

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Frans. Percy has a new ad. See the ad of the Piedmont fair. Whatever you do, don't miss Frans. Lawn Festival, Arcadia, this evening.

F. A. Twomey has sold his restaurant to Geo. Leff.

This is Field Day at the Demonstration Farm in Arcadia.

It is rumored that a laundry may be built in north Ironton.

R. G. Farmer was in Doe Run last week moving a house.

The Dandy Dixie Minstrels were not as good as their name.

The local banks will not be open for business Monday, September 1st—Labor Day.

Mr. T. A. Conrad Tuesday left some very fine samples of seed wheat and seed oats at this office.

The Annual Conference of the M. E. Church will be held at Jackson, Mo., September 24th.

A Union Meeting of the churches of the valley will be held in the Academy of Music Sunday night.

The Fourth Quarterly Conference of Fort Hill Church will be held by the Presiding Elder September 24.

FOR SALE—Fine Jersey cows and heifers. Good family and work horses. W. B. POTTER.

For Sale—A second hand Piano at a bargain price. Or will trade for live stock. F. O. CODDING.

The city will let the contract for building some granite walks at the meeting of the council next Monday night.

Fletcher & Barger will remove their insurance offices to the telephone building as soon as the structure is finished.

Too bad that we couldn't have such glorious weather as that of the past week while the Assemblies were in session.

The brick work on the new building at Arcadia College will be completed in another week. Then the slate roof will be put on.

A man who farms near the Iron Mountain dam was in Ironton Friday with a wagon load of cantaloupes which he quickly disposed of.

The strike of the miners in the lead belt in St. Francois county was declared off Tuesday. The men get an increase in pay of 25 cents a day.

Father Adrian, who has been located at Arcadia College for several years past, we understand will soon go to another field. We are sorry to hear it.

Remember the Ice Cream Social on the M. E. church lawn Friday evening, August 29th. 'Twill be the last this season. Go, and help a worthy cause.

An effort is being made to establish a rural free delivery route from Ironton twelve miles south on Marble Creek and return by way of the Flatwoods.

Mrs. Strickland of Ironton is here the guest of friends this week. She will attend the Baptist Association at Elvins Thursday and Friday.—Lead Belt News.

A. L. Hazen and wife, of Quincy, Ill., were in the Valley Monday. They drove to various points of interest, and were by no means unfavorably impressed.

We had some fine rains the past week and the weather has been delightful. It warmed up considerably, though, Tuesday, and more rain would be welcome.

Business on the railroad is very quiet. Only two pusher crews are at work and there is talk of taking off one of these. All the freight trains now running the Illinois road.

I have a one-horse spring wagon, good as new, which I will sell cheap for cash, or trade for beef cattle, hogs or sheep. F. O. CODDING, Ironton, Mo.

The Ironton schools will open Monday, September 8th. This is about a week later than usual but the directors thought it best to try and get away from as much hot weather as possible.

J. B. Russell, of Ruble in Reynolds county, a former valley boy, was in Ironton last week. Jere has been in the lumber and mercantile business in Reynolds county for the past twenty years.

Our old friend, Chas. K. Polk, of Marble Creek, phoned us Friday last that some most excellent work had been done on the roads in that section the two days previous. Everybody was enthusiastic.

The County Board of Equalization as to the assessment of merchants and manufacturers meets at the courthouse next Monday. An adjourned term of county court will be held the day following.

Sunday's St. Louis Globe-Democrat: "The will of John S. Benson, 1311 North Euclid avenue, a real estate operator, who died August 17, fled yesterday for probate, provides his widow, Ida, is to receive all of his \$128,000 estate, provided she does not marry again. In case of her remarriage, she is to receive a fifth of the estate and each of the following four children to receive a fifth: Edward and Benjamin Benson, Mrs. Chas. Bolch and Mrs. Charles M. Grow."

Dr. J. A. Cline of Farmington and Dr. B. J. Cline of Poplar Bluff came from Farmington in an automobile Monday morning. The latter boarded the noon train for Poplar Bluff. The former returned to Farmington in the afternoon.

