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G. L. Reed*



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W. R. Sinks

The Peru Republican.

This paper was established in 1856 by the late E. Z. Lavinand, who conducted it with marked ability for a few years and then sold the office to W. S. Busham, who is now publishing a newspaper at Grand Island, Michigan. The Republican was bought in 1864 by H. S. Chapin who conducted it until March, 1868, when it was bought by Reed & Brown. At that time the subscription list contained about 400 names, the whole number of copies printed to supply the demand for the paper was 1,000. In 1870, subscriptions, and circulation advanced rapidly, and in 1871, H. S. Chapin sold the paper to the proprietors, Messrs. Reed & Sinks, who succeeded in selling off more than half the subscribers, but his successors in the proprietorship of the paper saw the disadvantages of his policy and went to work to increase its circulation. A newspaper that does not require advance payment of subscriptions has no foundation for a prosperous existence.

The list rapidly increased under the management of Reed & Brown, and has increased until the present. At the end of one year J. M. Brown sold his interest to G. L. Reed, who continued sole proprietor until May, 1875, when he sold a half interest to W. R. Sinks, formerly of the Connecticut, Times. Reed & Sinks are now the proprietors and G. L. Reed the editor.

The Republican is in its 24th volume; it is printed on a Catnall & Babcock cylinder press, supplied by steam power. The office occupies a two-story and conveniently arranged brick building, is placed on this page, on the corner of Main and Court streets, owned by the editor and built expressly for the printing business. The office is furnished with one forty-one cotton and a large quantity of wood and metal type, two hot setting job frames, a Websters case engine and such other material as enters into a complete outfit.



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