

PERSONALITIES.

Borden's dimples are called "violet" visits.

DON BOUQUAULT's wife and daughter sailed for Europe yesterday.

"BANKING, the blusterer," says the Philadelphia Times, which is for Tilden.

ONE tramp on a country road is not a harbinger of spring, nor even of a January thaw.

"LOAN is left," says the Chicago Times, and now score up six years longer for John.

RUSSELL's tender to Turkey has not resulted in tender Turkey. The czar is in for a cold out.

THIS skeleton hands of Tom Hyer and Yankee Sullivan are preserved in a Philadelphia bar-room.

Mrs. PIERREPONT, wife of the American Minister, was presented to Queen Victoria on the 11th ult.

BACHELORS boast of their freedom from female restraint, but Anno Domini bull-dozes them in the long run.

THERE is an alarming feature of the political situation. Ben. Butler has been absolutely noiseless for four weeks.

THE Graphic speaks of Mrs. James G. Swisshelm. The Janes may all cease to shudder—it's only a trifling typographical error.

NEW ORLEANS is peaceful. Twenty-two Congressmen are there, and not a word breathed about a vigilance committee.

CELIA LOGAN says there are nearly one thousand ballet girls in New York, and now that their pay won't support them their mas must.

THE New York Sun says the lung disease that caused the death of young John Morrissey was the result of excessive smoking of cigarettes.

A COMMUNICATION in the Chicago Tribune says that city can give needed relief to tax-payers by abolishing public high schools and taxing dogs.

WATTSERSON leans his calla lily cheek on his hand, and is almost dead over Hampton's letter to Hayes. Brace up, W.; you may yet be a missionary to Paris.

IT may be that Colfax thinks apple-pie tastes best from the cool surface of a knife, but his smile is a mere imperceptible sipper beside Solome's.

THE Aldrie Justices in Scotland have fined an engine-driver employed on the North British Railway five pounds for kissing a young lady in a first-class carriage against her will.

THE Evansville Courier (Democratic) will never, no, never, count on the Handicaps counted out, and yet it positively meditates that he is in the prime of life, and, if counted out, will certainly be President in 1880.

MADAME DU BOISSET, of No. 88 Warren street, Boston Highlands, reached her hundredth birthday Thursday, and entertained a party of fifty persons, including her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

ENTERPRISE church committees are packing away great avalanches of snow in its natural state. The idea is to preserve it, and sprinkle sugar on it next summer and sell for ice cream at twenty-five cents a dish.—(St. Louis Journal.)

PRINCE BISMARCK cuts short interviewers by saying, "This is what I shall do now. What I shall do tomorrow I can not say till to-morrow comes, since to-morrow may bring a set of conditions totally different from those I anticipate."

THE Hamlet of the Waco (Texas) Examiner thus soliloquizes: "Government lands cost one dollar per acre, and good whisky two dollars per bottle. How many men die landless who, during their lives, have swallowed whole townships, trees and all."

AT 12 M. exactly, on January 8, the Democrats should all yell "oust!" The result might be that Grant would hastily evacuate Washington, and Cronin, after consultation with his Attorney General Hoadley, could proceed to convene himself and fill vacancies.

TWO brothers, John and George F. Keller, met at Corsicana, Texas, last week, after a separation of forty years. Strange to say, one of them recognized the other by the tones of his voice, although he had not heard a word from his lips since they parted in 1833.

M. DUFAURE, the French Minister of Justice, is hard upon eighty years of age. During the early part of the Empire he was famous for wearing a horse-blanket vest of an extremely loud pattern. After it was pulled down (we mean the Empire) he grew no nearer, and now wears a greasy and threadbare suit.

"If case of nightmare do not at once bring a light, or going to bed, or loudly to the sleeper, but bite his heel or his toe and gently enter his name. Also spit in his face and give him some ginger tea to drink; he will come round. Or blow into the patient's ears through small tubes, pull out fourteen hairs from his head, make them into a twist and thrust them into his nose." It seems necessary to explain that this remedy for nightmare is from China.

THE METEOR.

In your issue of the 24th ult. you published a mass of observations from many points. Some of the statements were definite, some indefinite, one wild, one plausible—the last having been made soon after the adjournment of a prayer-meeting.

It has occurred to me that the general reader (reads the Commercial) might like to see how the track of a meteor is found, at least to a very close approximation. If two observers far apart could see such an object at the same moment, especially when it first blazes in the sky, and also when it finally leaves the atmosphere or is consumed, and if at the moments of appearance and disappearance the direction from each observer, and the altitude also, should be measured, a very simple computation by trigonometry would give the height of the meteor when first visible, then, the length of the path, its direction with reference to the earth's surface, and also its direction in space. If, moreover, the time of visibility were noted, then its velocity could be found, and an approximation be made toward its orbit in the heavens.