Recorder Hawkins issued the following marriage licenses the past week: W. D. Crocker of Bellevue and Etie Tedder of Brule.

Walter S. Mayberry and Ida Dennis of Goodwater.

We had a short call Monday morning from our good friend, Dr. Summa, who is spending the month at his beautiful summer home in the valley. The Dr. is always an entertaining and instructive conversationalist and we enjoy his visits very much.

Mr. Scullen and a friend of St. Louis passed through here Saturday morning in his five thousand dollar carriage top automobile. It was the finest car we have ever seen in De Soto. They were going to Arcadia for a two days' outing.—De Soto Press.

Sunday's St. Louis Globe-Democrat: "John Roubidoux, of Ironton, Mo., reported to the police that when he went to Nineteenth and Chestnut streets early yesterday to meet a friend he was knocked down by a negro highwayman and robbed of a watch and \$1."

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Trauernicht and daughter, Frieda, attended the Commencement exercises of the State Normal at Cape Girardeau last Friday night when their daughter, Miss Louise Trauernicht, and nephew, Marvin Leggett, of Bismarck, graduated.—Farmington News.

Elsewhere we print from Tuesday's Globe-Democrat an account of the death of Bill Spough in the Missouri penitentiary on Monday last. That paper states the remains will be brought Ironton for interment. This is an error. A letter received from Jefferson City advises us that the body was shipped to Salem.

Chairman C. B. Dysart and Secretary H. T. Childers of the State Mediation and Arbitration Board, who have been in the lead belt the past week endeavoring to settle the difficulties with the striking miners and the lead companies, made an automobile trip to Ironton Saturday. Mr. J. C. Watson of Farmington accompanied them.

Sometime after midnight Sunday we were awakened from our slumbers by the vigorous ringing of our telephone bell. We finally awakened sufficiently to get to the phone and this is what we heard: "Hello. This is Jones. A fine big boy just arrived at our house. All well." We congratulate the happy parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. D. Jones.

Dr. Geo. Schwarz, of Edwardsville, Ill., wife and son, are stopping at the Valley Inn. They left home Monday morning and motored through, staying at De Soto that night, and reaching the valley Tuesday evening. They had a fine run, although in one instance a little loss of time resulted from mistaking the way. Dr. S. is well pleased with conditions here.

That interesting serial story, "The Stolen Singer," which has been running on the inside pages of the REGISTER for several months past, concludes next week. In our issue of September 11th we will begin the publication of another serial, "Fran." It is a great story, replete with interest from start to finish. A tale of a lion tamer and a choir singer. Don't miss "Fran."

J. H. Stutzman, who has been making his home on what is known as the Elgan place, west of town, for the past two years, will go to East St. Louis, Ill., next month, having traded his farm here for property there. Mr. Stutzman tells us that the present owner of the farm is E. M. Martin, credit man with the Grand Leader, St. Louis, and he contemplates extensive improvements on the place next year.

A. McKenzie departed Saturday for Rockford, Ill., to spend a week in the plant of the Thebes Piano Company, which he represents on the road. Mr. McKenzie has developed into a successful piano salesman. His present vacation, which includes the payment of all his expenses, with salary continuous, was a recognition from his firm of a sales record he made recently in competition with a large number of other salesmen.—Piedmont Banner.

Last Thursday afternoon, about 4:30 o'clock, the tabernacle of the Baptist Assembly on Arcadia Heights was struck by lightning. One of the large posts supporting the roof was hurled a distance of a hundred feet; two or three other posts were badly shattered, and then the lightning followed a gas pipe, used in the lighting service, to the rear of the tabernacle and set fire to the structure. Some workmen on the hill, however, extinguished the flames before any great damage resulted.

