

Personal-A Word to our Patrons-Enlargement of the Daily & Weekly Express-Cash System-Large Double Medium Ho Press.

This day four years ago, we for the first time, became the editor, and proprietor of the DAILY AND WEEKLY WABASH EXPRESS, experienced as we then were in the duties pertaining to the publication of a newspaper, we now look back and only wonder that we have worked through the financial embarrassments, and escaped the personal difficulties that on all sides seemed to have encompassed us.

Four years ago, when we took charge of this paper, the Presidential contest of 1856 was just beginning to excite the public mind. The political elements were aroused and much disturbed. The oldest luminaries, those who had for years guided the ship of State, seemed to act without chart, compass or rudder. The elements were forming and each took his stand as in his judgment he deemed right. The old Whig party, in whose ranks we had served as a private from our boyhood, was disbanded. The Democratic party was making preparations for a desperate struggle for power, and the Republican and American parties were rallying under different leaders all those, who, in days gone by, had been led to victory by Webster and Clay. With such surroundings we entered our editorial life. Then, the Daily Wabash Express was a small sheet, scarce half the size of the one we issue to-day. Then, there was not half the reading matter we give to our readers now. Then, we received our telegraphic dispatches from our eastern exchanges, now, we get them fresh from the lightning's tongue, and the readers of the Express will receive the stirring news from all quarters of the world, about as soon as the news occurs.

Our subscription list has been doubled, and our advertising patronage triple. We have added largely to our office-increased facilities for doing work-attached to our new department a complete Job Office, and now have the satisfaction of announcing to our readers, that the DAILY AND WEEKLY EXPRESS is to-day, PRINTED ON A LARGE DOUBLE MEDIUM HO PRESS. This addition to our office will enable us to do work better, with greater facility and cheaper than heretofore.

To-day we enlarge the DAILY AND WEEKLY EXPRESS, adding as the reader will see, two columns to the former, and making the latter the largest weekly paper published in the Wabash Valley. We will henceforth have additional reading matter in our daily issue, and four columns more reading matter in our Weekly, each week. We will ask the same price for our daily patrons we have heretofore received, and we have reduced the price of our Weekly issue, to One Dollar and Fifty Cents per annum, ALWAYS IN ADVANCE.

We will, in the course of three or six months, if the patronage of our friends justify, add to our present facilities, the power of Steam. This, however, will depend upon that encouragement we receive for the heavy outlays we have already been subjected to, and the prospect of an increased patronage. With this in view, we will have the most complete printing office in this valley. What do our friends say of this enterprise? We cannot publish a paper unless our citizens subscribe to it, and pay for it. It requires both labor and means to be able to give to this or any other community, a Daily and Weekly paper. Many of our citizens, who are amply able, have never patronized a city paper. We will give them one worthy their patronage-will they take it?

We intend to make the DAILY AND WEEKLY EXPRESS every way more worthy of public patronage. We hope to make them an epitome of what is being done everywhere, and we will have nothing in their columns so most fastidious cannot read. Under those circumstances, we to-day, present our readers the enlarged edition of the EXPRESS, and enter upon the fifth year of our editorial life. How do you like it, and is it? The former we expect better than the latter. Then give us your patronage, and let us take the chances.

To Our Weekly Subscribers. We have enlarged the size of the Weekly EXPRESS-giving four columns more of reading matter than heretofore. We have reduced the price to One Dollar and Fifty Cents per annum, but we will require of all persons, and under all circumstances, that this sum be paid in advance. In no case will a paper be sent to a subscriber until he pays for it, and in every case will it be stopped, unless renewed. We are compelled to be thus positive, and resort to this method of doing business, or stop the publication of our paper altogether. We cannot do business further on the credit system-it requires greater sacrifices than we are willing to make. It is better and cheaper for the reader, and for us that this system should be adopted, and we hope our friends will not complain.

New Arrangements. We have completed our arrangements with the Associated Press, and will, in the future, receive our telegraphic dispatches the evening preceding our daily issue. This enables us, in the future, to give the DAILY EXPRESS to our readers, as soon as it is light enough to read, each morning. The carrier boys, will, for the present, commence their several routes at precisely 5 o'clock in the morning, and by seven, they will have furnished it to all of our patrons. During the winter the Express will be delivered throughout the entire city, by the time it is light enough to read, each day. Our arrangements for our telegraphic dispatches with the Associated Press, enables us to give to our readers all the telegraphic news in advance of all competitors. This is certainly an object, and ought to make the Express sought for by all who wish to keep up with the times, and who desire to read the news, while it is fresh.

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To Advertisers. No paper ever issued in this State presented so many advantages to advertisers as the Express. We intend to give our Daily circulation into all towns, villages, and every town we reach every Post Office in the Congressional district. We have a large circulation in Eastern Illinois-western Indiana, and hope to have it increased.

