

The Courier.

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No Change.

The Washington correspondent of the Norfolk Journal writes:

"Gov. Hendricks, of Indiana is here and in secret consultation with the leading Democratic and Liberal Republican Senators, and maturing plans for the future course of both organizations. The Governor proposes to abandon the old Democratic organization entirely, also to abandon its name and to organize a new party, which shall have for its platform, such a conservative and compromising declaration of principles as will attract to its support all classes who are opposed to the dominant party."

The Democratic Conservative party, so far as our observation goes has never as yet gained anything by conceding or compromising in any manner, its time honored principles, but invariably has weakened itself by so doing. When accepted in good faith the results of the late war it did all that the era of abolition and universal suffrage could demand, and to compromise farther was to weaken those vital and fundamental principles upon which the grandeur and true greatness of our country were raised. The way to strengthen our party is to stand to our landmarks as drawn since the late unhappy struggle, and stick with the tenacity of life to the name under which for ten or twelve years, we have borne defeat and risen to fight again.

The Democratic Conservative party includes all of the old parties who are or have been opposed to the encroachments of the government on the rights of the States, unless it be the party known as the Liberals.

When the Democratic party compromised itself by joining the Liberal Republicans, it weakened itself greatly and when it compromises itself again no matter what name it may take it will weaken them still more.

Sanctum Notes.

There seems to be a probability that a direct trade will be opened between New York and Antwerp—Norfolk and Savannah are both under consideration, though it looks as if Norfolk with its fine harbor and other advantages that might offer a good stand the chance. It would be the making of that report, and it becomes business men to push the matter.

The merchants and business men of New York have gotten up a petition against the present usury law. They say that it is no protection to the borrowers, but an oppression. The universal cry in these days seems to be for free trade in money.

A correspondent of the Henderson Tribune says that there is a "Mad Stone" in the possession of Mr. Joe E. Layed, of Warren county N.C., about three miles from Henderson. The Stone weighs about two ounces and has been in the possession of Mr. Layed and his family for thirty years. It has been applied to the bite of one Rabbid dog, and several snake and spider bites succeeding admirably in extracting the poison each time. If this is true it should have a place in every paper in the State, as it might be of great service to the afflicted.

GEORGE FRANCIS TRAIN.—This eccentric and erratic personage has at last been declared insane. His whole life has been filled up with acts of madness though there was some method in them. A contemporary quotes poor fellow, much talking hath made him mad.

For the Courier. The Present.

We often hear men complaining of the many difficulties under which they labor, and drawing comparison between things as they are now, and as they were in days of the past. All are fully conscious of the great change for the worse in our Country and the condition of its citizens, and all must regret and condemn the cruelty, that has wrought the change. We must take things as we find them, accommodate

ourselves to circumstances, and with willing hearts and hands set to work to mind our tomes, and eradicate whatever evils may be found in our political or social system. It is in the present that we live more and have our being, and it were the worst of follies to render it more dark, by dwelling upon the contentment and brightness, that attended and clustered about every household in the halcyon days of the republic. Every interest of our State has suffered, and much of the glory of the commonwealth has departed; and yet it we sit down and brood over our losses, we shall never be able to retrieve the one, nor bring back the other—Let us set to work with a determination that shall set failure at defiance, and soon the waste places of our State shall be made green with growing crops of corn, wheat and cotton. Politically, let us cut out of the chaos of dismembered actions and the intermingling of a thousand items rear again the "Temple of Liberty" on the solid foundation of Truth and Honor. Let the past with its memories sweet and bitter go, and accepting the present as it work to improve our fortunes, directing our eyes to the future in which the things that are wrong shall be righted.

FOR THE CARRIER. Constitution and By-Laws of the Franklin Agricultural Society.

CONSTITUTION.

NAME AND OBJECTS.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the Franklin Agricultural Society. Its objects shall be the promotion of Agricultural, Commerce and the Mechanic Arts in Franklin County.

ARTICLE II.

OFFICERS.

Sec. 1. The officers of this Society shall consist of a President, one Vice President for each township as hereafter provided, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

Sec. 2. The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall respectively discharge the duties indicated by their titles, and shall constitute the Executive Committee of the Society.

