

From Our Chicago Correspondent.

Chicago, Dec. 20, 1860. Mr. Express: Your Chicago Correspondent has been spending the last three or four weeks in Northern Indiana...

The man who will not defend his country against the attacks of free white and black men within, is either, but a pitiful patriot, or a coward. He who, living on North or free soil will not defend the institutions which protect his freedom and his home...

The course of the President is eminently Democratic, as Democracy now goes. That heterogeneous conglomeration, the Democratic party, never had any consistent ideas. They met at Cincinnati, and well knowing that the whole South received the resolutions of '98 in the name of Mr. Calhoun's interpretation...

The author of this leader in the Journal, a flippant writer, a very superficial thinker, a coxcomb, a stunner and a bitter partisan, could not join issue with Judge Morton without indulging in personal abuse...

Whoever the writer of Friday may be, (that it was not written by Mr. Cochrane we know) we wager there is more torquism than patriotism in his heart—more partiality than justice in his judgment, and an immense cake of dough makes up the contour of his face.

The following from the Washington Correspondent of the Chicago Tribune, shows where stands Senator Fitch upon the question of the hour: Mr. Wade is expected to address the Senate today in opposition to secession...

New Style of Invitation—Burling the New York correspondent of the Boston Journal, says that the present rage for visiting and invitations in New York is this. If a wedding is to come off among the mother of the bride elect taking her carriage, and instead of sending the servant out to the door, ring, asks for the party invited, hands the card of invitation, and then drives off to her coach...

A prominent Cleveland house, engaged largely in the produce commission trade with southern cities, and especially Savannah, has, under the present state of affairs, declined to fill any further orders from that city, unless accompanied by cash. We also notice that a Chicago firm has declined to fill an order from Memphis for one thousand barrels of flour and four or five hundred barrels of provisions.

The Harbor Defense of Charleston.

The Charleston Mercury gives a long account of the defenses of the harbor at that port, from which we copy the following: This is an enclosed water battery, having a front on the south, or water side, of a best 200 feet, and a depth of about 140 feet. It is built with salient and re-entering angles on all sides, and admirably adapted for defense, either from the attack of a storming party, or by regular approaches.

According to the Mercury, 170 men are constantly at work in making improvements in the harbor, and erecting a glacis; closing up the postern gates in the east and west walls, and instead, cutting salient angles on the north and south sides. The outer and inner walls are of brick, capped with stone, and filled with earth, making a solid wall fifteen or sixteen feet in thickness.

The purpose of the glacis, which is an inclined plane, is to expose the attacking party to the fire of the guns, which are so placed as to sweep it from the crest of the counterscarp to the edge of the breach. On the north side, the glacis is covered with a ditch of which the width is from 10 to 15 feet, and the depth is from 4 to 5 feet. Field pieces have been placed in position as strong as possible. It is said that the greatest vigilance is observed in every regard, and that the harbor is in the hands of the regulars about every night.

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It is located on the southern extremity of a point, in a northerly direction to Hog Island channel. To the harbor side the so-called castle presents a circular front. It has a diameter of about 100 feet, and is surrounded by a wall of masonry, which is about 10 feet high. The harbor is in the hands of the regulars about every night.

There are patriots among Democrats and Union men, and we have not yet found (except a few Democratic partisan leaders) any man, in the county of Vigo, who sympathizes with the rebellion in South Carolina, or who is not anxious to unite with patriots to punish the leaders of that rebellion. And when the time comes for action—when those traitors seize upon government property and trample the Federal laws under their feet, we do believe there will not be twenty-five Democrats, and not one Union man, but who will enthusiastically unite with the Republicans in maintaining the supremacy of the Federal laws and the preservation of the Union.

