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THAT TEAPOT TEMPEST.

Fearing our readers may imagine that some body has thrown the "yelping cur" Courier, of this place a bone which it cannot gnaw and therefore makes a fuss about. We reprint for their sake the article calling forth their obscene ire. The Courier is evidently a dangerous paper to handle, even in its reduced size, and its championship of the other four Republican papers in this Co. Stamp it, as having more courage than brains at its command—The compliment to ourself is deservedly given.

"There are five Republican presses in this county, and but one of them is published wholly at home, the rest all use foreign publications. Now, we wish to inform the people some thing of the manner in which these foreign publications are obtained.—In the first place there are advertising agents in every city who are engaged in the publication of some kind of a daily paper, and at the end of the week, before the matter that has accumulated at the end of the week is distributed, it is put into a form in which they insert all the adds they can obtain and it is printed and sold to the small offices throughout the State that have not the brains or facility (one or the other, or both) to edit and publish their paper at home for a small advance above the cost of white paper, and it is so much clear. The matter being already exhausted in the publication of dailies.

Now we propose to notice first, the leading organ of the party in this county: The Free Press, edited by Jones, Reno & Kellogg. They buy their

paper each week, from A. N. Kellogg, Chicago, with the inside already printed. The outside they print at home, filling it almost entirely with adds, leaving very little room for local or county news, and it is put out as a Pontiac paper.

Next comes the DWIGHT STAR, edited and published by Chas. Palmer. The Star, although small in size, is all edited and published at home, SHOWING A SPIRIT OF ENTERPRISE NOT KNOWN TO EITHER OF THE OTHER 4 REPUBLICAN PAPERS IN the county, and has been known to walk into the nine column sheet of this town and come off victorious. See his article on G. B. Stout's speech, under date of Sept. 17, 1868.

Next comes the Fairbury Journal, which is Republican in sentiments and is supposed to be published in Fairbury, by those who do not know better. But, let us assure you, that the outside of this paper is both edited and published in Chicago, in the same manner as above referred to the inside being a mixed up mess of adds. of course is printed at home.

Next comes the Dwight Courier, Republican in principle, with the outsides also edited and printed in Chicago, which has lately been reduced in size. It also has a lot of mixed adds, on the inside and it is issued as a Dwight paper.

Last in the county comes the Sentinel, with outside bought in Belleville, over 200 miles South of this place, already printed. These outsides are printed on Monday of each week, from accumulated dead matter from the dailies of the week previous, it arrives in Pontiac on Wednesday and on Thursday it is put out."

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Editor Star:

Thanks to the philanthropic and prompt action of some public spirited Gentlemen having the dearest interests of Dwight at heart, we are to be relieved of the tedium of the coming winter by a series of amusements both profitable and pleasant, alike for the rich and the poor. It is designed having a course of lectures on popular topics from gentlemen of well known ability the diversity and excellence of which, have been tested and endorsed in many of the large cities throughout the Union in past winters.

Now, to make home attractive and pleasant, is an old and time honored idea, and in providing those attractions for the coming winter in our own town, it will prevent much of that dissatisfaction so current among our young men who feel, that because they are in a small place and debarred city privileges—that they are entirely cut off from civilization and the paradise and plug hats and broadcloth. It will also be an inducement for study on their part, as a lecture is mainly the shelved ideas and salient point of "facts palpable" to both the lecturer and his audience. A condensed history of facts that can be reached in no other way so easily. We have no doubt however, that some of our good towns-folks will put a damper—or try to—on the whole affair and strangle the enterprise in its birth because their flunkeyships were not consulted in the matter. We know a few such, who are talking it down now by alleging that it is gotten up by a SOCIETY, who presume it [CONTINUED ON SECOND PAGE.]