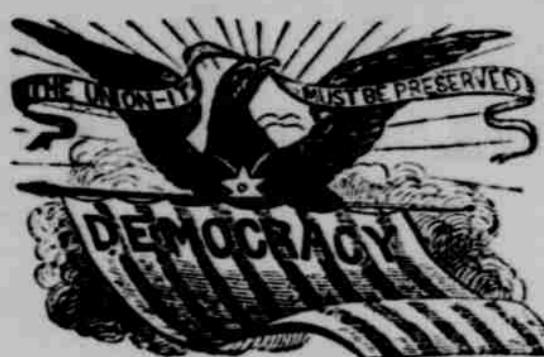


# THE DEMOCRAT.



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PLYMOUTH, IND.  
Thursday Morning, Sept. 24, 1857.

## DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

Treasurer and Collector,  
D. VINNEDGE.  
Recorder,  
DANIEL McDONALD,  
Coroner,  
JACOB BARNES,  
Commissioner 2nd Dist.,  
ROBERT S. PIPER.

We are authorized to announce the name of WILLIAM M. PATTERSON, as a candidate for the office of County Treasurer, subject to the decision of the legal voters of Marshall county, on the 13th of October next. 44te.

## Schools.

There seems to be a variety of opinions in reference to the manner in which school money should be distributed among the different schools. A portion of the township Trustees will divide according to the number of scholars attending the school, others will give an equal quantity to each school. The first is undoubtedly reasonable and contrary to the law governing the case, the second is also contrary to law, unless there was a uniform price paid to teachers per month, or term, which is not and will not be the case. The law contemplates that there are, or shall be a sufficient number of school houses to accommodate all the scholars, and that school shall be taught an equal length of time, without regard to the number of scholars.

Those interested in having a school taught, are required to make choice of some person as teacher. The director's duty is to make their choice known to the Trustees, whose duty it is to employ them, if they can agree on the terms; provided the teacher produces a certificate from one of the school examiners.

We look at the case in this light. The Trustees have the control of the schools and of the school money belonging to the township. The law presumes that they shall act impartially, and have schools taught by competent teachers, an equal length of time in each district. There are probably double the number of scholars in some districts that there are in others, and they may be much farther advanced, and would require a teacher that would cost the Trustees one half more than one would that was entirely competent to teach in one of the smaller districts, where nothing further than the elementary branches had to be taught. Be that as it may, the schools which are taught by order of the Trustees must be taught an equal length of time throughout the township.

## TERRIBLE DISASTER!

### LOSS OF THE CENTRAL AMERICA! 500 Lives Lost!!

Charleston, Sept. 13.—The officers of the steamer Thomas Swan reports that the Norwegian bark Eloise, when spoken on the 25th inst., was making for Norfolk for the purpose of landing the party of passengers rescued from the Central America. The details of the calamity will be obtained on the arrival of the Eloise at Norfolk.

Savannah, Sept. 13.—The bark Saxony arrived at this port this morning, with five passengers rescued from the Central America. She reports the total loss of the vessel, treasure and mails, and about five hundred passengers. A portion of the crew, together with the woman and children passengers, numbering in all forty persons, were saved by the brig Marine, bound to Boston.

We learn from the *Peru Sentinel*, that the Sheriff and Treasurer, whose time expired in August last, according to their commissions, have concluded that the law of 1855, making the terms of office uniform, is constitutional, consequently, they refuse to deliver over the books, papers, &c., to those who were elected last fall. The *Sentinel* also states that on Monday (14th inst.) there were six difficulties (fights) in Peru. The combatants were all sober men, and unusually peaceable.

We understand that the democrats in the twelfth Judicial Circuit have nominated Hon. John Petit as their candidate for Judge, and the republicans have nominated Charles Test Esq. as their candidate. Mr. Test is a very suitable man for a republican candidate. We knew him when he was a boy; he first belonged to the whig party, afterwards he joined the democratic party, and failing to be promoted, he attached himself to the republican party.

## P. F. W. & C. R. R.

We learnt a few weeks since that Mr. Broad, who has the contract (except some two or three sections) to make the road ready for the ties, from here to Chicago, proposed to the citizens of Porter county, that he would go on and finish his contract, provided they would raise him \$30,000 in cash, the balance he would take in bonds of the Company, at 75 cts. on the dollar.

The Porter County Democrat of last week says that the amount has been pledged by responsible parties. The grading will now be finished at as early a day as possible.

The Mexican Charge d'Affairs had quitted Madrid.

The London underwriters of the Atlantic cable, offered 36 1/2 per cent., and give up all claims for salvage for the portion that may be regained.

Eleven more British regiments are under orders for India.

