

# THE DEMOCRAT.

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Tuesday, December 8, 1869.

## MARSHALL COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

At the meeting of the Democratic Central Committee, on the 13th instant, it was decided to hold the County Convention to select delegates to attend the State Convention, on

Saturday, December 11, '69

at one o'clock p. m., at the Court House in Plymouth; and it is recommended that the democracy of the respective townships in the county hold their township conventions on the Saturday preceding the day of the county convention, and select their delegates to attend the county convention.

It is hoped that every township will hold a convention and that they will all be fully represented at the county convention.

Now is the time to lay the foundation for the next campaign. Let the primary conventions be well attended and good democratic selected to attend the county convention.

By order of Committee.

A. C. THOMPSON, Chmn.

M. W. DOWNEY, Sec.

## Township Convention.

It is recommended that the Democracy of the various townships in Marshall county meet on Saturday next (the 4th inst.) and select delegates to attend the county convention to be held at the court house on Dec. 11th, and that each township send the same number of delegates as at the last county convention; in accordance with which recommendation the democracy of Center township will meet at the court house at 2 o'clock p. m., Dec. 4, and select delegates accordingly.

BY ORDER OF COMMITTEE.

## Bourbon Township Democratic Convention.

The Democracy of Bourbon township are requested to meet in Bourbon, on Saturday, December 4th, 1869, at 2 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of appointing delegates to the county convention to be held in Plymouth, Dec. 11th.

## CONGRESS AND THE FINANCES.

The approaching session of congress is looked to with much anxiety, especially in the west, where monetary tightness seems to be encircling every department of trade and productive industry within its iron grasp. In the eastern states, which hold an undue proportion of the national currency, the general prostration of trade is not so great as here in the west, where the volume of currency in circulation is less than at any time during the past ten years.

It is said that western members of congress, by reason of a recent commingling with the people, will favor the immediate passage of a general banking law, for the purpose of supplying currency to all parts of the country, in such portions as may be required; or, failing in this, they will work for a redistribution of the national currency, by taking from the eastern states, and giving to the west and south. The probability is that they will fail in both these undertakings. The money influence of the east is all-powerful. Western courage and endurance may subdue forests, build a railroad across the continent, and face the most appalling dangers on land and sea, but when a clash of interests brings the west face to face with the monied aristocracy of the east, we are as chaff before a mighty wind. Western men start to Washington with their pockets full or financial measures, calculated to benefit their section of the country, by equalizing the burdens and favors to be derived from congressional legislation; but it is safe to say that in nine cases in every ten, that is the last of them. There is no help for this so long as the Republican party maintains its ascendancy, and works harmoniously on all party measures, as it has done heretofore. If the Democrats should not succeed in getting a majority in congress, at the next election of members, there is some hope that a schism will be effected between eastern and western Republicans on the tariff and other financial measures, among whom there is now a "radical" difference of opinion, which sectional interests may so embitter that the cohesive power of public plunder may prove unable to hold the incongruous elements together. But this result can only be attained by educating the masses to that point where they will refuse to elect any man, Democrat or Republican, who fails to battle earnestly and successfully for their rights, and against monopolies and class legislation of every name and kind. Then, and not till then, may we confidently look for an equal distribution of the taxes and currency, and a tariff framed for revenue purposes only.

A public meeting has been called in Warsaw to devise ways and means of enforcing the law regulating the sale of intoxicating liquors. Better elect Democrats to office, who will enforce the law without the aid of public meetings. Look at us! The *Indianian* gets up a pretty good local, composed principally of self-laudations. It is surprising the number of changes that may be rung on a single string. A daughter of Sam'l Wilson, who lives three miles west of Warsaw, was fatally injured by falling with her side on a nail of water which she was carrying; she died in fifteen minutes after falling. The *Indianian* advises young ladies to get up clubs for it. The young ladies can doubtless be more respectably employed. Vanatta, who was sent to the Penitentiary from Kosciusko county, and afterward brought back to Warsaw, upon a decision made by the Supreme Court, on some legal point involved in the trial, has had another trial and has been acquitted.

