

GAZETTE

VINCENNES.

SATURDAY, JULY 26, 1834.

The Directors of the Evansville & Lafayette Rail Road, assembled in this place, on the 22d of July. The meeting was organized by the choice of Gen. Robert M. Evans, of Vanderburgh, President, Samuel Hill, Esq. of Knox, Secretary, and John Brownlee, Esq. of Gibson Co. Treasurer.

A committee was selected of two from each of the counties of Knox, Gibson, and Vanderburgh, for the purpose of raising subscriptions for the payment of a competent engineer, to survey, mark out, and estimate the cost of a suitable route for a Rail Road, from Vincennes to Evansville, and for other purposes. The gentlemen selected were

JAMES LEWIS, and } Vanderburgh
JOHN MITCHELL, } county.
JOHN I. NEELY, and } Gibson Co.
WILLIAM DANIEL, }
SAMUEL EMISON, and } Knox Co.
J. B. MARTIN, }

We were much rejoiced to see so much harmony and good feeling prevail among those assembled. Every gentleman appeared to be aware of the importance of the object for which they had assembled, and all seemed anxious to have the work commenced as soon as possible. We wish them success in their undertaking and hope they "will go ahead."

Judge JAMES G. READ, a candidate for Governor, on Monday last, addressed the citizens of Vincennes, from the steps of Col. Clark's Hotel. He commenced with charging his opponent, Noah Noble, with duplicity, and with a violation of his written agreement—read certificates from some individuals to endeavor to prove it—said, that in the former contest, he was not badly beaten, but saved his distance; that opposition was the life of trade, and that what was good in trade, must be good in politics; that he was always in favor of internal improvements; that he was opposed to nullification; that our Eagle could not be divided—(meaning probably, that it could not be carved;) that he was in favor of a National Bank; that Governor Noble, had called on the people to support him upon local grounds—read divers extracts from that pink of decency, the Indiana Democrat—quoted from Webster's Spelling Book, the Fable of the Farmer and the Lawyer, or the partial Judge—wanted no votes except from his own merits—intimated that the printers were a lying set—that he had been one himself, and had become disgusted with them—told a long story of one Peter Van Slyke—said, he was Receiver of Public Money at Jeffersonville—that Noble, instead of attending to his duties as Governor, for which he was paid by the people, was running about electioneering—that he was also paid by the people, but from a different crib—that Milton Stapp, was held up at the former election as a blind—said got but 5,000 votes—that he, READ, did not receive more than 400 Clay votes in Indiana—that his name was James G. Read, and that his color was black—and concluded by requesting the people not to forget his name on the first Monday in August. On the whole, the speech was a mighty mean affair—and caused Mr. Read to lose sundry votes, which he would have obtained had he kept silent.

We have received the first three numbers of the Disseminator, printed at New Harmony, Ia. It is handsomely printed in quarto form, expressly for binding, and to judge from the numbers already received, we think it bids fair to become an interesting work. Success attend our brother knights of the type, in their undertaking.

Mr. Ewing, our Representative in Congress, arrived here on Thursday.

An election for Magistrate for Vincennes township, takes place on Monday next; and on the Monday following, is the general election.

We are authorized to announce William Smith as a candidate for Coroner, at the approaching election.

We are also requested to announce Manassah Brown as a candidate for Coroner at the ensuing election.

It is said William Bruce, of Brookville, is a candidate for re-election.

We are authorized to announce Nicholas Wallace as a candidate for County Commissioner, for the first District.

At a meeting of the citizens of the town of Carlyle, Ill., and its vicinity, held at the Court House, in the town of Carlyle, on Monday, the 14th of July—JONATHAN LYNCH, Esq. was called to the Chair, and ZOPHAR CASE, appointed Secretary.

When, on motion of Mr. Benjamin Bond, Resolved, That a committee of seven persons be appointed to draft a preamble and resolutions, expressive of the views of this meeting, and present the same for adoption.

When the Chair, appointed the following persons on said committee, viz: Benjamin Bond, C. N. Halstead, John M. Webster, Doct. Wm. H. Terrell, John M. O'Harnett, James Temple, and John Scott. At which time, the committee made the following report, to wit:

Whereas, the citizens of the town of Carlyle, feel in common with their fellow-citizens, of the 1st Congressional District, the irreparable loss sustained in the untimely death of their worthy Representative in Congress, the Hon. CHARLES SLADE; and whereas, they have long been well acquainted with him, both as a public servant and private citizen, and consequently, are better prepared to judge of his real merits.

Therefore, Resolved, That we received with deep and unfeigned regret the melancholy intelligence of his death, and that we view in the same, the loss to the citizens of the 1st Congressional District, of a worthy and efficient Representative in the Councils of the Nation—one in every respect, deserving the confidence of a free, enlightened, and virtuous people.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with his disconsolate widow and bereaved friends, in the loss of the kindest and best of husbands, the most devoted and tender father, and the true, firm, and unwavering friend, of the virtuous poor.

Resolved, That we recommend to our townsmen, that they wear crepe on the left arm, for the space of thirty days, in honor of the deceased.

