

STAR OF THE NORTH.

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Bloomington, Thursday, March 27, 1851.

Subscribers who intend to change their places of residence on or about the first of April, are requested to give us notice of the fact that there may be no mistake in delivering their papers after that date.

THE WEST.

As almost everything relating to the West is of interest these days, we give the following extract from the *Telegraph*, a tri-weekly paper published at Burlington City, Iowa.—"That region is a most prosperous part of the West, and the editor, in speaking of the neighborhood says—

"Improved farms, situated three to six miles from town range in value from \$20 to \$40 per acre. We are not aware of any unimproved lands within that distance. There is at present for sale a valuable farm, with good improvements, at \$20 per acre, five miles from town. We should consider it a fair bargain at that price. There is plenty of timber, and no difficulty in obtaining excellent water. In the matter of fruit, we think we can say without boasting, that Des Moines county will compare favorably if not triumphantly with any county west of the Allegheny mountains for the number and excellence of its varieties in every species of the hardy fruits. Mr. P. would be entirely satisfied of this fact, could he be present at any one of the monthly exhibitions of our Horticultural Society. It only remains to add that our farmers find a ready sale, a good market, and cash payments for all their surplus produce—and sometimes, when a little 'hard run,' they can get their pay in advance, and while their crops are still growing in the fields. We will add, for the information of Mr. P., that our county has a population of some 13,000, and our city nearly 5000; that we have several miles of plank road completed, and several new routes are now being surveyed; that we are looking with confidence to the construction of a railroad eastward within a year or two, connecting us both by rail-road, and by way of the lakes, with the sea-board, and that the Mississippi, which is open for navigation eight or nine months in the year, 'runs right by our door.'"

The New Constitution of Ohio contains among its features the non-imprisonment for debt principle; the right to vote and hold office is confined to white persons; the Legislature is elected and meets biennially; no State debt exceeding \$750,000 can be contracted; corporations must be chartered under general laws, and the next Legislature shall appoint three Commissioners, who, under the general supervision of the Legislature, shall proceed to 'revise, reform, simplify and abridge the practice, pleadings, forms and proceedings of the Courts of Record of the State; and as far as practicable and expedient shall provide for the abolition of the distinct forms of action at law now in use, and for the administration of justice by a uniform mode of proceeding, without reference to any distinction between law and equity."

The Episcopal Church. The improvements in this building of our town are now furnished and present proof of a creditable taste and judgment. The pulpit is a decided improvement upon the old style, the cornice is beautiful, and in fact the whole interior of the building looks like a clean, new garment well put on.

At a Convocation of the neighboring Episcopal clergy there will be service in the church on the 4th of April.

Mr. Lindsay, who is of some note in the line of comicalities, has been giving several entertainments at Biggs's Exchange Hall in this town, and the many who went to his feast of witty odd sayings, were filled to full enjoyment with his funny words and ways.

The water in the North Branch Canal and the boatmen are making ready to shove off.

A destructive fire occurred on Sunday morning near Gray's ferry, Philadelphia county. The extensive building attached to the brick yard of Mr. Arison. Six valuable horses, three mules and 2000 bundles of hay were consumed.

JUVENILE CONCERT.—Our readers of the town must not forget the juvenile concert to be given by Mr. Kemmerer on Saturday evening. His concerts in cities and other towns have been highly spoken of, and his large class of young pupils here takes a lively interest in his pleasing exercises.

In the Court of Schuylkill county, on last week, a rule was granted to show cause why the late Sheriff's sale of the Donaldson property in that county should not be set aside, on the ground of illegal informality in the advertisement of sale.

At the trial of Maria Pyfer for murder in Schuylkill county on last week, a number of jurors were excused because they could neither understand or speak the English language, although they had been serving on juries previously empanelled.

Isaac Hill, of New Hampshire, died at Washington City, on Saturday, aged about 70 years. He leaves a widow and three sons to lament his loss. He had long filled a conspicuous space in the politics of New Hampshire.

The New Jersey Legislature adjourned on the 18th inst., after being in session nine weeks.

TOWNSHIP ELECTIONS.

The following is a list of the officers elected in the respective townships of Columbia county on last Friday. We only give the vote in those instances where there was a contest, except in Bloom township.