The Paris Pays denies the reported occupation of the Island of Formosa by the United States.

The court of Assizes of Paris have condemned Ledru Rollin, Mazzini, and others, to deportation.

The Spanish papers deny the existence of a secret treaty between the United States and Mexico.

The King of Prussia's health causes uneasiness.

It is stated that diplomatic relations with Naples will shortly be resumed by France and England.

There was a pretty sharp frost last Monday morning.

We notice in our exchanges that Governor Willard has notified the Clerks in those counties where vacancies have occurred for Senator or Representative, to give notice that said vacancies will be filled at the October election. Should he deem it advisable to call an extra session the coming winter, there will probably be a full house.

## Judiciary.

We learn from the State Sentinel that the question in reference to whether the resignation of Judge Stuart and Gookins, have created vacancies has been submitted to the Attorney General; who, gives as his opinion that there are no vacancies to fill at the October election. Judge Stewart's resignation will take effect the first of January next, and Judge Gookins', when his successor is elected and qualified.

We somewhat doubt the propriety of such resignations. It appears to us, that they could have resigned, say the middle of the present month; then there would have been no question in reference to vacancies. The people would have elected two to fill their place, and they could have been qualified and ready for business at the November term. As the matter now stands unless they withdraw their resignations, Gov. Willard will be under the painful necessity of filling their places by appointment.

"Don't get in a stew," but hold on until W. C. Shirley gets back from New York and Philadelphia; for while he is "down east" he allows to buy a "full lot" of most everything you will want this fall or coming winter.

Oglebee & Shirley just want the folks to understand what they are going to do, and they think they will consult their own interest enough to keep quiet for just a few weeks, and then they can have all their demands supplied, in the way of Dry Goods, Groceries, and notions of every kind; at the lowest possible living figures—act.

Rumor says that the Central Bank, the Bank of the Capitol, at Indianapolis, and the Rock River Bank of Beloit, Wis. consin, have failed.

## Startling Development—Arrrest of a Prominent Citizen of Rochester for a Dreadful Crime.

From the Rochester Union, Wednesday.

It is with pain that we are compelled to make an announcement which will startle this whole community, and carry sorrow and pain into a respectable family and a large circle of society, including our whole business community. One of our hitherto esteemed and influential citizens was this day arrested upon a charge of a dreadful, a diabolical crime; and from what we gather from official and authentic sources, we believe the testimony is very strong, if not conclusive, as to the guilt of the accused.

The person to whom we allude is John B. Robertson, cashier of the Eagle Bank.

He was arrested between one and two o'clock this afternoon, by Chief of Police Oviatt, on a warrant issued by Police Justice Bardwell, on the application of District Attorney Huson. The warrant charges Mr. Robertson with attempting to produce the death of his wife by administering certain medicines, drugs or compounds, procured by him for that purpose. From what information we have gathered from the District Attorney, we may state the facts briefly to be as follows:

Some few days since Mr. Robertson applied to Dr. Joseph Biegler, his family physician, to administer to Mrs. Robertson some medicine which would tend to hasten her death by increasing the liability to certain diseases with which she was afflicted. We understand that the diseases to which she was deemed liable and strongly predisposed are apoplexy and disease of the heart. Hence medicines which would increase the circulation, it is supposed, would produce one or the other of those diseases.

Dr. Biegler was surprised that such a proposition had been made to him, and at once consulted certain citizens whom he regarded as friends to him, and they went with him to the District Attorney. Under the direction of that officer, steps were taken to confirm the statement of Dr. B., and the District Attorney states that they were fully confirmed in every particular. Dr. B. gave Mr. Robertson certain compounds from time to time, which he, Robertson, supposed well designed to produce the effect, and it is believed that these compounds were administered.

The arrest was made while Mr. Robertson was at his place behind the counter of the Eagle Bank, and must have overwhelmed him, whether guilty or innocent. He was taken to the police office to await the arrival of the District Attorney, who had gone to dinner.

We must forbear comment to-day upon this affair, which will startle the whole community. Indeed, at the hour we write we have not time to deal with the subject at any length. Mr. Robertson is a gentleman who has stood high in this city, where he has resided a dozen years or more. He was for some years receiver for the Central Railroad Co., at the Rochester station; subsequently he was engaged at the Rochester Savings Bank, and for the last two years has been Cashier of the Eagle Bank. He is a gentleman of wealth, we believe, and up to this time, his character has been fair.

The officers were all lost, except Jas. M. Frazier, second officer.

The chief engineer, Geo. E. Ashby, took a boat and deserted the ship.

The two millions of dollars in specie which were on board the Central America were lost.

The Central America was commanded by Lieutenant William L. Herndon, U. S. Navy.

