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See Mrs. Lopez's new advertisement in this issue. She is selling out her large stock of Winter Goods at largely reduced rates.

At the Drug Store the following were the fortunate parties: Eddie Dinger, clock; Jonathan Williams, slipper; Nick Allgeyer, doll.

The leap-year party given by the young ladies of the Valley, last Thursday night, was a grand success, and reflects credit upon the various committees.

The young men of the Valley propose giving a Masquerade in the near future—probably the beginning of February: the proceeds for the benefit of the contemplated Town Hall.

There will be no lack of ice the coming summer. All the ice-houses in the Valley are being filled with nice, square blocks of crystal, to solace the melting days of July and August.

MARRIED—At the office of the Judge of Probate in Ironton, Mo., by Judge John F. T. Edwards, Mr. BENJAMIN B. MYERS, of Pilot Knob, to Mrs. MARGARET A. INMAN, widowed daughter of Mr. Lysander Ashlock, of Madison county, Mo.

Our old friend, B. Shepherd, Esq., came up from the swamps before Christmas to spend the holidays at home. He is running a saw-mill near Ash Hills, in Butler county, and we are glad to learn he is doing well.

Valley Lodge No. 1870, Knights of Honor, meets alternate Wednesday evenings—Jan. 13th and 20th; Feb. 9th and 23rd; March 9th and 23rd; April 6th and 20th; May 4th and 18th; June 1st, 15th and 29th.

Rev. J. C. Berryman preached last Sunday to a large and appreciative congregation in the Fort Hill church. His pleasant voice and venerable person never fail to cheer the hearts of his old-time parishioners.

The guests from a distance in attendance at the leap-year party were Mrs. Peters and Misses Jennie and Maud Peters, of Annapolis; Miss Ball, of Williamsville; Mrs. Morris, of St. Louis; Messrs. W. Blaine, T. Walker, Walsh, Barnett and Ball, of Piedmont; Mr. Bally, Annapolis.

Many persons are bitterly opposed to "patent medicines," and will rarely use them at all. There is no doubt that many are worthless, yet a remedy that has stood the test for years, like Dr. Sherman's Prickly Ash Bitters, and its sale and popularity increasing every day, must have merit or it would have disappeared long since.

The contract for building the new school-house has been let to Mr. McLennan, of St. Louis, and work will be commenced as soon as spring opens. Mr. L. Lavender, of our town, will burn the brick, and is now busily engaged making the necessary preparations.

The Town Hall project progresses finely, and a few days will determine whether the opening spring will see the walls of the building rising heavenward. Let all our people do all they can to forward this laudable enterprise, and we will soon have a Town Hall which shall be a credit to our community, and supply a want we have all known for years.

A GRATEFUL SURPRISE!—The undersigned takes this method of thus publicly expressing their thanks to Mrs. Reel for splendid lead cake, sent to us as a Christmas gift.

May the kind donor be permitted to see many Christmas days, and enjoy all those blessings which go to make life comfortable and happy; and when her days are numbered, may her eternal home be where the wicked cease from troubling, and the weary are forever at rest.

The entertainment and dance given by the Social Club of Graniteville at the Workingmen's Hall, on New Year's eve, was a grand success. The concert consisted of songs, dances, negro comicallies, farces, etc., which were listened to by an appreciative audience.

PERSONALS.—Mr. P. A. Moser left last Friday for St. Louis. Miss Willie Pettit, one of Piedmont's fair daughters, is in town on a visit to relatives and friends.

Miss Mary Patton left on Saturday for Reynolds county to teach a school. We wish her success. Mr. Bernard J. Zwart returned to St. Louis last Sunday.

Judge Bakewell, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Cisey, left on Sunday last for St. Louis. Miss Cisey will spend a few months in the city visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. Bert Fullenwider was in town last Friday, just too late for the leap-year party. Mrs. Nellie Fairchild has returned from her visit to De Soto.

ELI D. AKE, Esq., Editor Iron County Register.—DEAR SIR: Upon receipt of the IRON COUNTY REGISTER of this week, we notice, with sorrow and regret, the very sad occurrence at your house on Christmas day.

From Mike Dodson. ARKADY SUBIRBS, Jan. 3, 1880. Mistur Aik: Happy New Yeres gift!

As I was komin frum mi super to-nite, I was trien to think uv sum skeme bi which I kud mak mi name imortle, tu mi ansestev. Bi kogitatin I konderbel in mi mind, I at last struk it.

After kollin mi frends togethur, I delivervd a short adres to them in the follerin substane, tu wit: Frendz, kuntrimen and enemiz, Iruntun is dola of tha kan tu put the Subirbs in the dark; it behoves us tu stir ower stumps and leave them in the censement an dark sjes.

The kurnal was kollid into the chare, az that was a kumfortable plasa, and yur humbel sivev was rekordin sekretari. Mistur Obershon, the sekund, bein a grate hand fur gam, mudv that we presed to git stokholders fur ower enterprize.