Resolved, That we return to the citizens of Vincennes, (Ia.) our sincere thanks for the manner in which they performed the last solemn duties to our departed friend and townsmen.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be signed by the Chairman and Secretary, and that they furnish a copy of the same, to the widow of the deceased, and direct a copy to the committee, who, on behalf of the Masonic Lodge of Vincennes, (Ia.) communicated the melancholy intelligence, and that they forward two copies, one to the St. Clair Gazette, and one to the Illinois Advocate, for publication.

BEN. BOND, }
JNO. M. O'HARNETT, } Committee.
JAMES TEMPLE, }
JOHN M. WEBSTER, }
JOHN SCOTT, }
WM. H. TERRELL, }
C. N. HALSTEAD, }
JONATHAN LYNCH, Chairman.
ZOPHAR CASE, Secretary.

From the Republican & Banner of Madison, Ind.
FRAUDS IN THE LAND OFFICE.
SAMUEL GWINN, &c.

The committee on the part of the United States Senate to inquire into the Land Office department have brought to light some of the most extravagant frauds that ever could have been perpetrated in this or any other country; and Samuel Gwinn, the notorious Gwinn, Register of a Land Office in Mississippi, appears as ringleader in the acts of fraud!

Mr. Edmund Row, a farmer of Orange county, Virginia, testified, that he attended a land sale at Gwinn's office in Mississippi, in October last. He says, that the sale had not been legally advertised, and was unknown beyond the immediate neighborhood, and attended principally by a gang of speculators, with whom Gwinn was notoriously connected. Part of the lands were unsurveyed at the beginning of the sale. A public speech was made by one of the speculators at the beginning, in which he set forth the terms upon which the actual settlers could purchase lands at one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre;—they must sign a paper, obligating themselves not to purchase over a quarter section each. The company purchased three fourths of the lands, and sold many of the tracts to such as wanted them for settlement at one dollar per acre advance. Several pieces of land were run upon the speculators several dollars upon the acre, but they would in all cases contrive to cause a forfeiture. In one case a tract was bid off by a gentleman who wanted it for settlement at \$22, per acre! This was unusual, and the crier, who was one of the party, said that the cash must be paid in hand. The purchaser said he had the money and he exhibited it, but said he wished to be treated with the same liberality that other purchasers were. The money should be paid before 10 o'clock, the next morning, the hour that had been named. But the exhibition of his cash and his demand for usual civility would not do the interested crier. The land was immediately offered as a forfeited tract, and purchased in by the company at one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre!

The man, (Mr. Row,) that testified to these facts, says that he left there at the close of the sale, and knows not how the speculators conducted themselves, but he says, that they had promised to offer their purchases at auction, and to be sold to the highest bidder.

Such a scene of villainy perhaps was never exhibited in any portion of our country before, and in all probability never could have been performed by any public officer, for the lack of a Gwinn to perform it. The frauds practiced by Gwinn and his party, are equalled only by the frauds of Post Master Barry and

his party. Both are identified with the times, and the legitimate result of the Jackson Reform! O tempora! O mores!

From the Indiana Journal.
Messrs EDITORS.

Some time since there appeared in the editorial columns of the Democrat, some strictures, upon the course of Mr. Ewing, one of our Representatives in Congress, in reference to the National Road, intended, apparently, to produce the impression that he (Mr. Ewing) had by a particular vote, sought to defeat an appropriation in favor of that road.

It is not surprising that Mr. Ewing's course should be perverted and misrepresented by those who "live and move, and have their being" in the murky atmosphere of party politics, for he, instead of seeking to represent a party in the councils of the nation, has sustained himself with singular success, in the character of an independent representative of the people.

As the best answer to this unfair attack, please insert this in your columns the accompanying letter from the Hon. Mr. McKennan, one of the representatives in Congress of the "Keystone State," resident in Washington, Pennsylvania, a town through which the National Road passes, and who therefore would not view with many grains of allowance, any hostility to appropriations in favour of that great thoroughfare.

If the Democrat "means fair" this communication and Mr. McKennan's letter will be transferred to its columns.

Respectfully
A SUBSCRIBER.

July 7, 1834.
HALL OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
June 14th, 1834.

Dear Sir—I have a distinct recollection of the circumstances attending the effort made some months since by the friends of the Cumberland Road bill to procure the action of the House upon it. The Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means made a motion that the House should resolve itself into a committee of the whole on the state of the Union, for the purpose of taking up the military appropriation bill. I offered an amendment to connect with it the bill in which the whole West are so much interested. He accepted the amendment as a modification to his resolution. You then called for a division of the question, and the House decided to go into committee on the military appropriation bill, and refused to go into committee at the time on our bill. I am satisfied that the motion you made was elicited by a regard for the interests of the road, under a firm belief that we could muster more strength on our bill than could be brought to the support of the other, and that in this way we would get it first considered. In that belief you were mistaken, as was readily to be seen in a body of two hundred and thirty members, where an opportunity has been had of testing their sentiments. A majority of the House voted in favor of going into committee on our bill, but the rule requiring two-thirds, our efforts were unsuccessful. As it turned out, however, it was totally immaterial, and we lost nothing by your call for a division of the question. If the two bills had gone into committee, the one moved by the chairman of the committee of Ways and Means would have been first taken up, and until it was disposed of, there could be no action on the other. 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