WHAT WE MAY EXPECT. The American party, some eight hundred strong in this country, has heretofore been Abolitionist, we may reasonably expect some demonstration on its part, in the course of the year. The date for the election, if we are to rely on the indications, is a month or two hence. John Bell will be elected by an easy majority. This want of faith on the part of the Abolitionists will be met with a corresponding feeling by the American, by neglecting to vote for Allen, will be in a very discouraging minority. Democracy has every reason to believe the certain election of our entire ticket.

We copy the above from the Journal Monday, for the purpose of showing our readers upon what the Leocompton party in this country base their hopes of success. They do not rely upon their own strength-that would be the worst of folly. They do not hope for a triumph by the aid of their principles-Leocompton has the courage to openly avow the doctrine it maintains. They do not expect to be elected by any merit they possess-a consciousness seems to be pervading it, that they have none of that sort. But they beg the flattering question to those, that by some disaffection among the Opposition, they may sneak into power. The editor of the Journal, in his desire to give encouragement to the scattered forces of the party to which he belongs, tells them that the Republicans will vote for Mr. Bailey, nor will the American vote for Mr. Allen, and thereby the complexion nominees may slip in. While the encouragement-what a flattering prospect with this established usage of the Leocompton party, the 26th will get candidates feel over such cheering prospects. The editor of the Journal, however, tells us without his boot. There is not the glimmering of disaffection in the Opposition party. They are united to a man. Never did the Macdonaldian phalanx march to certain victory more compactly and unitedly than will the Opposition on the second Tuesday in October.

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Mr. Douglas's Prospects. What are Mr. Douglas's prospects for the nomination of the Charleston Convention, is a question often asked. Since "Whitaker's Harper's Magazine," his prospects have not had to exclaim, as did one of our "Oh! that mine enemy would write a book!" He has been one of the most successful of our countrymen. It takes years for him to drink himself to death. It requires a lifetime for him to talk himself a death, but it is astonishing with what rapidity he can write himself to death. A word wisely spoken is soon forgotten, but when that word is immortalized by the printer's ink, it is not so easily forgotten.

By this Magazine letter Mr. Douglas has not unobtrusively driven the South, in one solid phalanx, from the South, will not permit him to combat the doctrine, that the virtue of the Federal Constitution alone, saves us as perfectly in our Territory, as it does in Georgia. This is the doctrine of the South, and she will resist the aspirations of one who opposes it.

Mr. Douglas then, having given the South by his support, which he is to look for friends? The North Democracy is divided. As many are perhaps, for the administration as for the anti-Giant. There is not one Northern State, that will send a united and unanimous delegation to the Charleston Convention. If Stephen A. Douglas, Illinois will be for him, that any other, but even there, alluring elements will evince itself, which will cause the Senator to vote. Indiana will cast its vote for him. Unless the Charleston Convention abrogate the territorial rule, Douglas stands about as much chance of receiving its nomination, as he does of being struck by lightning from a clear sky. The South will resist any effort of this kind on part of the North, and if the North, having the Democratic strength, should agree to do so with this established usage of the Democratic party, the 26th will get candidates feel over such cheering prospects. The editor of the Journal, however, tells us without his boot. There is not the glimmering of disaffection in the Opposition party. They are united to a man. Never did the Macdonaldian phalanx march to certain victory more compactly and unitedly than will the Opposition on the second Tuesday in October.

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The Need of a Constitutional Convention. As we have given our views in regard to calling a Convention for the purpose of amending our State Constitution, we submit the following, which we take from the Indiana American, as containing some sensible views, on the other side of the question.

Though we regard the settlement of the school question as of primary importance, we are free to admit that there are other matters that deserve careful consideration, and which should be passed upon by the people in such a capacity. "The loss and inconvenience which the people of Indiana suffered by the closing up of the Asylums, and then opening them in violation of law, and the loss and inconvenience sustained by the want of an appropriation law, make it a matter of serious question whether it would not be better to have annual meetings of the Legislature. The probable squandering of the \$50,000 appropriated hastily, during the last hours of the late Legislature, for a new Penitentiary, is another instance of the propriety of a more frequent meeting of the people, to transact their public business. Enough of that \$50,000 will be squandered to pay the expense of a Convention.

