

# THE DEMOCRAT.

## News About Home.

YELLOW RIVER is on a high.

PRESBYTERIAN sociable this evening at the residence of Mr. Black, on Michigan street.

FOR SALE—A scholarship in the Merchants' National Business College of Chicago. Apply at this office.

TIME'S WANTED—I will pay cash on delivery for white and burr oak tics, at the rate of 25 cents each, delivered on the line of the C. C. & L. R. R. P. McDonald.

The foreman of ye Democrat office expresses thanks for valentines received. If he know their source he would return the compliment.

The Methodist church of this place provided itself with a new organ, valued at \$375. By far the largest and handsomest organ now in the place.

On Saturday, the 7th inst., a number of Indian chiefs passed through this place en route for Washington, to enter into negotiations for peace with the government.

The best take-off we have seen on "tin weddings," "silver weddings," etc., is that of a chap who advertised his "cat-wip wedding," the first anniversary of that interesting event.

Some one has said that if a thunder storm occurs in January, the night following the same day in May will produce a frost. Look out for your fruit, vegetables and flowers on the 29th of May.

ANOTHER CHANGE OF TIME on the C. C. & L. R. R., was made a few days ago, and trains will leave Plymouth going south at 9:30 a. m., and going north at 2:30 p. m., until further notice.

During the past week there has been a thaw-out and the m'l is from two to four feet deep in the streets and traveled roads. It remains to be seen whether it is intended for a January or March thaw-out.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES—Elder Washington McIlvane, of the Christian denomination, will preach in all the Methodist church, on Saturday evening, the 20th inst., and also on Sunday following.

PUBLIC SALE—Will be held at public sale, on Saturday next, on Michigan st., at 1 o'clock, p. m., a choice lot of parlor household and kitchen furniture, etc. A credit of six months on sums of five dollars and over. ED. R. EDWARDS.

FOR SALE, or exchange for real estate in Marshall county, 50 acres of land in Tama Co., Iowa, near Chicopee, & North-western railroad. For particulars inquire of S. L. Harvey, at the Buckeye Livery stable.

A BOSTON TOWNSHIP, near Ft. Wayne, has been visited by a devil, in the form of a black monster, with glaring eyes. It was seen by a couple of young men while a coon-hunt after night. It seemed to disregard bullets.

MALICIOUS.—To a certain old bachelor up town is attributed the following lines, which requests that they be cut in "living characters" upon his monument:

At three great winters I did die:  
A cheeze being, lone and sad:  
The mortal knif I never had:  
And wish my father never had.

A velocine factory is now in running order in this place, under the supervision of A. P. Elliott. Mr. E. believes that he can manufacture them cheaper than the present prices at Valparaiso. The factory at the latter place charges \$35 for each machine.

We understand that the news depot of this place, formerly owned by Bert Brown, has been purchased by Mr. Williams, lately with A. H. Brown, we understand, has a severe attack of "western fever." Fine sights in the west for a tourist; Niagara, Yo Semite Valley, etc. (N. B.—No cards.)

We have received a poetical (?) effusion from Inwood, but not deeming it of any interest to the general reader, we decline publishing it. It is written concerning a good templar who has broken his pledge, which is such a common thing these times that it is not worth while to make a specialty of any one particular case, and then the orthography and grammar are not good, and it is almost entirely destitute of any jingle. There are very few poets hereabout.

One of the meanest traits of human character manifests itself in a disposition on the part of certain vagabond loafers to monopolize a public sidewalk. The cross-walks just present are bad enough without men holding them by lengthy conversations. On Saturday we noticed an incident wherein a couple of ladies were obliged to wade in the mud, owing to two men standing stubbornly mid-way on a cross-walk. For shame!

NARROW ESCAPE.—It is said that "a nail is as good as a mile." We believe it is better, for human-nature will profit by a "close call." Assuming phenology to be a true science, the organ of "caution" must be developed by each narrow escape from danger. A few days since as the train from LaPorte neared this place, a lad jumped from the car, in search of "something to drink." The train not stopping as long as he evidently supposed it would, he had to make good time to reach it, and in the attempt to get on while the cars were under motion, fell alongside the track in juxtaposition with the car wheels, and got considerably rubbed, though not seriously hurt.

