and the democrats accordingly left the Hall.

In the mean time, John W. North (Republican) nominated a Mr. Gilbrath temporary chairman and that, too, after the delegates had been adjourned in accordance with a vote of a majority of the delegates. Subsequently a Mr. Balcombe, an Abolitionist of the first water, was chosen permanent President of the convention, — immediately after the delegates were adjourned, and without a quorum being present.

The question between the parties is, was Secretary Chase the proper person to call the convention to order. The democrats contend that it was his duty, and refer to several cases in point as precedents. The Republicans deny his authority and argue that it is the duty of one of the delegates. There were 50 Republicans claiming seats and 43 Democrats. At our latest advices from St. Paul, each party was separately organized, and was busily engaged in drafting a Constitution.

The editor of the St. Joseph county Forum, who is at St. Paul writes that as near as he can ascertain, each party has an equal number of delegates legally elected; the whole number being one hundred and eight.

The Democrats claim fifty six, and the Republicans fifty nine, which makes seven more than the law allows.

There is a probability that a compromise may be effected, but no probability.

Such a state of affairs will be deplored by every well-wisher of good order.

There is no telling when or when the evil will end. In case that each party makes a Constitution, which most likely will be the case, both will be submitted to the people and should both be approved, it is not probable that Congress would admit Minnesota as a State on either of them, but would lay both of them aside until a better state of affairs could be brought about.

## Liquor Ordinance.

It will be recollect that some time since our City Fathers passed an ordinance requiring Liquor Venders to take out license—give bond &c., and affixed a penalty for retailing without license. Various opinions were entertained in reference to the power of the Trustees to enforce the Ordinance. Several of the vendors of the ardent were willing to comply with the Ordinance—got their bonds ready—had the requisite number of signers to their petitions, but owing to a portion of our citizens advising them to the contrary, they failed to take out license. A few weeks since an individual was recognized by Esq. Smith to the Common Pleas Court, to answer for violating the ordinance. The case came up for trial last week and was argued by Messrs. Farren & Reeve for the Trustees, and Corbin, Sample and Farnsworth, for the defendant. After hearing the arguments and taking the case under advisement, until next day, his Honor, Judge Egbert decided that the law under which Towns are incorporated, gives the Trustees no power to enforce such an ordinance.

We understand that the Trustees propose appealing to the Supreme Court. They are determined that the most ultra Temperance men of Plymouth shall have no cause to complain of them for being remiss in trying to lessen the evils of intemperance within their jurisdiction.

The Plymouth Bank refused, a few days since, to redeem its paper, even in currency, unless the bill-holder would submit to a share of 25 per cent. People in the country having this on its concern, would do well to get rid of them, even at a discount, for the time will most certainly come when bills on the Plymouth Bank will not be redeemed at any price.

## Road Work.

We have been asked probably fifty times within the last two years, how many days a Supervisor could compel the hands in his district to work on the highways, either in opening or repairing Roads, or pay an equivalent.

A case was decided last week which is precisely in point. James B. Logan, Supervisor in district No. —, Green Township, after the hands had performed two days labor, waited them out to work the third day in order to finish a bridge on a new road, so that the road could be traveled. A portion of the hands refused to work on the ground that the Supervisor could not compel them by law to work more than two days, unless it was to repair some old road. The result was that a trial was had before Esq. Earl, who decided that the Supervisor had the right to call the hands out more than two days, if the roads required more labor. An appeal was taken from his decision to the Common Pleas, where the decision of the Court below was affirmed.

The Republican papers do not seem disposed to blame Dawson, of the Fort Wayne Times, for knocking down with a cane Turner, of the Jeffersonian. They thought it very bad for Brooks to cane Sumner, and Republicanism boil'd with rage at that attack—but they have no word of condemnation for the dastardly attack of their late candidate for Secretary of State upon unarmed man. Politics makes all the difference.—*Logansport Pharos.*

Be fair, Bro. Hall. We do not now remember a single Republican paper that did not blame Dawson. The Republican papers that we read, have unanimously referred to the assault as unwarranted by the offense, and we are certainly of that opinion.—*Howard Tribune.*

Don't "X." with the M. C. Republican and Westville Herald, eh?

