

## WEEKLY MESSENGER.

Printer's Retreat, Indiana.

Saturday, November 28.

**CASH.**—We have begged, in vain, for a moiety of what is due us—our debtors have been deaf—we have commenced with the aid of the laws, to obtain what is justly due; those who pay costs must blame themselves only.

*How pleasing it is to look through nature, up to nature's god."*

**RADICAL LIGHT.**—On the evening of the 17th inst we had a splendid view of the Zodiaco light with the appearance of opening day, and continued till near midnight—about 9 o'clock, it had the appearance of one entire sheet of flaming and with occasionally a streak of silvery white, darting upwards through it. The light was so intense, that objects on the earth cast shadows as by moonlight, and the cocks crowed, as for daybreak.

The Brookville American says that the Cincinnati Whig says that the a correspondent of the Western Reserve Chronicle warmly urges the propriety of running the name of Elisha Whittlesay as the Whig candidate for governor of Ohio, at the next election.

On Saturday night last, Nov. 21, we were visited with an unusual snow storm—the ground being well charged with water, from recent rains, much snow melted as it fell; still, on Monday morning, the snow was 9 or ten inches deep, with a thick crust on the top. The freezing has continued, and the snow still remains with us. The roads are almost impassable—our farmers have not gathered their corn yet, and many potatoes, turnips and apples will be destroyed. Thus, the winter comes upon us, two months before his usual time.

**THE GREAT WEST.**—The valley of the Mississippi and the lakes, include portions of river states and territories, and have a population exceeding one-third of the whole union. The lake navigation is at least one thousand miles, and that of the rivers, about six thousand. So great an extent of territory, includes a diversity of climate, soil, &c. The number of persons employed in navigating the western waters is estimated at forty-five thousand; being about two-thirds of the whole number employed in the foreign and coasting trade of the United States. We may with much reason calculate on the removal of the seat of the general government to Cincinnati, in twenty years, from this time—rail roads, in that time, will bring Cincinnati as near the principal seaports as Washington city was five years ago.

*From the Indiana Democrat.*

### STATE HOUSE.

This building is now almost fully completed, and will be ready for the reception of our state Legislature, on the first Monday in December next. The Senate chamber and Representative Hall are entirely finished, and are pronounced by visitors from all parts of the country who have passed through this place during the season to be equal, in point of style and workmanship, to any Legislative Hall in the United States. The Court Room is well calculated for the purpose intended, and the numerous small apartments will afford convenience and comfort to the different branches of the government.

Mr. Wilson in the Stucco work plastering and roughcasting, deserves the highest encomiums for his ingenuity and skill, and the faithfulness with which he has performed his contract. Mr. Stirewalt, the chief architect, is entitled to credit for the manner in which he has executed his department of the work, in erecting the superstructure of the rotunda, giving proper directions with regard to the columns, &c. &c., together with a general superintendence of the building of the past two years. Mr. Peck, the superintendent of masonry, has some time since finished his labors; but the completion of the building, within the time specified in the contract, is greatly owing to his untiring industry and skill, at the commencement of the work. Mr. Livermore and others the principal workmen in every department are entitled to the thanks of the community.

The outward appearance of the building is truly splendid, and we feel thankful in having been permitted to live to witness this brilliant commencement of what Indianapolis will be, when we who having witnessed the noble forest waving luxuriantly over the ground it occupies shall have been called to our last account. An additional inducement will be afforded to our citizens, in different parts of the State, to visit Indianapolis during the coming winter.

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Men and brethren! Friend of the slave, of every name and creed! Philanthropists! Christians! You who are willing to do unto others, as you would that they should do to you! Now is the time for action! Be up and doing! Where are your petitions for the abolition of slavery in the District of Columbia? The time draws near, when congress will again assemble—aye, and where assemble? Assemble—to our country's deep disgrace, it must be said—in a slaveholding capital, among slave auctions and factories—in a city where a free man may be imprisoned unjustly, and sold to the highest bidder to pay his jail fees. How long shall this be so? How much longer shall we consent to be a reproach and a byword among the nations of the earth, be-

cause our practice gives the lie to our professed principles? How much longer shall the legislators of a free people, hold their sessions in a city of slaves? How much longer shall we, as a people, be exposed to Heaven's hot displeasure, because our hands are stained with blood, and in the treasury our capital is found the price of human flesh—the wages of unparalleled iniquity? How much longer shall it be, that licensing a traffic in bones and sinews, in slaves and souls of men, is a source of income to us under the exclusive jurisdiction of our immediate representatives, and which bears a name that Americans profess to cherish with affection and respect—nay, with veneration? It will be thus, till the voice of the people shall demand; in language which cannot be misunderstood, and with an earnestness which will not be turned aside, the annihilation of this system of unutterable abominations.

Every American participates in the guilt and disgrace in which slavery involves the nation, unless he raise his voice to protest against its continuance, and exert his influence to procure its abolition.

Let the petitions be briskly circulated. Let every man, who has not already done so, see to it right speedily, that his signature is affixed to one, and let not our male friends forget that on them we rely powerful and efficient aid in this work. It was a petition from the ladies, they will remember, which called out the noble effort of Dickson, the Wilberforce of the American Congress—our first bold champion in the hall of national legislation.

