

The Weekly News.

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RISING SUN:

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Agents for the News.

The following gentlemen are duly authorized to receive and receipt for subscriptions, advertisements, &c.

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EST. H. PALMER, Esq., General Newspaper Agent, No. 18, French Street, between Walnut and Vine, Cincinnati, Ohio is our only authorized agent to obtain advertisements and subscription in that city.

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Advertisers.

The circulation of the "Weekly News" is now double that of any paper ever before published in this place, and rapidly increasing. Advertisers will consult their own interest by choosing the "News" as a medium through which to reach the public. Our terms of advertising are very low, and will be found at the head of the first column of the first page.

Notice.

Subscribers to the Republican will please take notice, that all monies due on subscription are to be paid to the Weekly News. All persons paying any one else will be under the necessity of paying again.

During our absence, which will not be long, our business will be left in the hands of a competent person, who will attend to all matters concerning this office.

Religious Notice.

A discourse on the natural and moral significance of Eclipses, will be delivered in the Main Street Presbyterian Church, next Sabbath morning.

Miss Turner will commence a new quarter in drawing and painting, on Monday, May 29th. Lessons given every day, commencing at 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Passage of the Nebraska.

The deed is done. The Nebraska and Kansas Bill, which has been the topic of newspaper writers and politicians for some time past, passed the House on Monday night, by a majority of thirteen; and thus the fate of this great measure is, after a long and hard struggle, decided.

The tried and true in the House, were determined to stand firm and fearless upon the great principle of self-government, which is the principal feature of the Bill, and not to consent, at the bidding of the Abolitionists, to pass by this basis of our greatness as a people, whether the subject of slavery will be left to the people, or shall forever remain a question for angry politicians and Abolitionists to gnaw. They were determined to cling to the Constitution which they have solemnly sworn to support, and nobly have carried out their determination. They have not heeded the base and treacherous prayer of Horace Greeley, of the Abolition Tribune, that the national Capitol at Washington, should burn and kill its inmates, rather than to have the Bill organizing Territorial governments in Nebraska and Kansas, pass Congress. They have not listened to the prophecies of those ultra anti-Nebraskaites, that the passage of the Bill would cause a revolution in the country. They were not, and could not be driven from their post of duty, by political sermons or memorials, remonstrating in the name of the Almighty God. They had witnessed all such opposition, in times gone by, and were well aware that the passage of this Bill will not involve the country in a revolution, that the national Capitol will not be burnt, and that the wrath of God will rest on those who oppose the rights of men, rather than on those who stand by them.

For those noble sons who supported this measure, we predict that their names will be recorded with those of their forefathers, who so often rescued their country from utter destruction, from the hands of Abolitionists and wild fanatics.

Now as the Bill has passed both branches of Congress, the people will begin, with calmness and deliberation, to look at, and examine the features and principles contained in it, and they will only wonder why it is that a set of men can be found, who will oppose principles so pure and just as those advocated in the Nebraska and Kansas Bill. That the measure must become the most popular one that ever was enacted in the halls of Congress, we have not the least doubt.

Hon. Nicholas M. Carte died in Indianapolis on the morning of the 17th inst. Mr. McCarty was an old and respectable citizen, and has served the State in various offices with credit. He was the Whig candidate for Governor, at the late election, in which Gov. Joseph A. Wright, the Democratic candidate, was elected.

Our fair friends will please accept our thanks for those beautiful bouquets, which they had the kindness to send us. We take it as unmistakable evidence that our labors, as editor *pro tem*, are appreciated by the ladies, and we are led to believe that the only gentleman does not stand alone any longer.

We have noticed a number of editors, who are down on the veto of the Lunatic Land Bill. At this, however, we are not astonished, for some of them certainly expected to reap the benefit of the bill, had it been sustained by the President.

All the world, and the rest of mankind, is on *qui vive* to witness the great eclipse, which will "exhibit itself" this afternoon, 24 minutes past three o'clock, and last two hours. So great an eclipse has not happened in this section of the country since 1806.

Somebody advertises for agents to sell a work entitled "Hymenal Instructor." The best hymenal instructor we know of, is a young widow. What she don't know there is no use in learning.

Front seats reserved for the ladies at the great Eclipse, to day.

THE annual communication of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, which was held at Indianapolis, on the 18th inst., elected the following list of officers for the ensuing year:

M. E. Comp. Isaac Bartlett, of Logansport, G. H. Priest.
E. Comp. Wm. Hasker, of Shelbyville, D. G. H. P.
E. Comp. James T. Cox, of Vincennes, G. King.
E. Comp. Solomon T. Bayliss, Fort Wayne G. Soriba.
Comp. P. G. C. Hunt, Indianapolis, G. Treasurer.
Comp. Francis King, Indianapolis, G. Secretary.
Comp. John W. Sullivan, Aurora, G. Chaplain.
Comp. D. G. Rabb, Rising Sun, G. C. Host.
Comp. D. A. Farnsley, Evansville, G. P. Sojourner.
Comp. John F. Craft, Terre Haute, J. R. A. Captain.
Comp. A. Todd, Madison, G. M. 1st Vail.
Comp. B. Winters, Attica, G. M. 2d Vail.
Comp. Thos. J. Tyner, Brookville, G. M. 3d Vail.
Comp. Henry Colestock, Indianapolis, G. Guard.