But two such observers have never yet existed, and never will. The chief reasons for this latter assertion are, first, that no one knows when a meteor will come, nor where it will be seen; secondly, that the instruments for measuring angles are not at hand, and could not be used if they were; and thirdly, that the beginning and end of the course of such a meteor as this one can not be seen by the same observer—each seeing a different section of the path, somewhat as every one sees not the same, but a different rainbow.

Accurate observations being then impossible, we take the definite, indefinite, wild and pious observations aforesaid, and work them up in a way which every body can understand. But so much by way of introduction.

Without enumerating all the places mentioned in the Commercial of the 24th, let it suffice to use a few of those best situated. The distances given are sufficiently accurate for our purpose. According to the reports the meteor "passed over" Hermann, (sixty-five miles west of St. Louis), St. Louis, Keokuk, Iowa, and Galesburg, Illinois. These two latter places are, in round numbers, one hundred and fifty miles north of the two former.

It is impossible for the meteor to have "passed over" all of these places, and the reports from those cities must be taken with considerable allowance. Meteors are eccentric and lively, but lack the power of being in two different places at the same moment.

The report from Jacksonville—seventy-five miles north of St. Louis—says it "passed a short distance north of the city." The La Salle report says "it passed over this city," but adds that "it appeared to be about seventy degrees from the southern horizon." Of course both parts of this report can not be exact; so, taking the latter as the more accurate, we are led to the conclusion that the meteor was vertical over places northward of Jacksonville, and southward of La Salle. This latter place is, speaking roughly, one hundred and twenty miles northeast of the other. The account from Erie, Pennsylvania, says "it passed over this city," and "over Lawrence, Kansas."

A line drawn from Lawrence to Erie will pass north of Jacksonville and south of La Salle. It is

probable, almost certain, then, that the meteor was vertical, or nearly so, both at Lawrence and at Erie. The line before drawn passes south of Toledo, Ohio, but north of Sandusky. The general path, then, being established, it remains to fix the altitude. One report says that it was supposed to be "twenty" miles high; another, "forty." These are only guesses, and it would have been just as well to guess "ten" or "a hundred," for no observations at one point can possibly fix the height. The Bloomington, Indiana, report says it was "fifty" or "seventy" degrees from the northern horizon. The most accurate observation of all was made by Professor Perkins, at Delaware, Ohio. From a given position he noticed that the meteor apparently traveled alongside of a horizontal bar. Shortly afterwards it assisted Professor Perkins in measuring its distance from the bar, and its elevation. The angle of elevation was twenty-two degrees. It is not likely that the true altitude differed half a degree from that quantity. From Delaware to the meteor's path over Lake Erie, on the meridian, is almost exactly one hundred miles. Making due allowance for the curvature of the earth in that distance, the height of the meteor was forty-two miles when over the lake. There is general agreement among observers that the path was horizontal.

Bloomington is about one hundred and twenty miles south of the line from Lawrence to Erie; and an object forty-two miles high over that line would make an angle of eighteen degrees above the horizon at Bloomington.

To ascertain the velocity of the body is a little more difficult by reason of want of uniformity in the estimates of the time the meteor was visible. One observer says it was seen for one minute, one three-fourths of a minute, one minute, and one three minutes. This last is so out of all proportion that it may be set aside as absurd. I think the thirty seconds of the St. Louis observer best entitled to credit, and as it is a kind of compromise between extremes it is here used. The visible path of a meteor rarely exceeds one hundred and fifty miles. Supposing this one to be two hundred—since the meteor was a very brilliant object, the velocity was about seven miles a second, and instead of being one hour in its passage from Lawrence to Erie, as the Erie stationer had it, the distance was traversed in about two minutes.

At the time of the meteor this part of the earth was traveling in space at the rate of nineteen miles a second; and the meteor passed the earth with a velocity of seven miles. But at 9 o'clock P. M. the direction of these motions was such that the meteor's velocity in space was not the sum of nineteen and seven, but only twenty.

Here we have the distance from the sun, the velocity per second and the direction of the motion, quantities which may be used in fixing the orbit of the meteor in space, at least in approximating to it.

PROBABLE SIZE.