Sec. 3. The President, with the concurrence of the Executive Committee, shall call special meetings of the Society upon application in writing of any three members, and shall fill vacant offices until the next meeting of the Society. It shall be the duty of this Committee to provide a suitable place for holding the meetings of the Society, audit all claims upon the Society before the settlement of the same by Treasurer, and discharge such other duties as may be imposed upon them from time to time by the By-Laws.

Sec. 4. The foregoing Officers shall be elected Annually, and shall hold their offices until their successors shall be elected.

Sec. 5. Should the time for the annual election of officers pass without such election, it shall be held at the next meeting of the Society.

Sec. 6. Each township which has five members of this Society shall be entitled to one Vice President.

Sec. 7. After the first election no person shall be elected to any office in this Society who is not a member of it.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERS.

Sec. 1. The members of this Society shall consist of such persons as shall be present at the adoption of this Constitution, who shall enroll their names and pay their initiation fee, and of such other persons as shall hereafter be admitted.

Sec. 2. New members may be admitted by a two thirds vote, and upon payment of the initiation fee shall be entitled to the privileges of membership.

Sec. 3. Any member may be expelled by a two thirds vote of any meeting, or by a majority vote at two consecutive meetings.

ARTICLE IV.

ELECTIONS.

All elections for officers of this Society shall be by ballot, and a majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to a choice.

ARTICLE V.

MEETINGS.

Sec. 1. The regular meetings of this Society shall be held in Lexington, at such times as may be designated in the By-Laws.

Sec. 2. One fifth of the members enrolled shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE VI.

When ever it shall be necessary, funds for defraying the current expenses of the Society shall be raised by assessments on the members. But assessments for premiums, for the purchase or improvement of real estate or other extraordinary expenses, shall be levied only on those who shall signify their consent to be thus assessed. Members dissenting from an assessment shall thereby be debarred from any of the benefits there arising.

ARTICLE VII.

By-Laws.

By-Laws for the government of the Society and for advancing its purposes, not inconsistent with this Constitution, may, from time to time, be made, altered, amended or abolished by a majority of the members present.

ARTICLE VIII.

AMENDMENTS.

Every proposal to alter this Constitution must be submitted in writing, and may be adopted by universal consent of those present. But should objection be made, it shall lie over until the next meeting of the Society, when it shall require for its adoption a two thirds vote of those present.

ARTICLE IX.

EXPERIMENTS.

Each member of the Society engaged in agriculture or the mechanic arts, shall make annually one experiment at least, calculated to throw light on some important question in agriculture or mechanism, and report the same to the Society, under the penalty of censure for agricultural or mechanical inactivity; and each member not so engaged shall contribute to a fund which shall be awarded by the Executive Committee to those who excel in the experiments, provided in this Article:

By-Laws.

1. The initiation fee is hereby fixed at One Dollar.

2. The regular meetings of this Society shall be held on the—Saturday in each month at 1 o'clock P. M.

3. The election of officers shall be held annually, at the meeting in March.

4. The Executive Committee shall be required to procure promptly, for each regular meeting if practicable, an address or essay before Society, by some suitable person.

5. The following standing Committees shall be appointed by the President, which shall continue during the term for which he is elected:

A. Committee on Agricultural Implements and Machinery.

B. Committee on Manures.

C. Committee on Experiments and Investigations.

D. Committee on Grasses and Forage Plants.

E. Committee on Diseases of Cattle and Horses.

F. Committee on Diseases of Poultry.

G. Committee on Diseases of Swine.

H. Committee on Diseases of Sheep.

I. Committee on Diseases of Bees.

J. Committee on Diseases of Fish.

K. Committee on Diseases of Rabbits.

L. Committee on Diseases of Deer.

M. Committee on Diseases of Wild Fowl.

N. Committee on Diseases of Game.

O. Committee on Diseases of Domestic Animals.

P. Committee on Diseases of Wild Animals.

Q. Committee on Diseases of Insects.

R. Committee on Diseases of Plants.

S. Committee on Diseases of Trees.

T. Committee on Diseases of Shrubs.

U. Committee on Diseases of Herbs.

V. Committee on Diseases of Fungi.

W. Committee on Diseases of Bacteria.

X. Committee on Diseases of Viruses.

Y. Committee on Diseases of Parasites.

Z. Committee on Diseases of Protozoa.

AA. Committee on Diseases of Molluscs.