Bloom.—Constable, Moses Coffman, 178	B F Hartman, 126	A M Rupert, 85	Sam'l Bittenbender, 33	Overseers, Sam'l Melick, 200	Obed Everet, 123	Peter S Leidy, 87	Supervisors, John Richards, 126	Jos W Hendershot, 141	Reese Fairman, 157	Inspectors, Eli Crivalling, 64	Peter Ent, 30	Michael Walter, 19	E Mendenhall, 93	Judge, Caleb Barton, jr, 149	School Directors, John Vanhook, 56	Samuel Kressler, 65	Aaron Boon, 64	Wm. Neal, 42	Auditor, Increase Two, 109	No Increase, 4	Against Increase, 2
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Hemlock.—Constable, Daniel Neyhard, 57	Judge, James Eggenitt, 67	Inspectors, Perry Pursell, 65	Reuben Bomboy, 42	Assessor, Eli Thornton, 64	Supervisors, Batis Appelman jr, 57	Isaac Leidy, 67	Cattawissa.—Constable, Casper Rahn, 87	Peter G Campbell, 50	Judge, Hiram Phillips, 67	Inspectors, Francis Dean, 67	Jacob Genzel, 67	Assessor, Clinton Ellis, 67	Supervisor, John Hartman, 67	Christian Shuman, 75	Samuel Cox, 19	Corstable, W. Longenberger, 67	John Heate, 67	Inspectors, Simon Brodbenner, 67	Jacob Hinterliet, 67	Assessor, Isaac K Davis, 34	Daniel Singley, 28	Supervisors, John Shuman, 67	John Longaberger, 67	Briar Creek.—Constable, Jacob Mosteller, 62	John Doak, 46	Henry Martz, 40	Inspectors, Isiah Bower, 40	A B Pearce, 33	J H Young, 22	Assessor, Joseph Stackhouse, 59	Supervisors, Henry Dietterich, 59	Asabel Fowler, 54	John Genzel, 50	Reuben Bower, 32
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Orange.—Justice, John Herring, 129	B F Hayhurst, 29	Constable, John Snyder, 128	Samuel Everett, 43	Judge, William White, 93	Benj. Jones, 31	Inspectors, David Achenbach, 31	Ephraim Parker, 31	Assessor, Cyrus McHenry, 31	Supervisors, Joseph Ruckle, 31	Aber Welch, 31	Wesley Bowman, 31	Mount Pleasant.—Constable, John Morden, 33	J Shipman, 32	John All, 24	Judge, Jacob Shipman, 32	Inspectors, Gabriel Everet, 32	Philip Crawford, 32	Assessor, C H Mason, 36	A Force, 34	Sol. Brochert, 20	Supervisors, William Howell, 32	Samuel Johnson, 32	A Crawford, 32
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Centre.—Justice, Jesse Hicks, 58	Wm. Hutchinson, 38	Constable, C. H. Detrich, 38	Judge, Samuel Laubach, 38	Inspectors, Wm. Bower, 38	Levi Aikman, 38	Assessor, Solomon Neyhard, 38	Supervisors, Dan'l Hagenbuck, 38	John Fester, 38	Philip Freas, 38	Fishing Creek.—Justice, A. W. Kluge, 58	Constable, John Stiles, 58	Judge, B. Ammerman, 58	Inspectors, Philip Appelman, 58	Henry J Yaple, 58	Assessor, Moses McHenry, 58	Supervisors, Thomas Pelear, 58	J D McHenry, 58	Greenwood.—Constable, Marshal Girou, 62	Judge, John P Smith, 62	Inspectors, John Kiser, 62	Isaac Hencock, 62	Assessor, Sam'l McCarty, 62	Supervisors, Isaac Kleker, 62	Alba Bangs, 62	Sugarloaf.—Justice, A. W. Laubach, 62	Wm B F, 45	Jacob H Fritz, 32	Walcot Harvey, 32	Wm Stephens, 19	Constables, William Kile, 41	R A Biddle, 17	Joseph Yorks, 12	Harman Harvey, 5	Aaron Lewis, 41	Richard Kile, 26	Samuel Fritz, 23	Inspectors, Owen Parks, 60	John Fritz, 60	Assessor, George Sudman, 60	George More, 25	Supervisors, Jacob Herrington, 52	Joseph Cole, 51	Benj. Peterman, 48
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Jackson.—Constable, Frederick Knouse, 52	Judge, John Savage, 52	Inspectors, Ezekiel Cole, 52	Peter Hodge, 52	Assessor, James Yocum, 52	Supervisors, Henry Wagner, 52	John Shultz, 52	Main.—Constable, Isaac Yotter, 38	Judge, Charles Nuss, 38	Inspectors, George Fleming, 38	Jacob Gitting, 38	Assessor, John Keifer, 38	Solomon Shuman, 25	Supervisors, John Nuss, 49	John Miller, 49	Jacob Shuman, 28
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Madison.—Justice, Peter Hartzel, 38	Abraham Barton, 31	Enoch Fox, 29	Constable, Albert Hunter, 38	Judge, Benj. Wintersteu, 38	Inspectors, John Starr, 38	Joseph Shoemaker, 38	Assessor, Albert Hunter, 38	Supervisors, Thomas Stackhouse, 33	Philip Shoemaker, 16	Phillip Cool, 46	Wm. Rheals, 32	John C Myers, 29	Roaring Creek.—Justice, Wm. Rheals, 46	Constable, Wm. Cool, 46	Judge, Philip Cool, 46	Inspectors, Emanuel Case, 46	Daniel Rairig, 46	Assessor, John Horn, 46	Supervisors, Daniel Rairig, 46	Daniel Levan, 46	Benton.—Justice, Wm. Appelman, 67	John Kline, 50	Constable, Samuel Kline, 66	Peter Karna, 36	Judge, John Kitchen, 60	Joseph Hess, 42	Inspectors, John Kleker, 42	Isaac Santee, 42	Assessor, Samuel Appelman, 42	Supervisors, Jacob Welliver, 42	Thomas Davis, 42	Samuel Creasy, 132	Charles H Hess, 47	John Keller, 91	John Michael, 76	Judge, Elisha Yoho, 76	Inspectors, Amos F. Creasy, 76	Geo. Seiwel, 76	Assessor, John H Hetter, 76	Supervisors, Gabriel Lutz, 76	Wm. N. Brown, 76
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It is also alleged on the part of Montour county, that it would be unfair to re-annex them to Columbia county, after they have paid the State license for their New County and been to the expense of fitting up their Public Buildings. With regard to the State license for their New County, it is but a very small item compared to what their new county has cost the State. And as to their expense in fitting up their Public Buildings, they had fair notice from a public meeting in Bloomington, last September, that an effort would be made this Session of the Legislature to re-annex Montour county to Columbia. And that the people of Montour should bear this in mind when they went to fitting up their public buildings. But no attention was paid to this warning; so if they will not hear, perhaps they can be made to feel.