INFORMATION WANTED.—James H. Terrell, a young man aged between 17 and 18 years, living in Boone county, Ky., nearly opposite Aurora, left his home on Saturday, May 20, with the intention of getting a skiff to go fishing. The skiff has not since been found; the young man is still missing, and it is supposed by his friends that he has been drowned. He had on a white linen coat, black satin vest partly worn, and green cotton pants with a red stripe. Any information respecting him will be thankfully received by John Terrell, Petersburgh, Ky.

THE Directors of the *late* Wheeling bridge had a meeting on Thursday last and resolved to immediately go to work at its reconstruction. The Gazette says it is evident that the cause of the fall of the bridge was not in the wire, for very little of it is at all broken. It seems the guys having become loosened, the bridge swayed and was tossed up and down until the cables were removed from their bearings, and the bridge brought down with an irresistible force.

Dr. Denning's address before the Indiana State Medical Society, which met at Evansville, last week, is spoken of as one of great beauty and eloquence. The subject, "the moral dignity of the profession, and the significance of the age upon its literature," it is said, was handled in a masterly style. Dr. Denning is a man of great abilities, and can do ample justice to any and every subject.

This question came up in the Medical Convention at its recent session in Evansville, to-wit: "Is a patent medicine vendor a doctor?" It was decided that a patent medicine vendor was a vendor.

Two hundred and thirty-five ready made coffins were sold on Tuesday of last week, at auction in Philadelphia, and bought for the New York market.

We should consider this a grave business.

The Louisville Courier says a preacher in Boyle county preached from the following text: "Believe and repent, or you shall be damned—and a Hardin county jury can't save you."

The Wheeling Bridge.

We find the following particulars, in the Wheeling Times of the 18th inst., respecting the destruction of this great structure, which cost \$100,000.

The wind was very high nearly all day yesterday, and at about 3 o'clock it rose to a fierce tornado, swinging the immense Wheeling Bridge, the grandest of the kind in the world, to and fro for about ten minutes, when the fastenings gave way and the whole superstructure was plunged into the river below.

It is a great calamity, the greatest, apparently, that Wheeling has ever experienced. There was no one on it at the time, and no one hurt in the least, although the toll-house was torn in pieces and some small buildings near it injured.

The anchorage on the south side appeared first to give way, by the parting of another anchor. Other cables on the south side were thrown from the tower, in the small ones the wire parted. Two cables on the north side still remain firm in their places. The whole suspenders have given way, letting the bridge fall an entire wreck, into the river.

Mr. Bell, the bridge-lender, was fortunately out of his office when the bridge fell, or probably he would have been killed, as the office was crushed. He narrowly escaped with his life. He had seen the danger to it for some minutes before it occurred, and prevented persons from going on it. It was raised by the wind to the full height of the cables, and then dashed down, carrying heavy stones with it.

The workmen have promptly commenced removing the ruins of the bridge from the river, but as the structure is immense, and the cables still attached to the wood work it may cause a few days' suspension of navigation.

A COMMITTEE TO MR. DORCOURT.

The Enorm Society of the Columbian College, District of Columbia, lately passed a resolution inviting the Hon. S. A. Douglas to deliver the thirty-second anniversary oration before that institution. The President, in transmitting a copy of the invitation says:

Permit me to add that the desirability of this choice, in the opinion of the Society, though grounded upon their appreciation of your high qualities as an orator, statesman, and patriot, has not been a little increased by your fearless advocacy of genuine American doctrine, and your labors in the establishment of truths which are now fast to be axioms for all those who love their country and the constitution.

The Society feels it to be an act grateful to themselves in this way to express their sense of your public services, and their pain and disgust at certain disgraceful exhibitions of contumelious feeling, springing, it is believed, from local and patriotic causes.

Owing to the multiplicity of his engagements Mr. Douglas was not able to accept of the invitation.

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Mass Meeting.

Pursuant to previous public notice, the Democratic Mass Meeting, was held at Jacksonville on the 20th of May, 1854, to appoint delegates to the State and Congressional Conventions. Benjamin L. Robinson was appointed Chairman, and Perret Dufour, Secretary.

The business of the meeting was stated by the chairman.

The subject of holding a Joint Mass Meeting to nominate candidates for Senator and Representatives, was then introduced, and a general expression, was made that the Democrats should continue the party organization.

Perret Dufour offered the following resolution, which after some discussion, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we approve and recommend the holding of a Joint District mass meeting at Enterprise on the 5th day of August next, to nominate candidates for Senator and Representatives, to represent Ohio and Switzerland counties, and that we request every Democrat of Switzerland county to attend said mass meeting and take part in the proceedings.

Eastern Fanaticism.

For the benefit of those who denounced the Nebraska Bill in every shape and form, and more particularly for the benefit of those who brand every one an infidel, who opposed the Minister's Memorial, we give a few extracts from the New York Herald, of the proceedings of the meeting of the Anti-Nebraska and Anti-Slavery Society, which was held in New York city last week:

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