

PRairie CHIEFTAIN

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1850.

— We hope our readers will hear it patiently until we receive exchanges from which to make selections.

WHO BEATS?

There has been quite a strife between Princeton and Westpoint Townships, as to which will furnish the 'Chieftain' the largest number of paying subscribers, in proportion to the number of voters in their respective precincts. From thirty-three voters in Princeton we have twenty-eight subscribers, and in Westpoint, from twenty-three we have received twenty. If this isn't doing it up about right we're no judge. We are indebted to Anson Jewett, and Aden Nordyke, of the former, and to S. Vanvors, and Dr. Husted, of the latter, for the liberal subscription from these townships. Uncle Jewett sends his respects to the Point, and thinks he shall get every man in his township, and then go two better. Wake up, Point!

What in the name of sense has become of Bob. Gibson, of Jackson township, and the 'Chief of the Camanches,' Christ. Vendeventer, of Liberty. Bob put in the big locks in us in Jackson, and no mistake, in the way of subscribers, and we'd like to hear from him again. There's a lot of whole-souled fellows in Egypt, among whom are J. C. Hughes, H. Denton, and Eph. Muson, that say we are under no obligation to them, for their exertions in our behalf, but we're inclined to think they are mistaken.

Sam. Ramay, and Dutch Smeltser, have promised us twenty more from old Prairie. Trot 'em along, as we stand ready to extend to them the right hand of fellowship.

Jasper and Pulaski counties come down on us in platoons, but we think we shall be able to stand it. Fire away! The citizens of our District are determined to show the outside scoffers, that they understand their interests, not only in this matter, but in all others and that they will sustain them.

We were unable to supply our new subscribers with our first issue, but will be with them hereafter.

Gold! Gold!! Hurray for White!!

We have been shown a lump of Gold almost pure, weighing two ounces, taken from the well of Mr. John R. Willey of this place, at the depth of 27 feet from the surface of the earth. The appearance of the earth strongly indicates that more of the "critter" is located in the same neighborhood, and in fact, there is all reason to believe that it exists in considerable quantities. The existence of a mine of Copper in this vicinity has always been believed, by the 'old settlers,' their information having been derived from the Indians, a number of years ago; but the existence of a deposit of the 'precious metal' entered not into the cranium of even an 'old settler.' But facts are stubborn things; the very identical lump is before us, 'sparkling and bright.' Where are you now, California?

N. B. We don't wish to alarm our readers, but the Gold may yet prove to be something else, as 'all that glitters is not gold.'

— We were shown an ear of corn, by Mr. Bachelder, raised upon the farm of Mr. Charles Hamilton, of Jackson township, this county, that is hard to beat. It was 14 inches in length, 3 inches in diameter, and contained 1320 grains, the grains averaging $\frac{1}{2}$ of an inch in depth. We are assured that the field from which this was taken, will average one hundred and twenty-five bushels per acre. Beat it, who can.

— Cattle dealers that wish to purchase corn in the field, for feeding purposes, will do well by calling on Nat. Rogers, or Hiram Lear, of Princeton township.

Some of our citizens still complain of their gardens being robbed. We suggest that a few steel traps be set for the benefit of the robbers.—*Delhi Times.*

But, but, Jonathan, you'll have to use a lantern, or you'll be crippled.

— Owing to the absence of the San. for Ed., upon business connected with the interests of the com., several matters of local interest, have not been noticed in this week's paper, but will be announced to subscribers. "Brother, let 'spades have the patient work."

Brag Wheat,

Mr. David Miller, of Miami township in this County harvested a lot of wheat worth speaking about. He sowed two bushels of seed last fall, on one acre and forty three rods, and the product was 51 bushels of excellent wheat. If any one can beat that bring on the particulars.—*Logansport Pharos.*

Here They Are.

— Mr. Silas Adams of Big Creek Township, this County sowed 1½ bushels of wheat on sod ground, and harvested and cleaned 39 bushels and 3 pecks of pure wheat, and this without any special labor.

And Another.

Mr. Benjamin Reynolds Esq. of the same township sowed 20 bushels upon 15 acres, and the product was seven hundred and twenty bushels of clean wheat, which he cashed at \$1. per bushel. Where are you now? Well, Mr. Pharos, we don't want you to take these small specimens as being brag crops, as they are not. The old Prairie Chieftain, Mr. R., says if he hears of any more bragging over your way, he will be upon you in good earnest.

And by the way when you get tired of the *stumps* and *stems* of Cass, just should-er your old rifle or shotgun, give the scis-ors to the devil, mount old Barney, and come over, and we'll take you out to Ben. Reynold's farm, of 1000 acres, or Phil. Wolverton's of 1200 acres, or John Kious' of 4000 acres, or Miller Ken-tons' of 5000, or any other of our moderate farmers, and we'll make you think that all the descriptions you ever read about Paradise and the garden of Eden, as com-pared with our Prairie, for beauty and richness and all that, is a perfect hoax.

Come over and take a snuff of pure air and a snort of good—water, and we will give you any kind of game you desire, from a good fat Buck to a Prairie Chicken. Whose in?

Special Election.