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We find the subjoined extract in the proceedings of the Democratic convention of St. Joseph county. We sincerely regret that Col. Eddy has decided upon the course indicated. A more popular man does not reside in this section of the state, and we had hoped his name would head the ticket this fall. We now hope he may be prevailed upon to permit the use of his name:

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we deeply regret the positive declination of our beloved fellow citizen, Colonel Norman Eddy, to

become a candidate for the office of Secretary of State. He would have made a standard bearer whom the Democracy would delight to follow.

## EDITORIAL BREVITIES.

The Columbia City Post says that for the first time in many years corn is bringing as much per bushel as wheat. Also, that the grocery and provision store of Mr. JOHN BRANNON was burned on Friday night of last week; loss about \$3,000, no insurance.

On the evening of the 17th ult., a young man in Marysville, Allen county, accidentally shot himself with a horse pistol, horribly mangling his face and hand. He lived less than five minutes after the fatal shot.

The dead body of an infant was found in the vault of an outbuilding belonging to the house occupied by one MARTIN HALEY, of Monroeville. The evidence of guilt pointed strongly to one SARAH OATS, who had made her home in the family, for some time, and who, about ten days before, had given birth to a child; and said child was missing.

FRANK ZIMMERMAN, of the Warsaw Union, has taken unto himself a wife.

The ministers of the various churches in Peru have formed a society for the advancement of the religious welfare of their several congregations. If we mistake not, their example is commendable. The Catholics of Peru have placed in the tower of their church a bell which far surpasses any other in the city. The *Sentinel* says Miami is the only county in the state which does not present one or more candidates for nomination by the 8th of January convention. A majority, Marshall, with her reliable Democratic majority, presents no candidate.

In LaPorte, the Democratic convention will meet on the 18th of December. Pork selling at 11 cents per pound, and live hogs at 8. One porker brought \$50. The Disciple church is being improved by the addition of a baptistery.

The *Argus* chronicles the fact that a dealer in furniture in that city shipped six chairs and a sofa to a gentleman at Plymouth, the price of which was \$250.

The growing wheat crop does not look as well as could be desired. The old settlers of LaPorte county have organized a Pioneer Society, consisting of 108 members—66 men and 42 women. We noticed many familiar names in the list of members. The *Herald*, in exceeding had taste, accompanies the names of members with a statement of their politics and religion.

GURNEY, of the Valparaiso *Vidette*, objects to having his "church relations" referred to by members of the press. He excoriates the LaPorte *Herald* for thus alluding to him. The *Herald*'s misfortune shall be a warning to us. The *Vidette* publishes in its issue of November 25th a report of a Sunday school convention held at LaPorte on the 26th and 27th of October. We rejoice that the exhaustive effort required by such enterprise has in no way affected the editor's prospects for long life and happiness. The *Vidette* speaks in strong terms against the nomination of Judge FRAZIER, of Warsaw, for re-election to the office of supreme judge, and announces its intention of battling against his election if he should be put upon the Republican state ticket. The cause of its opposition we know not.

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The Ft. Wayne Democrat complains that after the city has given \$100,000 to the Ft. Wayne, Muncie & Cincinnati railroad, there is no train! May be taking care of the money is all the railway company can do.

An election was held in Mississippi, Nov. 30, and Dec. 1. The returns indicate the election of DENT, the conservative candidate, over ALCORN, the radical.

## From Bourbon.

BOURBON, Nov. 29, 1869.

### ED. DEMOCRAT.

Preachers, as a general rule, are a very respectable class of men, but as "In Adam's fall, we sinned all," it does not surprise us when we occasionally hear of one leaving the paths of rectitude and virtue to travel the road that leads through the quicksands of sin and death. We heard of one, who, not long ago, attempted to impose on some of the good people of a town not far distant. He came in possession of a very peculiar kind of workmanship, and having no use for it himself, desired to dispose of it, but finding no one who deemed it fit for use, he did not succeed. But he determined not to give it up so, and presented a bill for services not rendered, the payment of which, of course, was very promptly declined. Had it not been for the timely interference of a friend who knew him to be a man who had always borne a good character, he would probably have got into serious trouble, as the "joke" he was perpetrating was partaking of quite a serious nature, and those for whom it was intended were slow in seeing the point. He says he is not out of the scrape all right, and his experience in the business will be a striking lesson to him never to attempt the like again. All concerned agree that the master should be hushed up, and so much is the word. The last seen of him he had come into possession of a broad brimmed hat, and was taking lessons in parliamentary law.