The Goshen Democrat says that a man by the name of Alexander Smock was drowned in Elkhart River one day last week.

Thirteen persons were killed in St. Louis on the 13th inst. by a sun stroke.

Indictments have been found against Breslin and Gibson, the late Treasurers of Ohio, for embezzlement.

The Democratic admits that the Republicans are not in favor of "Negro equality." Stick a pin there. It will not be long before it will affect the opposite.—*M. C. Republican.*

"Thou shalt not bear false witness."

Hen. D. P. Holloway will please accept our thanks for five No's of the Indiana Farmer and Complimentary Ticket, to the next Agricultural Fair, in Wayne county.

We call attention to the proclamation of Gov. Walker, of Kansas, which will be found on our first page. It explains itself; read it carefully if you wish to know the truth in reference to matters in Lawrence.

**Religious Notice.**

The Northwestern Christian Conference will commence on Thursday before the third Sunday in August, at Kingsbury, LaPorte county. A general invitation is extended to all.

**Fact.**

If the republican doctrines and arguments are true, how does it happen that out of 7,000,000 white inhabitants in the slave States, there are only about 350,000 slaveholders, and that while there is only 140,000 free blacks in the free States, there are about 20,000 free blacks in the Slave States? Will our neighbor answer? What supreme nonsense it is, for men professing to be rational, to argue against facts such as these, shown by the census returns.

Can't our neighbor keep cool and talk about differences of opinion, without being so personal, and using such harsh language? Personal invective convinces no one, and detracts from the decency of those using it. Keep cool, keep cool. Don't act ungentlemanly because others think differently. The world is not all villainous except you, and you will not succeed in proving it.—*Cleveland Plain Dealer.*

The following statement will show the number of bushels of corn and wheat produced in Marshall county, in the year 1856 as returned by the different township Assessors:

CORN.	Bushels.
Union.....	38,306
Center.....	65,835
Green.....	30,610
Bourbon.....	21,618
Tippecanoe.....	21,655
German.....	13,674
North.....	18,970
Polk.....	2,455
West.....	20,180
Total	240,303

**WHEAT:**

Union.....	13,985
Center.....	21,721
Green.....	15,330
Bourbon.....	4,678
Tippecanoe.....	7,460
German.....	6,055
North.....	5,230
Polk.....	4,656
West.....	15,548
Total	94,263

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## Arrival of the Asia.

New York, July 24.

The Cunard steamship Asia, Capt. Lott, from Liverpool the 11th, arrived at 5 this p.m. Her news had been anticipated by the Ericsson.

Dispatches from Constantinople state that Lord Stratford de Boscq had received instructions from the Earl of Clarendon to propose a joint military and judicial administration for the Danubian Principalities.

We are indebted to Capt. Lott, for the latest news on Asia.

The London Saturday Times' city article says:

"The unfavorable character of the monthly statement of the Bank of France, combined with the renewed fall in the Paris Bourse, caused English Funds to open at a decline of  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Some purchases took place on the part of the public, and led to an improvement, which was partially maintained in the Stock Exchange. Money was obtainable this p.m. at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %, with full supplies at the latter rate."

**SWEDEN.**—The Swedish Chambers have voted considerable sums to be applied to the construction of forts for the national means of defence.

**ENGLAND.**—At Oxford, Lord Monson is the opponent of Taickeray. The "Advertiser" says there will be an election in the city of London, Baron Rothschild having pledged himself to resign in the event of the failure of the bill for the removal of the Jewish disabilities.

**FRANCE.**—The "Moniteur" publishes an article on the election, saying that, during eight years, the number of dissensionists, instead of increasing, has diminished.—France, which has now judged them five times, has not changed her opinion. The article, however, does not conclude without a general warning to the press, saying a limit must now be brought to discussion, which can now have no other object than the useless agitation of the public feeling.

