

# THE PLYMOUTH DEMOCRAT.

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## DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.

SECRETARY OF STATE,  
Gen. MAHON, of Montgomery

ATTORNEY OF STATE,  
CHRISTIAN G. BADGER, of Clarkes.

TREASURER OF STATE,  
JAMES B. RYAN, of Marion.

ATTORNEY GENERAL,  
JOHN R. COFFROTH, of Huntington.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,  
R. M. CHAPMAN, of Knox.

## DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET.

For Treasurer,  
M. W. DOWNEY.  
For Auditor,  
A. C. THOMPSON.  
For Sheriff,  
DAVID HOW.  
For Coroner,  
ADAM VINNEDGE.

## Ninth District Democratic Convention.

The Democracy of the 9th Congressional District will hold a delegate convention at LaPorte, Thursday, July 19, 1866, at 1 o'clock P. M., to nominate a candidate for Congress. By order of the committee.

S. A. HALL, Chmn. Dem. Com.

Logansport, June 13, 1866.

## Bonds and Taxation.

The radical money-mongers in Congress are agitating the question of issuing **thirty years** bonds to cover the floating debt of the country, and propose to make them free from taxation, as the bonds already issued now are. It seems to us that if ever a set of men in the world were demented, these radicals are that set. Do they not know that it is the interest of the bond holders themselves to have them taxed equitably? Let the 4,000,000,000 of debt accumulated under the misrule of the abolition party be put in the shape of non-tax-paying bonds, thus placing the burden of taxation upon the laboring men and small capitalists of the country, to defray the current expenses of the government and to pay besides, the interest due on bonds not taxed, and how long would it be before a general feeling of discontent would manifest itself and culminate in the repudiation of the non-taxed bonds? For one we are free to say, tax equitably or repudiate. We know we are touching a tender point, and we shall be told that these bonds are sacred, that the faith of the government is pledged for their redemption, that even to mention repudiation is an evidence of disloyalty and all that. We are not however, easily alarmed, and when we remember that those who pledged the faith of the government for the redemption of these bonds were possessed of at least *doubtful authority* for so doing, and that in all just governments and especially in ours, all should bear an equal share of the burdens incident to the support of the government, we can see no particular obligation on one portion of the citizens to pay all the taxes together with the interest on un-taxed bonds, while another class, and that too the wealthy class, are exempt from taxation. We may possibly be wrong in this matter, but we speak for ourself alone, and think there are thousands of others who entertain a like opinion.

It is now thought at Washington that the "Constitutional amendment" recently proposed by Congress, will not be adopted by a sufficient number of States to make it successful. It is not believed that a single southern State will ratify it; and unless 27 States unite in the ratification it will fail. We cannot see how the States lately in rebellion are sufficiently *reconstructed* to legally act upon the amendment without at the same time being entitled to representation in Congress. If their acts are legal for one purpose they are for others, and if they are under such legal disabilities as to prevent them from participating in the councils of Congress, they are in no condition legally to say what shall or what shall not be adopted as an amendment to the constitution. We know of no half and half qualification that should permit them to do the one and prohibit them from participating in the other. If they are States in the Union they are entitled to be represented in Congress.

The radicals are in a pickle again. The President threw a live firebrand in their ranks last week which considerably demoralized such leading spirits as Sumner, Stevens and little Schuyler Colfax. Mr. Johnson, in his message to the Senate a few days since, says, "a proper appreciation of the letter and spirit of the constitution, as well as the interests of the national order, harmony and union, and a deference for an enlightened public judgment may at this time well suggest a doubt whether any amendment to the constitution ought to be proposed by Congress, and pressed on the legislatures of the several States, until after the admission of such senators and representatives of the non-represented States, as have been or may hereafter be chosen, in conformity with the constitution and laws of the United States."

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## "Our Predictions Verified," Etc.

Cheating and lying may for a while pass muster, but an intelligent public will soon pass just sentence upon the man who makes it a business. In the M. C. Republican of the 31st of May, we find the following "predictions" from the pen of Ignatius Mattingly, sr. It must be rather unpleasant for the old man, as well as truly laughable to the public, to see how effectually he is beaten with his own weapons. "Alas! poor Yorick!" His "predictions" are as follows:

The Marshall County Democratic Central Committee have called a County Convention to meet on the 16th proximo. We have been favored with a glimpse of "the state," and can therefore confidently predict who will be the nominees. —*Huntington Democrat.*

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The names of the members composing this modest and humane adjunct to the humanitarians assembled at Bourbon are not given. We find by reference to the published proceedings that there was quite a number of sisters present, and we may fairly suppose that a portion of the examining committee are of the feminine persuasion, strong minded, humanity-loving women whose labors are more acceptable in conventions and among strangers, than at home among their households. Saloon keepers will doubtless be afield and obliging when called on by the committee, knowing beforehand that they are only to be prosecuted in case the liquors on hand fail to meet the pure standard so delightful to the Good Templars.