There may be traitors to the Union, and friends to disunion in the Terre Haute Journal office, but we opine there are few outside of it, in this part of Indiana. A Cabinet Appointment—Missouri First on the List. The report is somewhat general, that Mr. Lincoln has indicated to Mr. Bates that he is desirous of accepting the office of Secretary of the Interior. We have the permission both of Mr. Lincoln and Mr. Bates to say that the latter will occupy a seat in the new Cabinet, assuming, as we may safely do, that the Senate will ratify his nomination. It is not, however, definitely settled that Mr. Bates will be assigned to our worthy and patriotic fellow citizen of St. Louis. As a citizen of Missouri and lover of the Union, we make the announcement with gratification and pride. The President elect, in selecting the living cornerstones of his Administration, makes the first selection from this State. It is a fitting compliment to Mr. Bates, he gives a pledge to the whole country, that the man who has resolved to impart to his Administration and policy, will be able to carry out his policy, and hence the fact which we publish this morning, will be regarded as an infallible sign of Mr. Lincoln's purpose. We may call this purpose two words—conservation and Union. If designs in any way inimical to the South were entertained by Mr. Bates, we would not have been selected for a place in the new Administration; and if by some inconceivable blunder he were selected to fill the office of Secretary of the Interior, we would not have been selected for a place in the new Administration.

It will be seen in reference to the Prospects of the New York Ledger, which will be found in another column, that the proprietor of that popular weekly, who has secured an array of distinguished contributors for his paper for the New Year, has never been equalled by any publication in the world. The Ledger is a weekly characterized by a high moral tone and has a circulation larger than that of any other ten literary journals in the country. It will be seen in reference to the Prospects of the New York Ledger, which will be found in another column, that the proprietor of that popular weekly, who has secured an array of distinguished contributors for his paper for the New Year, has never been equalled by any publication in the world.

Local Department

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The Landing of the Pilgrims. The anniversary of this interesting era in the history of the new world was celebrated by the congregation of the Congregational Church in a very appropriate manner on Friday night. In consequence of the inclemency of the weather, the attendance was not so large as we had expected, but it was by no means small, and those present enjoyed a most delightful evening.

Spelling and Reading Contest. The spelling and reading contest among the pupils of the 4th Street School House which took place on Friday last was a most interesting affair reflecting the highest credit on the teachers and the pupils. Each of the departments from 3 to 5 inches in diameter, and in some cases in diameter, are in the hands of the regulars about every night.

Commercial and Monetary. The approach of the holidays has not as usual brought a revival in business, and the commercial world remains unchanged. The money market is more freely and all the circulating houses are busy. Prices however have not changed, \$4.50 being still the top of the market. By the Cincinnati papers of yesterday we learn that a slight improvement has taken place in that market.

While Edwin Booth was playing Richelieu in New York, a warm feeling was manifested by the audience in the scene where the Cardinal attempts to wield the sword, and falling, says: "Satan may be saved without it." The lines were applied to political aspects and were hailed with cheers and by clapping of hands.

Real-estate Religion.—A good story is told of a hard-shell Baptist Missionary in Medina, who had become mixed up in land speculations in Minnesota. On entering his pulpit, recently, he announced to his congregation, that the opening of divine service, that his text would be found in "St. Paul's epistle to the Minnesotans, section four, range three west."

A Modest Demand.—A correspondent of the Charleston Mercury lays down his proposition for a settlement, as follows: "I would like to see the South? In my estimation, nothing short of amendments to the Constitution that would make slavery legal and perpetual in every State in the Union, and upon every foot of territory that now belongs, or ever shall belong to the United States."

The Empress of Austria, like the French Empress, is on a recreation tour. She sailed from Plymouth in Queen Victoria's private steam yacht, on the 23d of November, on her way to Madeira. At Antwerp, where she first embarked she was attended by the King of the Belgians. She is described on that occasion as "a woman of noble bearing, with rich black hair, black eyes, features strongly marked and highly distinguished. She wore a black velvet hat, with jet ornaments; a very fine black velvet over her face, a black dress, a velvet cloak of the same color, with rich fur."

A few days ago, as we learn, an emissary of Yancey's made his appearance in a place east of the city, and that worthy for President of the new Southern Confederacy, and our scrupulous, learned and prophetic friend, Slidell for Vice President, thus taking time by the forelock, and effectually slamming the door of eagerly-desired preferment in the long faces of Jeff. Davis, Gov. Brown, Wigfall, Poor old Fitzpatrick, Rhett, Cobb, Toombs, Wise, and the four or five hundred others, who are crumpling against the Union in the expectation of being the fortunate men for the chief places in the new system.

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