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Bank Trash.

We suppose there never was a time when the currency of the country was so completely clogged and embarrassed, as at the present. Much of this has been the result of unwise and hasty legislation. When our own State government opened the door for the introduction of a species of Banking, sanctioning the issue and circulation of an unlimited amount of Shinplasters in which the people were never expected to have permanent confidence, many were the fears of results similar to those which have in a very brief period been brought upon us, by shavers and brokers who only want the sanction of law for a location to oppress and swindle the community.

In the act creating the Free banking system of Indiana, the people are now seeing the folly of their Legislation. We

had one of the best and most creditable State Banks in the United States. 'Wars and rumors of wars' had been made upon it, and still it faced the storms of adversity and was promptly received and credited by all classes, and had our Legislature increased the number of its branches, and authorized the issue of an increase of its circulation, there is no doubt but the principle object of the Free Bank advocates—that of inducing foreign capital to seek an investment amongst us—would have been as easily and more safely accomplished. It enjoyed an unsullied reputation, the business was undoubtedly here for its profitable operations and the rushes on its vaults by sharpers and brokers, would not have been so frequent and disastrous as has been the case with our Free Banks.

The approaching session of our State Legislature may yet remedy this growing and still threatening evil. They should continue the existence of the State Bank by extending and giving it a more liberal charter. We believe it to be the duty of the people and the press to demand it for their present safety and the future credit of the State and her acknowledged currency. Will they not do it?

NOVEMBER ELECTIONS.—On the 7th of November, the States of New York, New Jersey, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, are to elect fifty-four Representatives to Congress. In New York and Michigan, State Treasurer and county officers, and Legislatures in all the States.

The annual election in Massachusetts will take place on the 13th November, when eleven Representatives in Congress will be chosen, together with a Governor and State Legislature.

The highest number of votes polled in this county, at the late election, as we get them from the official returns to the Secretary of State, was for Secretary and Auditor of State, and Common School Superintendent, 1263. Quite a number have been counted who did not attend the polls—enough to count our total number at over 1300 voters.

The State Sentinel is under the impression that the next Legislature will "break things." There'll be fun there this winter, and if possible, we intend to make arrangements to have a regular, independent and disinterested correspondent at Indianapolis during the session, who will keep us advised of the tricks and management of all parties—provided he can get and keep the run of them all. No pains shall be spared to render our paper interesting this winter.

Dreadful Accident—Collision on the Great Western Railway—Great Loss of Life!

The Detroit Daily Free Press of Saturday morning says that one of the most dreadful railroad accidents that ever occurred took place yesterday morning, about thirty miles from that city. The passenger train on the Great Western Railroad, due there at 11:20 P. M. on Thursday, came in collision, at five minutes past five A. M. on Friday, with a gravel train, a short distance east of Baptist Creek.

The bodies and fragments of bodies of 47 persons were found, and about the same number were seriously wounded. We have not room for all the particulars this week as our paper was made up when we received them.

The scene presented after the collision was a horrible one. Interwoven with the fragments of the broken cars, dead bodies lay in profusion, many of them mangled in the most dreadful manner; while from out the heap of ruins proceeded the groans and shrieks of the wounded.

The passengers who were so fortunate as to escape uninjured immediately set to work to draw out the wounded and the dead from the heap of ruins in which they lay. At 11 o'clock A. M. the bodies of twenty-five men, eleven women, and ten children, had been brought to light, and it was supposed that from ten to twenty others yet remained to be discovered. Twenty-one men and twenty women and children were found to be badly injured—many of them fatally.

Several of the dead were crushed out of all human shape, presenting a heart-sickening sight. The two second class cars, which bore the main brunt of the collision, were filled with emigrants, mostly Germans. The first first-class car, a number of the inmates of which were killed and others wounded, also contained some emigrants.

Indiana Elections.—The official returns of the election in this State appear in the State Sentinel, omitting three counties to be heard from. We wish to publish the returns for future reference (not that we care whether we ever see them again or not) for the benefit of our readers, and to do so, omitting the three counties mentioned, would not give the true result, and we do not wish to publish the list twice. Stark county is in our Representative district and an adjoining county, and it is one of these omitted. The fusionists show a comparative majority of about 11,000.

There is still some little dispute about the Senate—the fusionists claiming it as a tie, and the Democrats relying upon a majority of two. When the counties are all reported, our readers shall have the official returns.