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## Indiana Items.

The Warsaw Union of the 21st says: The Episcopalian Church in course of erection in East Warsaw was blown down by the severe storm of to-day, and one of the workmen, whose name we did not learn at the time of going to press, severely injured.

We mentioned, last week, a case of poisoning at Mahon. Two of the persons had died at the time we wrote. The third and last of the persons affected has since died. There is something mysterious about these deaths and we think the Doctors should have held an autopsy on at least one of the deceased, for the purpose of ascertaining, if possible, the nature of the case.—*Huntington Democrat.*

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## Tipppecanoe Correspondence.

TIPPPECANOE, June 25.

### EDS. DEMOCRAT:

Tiptown may be considered the "left wing" of Marshall County,—supposing always that the enemy is in the south, and gallant Marshall at a "front face."

It declines upon the bank of the Tipppecanoe river, in the lap of a small "clearing," and its mills, factories, stores and schools bespeak the thrift, enterprise and intelligence of the gentle town folk.

Tiptown has been somewhat demoralized for the want of political virtue; but is now becoming somewhat "reconstructed" by the democracy.

There was a time when the war whoop reverberated along the banks of the Tipppecanoe. That was a "time that tried men's souls." Such another time was lately, when the brave were summoned to the sacrifice. But time No. two tried the hardest in Tiptown for the "soul of the land." Blood was the cry, and men went forth to bleed and die; but the life current that ebbed from its mortal casket was found to flow from democratic veins, and was unsatisfactory. It served however, to water southern soil and leave grisly red lines all over that fair country to "harrow up the souls" of an unfortunate people; and that gratified abolition hatred. But Tiptown can't be bled again,—that's the opinion of the three resident M. D's.

Tiptown is supposed by some of the ver- dant to be the veritable "site" of ye ancient Indian battle fields, which inspired a flippant bard with the song,

"Tippecanoe and Tyler too," and what he probably conceived within the palatial walls of his metropolis home. Battle-fields afar off are garbs of romance, in which poets delight to dress their heroes, and hence it is true that

"Distance lends enchantment to the view,"

and that to the Tippecanoe seem removed and commonplace, in its sudden transition from the world, becomes quite the reverse to the rest of mankind.

The action of the recent democratic county convention meets with the unqualified approval of the democracy of this locality, the nominations are unexceptionable, and the compliment paid to our town in the selection of Mr. M. W. Downey as a candidate for the office of Auditor, is highly appreciated by the good folk of Tippecanoe. Mr. Downey is a representative man of democratic principles—the embodiment of the "old school" of politics. His nomination will materially help to retrieve the political fortunes of Tippecanoe township, and place the "lone star" of Marshall county, in the bright constellation of democratic towns, which now shed the radiance of constitutional liberty upon the people. The democracy has a partial organization in the form of a committee consisting of Messrs. Allman, Downey and Hill, to call meetings, etc. But this is not sufficient; we want a democratic club, to meet occasionally at the public places in town, and nail the black republican party. Who are you gentlemen?

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**The News.**

TUESDAY, JUNE 26.—The Moravian,

with European dates to the 15th, passed Farther Point yesterday. The German situation is unchanged, but it is believed that Austria will immediately order the opening of the campaign. Prussian army, in position on the Silesian frontier, was throwing up defences. Gen. Manteuffel had ordered the officials in Holstein to solemnly engage to submit to all orders of the king of Prussia, and those acting in his behalf. The German diet had resolved to mobilize the federal army. It was rumored that Maximilian had demanded an advance of money from France, otherwise he must retire from Mexico. The demand was refused, and Gen. Bazaine was ordered, in case Maximilian should leave, to take steps to ascertain the wishes of the people.

The senate has finished the tax-bill, and it will reach the house on Wednesday. A disagreement is expected. The cotton tax will be not less than three cents a pound. Six million dollars were appropriated in the house for the benefit of the freedmen.

The President notified the house to-day that he had signed a bill for disposing of the public lands in the southern state. That all the public lands in the states of Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas and Florida shall be disposed of according to the homestead law of the 29th of May, 1862, entitled an act to secure homesteads to actual settlers on the public domain, and the act supplemental thereto, approved March 21, 1864; but with this restriction; that until the expiration of two years from and after the passage of this act no entry shall be made for more than half of a quarter section, or 80 acres, and