

The Charleston Democrat says a new courthouse is an absolute necessity for Mississippi county.

The old Judge Berryman farm, near Fredericktown, was sold last Saturday week under deed of trust, for \$280.

The Jackson Cash-Book insinuates that hell is situated near Poplar Bluff, but the C-B. is in error: the infernal regions are popularly known to be located on dry ground.

We are pleased to hear that the exhibit of the Southeast Missouri Immigration Society at the St. Louis Exposition this fall promises to be worthy of the attention it is intended to represent.

The town lot swindler is again booming (?) Fredericktown. This time he is located in Kansas City, and is "giving away" town lots in our sister city upon the payment of \$15 "for recording deed, etc." Of course, he will catch gudgeons.

Why in the world hasn't some man who is in a hurry to get rich revived the lately burned out Doe Run Ledger? An oyster can full of type, an army press and a half quire of paper is all the material required, and everybody is aware that St. Francois County is badly in need of another paper or two.

The celebrated Dr. Gregory used to say that he "never got a patient from water drinking, but thousands from drinking alcohol."—Cold Water Exchange.

If this be true, then what of the anti-ice-water screeds which harrow our fearful souls as oft as the summer solstice rolls around? Consistency is a jewel that does not bedeck and beautify the thirty-third degree medicos—more's the pity.

Some professional politicians in Saline county got together the other day, and passed resolutions denouncing the appointment of Jasper N. Burks as State Grain Inspector. That section of the Commonwealth is so used to hogging every good position in the gift of the party that to give a good thing to the Southeast is looked upon as little less than a sacrilege: a de-celeration of the inherent right of the Central and Northern Missourian to first access to the persimmon tree.

Merchant and Viticulturalist, newspaper, estimates that the wine product of California will not exceed 12,000,000 gallons this year. This is a reduction of 8,000,000 gallons from early estimates of this year's vintage. The reduction is due partly to damage by sun-burn and mildew, but more especially to the fact that drying of the wine grapes will absorb probably 2,000,000 gallons, while 4,000,000 will go into the still. The same paper estimates that the State will produce 1,000,000 gallons of brandy this year.

It is singular circumstance that the Republican State ticket nominated at Norfolk, Va., last week is composed of three ex-Confederates, not all of them Brigadiers, but all of them men who served in the Southern army. Of course, no reference to "rebels" will be in good taste in Northern Republican papers in any comments that may be made on the Virginia campaign. They will doubtless all be alluded to as Confederate soldiers of bravery and distinction. In Virginia the ex-Confederates who have not gone over to Republicanism—and they constitute the vast majority of Lee's and Jackson's veterans—will vote as usual.

Kinsey is a promising man. In fact the Republican office-seekers say that, as a promiser, he has no equal in the State. The Congressman, it is said, has never yet refused to endorse any man from the 10th District who has presented himself, provided, to be sure, the applicant is an anti-Filleyite and agrees to support Kinsey in the campaign one year hence. In the matter of the U. S. Marshalship, Eastern District, especially, has the Hon. W. M. displayed his promising penchant, having agreed, a prominent St. Louis Republican tells us, to support no less than a half dozen men for that office when it comes time for Judge Emerson to vacate.

Senator Vest is anxiously urging the organization of tariff reform clubs throughout the State. No doubt the Senator would like for them to have a Vest attachment.—Enterprise-Messenger.

It is not necessary. The people of the State have the "Vest attachment," and all the snappings and snarlings of discontented, disgruntled, disappointed office-seekers in the commonwealth cannot break it. Senator Vest has never wavered in his advocacy of the interests of the common people as against the favored classes, and he is too much of a rora avis in these days of selling out to the monied powers, to be forsaken or repudiated by those he has at all times intelligently and powerfully defended.

We reproduce the following from the Bonne Terre Register—a Republican paper, made to order, at the will of the lead corporation which rules supreme in that burg. The papers mentioned will digest the food thus set before them with what appetite they may:

Some claim to be reliably Democratic, but have renounced the "feller dog" policy and find much to denounce in the leaders and policy of the party.

