

THE DEMOCRAT.

News About Home.

On Wednesday evening of last week, at the St. Thomas' church, seven persons were confirmed.

The M. E. Church, of this place, is to be completed, and, other steps taken toward its completion, early in the spring.

On Saturday a careless boy threw a snow-ball against the picture case Mr. Faulkner, shattering the glass and doing other injury.

We are informed that work on the Ev. L. church is rapidly progressing, and that it will be completed and ready for use by the 1st of April.

We understand that a number of our prominent citizens are soon to make an excursion to the remote west, for health and pleasure.

The case in court, between the St. Thomas' church and other parties, has been continued until next court. The vestry are confident of success.

We have received an answer to the enigma in our last issue, with regard to velocipedes, but for certain specific reasons, we "tenderly" decline publishing it.

The editor of the Rochester Union Spy has been to church. He advises others to do so too. "The advice is good, but comes from an unexpected source."

A DEAD "BEAT."—A school teacher from the rural district, complains that a certain "dead beat" is in the habit of shooting bullets through the door of his school room during recitation hours.

The following apothegm contains more truth than poetry: "The gallows is a flattery. From time to time a few poor wretches are hung upon it to make the survivors fancy themselves honest."

DRAPERY, BLINDNESS, AND ARTIFICIAL EYES.—Dr. G. A. Knapp, the well known oculist, operator on the eye and ear, will make three visits, once a week, to Plymouth, on Tuesday, March 1st, March 9th, and March 16th, at the Parker house. Those who are deaf or blind should not fail to see him. Notice circulars.

MESSRS. EDITORS.—Allow me, through your columns, to ask the government assessor and the government collector of this county, if they succeed in collecting enough income tax to pay them for their services? If not, how do they get the balance of their pay? and how much do the citizens of Marshall county pay toward the support of these — pests? and how long will it be at the present rate of taxing the people (which is most certainly oppressive,) before the government will be compelled to repudiate?

I hope the above-named officers will not fail to give satisfaction to those interested at their earliest convenience.

TIRES WANTED.—I will pay cash on delivery for white and burr oak tires, at the rate of 25 cents each, delivered on the line of the C. C. & L. railroad.

PLATT McDONALD.

FOR SALE, or exchange for real estate in Marshall county, 80 acres of land in Tama Co., Iowa, near Chicago & North-western railroad. For particulars inquire of S. L. Harvey, at the Buckeye Livery stable.

SICKNESS in our family has prevented us from writing up about fifty articles we wanted in this number of the Democrat. We hope, for the benefit of our "responsibilities" and our readers too, that we may not soon again be so unfortunate as we have been during the past week.

Eye and Ear.—Dr. Underwood, of Chicago, Ill., operator on cross eyes, catarrh, deafness, and all diseases and deformities of the eye and ear, will visit Plymouth, on Tuesday morning, March 9th, and may be consulted at the principal hotel, that day only.

Go to Faulkner's picture gallery and "catch the shadow ere the material substance fades." Work accomplished in the most superb style of the art, from an elegant porcelain to a mere ambrotype. Room over No. 1, Corbin & Benson's block.

Speaking of the Methodist Sabbath school of this place, the Republican says: "A number of visitors were present, among whom we noticed our esteemed friends Mr. & Mrs. Charles Tibbets of Marion, Ind. Miss Z. Dunham and Miss Rachael Fuller our excellent Superintendents will excuse our presence this day as a visitor when they learn that our class was also mixed up with the spectators."

Rather mixed.

GOING DERANGED.—Mr. Jacob F. Lewis, of Union township in this county, has recently become entirely deranged in his mind. He has to be confined or tied to keep him from injuring his family, so we are informed. He has been attending a protracted meeting, held in this neighborhood, for some weeks past and his conversation would indicate that he has gone deranged on the subject of religion.

We once heard a brother of his, who was an "exhorter," say that he wished he could uncup hell, so that the "stubborn sinners" he was then addressing, could see the lost and damned in their tortures, and thereby be induced to make a profession of religion, and we fear that the sad case we have recorded above is some of the fruits of that kind of teaching and preaching.

Mr. Lewis was a quiet and respectable citizen and possessed of ordinary mental capacity. He and his family have the sympathy of all who know them, and we would suggest that the united prayers of the church be offered up in his behalf; that his mind may be speedily restored to him, that he may again resume the responsibilities of husband, father and friend.

