

CITY ITEMS

Check—The prices asked for fruit by fruit vendors.

Patience illustrated—the life a local editor leads.

A plea for single blessedness—the multitudinous array of divorce cases pending in our courts.

Remember the Temperance Festival at Masonic Hall this evening. A grand time is expected.

A democracy on the heterodox tendencies of the times—the interminable jockeying of our courts.

A tax on the capacity of the barometer—the exceedingly dull skies and heavy atmosphere of the last two days.

The County Commissioners meet to-day to act on applications for license and such other business as will be before them.

The Forty-Seventh Indiana arrived yesterday, and will have a reception this afternoon, at two o'clock at the usual place.

Four things needful—A complete and radical system of street improvements; the improvement of the "Governor's Circle," ditto University Square; cheap gas.

The work of tearing down the picture galleries, and natural history school books, erected on various streets by Van Amburgh's Agent, was going on yesterday. These pictures were a great delight to the young folks of the city.

A German emigrant was robbed yesterday on the cars, between Dayton and this city, of eight hundred dollars in gold. Two young men were arrested by Marshal Hibbing, on suspicion of being the thieves, but at the time we were in the Court no positive evidence was produced.

We are assured by the Committee that ample preparation have been made for all that may be present at the Temperance Festival this evening at Masonic Hall, and a good time is expected. Butterfield & Co. have kindly consented to furnish the Committee with one of their grand pianos. Good performers will be present.

Street Railway—While the new directors of our Street Railway have their hands in, we would suggest that they place some different colored lamps in their cars at night, so that the lines may be readily distinguished. For instance, let the cars on Massachusetts avenue carry blue lights; those on Illinois, red; those on Virginia avenue, green, and those on Washington street white. By this simple arrangement nocturnal pedestrians would be relieved of many inconveniences, and the employes of the road saved from many annoyances. And, in addition to the above, we would suggest that one colored light be placed on one end of the car, and a different light on the other end, so that a citizen could see at a glance whether the car is coming to or going from him.

The Indianapolis Daily Herald—In presenting the first number of the Herald to our readers, we do not want them to consider this a fair specimen of what we intend to furnish, when we get our force at work, the office of the paper removed, our new dress, and ourselves fairly in our working dress. The purchase of the paper was completed on Saturday evening last, since which time we have had our editorial force to organize, arrangements to make for the removal of the office, and a thousand things to do necessary to an enterprise new to us. We have, however, got to work with a will, we expect our new editor to be on hand to-day, one of our firm is now in Cincinnati to purchase new type, rules, and other articles necessary to enlarge the size, and as soon as these can be procured we shall present a paper that will be keeping with the increase and prosperity of our city. In the meantime we shall do the best we can, and want our readers to bear with us until we can present the Herald enlarged, improved in appearance, and in an entire new dress.

SAULTIER COLFAX'S LECTURE—The Tabernacle on last evening was packed to its utmost capacity to hear the lecture of the Hon. Schuyler Colfax, on the subject of his recent overland trip through California, Utah, etc. Not only were all the seats filled, but there was no standing room at half-past 7 o'clock, and a large number of people were turned away. The lecture was an exceedingly interesting one, as was of course expected from the established reputation of the lecturer. It was in his usual persuasive and eloquent vein, and was frequently and warmly applauded. It was as full in its details as it was complete as a whole, and was exhaustive of the subject. Mr. Colfax's style is graphic and impassioned. He conducted his hearers through scenes of surpassing grandeur and beauty. Nature as it exists in all its romantic sublimity in the Western world was sketched as if by a master hand, and presented to the minds of his audience in a diction singularly apt and picturesque. Mr. Colfax is as felicitous in telling what he has seen and heard as he has been successful as a politician.

Opera House—What has become of the new Opera House? We do not hear any more of it, and yet the experience of every day proves the necessity of it. If we had such an institution, we would have opera every winter, as we are directly on the route from the large cities of the East to those of the West. It was said that the Strakosch troupe would visit us, but being unable to get the Theatre—the only place in the city at all suitable for their performances—the Managers relinquished the idea.

Place, aside from such an edifice being used as a place of amusement, it would be of incalculable value to us as a place for concerts, conventions, and other a large public assemblies—it being a notorious fact that such bodies are often compelled to appoint delegates, to whom tickets alone are issued, or assemble in the open air, when they are either broken up by heat, cold or rain, in nine cases out of ten.

When a popular lecturer like George Burdick, Colfax, and the like, comes here, the only place the people can assemble and hear, is that wonderful structure of some wonderful architect, and a seat place! The catnip pen of New York or the pork houses of Cincinnati are Gothic beside it in appearance outside, and about equally clean within.

Why, the little city of Dayton, with not more than half our population or business, can boast of its Opera House, and why should we be behind it? Let us hope that the enterprise in regard to an Opera House, which was started by some of our prominent men some time since, will not fall; but that it will be prosecuted until a noble edifice shall arise, which will be an ornament to our city and an honor to its inhabitants.

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