We hope there will be no delay in this matter. It is important, not only that the work be done, but that it be done in season. The petitions ought to go on in the very beginning of the session. It would not be amiss to transmit them by our representatives themselves. In some places we know that larger numbers of names have already been obtained, and we hope that no men, who, desiring to be free himself, is willing to act on the christian principle of loving his neighbor as himself—no man who regards the welfare or reputation of his country—no man who desires the happiness of his species, or believes that all men have an inalienable right to liberty, will fail to give his name immediately to a petition for the abolition of slavery in the District of Columbia.

### ANIMAL LIFE.

Average duration of Animal life. By a celebrated Zoologist:

Quadrupeds.	Years.	Birds.	Years.
The horse from 8 to 32	Pigeons, 8		
Ox, 20	Turtle dove, 23		
Bull, 15	Goose, 23		
Cow, 23	Paroys, from 30 to 100		
Ass, 33			
Mule, 18	Amphibians,		
Sheep, 10			
Ram, 15	Turtles, 50 to 100		
Dog, from 14 to 25	Tortoises,		
Swine, 25			
Goat, 8			
Cat, 10	Education Journal		

**Jesse AKERS.**—This unfortunate man has been a second time found guilty of murder in the Floyd Circuit court, and the sentence of death was pronounced upon him by his honor, J. H. Thompson, on the 6th inst. The council for the defendant moved for a new hearing and adjudging of the case, which was overruled by the court. We understand that the friends of the prisoner have got up a petition to the Governor for his pardon, which was signed by the jury convicting him, with the exception of one.—*Indiana Patriot*.

**The Massachusetts Election.**—The election for governor, Lieutenant Governor, and members of the Legislature, or general court of Massachusetts, took place on Monday last. In the city of Boston, Mr. Everett, the Whig candidate for Governor received a majority of over 1,300 votes. The following is the aggregate of the returns received from 26 towns.

For Governor.	
Everett, Whig,	6733
Morton,	5394
Armstrong (opposition Whig)	903

**GOSHEN, (N. Y.) Nov. 7.**

**EXECUTION OF CRIME.**—Peter G. Cripe, for the murder of his wife, was executed in the court room of the court house in this village, yesterday afternoon, between the hours of one and two. At 11 o'clock the building was surrounded by captain Edsall's company of light infantry. The prisoner was taken from his cell to the court room at half past 12, and the service as appointed by the protestant episcopal church, was read by the Rev. Mr. Clark, who informed the prisoner in the most solemn manner, that he had but a few moments to live; that he was soon to appear in the presence of his Maker, and advised him, if he was guilty of the crime of which he had been convicted, to confess it. The prisoner after a few moments pause, declared in a firm tone, *Am not guilty*. He then took his leave of his officers and died persisting in the declaration of his innocence. From our own observation we are led to believe, that the law requiring the secret execution of the criminals is very unpopular with a majority of the people.

**The Natchez Courier and Journal** says: "Red river is at present at an extraordinary height. The planters about the river are galing their corn in kilfs; the Natchez has been laid states that the mud bridge or wall across

newspapers published in America (with the exception of France, which the writer has left out, and well he may, for she has so completely muzzled the press, that there might as well be none, and cast a stain on her escutcheon which it will be difficult to wipe off, then there is in the whole world put together, and with not one-fortieth of the population. It is no wonder then that this country bears the reputation abroad of being not only the happiest but the freest nation of the earth, when the press, which we consider to be the "sentinel on the watch-tower," is left free, not only to guard us against all encroachments on our rights (if it acts up to its profession,) but to diffuse information far and wide over the country, for wherever knowledge is there will freedom also be found.

From an Illinois Paper.

**MR. EDWARD.**—The following copies of speeches are verbatim, as delivered by a member of the bar, at a court house, not one thousand miles hence, at the last April term.—

That the science of law may be promulgated in just proportion to its great importance, I have to request of you the favor of inserting them in your paper. Demosthenes and Cicero, were great civilians in their day, but the present age exhibits a far greater depth of eloquence and pathos than seems to have been meted to those ancient orators. The several illustrations in these speeches are as happy, as the display of oratory must have been brilliant; and then too, the sublimity which crowned the speakers' imagination when dwelling on those trying times of "our posterity in future days founting" for that sacred right of liberty which is so enthusiastically cherished within every patriot's heart.

### GRIMSHAW.

**SPECH ON THE SLAVERY CASE.**

**Gentlemen of the jury:** If a man be not callous to all sin and iniquity, my man got mad—for what say capt. Price! Liberty is a great thing, our posterity in future days founting for it, therefore my man are like Cesar's wife not only polluted but unexpected. Which could you druther? Who steals my purse steals trash, but him who robs me of my good name takes that which not enriches him, but makes me poor indeed—all for to injure my client. Mr. Dodge are a man so void of character, that when he tells the truth, he is grieved. If a man hurt your body, it can be cured, but what garb of savagery can heal my client's character, which is hair hung and breeze shaken. If the defendant are a young man, an excuse rolls through my mind, but he is old like a young wolf, and has a family and slanders my client's secrets and lays the axe to his root. It is a good principle to render under Cesar, the things that are Cesar's; and unto miss Cesar the things what are his.

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