

WEEKLY EXPRESS

Wednesday Morning, March 31, 1869

"Cowardice and Meanness."

The Missouri Democrat, commenting on the recent special elections in this State, says:

"As for the Indiana Republicans, they deserve no sympathy. They chose the most cowardly way of shirking the issue. They tried to make the people believe in Democratic districts, that they were more opposed to negro suffrage than the Democrats themselves. They selected candidates pledged to vote against the amendment, and those candidates, in their turn, at least, sought support on the ground that they were better 'anti-nigger men' than the Democrats themselves. We have no fears to shed for such a defeat. Thus Mr. J. J. Chandler, in his card published just before the election, declines to run in his district, with regret because the Republican party loses the opportunity of demonstrating to the country that their perversions may be traced, for their fountain is invariably in the historian who rules too implicitly upon biography. The rivulet would have been pure but for the muddy source.

One hundred and five imaginations have rhymed and sung. Medicine, history, literature, education, philosophy, mathematics, and all the subjects that generally interest and characterize a free-thinking, intelligent, and hastily-scribbling nation go to make up the balance of the year's product. Only 1,866 of the number were bound. The rest are wafers. Finis will have for them aseculular significance.

During the year England published 4,400 new books. Happy England! There is time there to write as well as read. In twenty years, how much of a brain of this year will survive? A score, perhaps, of all these books will rank as standards. Verily, a man's brain might almost as well be in his coffin as on paper.

The action of the House Committee on Territories, indefinitely postponing the question of a territorial government for Alaska, on the ground that there is nothing to warrant such an expense, will meet the approbation of the country; for, besides the spirit of retrenchment which the new Administration has attained, and which would include the incurring of a debt that could at all be dispensed with, it is an almost universal opinion that the moment to secure a territorial government for our newly acquired possession of Alaska is only made in the interest of certain parties, who then entertain some expectation of receiving compensation in the government, if once established. The creation of Alaska, then, is not only necessary, but the time is not yet ripe, nor the need of that country yet sufficiently well known, to speculate in any way about the expediency of such legislation. In this connection it is shrewdly suspected that the late San Francisco advises which bring the information of immense discoveries of gold in Alaska, are nothing but the influence Congress has just undoubtedly postponed. If there is gold there, so much the better for Alaska, so much the better for the whole country; but it is, to say the least, unfortunate for the credit of the reports of the discovery, that they come so hard upon the pushing of the project for a territorial government.

The Senate Committee have decided to report a resolution allowing the directors of the Union Pacific Railroad to withdraw their headquarters from New York city, thus taking the company out of the jurisdiction of the New York black-mail courts. The interests of the United States, which holds a second mortgage, and of the bondholders, who are secured by the first mortgage, demand this change. If the company remains in New York at the mercy of the gamblers and judges of that notorious city, its stock and bonds will soon be like Erie and Central—the foot balls of the market.

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Biography commands a large attention. One hundred and thirteen heroes have sought immortality through this medium. We almost wish there were no such publications. The man who is worthy will take his place in history, the only fitting tombstone to mark departed greatness. Every biography looks like a special effort. The narrative is almost always interested. It is an advertisement of qualities which one would wish, as they might be traced, for their detection and punishment, which followed your crime may not at least drive you any further from the paths of virtue, but rather, by bringing your mind, cause you to bow humbly and a broken and contrite heart before the throne of that great and merciful Being who gave you life, save a sufficient company, through the everlasting gates of glory, the soul of the repentant on the cross.

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It is to be hoped that your fate may be a sufficient warning to all others, whom it may become known, to keep from trifling with the paths of detection and punishment, in which you have trodden; and, further, that the detection and punishment which followed your crime may not at least drive you any further from the paths of virtue, but rather, by bringing your mind, cause you to bow humbly and a broken and contrite heart before the throne of that great and merciful Being who gave you life, save a sufficient company, through the everlasting gates of glory, the soul of the repentant on the cross.

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State Items.

NEW ALBANY is rid of small pox at last.

RICHMOND will vote for a P. M. next Monday.

Dogs are killing off the sheep around Corydonville.

FIVE velocipedes schools are in successful operation in La Fayette.

A CLERGYMAN at Richmond says there are 500 gamblers in that city.

BREAD SOADA recently poisoned a New Albany family. They will recover.

J. S. CARY & Co., coopers, Indianapolis, lost \$10,000, by a fire in their dry house on Sunday.

TRINITY M. E. Church, Evansville, took fire from the furnace last Sunday.—Damage slight.

JACOB Tice, an old and respected citizen, has been appointed Postmaster at Covington.

ANNA DICKINSON made a successful "struggle for Life" at Indianapolis last night.

HENRY VINCENT lectured in Evansville last night and will give another lecture there to-night.

HERMAN RUPPERT is under arrest in Evansville for a nameless crime of which three little girls are the victims.

This week the telegraph line will be completed and in working order, between North Vernon and Lexington.

THE President has fully decided to appoint W. R. Holloway P. M. at Indianapolis. This settles a vexed question.

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THE dry but noble study of the law claims attention next. One hundred and twenty-three authors have given the results of their toil to the profession. This class of works may multiply too fast, but there will come a grand condensing time. The chaff and wheat may be allowed to go together for a while. The principle that guides the stars, preserves nations, and teaches while it secures man his destiny, cannot be smothered. It will gleam like a diamond, no matter

Mrs. Clem's incarceration to the Jeffersonville penitentiary is probably satisfactory to the public, so far as she is concerned, but there is a very prevalent feeling throughout the country that one or more citizens of Indianapolis, who have prominently figured in the case, and have not been arrested, might justly be consigned to a similar fate.

THE Indianapolis Rolling Mill is running full handed, night and day, re-rolling iron for the Columbus and Indianapolis, Terre Haute and Indianapolis and St. Louis—better known as the Terre Haute, Alton and St. Louis—and the Illinois Central Railroads. The iron is rolled for the Illinois Central is sent past three rolling mills at Chicago to Indianapolis.

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