Prominent among the latter class is the Jackson Cash-Book, one of the ablest and hitherto staunchest Democratic organs, which has recently declared and reiterated that a change of the party in power in Missouri is necessary to purify the State gov-

ernment. The Fredericktown Standard has grown more Republican than Democratic in sympathy and sentiment. The Poplar Bluff Citizen is regarded as wavering and falling from grace.

The idea of a Chinaman eating a rat is very repulsive to the Caucasian mind, simply because the name of a rodent is associated with sewers and offal. The rat eaten by the Chinaman is a rodent that feeds only upon grain. The highly-prized 'possum of America is nothing but a rat. He only differs from his relative of the cellar, and the sewer in the matter of size and diet. He is as much a rodent as the rabbit is a feline, or cat. There is a man now on the Fire Department of St. Louis, who, when connected with the Lindell Hotel some years ago, first performed the task of eating 60 quails in 80 days, and then, on a wager, ate 30 rats in 30 days. The rodents, he took care, were caught in the St. Louis Grain Elevator, and had never fed upon anything but wheat and corn. He explained that the feat was a mere matter of the exertion of the will power over the stomach.

The following from last Tuesday's Star-Sayings gives evidence that the Far West is not the only section on the mundane sphere where fortunes are rapidly realized in mining ventures: James Dennis, an employe at the Female Hospital on the magnificent salary of \$25 per month, will quit his place on September 1.

He has struck it rich, and will proceed to enjoy himself. Some time ago Dennis put \$300 into some lead mining land near Fredericktown in this State, his brother putting \$500 also, and another man putting in \$1,000. Dennis occasionally spoke of his mining land to Dr. Dorsett, the Superintendent of the hospital, who did not believe there was very much in it. Last week he applied for leave of absence for a few days to visit his property, and it was granted.

When he came back yesterday he told Dr. Dorsett he guessed he'd quit on the 1st, and then he said that he and his partners had sold the land. They had received for it from a New York syndicate the sum of \$205,000. They had put in \$2,000. When the syndicate representative first saw the land he offered the owners \$25,000 for it. They refused the offer, and then the syndicate put its drills to work and found that there was a fine deposit of lead of the very best quality. They lost no time in coming to an understanding, and the deal was closed.

James Dennis' share of the proceeds of the sale is just one-fourth, or \$50,500, quite a fortune for a man who worked for \$25 a month, and who had been a street car driver. Dennis is a man of middle age, possessed of an ordinary education, and Dr. Dorsett says that the calmness which he takes his good fortune is absolutely astonishing.

A Profitable Remembrance.

A correspondent of the New York Times has done some service to the public in disinterring some of the telegrams sent by certain of his constituents to Senator Ross of Kansas in 1868, during the impeachment of Andrew Johnson. Ross was then a young man, serving his first term in the Senate, and had the courage to agree with Senators Grimes, and Fessenden, and Trumbull, that Johnson had done nothing impeachable. He accordingly refused "to vote guilty on the eleventh article," or on any other, and was consequently held up to public execration as "a traitor," after the manner of the time. It is true the Senate was then sitting as a Court of Justice, and each Senator had taken an oath to decide according to the evidence, but in "politics" courts of justice are unknown. Accordingly, after the case had closed and the Senators were deliberating on their verdict, one hundred blatherskites among Ross's constituents took it into their head to call themselves "Kansas," and then sent Ross the following telegram: Kansas has heard the evidence, and demands the conviction of the President.

Ross replied in a very manly fashion, that having taken an oath "to do impartial justice," he would vote according to the dictates of his conscience, and denied the right of "Kansas" to dictate him. "Kansas," after he had cast his vote for acquittal, telegraphed him as follows:

Your vote was dictated by Tom Ewing and not by your oath. Your motives are Indian contracts and greenbacks. Kansas repudiates you as she does all perjurers and skunks.

The storm which then burst on Ross's head from the Kansas press may be imagined. Kansas for the nonce ceased to "repudiate skunks," and nearly every Republican newspaper turned skunk for Ross's punishment. Here is a specimen comment on his course from the pen of Mr. D. W. Wilder, sometime editor of the Rochester Express, and now State Superintendent of Insurance. After declaring that the State had been "betrayed and outraged by the creature Ross," he said:

A half-civilized bushwacker would spit in poor Ross's face if he should dare to speak to him about honor. Every man in the United States has read the news from Washington, and has instinctively felt that Ross from Kansas was a coward and a sneak. Wherever Ross lives or travels that record will follow him.