While we would resist to the last a return to the old system of electing Judges, we think experience has shown that our present system is fraught with danger. Much as we desired to elect a new bench last year, we confess that such an election would have been attended with inconvenience, if not with loss. Undoubtedly some of the constructions of the present court would have been overturned by their successors. A periodical change of judicial opinions, whether for better or worse can but be mischievous. We want the courts to be elected by the people, but we would have the Supreme Court so classified that not more than one new man would come in at a time. "To us the restrictions put upon the people as to the number of times they may elect a man to the same office, is exceedingly objectionable. Let the people be their own judge of a man for the office. A man having served four years as Governor is better qualified to serve four more. The present Constitution requires us to exchange such men as Gov. Wright for such a man as Willard, who has been anything but a Governor. "The language of the Constitution is so ambiguous, in many places, as to perplex the wisest of men. Nearly an entire day was spent by the House, last winter, discussing the section which limits the time of doing business, and it was finally left unsettled to be discussed again every year. "We believe the clause which allows the unlimited importation of votes, a stigma upon any people, and an utter subversion of the rights of the people. "A return to local legislation, to banking by the State, to the creation of a State debt, to enfranchising negroes, or the adoption of a Massachusetts clause relative to naturalized citizens, or making any provision for temperance legislation, is entirely out of the question, and they are used only to frighten ignorant people. "It so appears to be the height of Leocompton to be unwilling to trust a free and intelligent people to meet together by their representatives, fresh from the walks and wants of a progressive and growing State, to overhaul their organic law. To plead the cost of such a meeting against its people. There must be something in the present instrument that insures to the benefit of the demagogues who support it, which they know to be offensive to the intelligent masses of the people. It is rather a remarkable coincidence that most of those who oppose the assembling of the people in a quiet manner, to revise their Constitution, are those who clamored for the recognition of that stupendous fraud known as the Leocompton Constitution. And the arguments of all who oppose the Convention are identical with those in behalf of that instrument. It was admitted on all hands, that the Constitution did not embody the will of the people of Kansas, but they were urged to adopt it and abide by it, and to change it at some future time! No man dares say that our Constitution is faulty, or that it embodies the will of the people, but they are told to let it alone-don't meddle with it! Let the Legislature do it! We rely upon the intelligence of the people to do that which is right in the matter."

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Fremont has discovered a silver mine on his estate in California, which yields 90 per cent. pure silver. Godfrey for October is before us. It is a delightful number, and should be in the hands of all the ladies. The total number of guests registered at the ten hotels at Niagara Falls, from May 31st to August 30th, inclusive, was 32,581. Of these, 8,507 arrived in June, 12,040 in July, and 12,034 in August. CALL ACCEPTED.-Rev. Henry A. Wise, son of Gov. Wise, of Va., has accepted a call to the Church of our Savior, in West Philadelphia, west of the Schuylkill, opposite Philadelphia. The number of students in the several classes in Dartmouth College is as follows: Seniors, 65; Juniors, 70; Sophomores, 70; Freshmen, 72. Total, 277. Hon. John J. Crittenden passed through Indianapolis, on Wednesday, on his way from Chicago and the Northwest. John L. Robinson takes issue with the New Albany Ledger upon the Douglas doctrine of popular sovereignty. He does not "cotton" to the opinion that a territorial legislature may legally abolish slavery. At the last commencement of Williams College, Mass., Dr. Philip Van Ness Morris, of Cambridge, New York, a graduate of the class of 1813, made his alma mater a present of \$10,000. The Board of County Commissioners of Marion county have decided that a change of residence annuls the license. The members were unanimous in this opinion, and it would be well for interested parties to bear it in mind. The Philadelphia "Sons of Malta," who in 1858 expended in charity \$100,000 have resolved to build a hospital for the poor. Good boys. About recent marriages is that of Mr. Oliver S. Lewis, to Miss Ella D. Clark, daughter of Lewis Gaylord Clark, Esq., of the Keokuck Magazine. The death of the Hon. T. L. Harris, of Illinois, laid a vacancy in the next Congress. Gov. Bissel has issued a proclamation for a special election to be held on the 8th of November. All the pastors and resident clergy of Springfield, Ohio, have united in publishing a remonstrance against the holding of lotteries at church and charitable fairs. Mr. Isaac Hoover, living near New Holland Pa., found in one of his fields, a few days since, a turtle with the date and initials "1810-H. E." cut on the under shell by himself in that year. The turtle was alive and active, and not any larger than it was forty nine years ago. A broker, whose mind was always full of questions, was asked a few days since how old his father was. "Well," he abstractedly, "he is quoted at eighty, but there is every prospect he will reach par, and possibly be at a premium." The Republicans are Americans of New Jersey have united on a State ticket, and go into the contest with every prospect of a brilliant success. Cordial cooperation in all the Northern States, is getting to be the order of the day, among the different branches of the Opposition. The resignation of M. Miller, the State Treasurer of Illinois, is attributed by his enemies to a deficit of \$300,000 in his cash account. His friends say a suspension of public opinion until Mr. Butler, the new incumbent, is heard from. A large panther has been seen twelve miles South of Vincennes. It has been killing sheep and hogs, and the greatest excitement prevails. On Tuesday morning, a squad of Vincennes hunters went in pursuit of the animal. A UNIQUE SNOW.-The good people of Waterbury, Connecticut, have been treated the past week to an exhibition of w. figures representing Mr. and Mrs. Suckles and Mr. Key. A monkey and an orang-utan made up the balance of this unique show.

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