WINTERED OVER.—Owing probably to the very open and warm winter we have had here, a number of cases of ague have been wintered over. We have brought a case of that kind safely through, which is at this moment giving us "hark." We think this the basest of ingratitude: We find a chill at this season much more unpleasant than in dog-days, but we hope the fever may be correspondingly lighter.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.—We call the attention of our readers to the advertisements of Faulknor, daguerrean artist, and the Valparaiso male and female college, and recommend our patrons to always patronize those who advertise their business, as they are more liberal dealers, and will give you better bargains and chances in every respect.

D. E. VAN ALKENBURGH, Esq., co-editor of this paper, who went south months ago in the hope of improving his health, is to return soon, probably by the first of March. His many friends will be glad to know that his general health is greatly improved. He wrote us a short time since that he felt as well as he had for years. He will receive a hearty welcome home.

GONE EAST.—N. B. Alleman and wife left for New York on Tuesday morning, for the purpose of visiting friends there, and with the hope of improving his health. We hope Bony may return to us again soon, none the less himself, but less bony in his appearance than he leaves us.

THE AUCTION business is about played out here. The old smutty songs and stale phrases of the auctioneers have lost their attractive powers, and consequently the crowd of victims is not as large as it used to be, when all these old things were.

HON. D. McDonald, member of the legislature from this county, returned home on Saturday last, on a short leave of absence. Dan is looking remarkably well, and but for some symptoms of gout, or tight boots, he appears to be enjoying life finely. He has been faithful to the interests of the white folks of his district, and has consequently voted against all the negro-equality bills before the house, and will continue to do until the close of the session. Mr. Johnson, we understand, swallowed the negro children, and will doubtless swallow Sambo, too, when the question of negro suffrage is submitted to the body of which he is a member, owing to the nigger vote of St. Jo. County. We are glad, for the respectability of the citizens of this country, that he does not occupy that seat by their vote. Mr. Johnson, however, is no worse than any other abolition member of the house.

VELOCIPEDES are a humbug, so far as practicability is concerned. They run nicely on a smooth, level floor, but make poor headway over uneven walks or going up grade, and they cannot be run at all on sandy or muddy roads. They are a good substitute for the sleds used by boys in winter-time, which they ride down hill on but have to be pulled up. It is rather a ludicrous sight to see a full grown man astride one of these vehicles with arms spread like a bird in the act of sailing through the air, his feet on the levers or cranks, and treading up and down as though he was trying to walk in the air, and while in this attitude come to a dead stand still, lose his balance and tumble off. A fellow might as well expect to lift himself over a ten rail fence by the bootstraps as to think of running one of these "masheens" up a grade. We notice that some of the lechers have worn their coat-tails off, owing to their determination to ride or die! This is one of the signs by which you may know a velocipedeist; and we have also noticed that they usually walk with one pants or provocation, and thereby earn the name of a "hooligan." A fellow might as well expect to lift himself over a ten rail fence by the bootstraps as to think of running one of these "masheens" up a grade. We notice that some of the lechers have worn their coat-tails off, owing to their determination to ride or die!

It is a fact that our town is the best business point, of its size, in the north east part of the state, notwithstanding the fact that there are no manufacturing establishments of any considerable size in the place. This is what we need, but what we are not apt to get soon, if any body believes what the correspondent of the Republican says.

DEAF AND DUMB—To be deprived of the sense of hearing, is not usually considered a fortunate circumstance, and we are not unfrequently prompted to deeds of charity when appealed to through the mute pantomimes of the unfortunate.

For a number of days past an individual has been meandering our streets, and to all appears deaf and dumb, though in other respects a healthy looking man. Armed to the teeth with pencils, slate, recommendations, army history, etc., it is not to be wondered at that he obtained the hoarded contents of "charity savings banks," and the wherewithal to obtain the commodities of life. How we pity him whose dumb ear contains no acute membrane to vibrate and echo on in sweetest numbers the hallored strains and mellifluous accents of nature's harmonious choir. But to have our bowels of compassion bestirred, and thereby part with our "filthy lucre," is apt to create a supreme disgust for the class called beggars, when said class prove in the end unworthy. The individual in question, finally beginning to "feel his oats," got on the back of the bus, disclosing an "Ethiopian in the wood-pile," and was found to speak the English language fluently. All in all, he did well for a "cat in a strange garret."