A special election will be held at the Auditor's office, on Saturday the 12th of October, for Justice of the Peace, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Jesse Grim.

As yet we have only heard of the name of J. Barnes mentioned as a candidate for the office. There may be other candidates. We hold ourselves in readiness, however, to announce the names of candidates or print tickets if desired, "cheap for cash."

— Congress adjourned without day on last Monday.

Striking Coincidences.

On next Monday, the 7th of October, the Constitutional Convention, to revise the Constitution of the State of Indiana, is expected to organize by the election of a President and Clerk. On the same day, Hon. A. M. Crane will be geared up as the "horse" of the "one-horse" Court of Tippecanoe county. S. A. Huff, Esq., will appear on the same day at Winne-mac as counsel for our fellow-townsmen Mr. Conkling, of the firm of Hogeland & Conkling. And last, though not least in the train of important events, it is ex-pected that "Westy," of "stove" notoriety, will, "all on" the same day, take to wearing "socks."

— The American Board of Foreign Missons met in session at Oswego, N. Y., on Tuesday the 10th of September, ult. The meeting was called to order by the Hon. Theodore Frelinghuysen, of New Jersey.

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Mr. Fowler has been Reporter for the "Congregational Globe" for several years past.

— Hence, what's the matter?

Mine Co., the sorrel wagon has run away, and the green horses, and prance de-scribers of the brick house, what stands by the corner lamp post across the way from the apple tree—run, I say, and stop the telegraph. Mine Co., when a bus-ple!

— The Agricultural Fair of the State of Ohio, met in Cincinnati to-day, and

Rail Road,

The following bill passed the Senate on September 10th, for the construction of a Rail Road, from Indianapolis to a point upon the boundary line between our State and Illinois, near its intersection with Lake Michigan.

The features, and the influence that this road will exert upon the interest of the people of our District will be examined shortly.

In SENATE—SEPTEMBER 9, 1850.

GRANT OF LANDS TO INDIANA.

Mr. BRIGHT. I ask the Senate to take up the Senate bill 290—being a bill making a grant of Land to the State of Indiana for the construction of a railroad. It was made the special order for Thurs-day last; but, owing to the press of other important business, I did not insist upon the consideration of it at that time. It is a copy of the bill which has just been passed in relation to Missouri. I hope, therefore, that there will be no objections to it.

The President. The hour for the spe-cial orders has arrived, but the Chair will put the question if the Senate desire it.

The question being taken upon the motion, it was agreed to.

The Senate accordingly, as in com-mittee of the whole, proceed to the consider-ation of the bill granting the right of way and making a grant of land to the State of Indiana, to aid in the construction of a railroad from a point on the boundary line between Indiana and Illinois, nears intersection with Lake Michigan, to the city of Indianapolis; and a branch to intersect the southern Michigan railroad at or near where the same enters said State of Indiana; and no amendment being offered, it was reported to the Sen-ate, ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

— Thomas J. Rusk has been re-elec-ted by the Legislature of Texas to the United States Senate, by a vote of 56 to 8. His new term is from 1851 to 1857.

— Capt. Davis of Missouri, now a

the General Land Office, has been ap-pointed Chief Clerk of the War Depart-ment.

— Yankee Sullivan, instead of being

killed in California, as reported, arrived at New York in the steamer Philadelphia destitute of money and good health.

— The Wooster Democrat says the

man who has read the entire official re-

ports of the Ohio Constitutional Conven-tion is "doing as well as could be expe-cted." He lives in Sugar Creek town-ship.

— The Yankee Blade says that Bas-

num has received such encouragemen-

ent in his enterprise of bringing Jenny Lind to this country, that he will next year en-deavor to bring Queen Victoria and her babes to this country on account of specta-tion.

— A Chinese Funeral.

A San Francisco letter says:—"A Chi-nese funeral took place yesterday. The Chinaman died at the Chinese restaurant of Macao & Woosung. The funeral was there, there being over one hundred and fifty Chinamen in the procession, each wearing a piece of white crapse. A large number of persons visited the burying ground to witness the ceremonies, which were as follows: They lowered the cof-fin as we do, they then threw the white bands worn on their arms, into the grave; then matches and then wax candles, and a bottle of wine. Before cov-ering the coffin, each person bowed his head to the earth and uttered some few words not by us understood. Then each threw a handful of dirt on the coffin, and passed around liquors, wines and sugars, &c., of which they invited each American to partake, and the grave was then filled up."

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— A queer sort of hospital matched

elately in Lowndes co., Miss. One man

by the name of Hopkins aged 55 years

got married to a Miss Mathews 35 years

old. Both parties are so afflicted with

deformities that neither of them tried

to walk a single step for 26 years, and they

were unable to dress or undress them-selves

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Speaking of the Lath Machine brings

to mind that McCounaughay & Sexton of

this place have in course of erection

double triggered Patent Shingle Machine

that's calculated to upset the old fashion-

ed one horse manner of shaving by hand.

So it goes. Our citizens are laying hold

with energy, and commendable zeal, ev-er

species of improvement that tends to ad-vance either combined or individual

interest, proving by this course of action

that our county shall rank, where she is