

THE DEMOCRAT.

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We omit our ticket this week to make room for other matter.

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This is the first number of volume XVI. The occasion is a timely one to have a little chat with our readers on matters connected with the paper.

The DEMOCRAT has passed through many vicissitudes, and we flatter ourselves that during the volume just closed it was published with an energy and a promptness that will compare favorably with former years. Circumstances over which it seemed impossible to have control, made it necessary for one of the publishers to devote his entire time, during working hours, to the business and mechanical departments, leaving only "nights and Sundays" for editorial labor, while the other publisher, being engaged in other pursuits, was able to devote but little time to editorial duties; but notwithstanding all this, we do not consider it egotistical to say that the paper has given better satisfaction to its patrons than ever before. The amount of editorial labor required upon a newspaper at the present time, is so much greater than formerly, that there are few papers the size of THE DEMOCRAT but furnish employment for one man in the editorial and business departments, and many of them in the editorial department alone. We intend to effect such arrangements in our business as will enable us to devote more time to the paper, and shall then not permit any newspaper in these parts to "throw dust" in our eyes.

While we are doing as well as our abilities and circumstances will permit, we request that all who desire to see a first-class paper, in all respects, established here, will aid in extending our circulation, that we may be the better enabled to increase the usefulness of the paper. Our friends have been making a very creditable effort in that direction, during the past few weeks; but that is more with a view to the present campaign than to any permanent benefit to ourselves. At least one-half the Democats in Marshall county ought to become subscribers—and this is all we ask, just now. The more liberal the patronage bestowed on a paper, the better the paper will become; for it is an almost invariable practice with country publishers to invest their profits in improvements of their paper.

We have not yet adopted the advanced pay system, although we are convinced that we ought to if we would succeed as we hope to. We have determined, though, that the long-winded account business heretofore so fearfully in vogue with the publishers of papers in this country, must cease with us. There is not a man in the county but can pay for his paper within the year; and he must do so if he takes THE DEMOCRAT.

With this understanding—that our friends will do all they can to extend our circulation, and we will do all we can to publish them a good paper—we sail in for another year, wishing long life and prosperity to all.

Circulate the Documents.

The following campaign documents may be obtained of Hon. Horace Corbin, chairman of the Democratic central committee of Marshall county:

"Land Monopoly—Speech of Hon. W. S. Holman." "The Tariff—Speech of Hon. Samuel S. Cox." "Speech of Hon. Michael C. Kerr." "Speech of Hon. J. B. Beck, on miscellaneous appropriations;" "Speech of Hon. John G. Shoemaker, on Radical Election Frauds and Corruptions;" "Speech of Hon. Chas. A. Eldridge, on Naturalization and Immigration;" "Speech of Hon. George W. Morgan, on Currency and the Public Debt;" "Radical Falsehood Exposed."

Democrats in different parts of the country are requested to aid in putting these documents into the hands of those who will read them, and profit by them.

Colfax.

It is announced that the Hon. Schuyler Colfax, vice-president of the United States, has had the treasury clerks at Washington at work for some time making out statements relative to the public debt and the public expenditures, said statements to be used during the campaign for the purpose of showing up the great financial ability of the Republican party and Grant's administration.

When Johnson swung around the circle, the Colfaxites had no words to express their abhorrence of such an unjudged proceeding; but that pink of perfection, Schuyler, can do the same, and more, and receive the plaudits of the Republican party. His figures will be compiled for the purpose of proving just what he wants them to, and will be entitled to no more credit than any statement he might make for political effect. They are a "put up job," and when he presents them to the people, they should consider the object for which they were compiled, and that vice-president is no more entitled to credit than other mortals.

There must be a new bushwhacker contributing to the editorial columns of the *Republican*, judging from the silliness and shallowness of the article in the last issue of that paper on the Democratic resolutions adopted at Wanatah.

To show how little sense or political discretion there is in the adole-polite nincompoop who writes for that paper during the absence of the editor, it is only necessary to refer to the fact, that he decries the resolutions because they do not announce sympathy for "German unity," while one of the candidates supported by that paper for a county office, is an open and avowed sympathizer with Napoleon in his efforts to destroy "German unity!" Bushwhacker had better retire to his country residence until he learns enough to be consistent with himself, even if he can not learn anything of principle.

Last Saturday, Hon. D. D. Pratt and Moxa Morton, United States senators for Indiana, were advertised to deliver themselves at Valparaiso. We are not informed whether they were both present or not, but presume they were, as it is deemed essential that all the "heavy weights" of Radicalism should take a hand in the election in this district.

Verily Jasper's prospects must be growing more desperate daily.

FRANCO-PRUSSIAN WAR.

Overwhelming Defeat of the French Army, and Capture of Napoleon.

The Empire Declared an End, and a Republic Established.

Comments on the Press.

Among the many favorable notices which the press have bestowed upon the proceedings at the laying of the corner-stone, we select the following, as descriptive of the incidents of the occasion and indicative of the sentiments of those present.

LAYING THE CORNER STONE OF THE NEW COURT HOUSE AT PLYMOUTH, IND.—The corner-stone of the new court house now being erected at Plymouth, Ind., was laid with the usual Masonic ceremonies, on the 25th of last month, by M. W. Martin H. Rice, Grand Master. Plymouth Lodge, No. 149, F. & A. M., having received an invitation to perform these ceremonies, determined at once to make the occasion one to be remembered, and one that should reflect not only credit upon himself, but also upon Masonry in that jurisdiction. Invitations were extended to the several lodges and commanderies in the northern part of the state, and at Chicago, to be present. The committee of arrangements consisted of Bros. John C. Cushman, W. W. Hill, O. H. Bailey, Henry G. Thayer and Martin H. Rice. Arrangements were made with the railroads for extra trains for the accommodation of visitors, and nothing left undone to ensure success. The morning of the day appointed dawned with every appearance of rain, but these soon passed away, and at 8 o'clock a. m. the brethren of Plymouth Lodge assembled at their lodge room, and headed by the silver cornet band, Firemen and Lodge of Odd Fellows, proceeded to the depot to receive the delegations as they arrived, and escort them to the quarters previously assigned them.

At the head of the procession was the Chicago band; the other bands were placed at the head of the different divisions. The procession marched to the Seminary grove, where in the beautiful shade had been prepared about one-third of a mile of tables, arranged parallel with each other, leaving sufficient space between them for the column to march in. The sight, as division after division marched in at the center and filed right and left to take their places at the tables, was most magnificent to behold. The dinner was served under the direction of D. F. Ray, Esq., Chief Steward, formerly of the Metropolitan Hotel, New York.

In preparing to feed this vast multitude, citizens generally joined with the Masons, Odd Fellows and Firemen, contributing in the most liberal manner. The ladies are especially entitled to much praise for their contributions and the important services they rendered. The whole arrangements for dinner were said by all to be the best they had ever witnessed on an occasion like this. More than two thousand persons partook, and there was an abundance for all. At 1 o'clock the procession was again formed and marched to the court house square. At the tables was most magnificent to behold. The dinner was served under the direction of D. F. Ray, Esq., Chief Steward, formerly of the Metropolitan Hotel, New York.

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The Empress Eugenie has already started on her journey to join her husband in captivity, having received as

assurance from William that she would be treated as a guest and not as a prisoner. At last accounts the Prince Imperial was thought to be in London.

While these exciting events were transpiring at the front, events of no less interest to France were occurring at Paris. As soon as the defeat of MacMahon and surrender of Napoleon were known at Paris, the people were wild with excitement, and government affairs were but little better than the mob in the street. Suddenly the cry of a Republique was raised, and echoed from

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