We air goin to hav the Subirbs the most important stopin pint on enl or Ja Good's rodea. I will kepe vu informd of the wa it goes, and if yu want an stok in it I kan amgule yu sum. Hura fur the whaller!

Pilot Knob Items. PILOT KNOB, MO., Jan. 31, 1881. Christmas has come and gone. Many little hearts have been made happy by kind friends.

The Pilot Knob Iron Company are making arrangements to open two or three new tunnels, and expect to ship more ore this year than was ever taken from Iron county before.

Mr. Wm. Steffens, proprietor Pilot Knob Hotel, gave a big ball Friday evening, which was a grand success, some forty-two couples being present.

Mr. Countryman has resigned his place here, and thinks of going North. He leaves many warm friends.

Mr. Ody Keenan is at his father's suffering from an attack of pneumonia; hope he will soon be out again.

Capt. Bradley, of your city, was in town a few days ago, hunting up wounded soldiers, but after investigating my claim he declared me a first-class bushwhacker, and referred me to Col. Tim Reeves, for papers in the case.

One of our citizens overloaded himself with bad whiskey a few days ago, and Judge Dinger thought it would require twenty days in the jug before he would be needed at home.

Mr. James Reel, who was shot in the arm several days ago, is getting along very well.

The Rev. J. C. Berryman preached here yesterday. The old gentleman is looking very well, and bids fair for many years to come.

Val. Effinger opened his heart New Year morning by setting up old Tom and Jerry to the boys. It looked very nice, but being strictly temperate I had to decline.

The new furnace continues to do well, making very fine iron and plenty of it. Wood choppers are in demand, and will find no trouble to get plenty of work.

Mrs. Julius Klug has been very sick for the past week, but at present is able to be up again.

1881. CLEARING SALE! 1881. MRS. S. LOPEZ, OF THE ST. LOUIS VARIETY STORE, WILL COMMENCE THE NEW YEAR WITH A GREAT SEMI-ANNUAL CLEARING SALE! THIS MEANS CHEAP Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots and Shoes For the Next Thirty Days! We are Marking Down all our Prices, and in doing so the question never is, "How much did it cost?" but, "How much will it bring and sell quick?" We don't wait till Spring to give you WINTER GOODS cheap, but do so now while there are many weeks of cold weather before us. WE MEAN WHAT WE SAY, AND ARE DETERMINED TO SELL OUT all Winter Goods, regardless of cost! Ironton, Mo., Jan. 6. Mrs. S. Lopez.

Fresh Oysters at Osterie's, every day, by the can or dish. Fresh supply of Candies, Nuts, etc., just received.

Our Weather Report for 1880. TABLE showing DATE, THERMOMETER, WIND, SKY, RAINFALL, and KIND. Includes data for Dec 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, and Jan 1, 2, 3.

FINE FARM FOR SALE!—Our old and respected friend, Dr. M. Thomas, offers for sale his farm containing 453 acres of choice land, situated in Bellevue Valley, Iron county, Mo.

CITY TAXES.—Again, and for the last time, I warn all delinquents that unless their taxes are paid before the 1st day of January, 1881, they will find themselves encumbered with no end of costs.

COME AND SETTLE UP. All persons who have accounts with the undersigned are notified to come forward without delay and "square up," either with cash or by note.

Beware of bogus sewing machines! If you want to buy a genuine machine, guaranteed to you for five years, call on H. Davis, Ironton, Mo. I have one Wilson & Gibbs second hand sewing machine, in fine working order. For sale cheap.

1880. HOTSON'S RESTAURANT, 1881. SOUTH SIDE OF THE COURTHOUSE SQUARE, IRONTON, MO. Meals at all Hours. Boarding by the Day or Week. FRESH OYSTERS BY THE CAN OR PLATE. ALSO, DEALER IN GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS, Canned Goods, Tobacco, Cigars, Etc. B. Hotson will attend to all calls made upon him as a Bricklayer, Stone Mason and Plasterer, and will work at reasonable rates.

I am now receiving and offer for sale one of the largest and best selected stocks of goods ever brought to this market. This stock is ENTIRELY NEW and bought for cash, and purchasers may rely upon the VERY BEST GOODS at the Lowest Possible Prices! Call and see me and investigate for yourselves. I will insure you polite and courteous attention and guarantee entire satisfaction. ADA JAQUITH. PILOT KNOB, MO., Oct. 9th.

EARS FOR THE MILLION! JOHN ALBERT, Undertaker and Cabinet-Maker. Coffins of All Styles & Prices. NOTICE! We have added to our Store a Warehouse for Stoves, Tinware and Furniture; and we will at all times keep a full line of the most popular Stoves and a large Stock of Tinware and Furniture which we will sell at lowest prices. J. ALBERT, Ironton, Mo.