

THE DEMOCRAT

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Democratic State Ticket.

For Secretary of State,
NORMAN EDWELL, of St. Joseph.
For Auditor of State,
JOHN C. SHOEMAKER, of Perry.
For Treasurer of State,
JAMES W. RYAN, of Marion.
For Attorney General,
DALEWS W. HANNA, of Vigo.
For Superintendent of Public Instruction,
MILTON E. HOPKINS, of Montgomery.
For Judges of Supreme Court,
JAMES L. WORDEN, of Allen.
ALEXANDER C. DOWNEY, of Ohio.
SAMUEL H. BUSBY, of Monroe;
JOHN PETTIT, of Tippecanoe.

A Proposition to Democrats.

Feeling the importance of an extended circulation of Democratic home papers during the campaign now pending, we propose to furnish THE DEMOCRAT from MAY 1, 1870, to JANUARY 1, 1871, (EIGHT MONTHS.) for

ONE DOLLAR IN ADVANCE.

At this rate no name can be entered upon our books unless accompanied by the cash. We have made this proposition very liberal at the solicitation of members of the Central Committee and other prominent Democrats, and expect the hearty co-operation of all friends.

Who will send us the largest list of campaign subscribers?

Democratic County Convention.

The Democrats of Marshall county are notified that their central committee have ordered that a delegate convention be held at Plymouth, on Saturday, June 18th, 1870, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the offices to be filled at the next general election.

The number of delegate votes to which each township in said county will be entitled in said convention is based upon the vote cast for governor in 1868, and is as follows:

Townships.	Vote in '68.	No. Delegates
Center.	689	34
Bourbon.	991	15
German.	237	12
Walnut.	223	11
Polt.	194	9
West.	174	9
North.	168	8
Union.	119	6
Tippecanoe.	117	6
Total.	2395	120

The Democrats of the several townships are requested to hold conventions and appoint delegates to the county convention on Saturday, June 14th, unless for local reasons some other day would be more convenient.

H. COCHRIN, Chairman.

D. McDONALD, Secretary.

Corporation Convention.

The Democrats of Plymouth are requested to meet in mass convention at the office of THE DEMOCRAT, on Saturday evening, April 20th, at 7:30 o'clock, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the offices to be filled next Monday.

A full attendance of all Democratic voters in the corporation is urgently requested, in order that a good and satisfactory ticket may be put in nomination.

MANY DEMOCRATS.

How Are You, Economy?

The present board of trustees of Plymouth corporation went into office a year ago on pledges of retrenchment and reform. As they have been in office one term, let us post up the account of expenses for trustee service, and compare it with the allowances made to the board of trustees preceding them, whose expenses were to be retrenched:

Democratic, "Retrenchment," 1868-69, Total, \$1,100.

Confer, 1869-70, Total Democratic expenses, 1500.

Increase, \$252.00 showing an increase of over ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY PER CENT. in the compensation voted by the present trustees to themselves, in excess of the amount received by the former board! And a similar increase of salary has been made to the other corporation officers. If the people like this kind of retrenchment and reform, they will doubtless vote to continue this political element in power. Judging from the manner in which the present board of trustees have slashed into the treasury it is reasonable to suppose they did not anticipate their services would be required beyond their present term. So mote it be.

Terrible Accident.

On the 27th instant, while a large crowd was assembled in the upper portion of the capitol building at Richmond, Va., the floor gave way, and fell 30 feet to the floor below. This was followed by a general crash of timbers, and the falling of inside walls. About 60 persons were killed and double that number badly wounded.

Directly after the disaster, the fire alarm was sounded, and the hook and ladder companies repaired to the rescue. The police encircled the building, and ladders were thrown up to the windows. For three hours the scene was full of horror. Minute after minute there appeared, swung out by a rope around the middle of the body, some one, who, after being swung on the shoulder of some one of the fire brigades,

mangled and dead, was brought down the ladder into the green of the park, to be recognized by friends. The park was filled with weeping women and anxious men until 2 o'clock, when the last victim was drawn from the ruins. To day is being observed as a day of mourning by the city.

The Corporation Election.
We call especial attention to the announcement in to-day's paper, of the convention to be held at this office, next Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock. In addition to their regular call, we respectfully urge upon all Democrats a prompt and full attendance. Our office room is large and commodious, and will be well lighted, and provided with seats and conveniences for all who attend.

The importance of having a good and efficient town government cannot be overestimated. In addition to the political significance of a victory at this time, we need officers in whom the people have confidence as to their ability and integrity; men who have no selfish ends to gain, or personal piques to gratify. Plenty of such men can be found among the Democrats of this town, and we hope the convention on Saturday evening will see to it that none others are put upon the ticket.