THE FIRE COMPANIES.—At a meeting of the fire department, called Feb. 9, 1869, C. Haslanger was chosen chairman, and H. B. Reeves, secretary. C. Haslanger tendered his resignation as chief engineer, which, after some remarks, was accepted, and J. B. N. Klinger was unanimously chosen to fill the vacancy for the unexpired portion of the term.

The following preamble and resolutions were presented by C. C. Buck:

Whereas, The trustees of the incorporation of the town of Plymouth, in their infinite wisdom have passed certain ordinances to regulate and control the fire department, some of which are contrary to all custom, as well as to the wishes of a large majority of the citizens whom they are supposed to represent, besides being on their face an insult to the judgment and common sense of the firemen; therefore be it

Resolved, That the firemen of Plymouth in joint convention assembled, do pledge ourselves to obey only such company officers as may be elected by our respective companies, and will recognize no person as chief engineer, not recognized by the fire department on joint ballot.

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to support no person for the office of trustee of the incorporation, at the coming election, that will not pledge himself to repeat all ordinances for the appointment of officers of the fire department, other than as mentioned in the foregoing resolutions.

On motion the preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted; and also a resolution requesting the publishers of our county papers to publish the above, after which the meeting adjourned.

H. B. REEVE, Sec'y.

TRAGEDY AT PERU.—Theodore Corwin, conductor on the Toledo, Wabash and Western railroad, and a resident of Ft. Wayne, while going east on the evening of the 11th inst., and while at Peru, he and his brother, a brakeman on the same train, examined it to see if any stragglers were on, trying to steal their passage. In one car, loaded with grain, they found a man, whom the conductor ordered out three or four times before he would leave. On jumping out of the car, he said to Corwin, "I believe I know you," and at the same time drew a large navy revolver from his pocket and fired at the conductor, missing him; again he fired, and this time the ball struck his bill book, passing through it and a package of bills, and struck one of his ribs near the heart, glanced off, entering his bowels and passing into his bladder, where it still remains. After firing the second shot, the murderer was knocked down and kicked severally by the brakeman, who came to his brother's assistance immediately on hearing the firing; but, not knowing that he was shot, allowed the man to escape. The man, after running off a few steps, turned round and discharged the remaining three loads at the brakeman, without taking effect. He then made good his escape; but in his flight dropped his hat and a bundle of clothing, which may lead to his detection. Neither of the brothers recognized the assassin. Corwin was failing rapidly with no hopes of his living over a few hours. A special train conveyed his wife and relatives to the scene of the tragedy.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Feb. 14.—Theodore Corwin, the conductor who was shot at Peru, died on Friday about midnight. His remains were brought to this city for interment, on Saturday morning, by special train. This morning another special train was run from Peru and Lafayette, containing upward of 600 of his friends, and the employees of the Wabash road, who came to attend his funeral. The sheriff at Peru, and the Toledo and Wabash railroad, each offer \$300 reward for the arrest of the assassin. Officers are in every direction after him. He stole a horse about three miles from Peru and started north, and was tracked to Rochester. The officers have every hope of catching him before long. A grocer at Peru recognizes the cheese and crackers dropped by him at the scene of the murder, and knows the name of the man that purchased them; but, for various reasons it is kept from the public at present.

EDGAR STROUSSE, 23 No. 57 Exchange Place, New York City.

EMPLOYMENT.

For some years past I have been engaged in a business which has yielded me at the rate of Three Thousand Dollars per annum, and being desirous of visiting Europe for the purpose of carrying it on, I have sold my interest in the business, which is an ART, to any person who will send me One Dollar. Any person, male or female, can carry it on successfully, and it is very easily learned by either a man or a woman. I have sold it to a man whom I have taught it is making from \$15 to \$75 per week, and some have received from \$90 to \$120 per week. Send for circulars and see full description of the work. Address JONES BROWNER, C. O., Chicago, Ill.

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