The Jacksonville account states that it appeared at an angle of about fifty degrees, and seemed nearly as large as the moon. When at that altitude the meteor was about sixty (60) miles from the observer; and supposing that it was only half the apparent size of the moon, its real diameter was at least one thousand feet. A body of such size, whether solid or not, traversing the air at the speed of thirty-five or forty times that of a cannon ball, will make a respectable roar all the time, whether there are successive explosions or not. According to the accounts it exploded near Keokuk, over Pontiac, Illinois, which is about one hundred and twenty-five miles eastward from that city—exploded to the east of Erie, and was heard near Sidney and at Delaware, Ohio. There were many reports of its falling, but whether the body were solid, or, being unequally heated, it would break, or other brittle bodies are accustomed to do, when too rapidly heated on one side.

WHERE DID IT GO?

If the preceding estimate of the velocity is at all near the truth, the body did not fall to the earth, but passed rapidly by, and went on in space. An unsupported body falls about sixteen feet in a second, or sixteen hundred feet in ten seconds, if not impeded by the air. The meteor, in ten seconds, traveled about seventy miles; and a body of the size of the meteor would fall about three thousand three hundred feet. Hence, at that distance, the meteor was about one-third of a mile higher than at the starting point.

Other inferences might be drawn, but lest this story emulates too closely the trail of the meteor, it is well to stop here, whatever may have become of the "wonderful meteor."

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INDIANA AFFAIRS.

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INDIANAPOLIS, January 3.

The result of the Independent incubation in Indiana, during the last State and National campaigns, was the hatching out of Senator Majors as a disturbing element. It now looks as though Majors is likely to prove a bad egg for the Republicans.

Mr. Majors awoke, like Cronin, of Oregon, to sudden notoriety. From being nobody in particular, he became, between daylight and twilight, everybody and everything, in particular, a little political tempest in a tea-pot, for his vote in the Senate decides the party in power in that body and settles the question of its political complexion. All day yesterday there were fingers hooked in Mr. Majors' button-holes, honeyed words in his ears, and playful and affectionate slaps upon his back. As it stands now it appears that there has been a regular bargain and sale, and everybody and everything, in particular, a little political tempest in a tea-pot, for his vote in the Senate decides the party in power in that body and settles the question of its political complexion. All day yesterday there were fingers hooked in Mr. Majors' button-holes, honeyed words in his ears, and playful and affectionate slaps upon his back. 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...the following summer cage. The lion continually tore open the netting, and the keeper, who was very much annoyed, prevented his biting the stump of his tail. Various attempts to restrain the lion were made, but all varying in success. The lion was finally captured and was fastened down by collars and chains until the wound healed. He was then placed in a cage, and the lioness was left in the adjacent apartment well. After a few days, however, the lion again bit his tail, and the wound is now as bad as when he was first captured. The lioness is now very much improved in her appetite. Dr. London R. Longworth attended to the lioness, and the lion was attended to by a veterinarian in the city generally. The same gentleman very successfully treated one of the Society's Cattle with a disease, born in the same manner as the lioness's legs.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Andrew Erckenbrecher presented, as Treasurer, a detailed report of receipts and expenditures of the Society for the year 1896.

Expenditures paid. \$299,662 89

Food stock paid.	\$9,475 00
Board of stock.	1,000 00
Assessed stock.	4,368 55
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Loan from C. Windisch.	25,500 00

of restaurant (1875-6)..... 1,924 18
 of restaurant (1876-7)..... 36 11
 Animals sold..... 117 75
 Cash on hand..... 55,450 00
 Cash payable..... 5,545 00
 Cash loan..... 2,000 00 \$900,532 97
 Cash balance on hand..... \$870 08
 After the auditing committee's report had been read and accepted, the meeting went into an election to fill three vacancies in the Board of Directors. The elected members were: George Ward Nichols was appointed teller, and after his name had been taken, retired to count the votes and the election was straight.
 The names of the tellers, Mr. Dexter announced to the meeting that two lion cubs had been born into the Garcon the night before. This announcement was
 Mr. Pfirman stated that he thought desirable a change in the mode of electing Directors. He pro-

The Returning Board brought in the following report:

"The vote for Directors: Albert Fischer, 388; A. J. Taff, 390; Isaac Greenwald, 367; M. Windisch, 49; M. Eckenbrecher, 408; and Taff, having received the largest number of votes, were declared elected, whereupon the meeting adjourned."

CINCINNATI HOSPITAL.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of the Cincinnati Hospital Trustees was held last night, Mayor Johnson in the chair, and present Dr. Juddins, Judge Hagans and F. Mayer, Esq. Minutes read and approved.

Dr. Juddins called attention to the fact that the druggist has again been purchasing two-grain quinine pills, in violation of the instructions of the board. He was of opinion that the druggist could make all the quinine pills needed in the institution as well as the quinine in the clinic, and that he had been read for quinine during the month, he could not see what the druggist meant by ordering manufactured pills.