BB. Committee on Diseases of Arthropods.

CC. Committee on Diseases of Chelicerates.

DD. Committee on Diseases of Crustaceans.

EE. Committee on Diseases of Mammals.

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Music at Home.

What shall the amusement of the home be? When there is the ability and taste, I regard music as combining in happiest proportions instruction and pleasure, as standing at the head of the home evening enjoyments. What a never-failing resource have those homes which God has blessed with this gift! How many pleasant family circles gather nightly about the piano! how many a home is vocal with the voice of song or psalm! In other homes, in how many village homes the father's viol led the domestic harmony, and sons with clarinet or flute, or manly voice, and daughters sweetly and clearly filling in the intervals of sound, made a joyful noise! There was then no piano, to the homes of this generation the great the universal boon and comforter—One presses and blesses it, as he hears it through the open farmhouse window, or detects its sweetness stealing out amid the jargons of the city—an angel's pension upon a wilderness of discord, soothing the weary brain, lifting the troubled spirit, pouring fresh strength into the tried body, waking to worship, lulling to rest. Touched by the hand we love, a mother sister, wife—say, is it not a ministrant of love to child, to man—a household deity, now meeting our needs, answering to our needs, sinking to depths we cannot fathom, if it is to heights we cannot reach leading, guiding, great and good, and now stooping to our lower wants, the fellest of our souls ravaging from its key? The home that has a piano, what capacity for evening pleasure and profit has it!—Alas, that so many wives and mothers should speak of their ability to play as a mere accomplishment of the past, and that children should grow up looking on the piano as a thing unwisely kept for company and show.

How A HOTEL-KEEPER KNOWS AN HONEST MAN. A New York hotel-keeper has discovered an infallible rule for determining the honesty of his customers. He says: "I have made it a rule in my house, whenever a man wants a room and has no baggage, to demand pay in advance, as usual. If he manifests no objection, and puts his hand in his pocket for money, I tell him it is all right; that he can pay as well when he goes away. That kind of man always pays. But there is another sort of fellow, who, when informed of the rule, pretends to be very indignant, insisting that he is a gentleman by— and is not in the habit of having his name questioned or his honesty doubted. In such a case, I invariably insist on the production of the funds, for I know I don't get them. I never should get them, in the world. Men who talk about their honor, and assume to be insulted when requested to pay, can be depended on for first-class dead-beats."

ADVERTISEMENTS.

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AT THE

MARBLE HALL

AND

TEMPLE OF FANCY,

LEAVE THE RAILROAD STATION

AND GO TO THE

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TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

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VALUABLE LAND

For Sale.

By virtue of a Decree of the Superior Court of the County of Franklin, made in the case of W. H. Spencer Adm., of J. J. Duke, dec'd., against Ellen Duke and others. I will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder, on Saturday the 19th day of April 1873, all the interest of J. J. Duke dec'd., in a certain tract or parcel of land situated in Hayesville Township, in Franklin County and a city owned by Thos. E. Duke dec'd., and which was devised by said Thos. E. Duke to his wife during her natural life with the remainder in fee simple to the children of the said T. E. Duke, one of whom was the J. J. Duke dec'd., his interest therein being about forty nine acres.

Term one fourth cash, bal. on a credit of twelve months, bond required bearing interest from day of sale until paid. W. H. SPENCER, Adm. tds. Louisburg, March 15, 1873.

Pratt's Astral Oil,

The Astral Oil is purer, clearer, safer and gives better light, than any other oil in use, for sale at 60 cts cash, 75 cts w. e. n. charged.

King, White & Shaw.

Flour, Flour,

50 Barrels, very choice Family Flour, For Sale by

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