

# Plymouth Democrat.

THURSDAY, NOV. 26, 1868.

## ABOUT MISTAKES.

We regret to see that Lafe Devlin, chairman of the democratic state central committee, is endeavoring to settle a private grievance of his through the columns of the public press. If we rightly understand the nature of his grievance, it is that parties at Indianapolis, chief among whom were Hon. J. E. McDonald, ignored him and his position as chairman of the state central committee, during the late campaign, and arrogated to themselves duties and honors of right belonging to him. The mistakes which Mr. Devlin alleges to have been made by Mr. McDonald and others, in the management of the campaign, have not been demonstrated by him to have been of sufficient magnitude to warrant the effort now being made by him to create a division in the organization of the democratic party in this state.

It was a fact, patent to all, that the active duties of conducting the canvass should be performed by persons residing, for the time being, at least, at the capital of the state; and as Mr. Devlin was there but a small portion of the time, his own better judgment had told him that a deputy at that place was a necessity, whether appointed by him or by somebody else. At any rate, the columns of a newspaper is no place to settle a grievance of the kind which afflicts Mr. Devlin. The only result which that method of settlement can have will be to create divisions and dissensions in the democratic organization, and to furnish gossip, as well as solid comfort, to the enemy. It is to be regretted that Mr. Devlin's grievances have so warped his judgment that he cannot see this result of the course now being pursued by him,—or, seeing it, that he should be so unmindful of the interests of the party, as to jeopardize our future prospects by denouncing, to the extent of his abilities, the leading, working men of the party. Either view of the case proves him to have been the wrong man for the responsible position he occupied, and that others did not take the management of the campaign out of his hands a day too soon.

Last week we published an article from the Marshall County Republican, attacking Mr. Geo. W. Carey in the most contemptible and infamously mean manner. Mr. Carey's great crime consists in the making of an affidavit, prior to the recent state election, into which was copied language used by the republican candidate for the office of representative for Marshall and St. Joseph counties, in a public speech made by him at a school house in Tippecanoe township. If it is a crime to publish to the people the atrocious sentiments of a candidate for the suffrages of the people, what must be the degree of moral turpitude of the man who utters those sentiments from his heart?

We had not intended to refer to this matter again, since the people have voted that the man who denounces poverty in unmeasured terms and very bad grammar, shall be their representative; but as Mr. Johnson's home organ seems disposed to keep up the war, we announce our readiness to take a hand with them until such time as they are satisfied. We made no charges against any of the republican candidates before the election that we did not consider to be true, and susceptible of proof. But it seems that the republican leaders are not satisfied, but intend to degrade and bemean every man who is instrumental in exposing their meanness. The attack made by the Republican upon Mr. Carey is a part of the programme mapped out for that sheet to pursue. It is a low, dirty, scurvy part which has been assigned the editors of that paper, and they have already commenced the discharge of their duties.

To show that Mr. Carey is not alone in the statement made and sworn to by him, we append an affidavit from two other gentlemen, who were present at the meeting at which Amasa Johnson said, "Show me a man with patched clothes, and I will show you a democrat." The testimony of these two witnesses is sufficient to establish the truth of the statement made by him, to the satisfaction of any man of common sense.

What is the statement of the editors of the Republican worth, denying the allegations made in Carey's affidavit, when neither of them were present at the meeting referred to? Why do they not give the statements of persons who were at the meeting, and heard Johnson's speech, instead of their own *ipse dixit*?

In addition to the affidavit of Mr. Carey, heretofore published, we append the following, which we think will put the matter at rest:

## STATE OF INDIANA.

Before me, a justice of the peace within and for said county, personally appeared Iiram Horn and David Horn, who being first by me duly sworn, deposed and said that they were present at a republican meeting held at the Grant school house in Tippecanoe township in this county, where Amasa Johnson, republican candidate for joint representative, made a speech, and in said speech we do swear that he made use of the following language: "Show me a man with patched clothes and I will show you a democrat."