The schedule of bills of the month, amounting to \$13,035, was taken up, showing, among the items for medicine: 30 oz. quinine, \$69, and 200 two-grain pills of quinine, \$5. Superintendent Jones was sent for and

In response to a request of the "Internes," the Board of Directors of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company printed on parchment instead of paper.

The Superintendent's report for the month of December was received and filed. It showed that the manufacture of gas for the month cost only 41 1/2 cents per 1,000 cubic feet.

It was also reported that the new buildings on Ana Street are in successful progress, and that only the additional weathering prevented the roofing. The whole amount expended for the improvements to date was \$8,575.

Adjourned.

Transfers of Real Estate Yesterday.

Emma L. Rogers to E. M. Pattison, lot 125 by lot 126 south of the Price Hill road, Twenty-first Ward, \$1,528.50.

Vleck and wife to the Cincinnati Manufacturing

During Company's years' lease of the premises 233^d, by
about 50 feet, on the north side of Euclid street, 106 feet
wide, and 100 feet deep, at a rent of \$1,200 per year,
the term of two years more at a rent of \$1,200.

E. J. Bornstein and wife to Joseph Longmiller and wife,
all of New York city, 100 feet wide, 100 feet deep, sit-
uated 70 feet west of Beech street, Walnut Hills; \$5,000.

John Nash and wife to William G. Smith, all of Cin-
cinnati, Ohio, 100 feet wide, 100 feet deep, situated
on the south side of Walnut street, East Third
street front, 53 feet east of Lawrence street; \$1.

James C. Brown and wife to John W. Leach, all of Cin-
cinnati, Ohio, 100 feet wide, 100 feet deep, sit-
uated 50 feet east, of an irregular shape, on the east side
of the Montgomery road, south of the Marietta and Cin-
cinnati railroad, Hamilton Township; annual rent \$30.

Fredrick Kutz and wife to A. Sauermaier and Tros-
per B. Kutz, both of Cincinnati, 100 feet wide, 100
feet deep, situated on the north side of Euclid street, annual rent \$800.

William H. Schaefer to Jacob Schaefer, lot 25, con-
taining 100 feet, on the north side of Meigs street, 50 feet
west of Highland avenue, Mt. Auburn; \$250.

The Cincinnati & Northern Ohio Land & Lumber Association, lot 70 by 155 feet, on the northwest cor-
ner of the Crawshaw road and Ferris avenue, in Kilgore's

A Card from Blanton Duncan.
Editor Louisville Commercial:
The editor of the Courier-Journal is so intimate with Governor Haynes that he finds out ways and means of making the Courier-Journal keep a barrel of something, certainly not truth, as "it has leaked out" that Governor Haynes has "promised" an office. Perhaps that barrel has been leaking ever since this campaign of prejudice and utter irresponsibility has commenced.
To those who know me, it is scarcely necessary to say that I have never been sought out and asked and that I dare to speak my true sentiments and to discharge what I consider my duty, irrespective of party partisan leaders and organs may think, say or do.
The editor in charge of the Courier-Journal may not view my opinions with the respect which his partisan friends would like to see him give. I am a State officer besides, and may consider that

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throughout the South who will respond heartily to the call of duty, and to the liberators and all others, and they will do so without reward or hope of office, which, it is not surprising from the standpoint of the Courier-Journal and other organs of the press, is a noble and commendable example of human bliss. And they will be revered enough and patriotic enough, if they are not, to be able to give a united front to the cause, benefiting their fellow creatures and of advancing the fortunes and renown of a proud people.

Governor Hayes has too much respect for himself to be so easily deceived. He will probably be called to tender position to anybody until his own is definitely determined. If he is the President, his selections, I am sure, will not be as good as mine, and thus they will do honor to the Courier-Journal.

BLANTYRE DUNCAN
LOUISVILLE, January 2, 1877.

Under the head of "Modern Improvements" the San Antonio (Texas) Herald notes the following:

The Menger Hotel is now provided with an electric annunciator. It became absolutely necessary to have a means of announcement, the guests from the North were continually rushing from their rooms, thinking the hotel was on fire, whenever some hardy adventurer would yell out in the morning before he got up for his cocktail. All he has to do now is to touch a little knob, and in a few moments his thirst is quenched, and he can turn around and go to sleep again without calling out the fire department.

This is the year of our Lord 1877—on the face of the returns.—(Boston Post.)

AUCTION SALES.

BOOTS AND SHOES AT AUCTION.
BY JAMES H. LAWS & CO.,
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THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING, JANUARY 4.

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