WHITE FISH.—The Detroit Free Press of the 27th ult., says the fishermen along the river are now reaping the richest harvest they have enjoyed for many years past. Countless numbers of the sunny tribe are daily and nightly caught, and every morning the docks are lined with row boats, loaded down with the delicate white fish. Day before yesterday morning the market was perfectly glutted, and about 3000 fish were taken away by the fishermen, which could not be sold at the cheap price of \$2 per hundred. On that morning the market opened at \$7 per hundred, and fell to \$3.

Congressional Election.—In the districts from which we have full reports, the result for Congress is as follows:

1st Dist. Miller, Dem. 9,854 maj. 813
Hall, Fusion, 9,057
2d " English, Dem. 8,931 " 586
Slaughter, Fusion, 8,445
3d " Dunn, 9,989 " 1,450
Dunham, Dem. 8,329
4th " Cumback, Fusion, 9,061 " 670
Holman, Dem. 8,391
5th " Holloway Fusion, 9,419 " 3,887
Buckler, Dem. 5,242 [over both]
Holman, Independent, 290
6th " Barber, Fusion, 9,824 538
Hendricks, Dem. 9,296
7th Not full returns
8th " Mace, Fusion, 10,357 " 2,519
Davis, Dem. 7,835
9th " Not full returns
10th " Brenton, Fusion, 7,484 " 1,503
Chamberlain, 5,981
11th " Not full returns
Fusion Aggregate majority 10,777
Dem. do do 1,399

Total Fusion " 9,375

The other three districts when reported will make the net aggregate majority of the Fusion candidates for Congress about equal to the State ticket—between eleven and twelve thousand.

The recent famous lie about the fall of Sevastopol is traced to the Paris Bourse, and the Emperor has ordered an investigation, and says that he will punish with the utmost severity the guilty parties.

Distinguished Guest.—Whilst some eight or ten persons, ladies and gentlemen were just beginning to enjoy themselves over an excellent dinner prepared at the public house of Mr. Chamberlain at Rochester, in Fulton county, on Sabbath last, a boy, who we suppose was attending to bar-room duties, ushered into the dining room a darkey in the person of Mr. Brooks our barber at this place, who very deliberately took his seat at one end of the table and "cut in" with an energy usually possessed by a hungry man.

The landlord, who was one of the original number at the table, did not offer him his seat, but allowed him to hunt one for himself. We suppose this carelessness of attending to customers was all right, as he was nothing but a darkey. We shall not censure the landlord, but the darkey should have known his place better than to have adopted that plan of getting two inches higher in his boots. Thus we propose.

Cincinnati and our Banks.

The wholesale Merchants of Cincinnati recently held a meeting, and indorsed the responsibility, and agreed to receive the issues of the following Indiana Stock Banks, so long as they continue to redeem them at their own counters:

City Bank.
Wayne Bank, Richmond.
Wayne Bank, Logansport.
Central Bank, Indianapolis.
Traders' Bank, Indianapolis.
Farmers & Mechanics' Bank Indianapolis.

Bank of Capitol.
Indiana Stock Bank, Laporte.
Bank of Goshen.
Upper Wabash Bank.

Bank of South Bend.
Bank of Indiana, Michigan City.
Brookville Bank.
Indiana Bank, Madison.
Fayette County Bank, Connerville.
Huntington County Bank,
Bank of Albany, New Albany.
Merchants & Mechanics Bank, N. Albany.
New York Stock Bank, Vincennes.

Mount Vernon Bank.

Bank of Fort Wayne.

Dewar County Bank.

Great Western Bank, Terre Haute.

Franie City Bank, Terre Haute.

Traders' Bank, Terre Haute.

Southern Bank of Indiana, Terre Haute.

Bank of Monticello.

N. Y. and Virginia, State Stock Bank

Evansville.

Canal Bank, Evansville.

North-western Bank, Bloomfield.

Western Bank, Plymouth.

Steuben County Bank.

Bank of Connersville.