A succinct history of reconstruction comes to us in a southern paper, as follows:

What is it that's the best government the world ever seen? George, to be found out by this time, having run some fourteen or more since the war was up: First, territory; Second, Provisional; third, no government, (just sloshing around loose like a stray dog); Fourth, military; fifth, military and civil mixed; sixth, in the United States one-fourth; seventh, plum out, etc., down to the fourteenth—which started out trying to run a sort of double barrel fire. That is, civil when it suits, military when it don't, and it suits and don'ts every new moon.

General News.

PARIS, April 24, midnight. The clerks of the French Republicans, at a meeting last evening, resolved to recommend to their party a negative vote on the question in the *petitice*.

This action unites the left center or moderate Republicans, with the party of the *freedom* bœufs, on position to the empire, and they will now join their votes with the Legitimists to defeat the Fenians.

The impression has gone forth that the United States authorities would remain passive and allow the Fenians to violate the neutrality laws without interference.

Secretary Fish says, however, that the laws will be promptly enforced, and those who attempt to violate them severely punished.

The government is advised that May 1st has been agreed upon by the Fenian leaders as the time to make a raid upon the Canadian frontiers, and United States troops will be in readiness at that time to suppress any demonstration.

The telegraphic dispatches from Toronto professing to state information has been given by the government of the United States to the Canadian authorities with regard to the Fenians or the intentions of this government are not to be relied on; they appear to be prepared with a design of invariably misrepresenting this government and are generally pure fiction.

Rumor says that Sunday next has been definitely fixed by the Fenians for the commencement raid on Canada.

From Bourbon.

PODORON, April 24. EDS. DEMOCRAT:

The dry goods store of Esquire Clegg was broken into on Friday night, and various articles of clothing, notions, &c., carried away. The thieves gained an entrance from the outside, through the cellar way.

N. D. Heller, formerly of this place, was in town last week. His large steam flouring mill, at Heller's Corners, Allen county, was destroyed by fire on the 15th instant. A large amount of flour, and some three or four thousand bushels of wheat were consumed. His loss, we think, will reach \$15,000. No insurance.

The Hon. Amos Cummings does not mention the emperor's proclamation:

Frenchmen: The constitution of 1852, drawn up in virtue of the powers which you gave me, and ratified by the eight millions of votes which re-established the empire, has procured for France eighteen years of calm and prosperity which have not been without.

It has insured order, and left the way open to all improvements. Thus more security has been confirmed.

The larger part it has taken in progress of liberty, but successive changes have altered the basis of the *plebiscitum*, which cannot be changed without an appeal to the nation. It becomes indispensable then, that a new constitutional pact shall be approved by the people who were formerly its constituents of the Republic and of the empire. At these two epochs it was believed, even as I myself believe to-day, that anything done without you was illegal. The constitution of *Democracy* and Imperial France may be reduced to a small number of fundamental provisions, which cannot be changed without your consent. Your decision will have the advantage of rendering definite the progress already made, and of placing beyond the influence of political fluctuations the principles of Government. Time, lost too often in barren and embittered controversies, may be more usefully employed hereafter in seeking means of increasing the moral and material well being of the greatest number.

I address myself to all of you, who, from the 10th of December, 1848, surmount all obstacles to place me at your head; to you, who, for twenty years, have without cessation guarded by your suffrage, sustained by your co-operation, and rewarded me by your affection. Believe me, as a new proof of confidence in your manly career, the glory of Sheridan pales almost to nothingness. There are not words enough to express our debt of gratitude to you, will place order and liberty on a solid basis, and you will render easier in the future the transmission of the crown to my son. You have a most unanimous for eighteen years clothed me with the most extensive powers; be also equally unanimous in supporting the transformation of the Imperial regime. A great nation has no way of attaining its development without *resting* an institution which guarantees at the same time stability and progress. To the call which I make on you to ratify liberal reforms realized within the last ten years, reply. As for myself, faithful to my origin, I shall continue penetrated by your thought and fortified by your will, and, confiding in providence, shall begin at the head, and Sheridan, the inhuman, heartless and selfish Sheridan should be one of the first to be cut off.

Sheridan Runs away from Thomas' Funeral.

General Sheridan arrived in Troy yesterday morning, remained about four hours, and then left for Philadelphia, where he is to join in the banquet. He came with the body of a major general of the army, a man before whose glory there pale almost to nothingness.

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San Francisco Chinese stand the earthquakes unflinchingly while negroes turn pale.

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