

Towanda, Thursday, March 22, 1866.

A CONTRAST.

Nothing is more common than to hear copperheaded democrats talk what wonderful things the democratic party has done for this country...

At St. Louis, on the 10th, George Starr, under sentence of death for the killing of William Smith, was taken out of his cell in the county jail for the purpose of being baptized by immersion...

Mr. George Parry, the resident secretary of the English capitalists interested in Minnesota railroads, in a speech at St. Cloud to a Montana meeting...

The statement that there was a plot to assassinate Gov. Brownlow, of Tennessee, was not a rumor. The prime mover in it has been arrested at Granada, Miss., and is now on the way to Nashville...

A Richmond paper mentions a rumor that Gen. Terry proposes soon to pay a visit to Fort Monroe, and states that the gossips are already linking this report in connection with the distinguished prisoner now confined there.

The work on the Union Pacific Railroad is pushed with vigor. Sixty miles are now completed west from Omaha, the eastern terminus.

An excursion sleeping car, named the "Silver Palace," and which cost \$16,000, has been built by Josiah Woodruff, Esq., of Pittsburg, for running between that city and Chicago.

Hiram Wolf, President of the First National Bank of March, committed suicide on Monday last week, by shooting himself with a pistol. He left a letter, stating that the act was caused by slanders which had been circulated against him...

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