The impeachment trial was not over for many months before most men of sense in the United States had come to the conclusion that it was a great mistake, and to feel grateful to Trumbull and Grimes and Fessenden and Ross for preventing the transfer of the Government by a most dangerous and revolutionary precedent to the hands of charlatans like Ben Butler, and fanatics like Ben Wade. Ross, when his term was up in 1871, went back to his trade of a printer, a quiet, courageous, and self-respecting man, and lived an exemplary and useful, if obscure life, till President Cleveland made him Governor of New Mexico, an office which he filled well. Now comes the moral of the story: The Times's correspondent went the other day to see Mr. Wilder, who is now, as we have said, State Superintendent of Insurance, to ask him what he thought

of his old articles on Ross, and here is the answer he got:

For heaven's sake don't revive those foul articles. I was a youngster then and ought to have been kicked for writing such stuff. Ross wasn't half as bad as I pictured him, and I don't know but he was right after all in refusing to convict Johnson.

The Republican newspaper office all over the country to-day contain a great many "youngsters," like Mr. Wilder of 1868, who ought to be "kicked" for fully half what they write, and will probably twenty years hence be as much ashamed of it as Mr. Wilder of his own articles. They give Cleveland, and Mills, and Breckinridge, and Curtis, and Schurz, and all the Mugwumps "fits" and "hells," and other disagreeable things, when many of them, like "the youngster" of the Philadelphia Press, do not remember far enough back to know that Mahone of Virginia was not a Unionist during the war, and that only four years ago his Republican Convention proposed the pensioning of disabled rebel soldiers. In fact "youngsterism" is a greater curse of journalism today than it was in the days of Andrew Johnson. The vials of journalistic wrath are in a large number of cases in tenderer hands than they ever were before, and the result is to make the outpourings, of course, more ludicrous. The frequency with which the Mugwumps die or disappear for instance, must be ascribed to the frequent entrance in the scene of youths who are not aware that the Mugwumps had died out about twenty times in the few years before they took up their pens for the defence of the party.—New York Post.

Personal.

Wm. Hiney, De Solo, was in the Valley Sunday.

Mr. John Biemel and family leave to-day for Louisville, Cincinnati and other eastern cities. They will be absent about three weeks.

Mr. E. J. Blandford has removed to St. Louis.

Mrs. E. Schultz, San Francisco, Cal., is visiting in Ironton.

Mrs. T. C. Leech has returned to St. Louis. Hon. H. Martin Williams, at present the Missouri correspondent of that greatest of New York papers, the Evening Post, is spending a few days in Ironton in the interests of his paper.

Miss Lizzie Elcheberger, of De Soto, has been visiting the family of W. A. Paul, Arcadia. She is perfectly delighted with the Valley.

Capt. W. H. Byers left Tuesday for the East, where he goes to purchase a full line of Fall Goods.

Notice to Debtors!

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Jennis Warren, plaintiff, versus William Warren, defendant.

Now, at this day, comes the plaintiff, by attorney, and files her petition and affidavit setting forth, among things, that the defendant is a non-resident of the State of Missouri, and cannot be summoned in this action by the ordinary process of law. It is, therefore, ordered by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Iron County, Mo., in vacation, that publication be made notifying said defendant that an action has been commenced against him in the Circuit Court of said County, the object and general nature of which is to obtain a decree of divorce from the bonds of matrimony heretofore contracted between said plaintiff and defendant. And unless he be and appear at the next term of said Court to be held for said County of Iron, in the state aforesaid, at the Courthouse in said County, on the fourth Monday in October, next, (1889), and on or before the sixth day thereof, (if the term shall so long continue; and, if not, then before the end of the term), and plead to said plaintiff's petition, the same will be taken against him as confessed.

It is further ordered that a copy hereof be published according to law in the IRON COUNTY REGISTER, a weekly newspaper published in said County of Iron and State of Missouri.

JOS. HUFF, Clerk. A true copy: Witness, my hand and official seal, this 24th day of August, A. D. 1889.

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