The Persians were strengthening the fortifications of Herat, though by the treaty of peace, they were bound to evacuate the place.

The steamships Fulton and Kangaroo had arrived out.

## FROM KANSAS.

New York, July 23.

A dispatch was received at Washington yesterday from Kansas, stating that a collision between the United States troops, and free State men at Lawrence, was regarded as inevitable. A special messenger was yesterday dispatched with instructions to Governor Walker and General Harvey.

**AN UNEXPECTED DISCHARGE.**—At Norfolk, Va. on the afternoon of the 21 of July an old cannon, which had not been cleaned out since the Revolutionary war, was primed, and the match applied, when, to the surprise of all present, an unexpectedly strong explosion took place from the mouth of the piece, something whizzed across the street, and there was a crashing of the wood in the door of the United fire engine house opposite. An investigation showed a respectable sized hole in the panel of the door, and inside an old six-pound cannon ball was found on the floor. The old cannon had not been used since the time it was last loaded for the especial benefit of the British troops, seventy years ago, and the artillerymen who then rammed home the ball little expected how many times the grass would grow and within again above their graves before the missile should be discharged.

**Street Education for Crime.**

An unhappy young man, now confined in a New York jail for a State prison crime, thus briefly narrates the case of his present and degraded position:

"I had a good home education; it was my street education that ruined me. I would not hire help, for I can assist you to do all the work in the kitchen," set it down that she will make a good wife.

**BRIGHAM YOUNG ON A TOUR THROUGH THE U. S.**—A gentleman who came down the Illinois Central Railroad, a few days since, says that Brigham Young went over the road the same day. It is surmised that Brigham was on the look out for information respecting the movements of the military expedition to his dominions.

**DANGEROUS COUNTERFEIT.**—Counts found on the North-Western Bank of Virginia are in circulation in Chicago. They are a fac simile of the original, and will deceive an expert.

**DEATH OF WILD CAT.**—The famous Seminole chief Wild Cat is dead. He and his tribe died of small pox.

**AN ASSORTMENT.**—In New York, during the last week, there were six murders, nine burglaries, six robberies, four cases under the denomination of perjury and forgery, eighteen violent assaults, nineteen larcenies, twelve of the class of counterfeiting, three suicides, and a riot of every day for general amusement.

**TRROUBLE AMONG THE METHODISTS.**—The Methodist of Wesley Chapel, Indianapolis, are divided upon the seat question. Those who have changed the old custom which separated ladies and gentlemen, and allow them to sit together promiscuously in the house of worship.

About eighty members, ladies and gentlemen, have published a card, giving notice of their inability to conform to the innovation, regarding it as a departure from usages long established, "under which they have enjoyed not only personal comfort in the house of prayer, but also spiritual prosperity."

**AN IDEA OF THE AMOUNT OF LETTERS.**—An idea of the amount of letter writing in the United States may be inferred from the number of postage stamps sold, which during the last year was one hundred and fifty millions.

**MR. YATES.**—Mr. Yates, of Vicksburg, while punishing a negro in Madison Parish, La., a few days since, was stapped to the horn and killed.

**THE BOSTON TRAVELLER.**—The Boston Traveller says that Mr. Everett's oration on Washington has already brought some twenty-five thousand dollars to the fund for the purchase of Mount Vernon.

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## Arrival of the Circassian.

St. Johns, N. F., July 22.

The screw steamship Circassian, Liverpool the 11th inst., arrived here at half past 4 o'clock this afternoon. The Asia sailed from Liverpool for New York on the same day.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**—The House of Lords had rejected the Jewish bill by 31 majority.

The government asks for a half a million each on account of the China and Persian war.

Thackeray has been nominated for Parliament from Oxford.

Lord Palmerston has promised a government regulation in regard to the supply of negroes to the French West India islands.

A. Madeney and some of the opposition candidates had been returned at the second election.

Spain.—Some disturbances had occurred at Utrera, but they were immediately suppressed. No other demonstrations were expected.

The Cortes had passed a gag