HIRAM HORN,  
DAVID HORN,

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of November, 1868.

CORNELIUS LATHAM, Justice.

## THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

For some time past there has not been that harmony existing between the board of trustees and the fire department that should characterize the action of two of the most important branches of our corporate government.

Without attempting to give any statement of the origin of the difficulties now existing, we will merely relate what has occurred within the past few days.

It may, however, not be out of place to state that the immediate cause of the existing trouble is a difference of opinion as to what are the duties of a fireman, the trustees holding that it is the duty of the firemen to keep their apparatus in good working order, excepting repairs, while the firemen contend that cleaning the engine and other apparatus of the fire department is no part of their duty, but should be done by hired help, and paid for by the corporation.

On the evening of the 18th, the board of trustees, in regular session, passed an order, unanimously, we believe, directing that after the expiration of the term for which the present officers of the fire department were elected, the board of trustees will fill their places by appointment; and that thereafter all officers of the fire department shall be appointed by said board of trustees. The chief engineer was directed to call a meeting of all the fire companies, and notify them of the action of the board. The meeting was appointed for last Monday evening, and it was a very lively one, as may be inferred from the report which we publish below.

## FIREMEN'S MEETING.

In obedience to a call of the chief engineer the several fire companies met in joint convention, at the engine room on Monday, Nov. 23, at 7 p. m., and was organized by Chief Engineer Haslanger taking the chair, and M. A. O. Packard being appointed secretary.

The chief engineer stated that the object of the meeting was to consider the late ordinance of the board of trustees of the corporate town of Plymouth, relative to said board appointing the officers of said fire companies, and directing how the engine and other property of the companies should be taken care of, and by request said ordinance was read by the secretary to the convention.

It was thereupon, on motion, unanimously resolved by the fire department, that the secretary of this convention inform the board of trustees that the fire department will recognize no officers of the respective companies appointed by them, except the chief engineer, and him only to be appointed by said board upon the recommendation of the fire department.

And that it is further unanimously declared that the fire department expect and demand that the board of trustees keep the engine and other property of the respective companies in complete order, at the expense of the corporation.

Henry Benson, of the Engine company, then proposed the following resolution, which, with one exception, was unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That it is the unanimous opinion of the fire department, that the officers composing the present board of trustees of the corporate town of Plymouth are incapable of performing the duties of the office, and they, as a body, are hereby requested to resign and make room for men of more enlarged ideas, who will see that justice is done to the fire department.

It was further ordered that the proceedings of the convention be published in both of the city papers published in Plymouth.

CHRIS. HASLANGER, Chmn.  
M. A. O. PACKARD, Sec'y.

We see in some of our democratic exchanges, since the election, undue prominence given to the subject, "Shall the democratic party disband?" As the affirmative of this question will not be taken by any democrat, and as no others are supposed to have a voice in the decision of the question, we fail to see the propriety of such extended negative arguments as have recently appeared in some democratic papers. It is certainly unnecessary for democratic combatants to erect men of straw that they may have the glory of toppling them over, as there are living realities, in the shape of political opponents, against which their powerful batteries might be turned, with much better prospects for the accomplishment of public good. As well might the Christian churches cease their efforts in behalf of Christianity because the doers of iniquity outnumber them, as for the democratic party to think of disbanding because the republicans have beaten us at the polls.

We make this single argument for the accommodation of such as deem it necessary. And this is all we have to say about it.

The Warsaw editors are enlightening their readers relative to their personal habits. One charges that the other was caught in a house of questionable respectability, "locked in the arms of a cypress." That was not equal to the eloquent peroration of the Argos *Blade*, just previous to election, in which it spoke of the respondent glories attending the "dawning of the sun in the beautiful amazon of the west."

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## CURRENT LITERATURE.

THE "HOME CIRCLE AND TEMPERANCE ORACLE." Monthly. \$1 per annum.

