

# THE PLYMOUTH DEMOCRAT.

A. C. THOMPSON, Editor.

PLYMOUTH, INDIANA.  
THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 16.

## Democratic Nominations.

FOR PRESIDENT.  
**STEPHEN A. DOUGLAS**  
OF ILLINOIS.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT.  
**HERSCHELL V. JOHNSON**  
OF GEORGIA.

## STATE TICKET.

FOR GOVERNOR.  
**THOMAS A. HENDRICKS**, of Shelby.  
FOR LIQUOR GOVERNOR.  
**DAVID TURPIE**, of White.  
FOR SECRETARY OF STATE.  
**WILLIAM H. SCHLATER**, of Wayne.  
FOR AUDITOR OF STATE.  
**JOSEPH RISTINE**, of Vigo.  
FOR TREASURER OF STATE.  
**NATHAN L. CUNNINGHAM**, of Vigo.  
FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL.  
**OSCAR B. HORD**, of Decatur.  
FOR SUPERINTENDENT PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.  
**SAMUEL L. RUGG**, of Allen.  
FOR CLERK SUPREME COURT.  
**CORNELIUS O'BRIEN**, of Dearborn.  
FOR REPORTER SUPREME COURT.  
**M. C. KERR**, of Floyd.

FOR CONGRESS, 5TH DISTRICT.  
**CHARLES W. CATHART**, of LaPorte.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE OF STARKES AND MARSHALL COUNTIES.  
**M. A. O. PACKARD**.

FOR PROSECUTOR, 5TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT.  
**J. E. MCCARTHY**, of Fulton.

FOR JUDGE COMMON PLEAS COURT.  
**DANIEL NOYES**, of LaPorte.

FOR COMMON PLEAS PROSECUTOR.  
**R. L. FARNSWORTH**, of St. Joseph.

## COUNTY TICKET.

FOR TREASURER.  
**JOHN M. SHOEMAKER**.

FOR SHERIFF.  
**HENRY M. LOGAN**.

FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR.  
**J. M. KLINGER**.

FOR CORNER.  
**STEPHEN SHARPE**.

## POLITICAL NOTICE.

It being my purpose to discuss the political questions of the day at several points in this county, I hereby tender my opponent, Dr. J. C. Jones, an invitation to meet me on those occasions in joint discussion. The time and places to be agreed upon between us, and if not so agreed upon between us, I will, on each occasion, give Dr. Jones notice one week in advance of the time and place of meeting.

M. A. O. PACKARD.  
August 16th, 1860.

## PUBLIC SPEAKING.

The Democrats of this county are hereby notified that Col. JOHN C. WALKER, Elector, will address the Democracy at BOURBON, on MONDAY, THE 27th DAY OF AUGUST.

Let there be a good turn out. Cannot our Democratic friends of that place fix out something that will add to the interest of the occasion and insure a large attendance? Think of it.

## GRAND RALLY.

The Democrats of Polk township are making arrangements to have a grand time at Tyler City on the 30th of this month. They are going to raise a rousing pole. CATHART and other prominent speakers are expected to be present. Music, banners, speaking, &c., will be the order of the day. It is designed as a grand rally, and it is desired that every Democrat in the county, or in the District, should be present, if possible. We anticipate a big time, sure.

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## Starkes County Correspondence.

For the Democrat.

Mr. Editor:—I notice another piece of low, vulgar slang, against me in the last *Republican*. MATTHEW says he has well nigh demolished me, but in what way I cannot tell. I cannot see that he has demolished anything but his own character for truth and veracity, and that he demolished long ago.

He says I half-way deny being the author of the article in the *Democrat* signed "Knox." My answer to that is simply this: it is none of his business whether I wrote it or not. Whether I wrote it or not, I am prepared to prove said communication true. A part of it has been acknowledged to be true, and the rest of it is a whole community knows to be true, and his article in regard to our Convention, false. I will just say for MATTHEW's benefit, that the charge in regard to the Clerk is entirely false, and he nor no other man can say I have tried to get either candidate nominated, except by my vote at the Convention, which was held last Saturday. He still tries to charge me with running for Recorder last fall. I did not see fit to notice that part of MATTHEW's first attack on me, but I will now just say that Mr. MATTHEW has been misinformed—his information is false, and they know it.

I was beaten last fall, in Convention, for Recorder. I was then solicited by many to run independent, which I refused to do, and I never gave my consent to run, but many of my friends voted for me—which they had a right to do, and for which I was not to blame. He finally winds up with a desire to whisper to me. I hope he will keep a good distance while he is at it and whisper about, as I do not like to smell of an old whiff of his breath. He charges me with being a "moral and physical coward." I acknowledge that physically I am a small man, but I am just large enough to not fear any such yelping specimen of the canine tribe as he is, or any of the cur whelps that evidently think it a great privilege to get to play dog with him; and, as to moral courage, I leave that with those who are acquainted with me both, to judge which has the most. He says he has "the material to make a nice man" of me, and says he will do so if I give him any more provocation. This threat he makes together with other similar ones. Now, don't that scare somebody! I have heard long varied animal barks before, and I don't think I shall scare much at the *Republican* editor. A nice man MATTHEW is to talk about decency, honesty, truth, and moral courage, when he is as destitute of either as a stone is of blood. If there is any honesty about him why doesn't he tell his "informants" are, when he publishes slanders and lies against private citizens that are entire strangers to him, especially when requested to do so? Then I would know who to reply to. I dared him in my last communication to let me know who it was that was telling him such lies about me and other citizens of Starkes county, but instead of telling his author, he launches out in a filthy, lying tirade of abuse against me. Talk about moral courage! He has not got moral courage enough to tell the name of a single man that he pretends to get his information from, and the reason is obvious; he knows he has no such informant, or else he knows they are so devoid of truth and morality that they could not be believed under any circumstances. The whole secret of MATTHEW's and his penny cur's abuse to me, is, that I will not bow to their political God—"Old Abe." That is the sum and substance of their spite. The only arguments they use is abuse and slang. They intend to coerce and drive every man to see as they see, believe as they believe, and vote as they vote. They are more intolerant to those that disagree with them politically than ever Nero was against the Christians. Now, if MATTHEW still wishes to spit his vile, nauseating slang at me, he can do so, and bring ahead all his material against me in any form or shape, but I want him to understand distinctly that I do not fear him in the least, nor his crew of informants; however, I am gratified to know that the amount of space he occupies in his paper against me is so much space lost to his use against some honest Democratic candidate. On me his vengeance is powerless. So go ahead grumpy MATTHEW, and let us see what kind of an abortion you will bring forth next time.