John and Bobby Scott, children of Judge Haywood Scott and wife, were playing around Judge Scott's automobile Tuesday, when a tire blew out and blew a lot of gravel in the eyes and faces of the children, which necessitated taking them to the doctor to have the sand and grit taken out of their eyes. While the accident was not serious it was quite painful to the children. Judge and Mrs. Scott, who reside in Joplin, Mo., are visiting his parents, Prof and Mrs. J. B. Scott, in this city.—Rolla Herald.

The Missouri Baptist Assembly closed Sunday night, August 17th, with an enrollment of 1425, while there was some 200 or 300 that never registered. We wish we could tell you of the many good things we heard, but that would be impossible. The four

great sermons by Dr. Green President of the William Jewell College, Sin, salvation, service, subordination, was given up to best ever heard on the hill, and the great sermons delivered by the Assembly pastor, Dr. Francis of Boston, Mass., haven't words to tell how they inspired us.—Ellington Press.

Chas. Peace, aged 40 was instantly killed by the explosion of a boiler at a saw mill in Flatwoods, eight miles southeast of Ironton, last Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Peace and his brother, Harrison, and two boys were at work at the mill. Harrison and the boys were in the mill and Chas. was alone by the boiler. The explosion came without any warning and the unfortunate man was blown nearly two hundred feet. The deceased was a widower, the son of John M. Peace, and leaves five small children. The funeral occurred the following day and interment was made in the family cemetery in the Flatwoods.

There will be three eclipses of the sun and moon during the months of August and September, says an exchange. On August 31 there will be a partial eclipse of the sun; however, it will be of such short duration at this point that it will attract little attention. On September 15th there will be a total eclipse of the moon, visible in all parts of the United States, and will be a sight seldom witnessed in a century. On September 29 there will be a partial eclipse of the sun, visible in this locality. This gives us two eclipses of the sun within one month, or at two consecutive new moons, and an eclipse of the moon at the full moon which intervenes between the two eclipses of the sun.

Last week's Centerville Outlook says that the report that old man Smith shot and killed young Parker at Greely Reynolds county, August 6th, is not true. The Outlook further states that so far as it has been able to ascertain there has been no such killing at all, anyway, nowhere in Reynolds county. That paper also says that the report may have originated from a story extant that Smith was following young Parker with a gun through the north western part of Reynolds county. We only told the story as it was told to us by a man whom we have always regarded as reliable. We are satisfied that he thought he was telling us the truth. But we all know that a tale like this becomes very much elaborated after having been repeated by one or two persons.

One road-working bunch on the streets of Ironton last Wednesday was composed of Postmaster Daugherty, Sam Gay, Eli Philip Ake, Clive Gay, of Little Rock, Arkansas, and Sam Gay's goat. A photograph was made of the quintette and one of the pictures sent to Gov. Major. The following response was received Sunday morning: JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Aug. 23, 1913. Hon. M. W. Daugherty, Sam Gay, Eli Philip Ake, Clive Gay, Ironton, Mo. Gentlemen:

Postal card received, giving me an opportunity of seeing your splendid road outfit. It is one of the most complete and up to date I have seen, and I trust throughout all the years you will be good road boosters and builders.

Assuring you I appreciate the valuable services of yourselves and the goat, I am, Very truly yours, E. W. MAJOR, Governor.

This photo of Iron county road workers was reproduced in the Kansas City Post of August 23d.

The Fifth Annual Assembly of the State B. Y. P. U. closed its most successful season last Sunday evening at Arcadia Heights. One hundred and thirty-five tents were occupied. A handsome cobbler stone office and two bungalows, William Jewell and Stephens College, also cobbler stone, added much to the beauty of the grounds. The well with abundance of good water was a joy to everyone. Several new bungalows will be erected this next year. The enrollment reached 1425 this year. Farmington had 26 campers and many visitors. The forenoon were taken up with eight study classes and two lectures each day, the afternoons with recreations and social affairs, the evenings with sermons. The teachers, lecturers, and preachers were of the denomination's ablest men and women. All students completing courses received diplomas and certificates on last Saturday morning. There was a large class. The study classes have increased in popularity each year and as high as fifty attended one class.—Farmington News.