Some of our boys being filled with the musical afflatus, having read that "Music hath charms to soothe a savage," Read a rock, or bust a cabbage."

have organized a string band, whose dulcet strains are expected to charm our music loving people during the holidays. So.

A revival meeting is in progress at the U. B. Church, under supervision of Elder Manville, of the Christian denomination. He has a wide field for operations, and it is hoped that much good may result from his labors.

Our Methodist brethren have already commenced making preparations for a "Christmas Tree" and the little folks are "tip-toe" for the coming sweets.

OUR patrons will bear us out in the statement that we have not been very fortunate in our demands upon them for the amount due us. But we do desire to make settlement with every one of them between this and the first of January, 1870, that we may commence the new year with a clear record.

We are making out bills reaching up to the time indicated, and hope that all will see the necessity of conforming to a rule which is being adopted by our best business men, that is to have the books balanced at the beginning of the year.

GOLD is now down to 22@23 premium and silver is quoted 12@13. The chief cause is the stringency of the money market and lack of speculation

A SPEECH BY NAPOLEON.

PARIS, Nov. 29.—The session of the senate and corps legislatif was re-opened with great ceremony by the emperor, who delivered his opening speech from the throne. "It was hoped that the empire might possibly return in time to take part in the ceremonies, but he has not yet reached Paris. The emperor said: It is not easy to establish regular and peaceful liberty in France. For months past society seemed to be made up of subversive passions, and freedom compromised by the excessiveness of the press and of public assemblages, but common sense has already properly judged these culpable exaggerations that have, after all, served but to prove the solidity of the edifice founded by popular suffrage. But this uncertainty and trouble must last no longer. The will of the people must be made known in France, the wants of liberty, with order. Dr. Mary Walker is lecturing to small and select audiences in different parts of Missouri.

Toole, the English comedian, is coming to America.

The duke of Norfolk stops into Lord Derby's shoes, and receives that nobleman's garb.

A stepdaughter of Admiral Dahlgren is to be married to Mr. Overbeck.

Grant's man is still busy on his "message." His supply of champagne and Havanas have well nigh become exhausted over the "finances" of the country.

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Kate Morgan has made \$15,000 by picking pockets in New York.

Eighteen members of the Massachusetts legislature are Catholics, from the vicinity of Boston.

## PLYMOUTH MARKETS.

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### GROCERIES—Retail.

Apples, dried, pr. lb. a 12  
Cabbages, a 20  
Carrots, a 25  
Cleavers, a 80  
Milk, a 15  
Nutmegs, pr. oz. a 15  
Peaches, dried, pr. lb. a 30  
Pears, dried, pr. lb. a 20  
Sugar, coffee, a 12  
Sugar, brown, a 15  
Tea, a 15  
Spice, a 50  
Tobacco, black, a 40  
Tobacco, plug, a 90  
do smoking, a 80  
do, pr. oz. a 60  
Tallow, a 10

### PROVISIONS—Wholesale.

Butter, a 28  
Gran, pr. lb. a 60  
Lard, pr. lb. a 25  
Olive oil, pr. dr. a 25  
Corn Meal, pr. cwt. a 50  
Flour, white, pr. cwt. a 50  
do red wheat, a 50  
Lard, pr. cwt. a 50  
Oats, pr. cwt. a 50  
Potatoes, a 35  
Shorts, pr. cwt. a 50  
Suet, pr. cwt. a 50  
Tallow, a 10

### FAIR PRODUCT—Wholesale.

Bacon, pr. lb. a 25  
Corn, shelled, a 70  
Hay, timothy, a 15  
Linen, pr. cwt. a 50  
do green, trimmed, a 10  
do dried mint, a 15  
do valerian, a 15  
do val. green, a 20  
do val. dried, a 20  
Oats, pr. cwt. a 50  
Timothy, a 5  
Wool, pr. cwt. a 25  
Flax, do  
Wheat, new, a 50  
Wool, pr. cord, a 60  
Wood, pr. pound, a 40

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