It is also alleged by the Montour faction, that Bloomington is "robbing the County Treasury, for the purpose of fitting up and ornamenting the public buildings and grounds. In fact this is their greatest "hobby." Let us look at this a little, and let facts speak for themselves. The County Buildings are designed for the benefit of the people of the

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The history of this "bantering" of *Traitor Best's* is too well known to need an extended repetition at this time. It is well known that this diminutive county was brought into existence by the most corrupt and dishonest means. The Legislative course of *Traitor Best*, is without a parallel in the annals of Legislative fraud, treachery, corruption and political rascality and meanness.

After a long contest between public justice and local interest, it was decided not only by Legislative enactment, but by the voice of the people of Columbia county, constitutionally expressed through the ballot box, that the County Seat should be removed from one corner to the centre of the county. In accordance with this decision of the Legislature and the majority of the voters in Columbia county, the people of Bloomington and vicinity erected almost at their own expense a splendid Court House, Sheriff's House and Jail; and the seat of Justice was removed to that place.

Traitor Best, in order to deceive the people and get into the State Senate, came before the County Convention and gave a solemn pledge in writing, that he was opposed to any dismemberment of Columbia county, and that he would do nothing to prevent the removal of the County Seat from Danville to Bloomington, nor to prevent the removal law from being fully carried out, and that whether in or out of office, he would use his talents and influence to sustain the principles and usages of the Democratic party. Unfortunately this pledge so far blinded the County Convention of Columbia, that they gave him the nomination for Senator by a small majority over Mr. Buckalew. After some demurring on the part of Luzerne county, this nomination was finally agreed to by that county, and *Traitor Best* was elected to the State Senate.

The fact is notorious that *Traitor Best* had hardly taken his seat in the Senate before he violated his pledge. He began by placing obstructions in the way of the removal act, and then betrayed his constituents, and sold himself to the Whigs to get them to help him divide Columbia county against the will of the majority of the citizens. But the crowning act of his treachery, corruption and rascality was perpetrated during the last Session of his traitorous career. It so happened that he held the balance of power in the Senate. There were sixteen Democrats and sixteen Whigs and *Traitor Best* in the Senate. Mr. Brawley was the Democratic candidate for Speaker of the Senate. *Traitor Best* by bargain and sale with the Whigs, secured the whole sixteen Whig votes for himself, this with his own vote placed him in the Speaker's Chair to the exclusion of the Democratic candidate.

Traitor Best was now in a position which gave him the power to control the whole Legislature and even stop the "wheels of government," and so effectually did he use this power to the ordinary business of the Legislature was kept back and not permitted to be transacted until *Traitor Best's* Montour County bill was passed. By this base, corrupt and dishonest means, *Traitor Best* kept the Legislature in session about six weeks over the usual time, at an expense of over four hundred dollars a day, which in justice to the State he should be compelled to refund. But finally in order to get bills that were absolutely necessary to be passed, acted upon, *Traitor Best's* Montour county bill was permitted to pass by being hooked to the tail end of another bill and I believe it passed without some of the members knowing it.

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