Our State Stock Banks appear to be kicking up an excitement all over the West. We have already given details of the excitement at Cincinnati and Chicago. The Louisville Journal of Saturday last says:

THE CURRENCY.—The notes of the Indiana State Stock Banks are generally refused, though some of the wholesale dry goods houses take them in preference to sixty to ninety days' notes in exchange for goods. Some of the brokers are buying some of them at from 5 to 10 per cent discount, while others refuse to touch them at any price. They are not considered valueless, but the impossibility of rendering them available for some time to come, and the large amount they already have on hand has forced most of the bankers to pursue this course. The stock bank at Madison and a few others are exceptions. They have funds deposited here for redemption of their notes, and so long as they continue to do so they will be taken at the same rates of discount as the notes of the State Bank of Indiana—1/2 per cent discount. The State Auditor of Indianapolis is redeeming the notes of the Bank of Albany.

And at St. Louis the brokers are up in arms. The St. Louis News of the 19th says:

The brokers, to-day, were throwing out several of the Indiana State stock Shinplaster concerns. Those announced by telegraph as having failed, were of course not received on any terms. We understand a meeting of the brokers was held this forenoon to determine what would be received and what not. We had not received the result up to the hour of going to press.

The river was swelling very slightly yesterday.—Evansville Journal.

And you will sit and sit there in your comfortable Sanctum, and never tell the doctor about it.

Look at Home.—Would it not be well enough for the Cincinnati merchants and brokers who have been instrumental in discrediting the Indiana Stock banks, to look at their money matters nearer home? Was there not a sufficiency of work to do right at their own doors, and just across the river at Covington and Newport? Whose issues are the most reliable now? Eh!

E. S. Senator.—There is already considerable speculation as to who will be the U. S. Senator elect from Indiana this winter.

MATTHEW R. HULL is suggested.

Gov. Wright has set apart Thursday the 30th day of this month, as a day of public thanksgiving.

Fire in Cleveland.—The most destructive fire that ever occurred in this city, occurred there on the night of the 28th ult.

The damage is variously estimated at from

a half million to a million of dollars.

Maumee City Destroyed.

The Detroit Free Press of the 29th ult., says a report was received, over Speed's line last night, from Toledo, that Maumee City was in flames and nearly destroyed. The telegraph office had been consumed, so that communication by the wires was cut off.

Small Potatoes.—The State Sentinel

estimates that the success of the fusionists

is the cause of the present bank panic.

Don't let the effects of your defeat touch you in such soft and tender places, gentlemen; for you can't get the last "tag" in this way. Laugh it off—ha, ha, ha!

The Fate of Sir John Franklin Discovered.

Montreal, Oct. 21.

The Herald of this morning has the following:

"In our extra of yesterday evening,

we informed the public that a rumor was

current that the remains of Sir John Franklin and his crew and their ships had

been discovered. We immediately dis-

patched a special messenger to the Hud-

son's Bay Company's House at Lachine,

and through the kindness of the Governor,

Sir George Simpson, we are enabled to

lay before our readers the following out-

lines of a dispatch received by him yes-

terday from Dr. Rae, who has been ab-

sent on a cruise since the first of the

month of June, 1853, and returned to

York factory on the 25th of August last,

whence he forwarded letters by express to

Sir George Simpson via the Red River

settlement.

"After briefly noticing the result of his

own expedition, and the difficulties with

which they had to contend, he proceeds

to state that from the Esquimaux he has

obtained certain information of the fate of

Sir John Franklin and his crew, who had

been starved to death after the loss of his

ships, which were crushed in the ice while

making their way south to the Great Fish

River of Baffin, near the outlet of which a

party of whites died, leaving accounts

of their sufferings in the mutilated cor-

pses of some who had evidently furnished

food to their unfortunate companions.

This information was not derived from

the Esquimaux who had communicated

with the whites, and who had found their

remains, but from another hand who had

obtained the details from them. No doubt

is left to the truth of the report,

as the natives have in their possession

various articles of European manufacture,

which had been in the possession of the

whites. Among them are silver spoons,

forks, &c., on one of which is engraved

"Sir John Franklin, K. C. B." while

others have crests on them which identi-

fy their owners as having belonged to the

ill-fated expedition. Drawings of some

of them have been sent down.

"This fearful tragedy must have occurred

as long ago as the spring of 1850."

Indiana Legislature—1855.

SENATE, HOLDING OVER.

Dem. Fusion.

Boone, Hamilton and Tip-

ton, N. J. Jackson

Cass, Howard and Pulaski,

W. C. Barnett

Clay, Sullivan and Vigo,

M. Combs