This is a neatly printed periodical now published by S. M. Kennedy, Chicago. It contains a large amount of reading matter especially adapted to the family fireside.

"LADY'S FRIEND" FOR DECEMBER. Published by Deacon & Peterson, Philadelphia. Monthly. \$2 50 per annum.

This is an excellent magazine of fashions, engravings and literature. Mrs. Henry Wood, the celebrated author of "East Lynne," is announced for a serial novel the coming year. We will furnish this magazine and our own paper, the DEMOCRAT, one year for \$3 50.

THE "INDEX." Published at Cincinnati. Price \$1 25 per annum.

This periodical is neatly printed and contains abundant good reading.

THE "PHRENOLOGICAL JOURNAL AND LIFE ILLUSTRATED." Published by S. R. Wells, 339 Broadway New York. Monthly. \$3 00 per annum.

We are in receipt of the December number of this journal. Contains a portrait of Henri Rochefort, editor of the Paris *Lanterne*; Dr. Francis Williamson; Frau Marie Sison; Archbishop Manning; Rev. Dr. Stockton, etc. A new volume begins with the next number. We will furnish this magazine together with our own paper, one year, for \$4 00.

"ARTHUR'S HOME MAGAZINE." Published by T. S. Arthur, Philadelphia. Monthly. \$2 00 per annum.

This publication contains fashion plates, steel engraving, novel reading, and other interesting features. The name of T. S. Arthur is becoming familiar in every household. December number is good.

THE "CHILDREN'S HOUR." Published by T. S. Arthur, Philadelphia. Monthly. \$1 25 per annum.

A children's magazine. Illustrated. It would be well to place a copy of this magazine in the hands of every child learning to read. The picture stories, etc., are tending to interest and cultivate a spirit of inquiry.

ED. DEMOCRAT.—I believe in the fitness of things. Fitness in profession, vocation and fine arts. I would neither teach a canary to labor, nor a long-eared, nimble-footed animal to sing church psalms. Underlying this policy is a wholesome reason, viz: both creatures would evidently fail to achieve success. More than this, the animal would never become master of but one situation, and that to disgust the finer sensibilities of its audience. Musical knowledge is an acquirement, but the voice is a native gift. The long-eared animal therefore is not to be blamed for its voice, so replete with discord. "O wad some power the giftie gie us, to see ourselves as others see us!" But may we never hear ourselves as others hear us, for fear, perchance, we be made miserable with the sharpening of this one of the five senses. May we rather remain in ignorance of our failing, and like the highly perfumed—cat of hen-roost proclivities, disgust the nasal organism of others. How oft, alas! must we "hang our harps upon the willows and weep?" And shall we

outlive this disturber of our peace, or must we move into a far country? Oh, this false modesty that forbids some to speak out, and tell others their faults; this careful hushing to us of our metaphysical aches and pains.

I can hardly choose a nom de plume, for we are

LEGION.

The New York Tribune is already annoyed with the claims which are made by the conservative wing of its party, that Grant will fall in with its views, and *taboo* the radicals. There is an uneasy feeling among the extreme jacobins which they cannot conceal.

Worse than this we are informed by the Washington correspondent of the Tribune that certain people there calling themselves democrats, are claiming Grant as one of them. We have no doubt the National Intelligencer and the World, both of which tried so hard a few days ago to throw overboard the democratic ticket and platform, and change front in the midst of the battle, will be claiming affiliation with Grant and his wing of the party, in case he should turn out as many anti-slavery, another Andrew Johnson to the jacobins. But no democrat will follow them. Principle and policy both require us to let the two wings of the jacobin party fight, and worry, and destroy each other, if they will, without siding with or helping any.

General Butler is dangerously ill at Lowell, Massachusetts.

W. Hanison, the celebrated tenor, died in England on the 11th instant.

Four ladies had their pockets picked at a fireman's funeral in Brooklyn, on Sunday.

The loss by fire, on Mercer street, in New York city, on Sunday night, was about \$125,000.

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