The crew consisted of 101 men; passengers, 520; total, 625 souls.

Mr. Robertson is a lady of excellent standing, and esteemed highly, we believe, by her acquaintances. She is a sister of Roswell G. Benedict, formerly of this city, but now of Niagara Falls. We presume that, at the time we write, she has not been apprised of the arrest of her husband.

LATER.—As we go to press, we learn that Mr. Robertson has decided to waive an examination, and give bail to answer at the next Oyer and Terminer.

EXTRAORDINARY FEATS OF A LUNATIC.—A young man in Mercer county, Penn., named Davis, has for some time manifested symptoms of insanity. The Pittsburgh Dispatch says:

He imagines himself to be a second Dan Rice, engaged in getting up a circus.

On the 8th inst. he caught a snake which took to Bell's school-house, in the neighborhood, where he says he had a grand performance; after getting through which, he swept the house, and broke all the windows with the broomstick. He then proceeded to the residence of Mr. Wm. Carr, a mile or two from town, in the absence of the family, and destroyed nearly every thing in the house. He says he went there to have some fun; broke a gun, with the barrel of which he smashed the crockery, glasses, glassware, and windows; took to pieces a clock and two watches, grinding up the works in a cider press. It then struck him that the ground where the house stood would be an admirable loca-

tion for a circus, whereupon he built a

fire upon the floor, and it was soon in flames

from which he narrowly escaped by jumping from a window, cutting his arms and hands in getting out, and leaving a broad-cloth coat, which the heat induced him to throw off, a prey to the flames. Considering the bees appropriate performers in his new circus, he upset several hives, and undertook to put sleigh-bells on the insects, which 'performance' he was very badly stung. When the neighbors came running to the fire, they found him under a shade tree, congratulating himself that this was the 'best performance' he had yet—it bro't the largest audience! The house was entirely destroyed, and the poor lunatic se-

ers. In this way, the credit system, instead of being a benefit to any, has been a positive evil to all. It leads to overtrading not only on the part of the trader but the consumer. New York and the eastern cities are now suffering the results of a system which is justly attributable to the polity, if not the folly, of their own creation.

The steamer Reson had arrived at Southampton from Calcutta, with a number of fugitives from the massacre at Meerut, including an American missionary, Mr. Hay and family. They all narrowly escaped death at Meerut.

The Persia brings 250 passengers, including Chevalier Hulsemann, Rev. Dr. Tyng, and Charlotte Cushman. She passed the steamship Canada on the 5th inst., going into Liverpool. She also spoke, yesterday, in latitude 40° 40', and longitude 70° 41', the U. S. Frigate Falmouth, bound to Portsmouth, N. H.

A discriminative credit system is doubtless of advantage to both buyer and seller. If wisely administered it will develop and aid a healthy trade. It affords the facilities which a prosperous and rapidly growing country demands. But if these facilities are indiscriminately extended the evils they overbalance all their benefits. The experience of every man has taught him these lessons.

But it seems almost a waste of words to moralize upon a question, the evils of which are generally acknowledged and reformed promised, during those periodical financial revulsions like that which is now transpiring, but when the storm has blown over and the sunshine of prosperity again returns, its lessons are forgotten as easily as the passing winds. The basis of our country's prosperity is so broad and illustrious that it takes but a short period to recover from almost any disaster. The financial storm bends the tree while it is passing, but as soon as its force is spent the tree recovers its position and again shoots upward nourished and sustained by the rich soil in which it is planted.

Supreme Court of the U. S.—RESIGNATION OF JUDGE CURTIS.—The statement that Judge Curtis had resigned his seat in the Supreme Court of the United States turns out to be correct. He was one of the two judges who dissented from the Dred Scott decision. President Buchanan will, of course, appoint a sound Democrat in his place. The name of Nathan Clifford, of Maine; Mr. Toucey, of Connecticut, (now Secretary of the Navy,) and Caleb Cushing, of Massachusetts, are proposed. Judge McLean is now the only man on the bench who is not a Democrat. It will take a long time at this rate, (as they threaten,) for the black republicans to obtain the ascendancy in that court. No man will probably ever live to see such an event. Judge Curtis was appointed by Fillmore in 1851, and now resigns from considerations growing out of his private affairs.—*Enquirer.*

MISS CASTELLA'S GRAND AERIAL ASCENSION.

SHE will walk and wheel a Wheelbarrow on a Single Wire, 300 feet in length, to the topmost height of the towering Pavillion of NORRIS'S NATIONAL CIRCUS, every day, previous to the opening of the afternoon performance. She being the only person in the world that can accomplish this wonderful, daring, and beautiful act of the

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