Knox, August 13, 1860.

W. W. CALKINS.

Knox, August 7th, 1860.

Mr. Editor:—I noticed in the *Republican* of the 2d inst., a piece of slang signed "Spondoolix," and as they charge "Knox" with falsehood they also charge the editor of the *Republican* with the same, for said editor acknowledges a part of his information he received and published in regard to the Democratic Representative Convention at Knox to be false. Those worthy "Spondoolixes" see fit to contradict him, and I will tell them right out. In the first place the "Spondoolix" family is quite extensive, numbering about five or six, and as they have seen fit to ask eight questions I will try and answer them as near as possible in a style suited to said questions, and in rotation as they occur:

1. How many years were you with the Indiana studying medicine?

Answer. About as long as "Spondoolix" No. 1 studied in an "Eclectic School" where he learned to find the "efeminal" artery in the bottom of a certain boy's foot that was cut.

2. How many years did you practice medicine?

Ans. About as many years as "Spondoolix" No. 2 would have been Sheriff of Starkes county when he ran against three Democrats and got badly beaten.

3. If a man should follow ten different occupations, eight years each, how old would he be?

Ans. He would be about as old as "Old Abe." I know of no person following more trades, such as hosting, distilling, grocery-keeping, rail-splitting, hair-cutting, etc., and about the age to give a fool an answer.

4. What is the intrinsic value of a Bull that can outrun any horse that can be brought to a public race-track?

Ans. He is worth about as much as "dat nigger" that made "Spondoolix" run once, and, as you say, knocked you down—say about \$900, or about as much as said "Spondoolix" said he received, as an Attorney fee, for obtaining a divorce for one Mrs. Black, in Starkes county. I presume he remembers its intrinsic value, although such pay is not lawful outside of matrimony.

5. What effect would Toad's milk have upon a man who was in the habit of getting drunk?

Ans. If "Spondoolix" No. 2 would try it he could tell what effect it would have. It would stop him perhaps from making a fool of himself at Democratic meetings, keep the "snakes" out of his boots, and stop him from eating his neighbors black hens in a steam mill.

6. If a would-be Doctor should give a drunken man Toad's milk, and then deny so doing to his professor, would he be lying?

Ans. If said Doctor should give said "Spondoolix" No. 2, a dose of said Toad's milk, and it should have the effect to stop him from telling falsehoods and save his family from hunger and want, and keep him from loafing about the streets in the day time and robbing hen-roosts at night, he should be forever remembered from blame, whether he was or was not.

7. If a man should try, by joining in with hand sharps, to cheat an honest man who has as "good" a wagon and as good horses as any body in Starkes county, out of his farm, by false coloring and deception, would there be anything dishonest in all this?

Ans. No more dishonest than for "Spondoolix" No. 2, to walk about six miles on Sunday, to David Van Buren, and try to make the old man pay ten dollars to clear him from a judgement that was against his son, which he well knew that he was not liable for. You also told him that the matter was in your control, and if he did not pay the ten dollars you would take the other side and make him pay the whole judgement, costs and interest. This is but a sample of said "Spondoolixes'" style of leaving black mail.

I believe I have answered all the questions of the said "Spondoolixes." They say they have eight more questions to ask, which I hope will be forthcoming, and I will try and answer them for the benefit of the rest of the "Spondoolix" fraternity, and after having answered them I will take the same privilege they have taken, and ask a few questions of the fraternity, which they will also understand perfectly well—as well as they will the foregoing answers. So, pitch in gentle, if you like the fun. I will acknowledge that I have never sunk so low in the depths of infamy, nor dabbled in the poisonous fumes of slander, as some of these "Spondoolixes" have. They can beat me in their filthy billingsgate, slang and blustering bravado, but I will try and answer these fools according to their folly.

KNOX.

## Explanatory.

J. WILDER called to see us the other day and complained that we had done him injustice in our article concerning the "accommodating Treasurer." We did not mention his name nor the name of the firm alluded to, but as he pleads guilty in part, we are satisfied to let it be understood that he was the firm that received what we termed the accommodations, in our last issue. He says it was no accommodation to him. This he knows about, of course, and we do not. We had no intention of doing him any personal injury, and the article was not, as he said he understood, intended for him. We suppose that any man would have accepted what we still must think was a favor. If it had not been recorded as a favor the arrangement would not have been made—so we think. It was contrary to law for OULEXER to take such money for the payment of tax, and according to FULLER and MATTHEW he has been trying to embezzle, or is a defaulter, or something of the kind. It all goes well with the *Republican* heresabouts as long as they can go on and abuse and defame the character of Democrats, but when their own arguments are used against their pet, it causes a general futtering among them. We will have more to say on this subject hereafter, probably.

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