A SILENT WEDDING came off in our place Saturday last, which displayed considerable tact and check on the part of the parties. The facts are briefly as follows:

A well-to-do farmer, who used to be in Walcutt township, in this county, a year or so ago, sold out and went to Valparaiso, for the purpose of schooling his family generally, and his only daughter, especially; and, partly for the purpose of breaking off an attachment she had formed for a certain young man with whom she had become acquainted while living in this county, and who her parents very naturally thought was not good enough for her. After the removal of the family to Valparaiso, all went well, apparently, with all parties concerned, except the unfortunate young man who was left out in the cold, here. He wrote letters to the girl at Valparaiso, all of which the old folks were kind enough to take out and destroy, without their daughter being any the wiser or happier from the fact of his having written to her. Being rather a winsome lassie, a Valparaiso fellow who the old folks thought was all right, and who she thought quite a clever fellow, began "paying attention" to her, and finally they were engaged to be married, and, the old folks thinking everything was right, went west where the old man had bought a farm, leaving enough money with their expected son-in-law, to get married and follow them to their new home. After their departure, young fellow No. 1, who had been left out in the cold so long, got a lady friend of his in this place to go to Valparaiso and see the young lady and have her come to Plymouth and make her a short visit of a few days, which she agreed to do, but fellow No. 2 could not think of being separated from her so long, so he gave himself an invitation and came along with the ladies. They arrived on Friday, and at night, after the rest of them had all retired, fellow No. 1 came to the house, was quietly admitted by his long lost girl, and—well, that's as far as we were informed as to what transpired afterward, that night. Saturday night the same programme was repeated, and an arrangement was made to get the license very quietly, and the minister's services were secured in the same way. They met at a store according to agreement, were married, and then returned to the house of their hostess, where, for the first time, the rival "lovers" met. The joke was carried still farther, and No. 2 knew anything about what had been done or was going to be done, until it came time to retire, when No. 1 and his new wife took one sleeping apartment. Then No. 2 took the hint, and the first train took him west, probably in search of the old folks, who will likely be the only ones who will sympathize very deeply with him in his troubles.

"There's a slip." "Twist the cap and the lip."

For the best sewing machine, buy the Singer. A full supply kept at the post office.

J. H. WILLIAMS, Ag't.

A NEW barber shop has been established in the room lately known as the inn-sancutum of the Democrat office. Eugene is not the first gentleman that has performed a tonsorial operation upon some poor chap in that room.

GRAND JURY BILLS—CORRUPTION

—We this week publish a communication from "Justice," concerning the disposal made of a number of bills found by our last grand jury, against a certain party in our place, that sets forth the actions of the prosecuting attorney, *pro tem*, in a very unenviable light. We would be glad to believe there was some chance for our correspondent to be mistaken, but we cannot. Because it is the *practice* of prosecuting attorneys to take unlawful fees, is no excuse for such conduct. This thing ought to be stopped in some way, or the system of impaneling grand juries abolished. There is a way to stop such a procedure on the part of the prosecuting attorneys, and we hope it will be done.

Last week we published a short paragraph in the telegraph items from Indianapolis, stating that a bill to increase the pay of prosecuting attorneys had been defeated. This will be regretted by all good citizens. The pay should be increased so that they could afford to be honest, and if the pay was increased, the position would be filled by men of better ability and more honor.

Corruption is the rule now-a-days, and honesty and integrity the exception. Our whole government is one vast ring of corruption, with thousands of lesser rings in it. From the United States down to the most insignificant body authorized by law in the nation, corruption and bribery are rife. While this state of circumstances exist, and they will exist as long as the people submit to them, there is no hope for the passage or enforcement of just laws.

NOTICE EXTRA.

The time fixed by law for the assessment of the annual taxes, including Income, special (or license) Watches, Carriages, Gold and Silver plate, is the 1st day of March, in each year. I have however, received a special order from the district assessor to commence the above assessment *forthwith*, in order to finish the same in due time, and all persons who have a blank left, return their income, etc., by law until the 11th day of March to return the same to me daily made out, but it is expected that all will willingly and promptly make out the same and deliver to me by the 1st day of March, 1869. But a those who do not do so on or before the 11th of March, 1869, will be assessed by me according to law and a penalty of fifty per cent added to the same, and from which there is but one appeal, and that is to the court or hearing before the district assessor in April. A strict time will save nine. CHARLES WHITMORE, Ass't Assessor of Marshall County.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

FAULKNER'S

PHOTOGRAPH GALLERY.

—IX—

Corbin & Benson's Brick Block.

Photographs, Ambrotypes, and Pictures, &c., taken in the hand style of the best studios, of all kinds of faces, portraits, &c., with small family, who is near, orderly, Indians, and know how to work, and wants to say, that can make a favorable arrangement. Address, J. M. FAULKNER, Opt'r.

WANTED.

A married man, with team, to move onto a small improved farm of about 40 acres, adjoining Plymouth, on which is a stable and a comfortable house, and a few acres of land, with a small family, who is near, orderly, Indians, and know how to work, and wants to say, that can make a favorable arrangement. Address, C. H. REEVE.

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