From the last issue of the Bismarck Gazette: "The St. Louis Union Trust Co., of St. Louis, has accepted the trustee-ship of the \$1,000,000 bond issue of the Bismarck Bellevue Valley & Western Railway Co. The St. Louis Union Trust Co. is one of the largest and most reliable Trust Companies in the west, and the Company has made no mistake, when they secure them to perform this important service. The firm of Holman & Laird, consulting engineers for the Company with headquarters in St. Louis, are completing their report on the enterprise, which together with the Attorney's report, will be filed with the Public Utility Commission of the State of Missouri on the 26th of this month. This report constitutes the commercial, financial, physical, practicability of the building of the road, cost of construction, equipment, maintenance, and also the possible earning of the Company. The engineer corps will begin the permanent location of the line in the next few days. The right-of-way through the different properties adjacent to the city of Bismarck, together with a franchise on West Main street having been arranged for, the first

work of the crops will be in the laying out the 'Y' and terminals after which the permanent location of the line will be taken up about five miles out and continued on to Bunker. The completion of the road is now an assured fact and it will be only a short time now until work will be commenced."

Stray Hogs Taken Up.—Black sow with crop off right and 2 swallow forks on left ear. Also four shoats, swallow fork and slit in left ear. Owner get same and pay feed bill and damage to corn field. STARK FARM, Arcadia, Mo.

FOR SALE—A span of young, gentle working Mules. Apply at this office or at Wm. Roebbel's farm seven miles southeast of Ironton.

PERSONAL

G. R. Gay is here from Little Rock, Arkansas.

Rev. Father Adrian was in St. Louis last week.

Morris Huff is home from a sojourn in St. Louis.

Mrs. Woodside is home from a trip to St. Louis.

Prof. and Mrs. Loomis are visiting in Belgrade.

Dr. R. W. Gay was in Little Rock, Arkansas, last week.

Steve Lay of St. Louis was an Ironton visitor last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Miner York returned to Quincy, Ill., last Friday.

Mrs. Grover Curtis of Sikeston is visiting relatives in Ironton.

Mrs. S. P. Ringo is visiting relatives in St. Louis and Franklin county.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Trauernicht will probably be home the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lee of Arcadia have returned home after a trip to the northern lakes.

Wm. J. Schwab is now running as train auditor on the Missouri Pacific out of Sedalia, Mo.

Mrs. P. J. Blosser, of Chillicothe Ohio, is the guest of her brother, Mr. F. E. Deweese in Ironton.

W. I. Plummer, agent at Middlebrook, with his family, has gone on a trip to Seattle, Washington.

W. R. Allen, Jr., went to Eminence, Mo., Monday, where he will spend several weeks in the big saw mill.

Mrs. Ompie Bradley and children leave this week for Crystal City where they will make their future home.

Tony Durfee returned to St. Louis Sunday after spending a week with his father, G. W. Durfee, in Arcadia.

Mrs. H. O. Davis and Master Fred Kuehle will return this morning from a visit with relatives in Poplar Bluff.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Polak of Poplar Bluff and Mrs. E. R. Curtis of De Soto are guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Hanson.

Misses Louise and Marie Rodach returned to their home in Middlebrook Monday after a trip to Colorado.

S. T. Goff of Belgrade was here last week in his automobile. Mr. Goff has recently returned from a trip to Mississippi.

Misses Anna Leff, of Tyrone, Pennsylvania, and Elizabeth Sharp, of McKeesport, Pennsylvania, are guests of John Leff and family.

Mrs. Ann Logan, of Bellevue, was in Ironton Tuesday accompanied by her granddaughter, Miss J. E. Logan, of St. Louis, who has been visiting her parents in Bellevue the past two weeks. Miss Logan returns to St. Louis to-day.

Full Blood Duroc Pigs for sale, two months old. STARK FARM, Arcadia, Mo.

Bill Spough Dies in Prison.

(From St. Louis Globe-Democrat.) JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., August 25, 1913.—Refused a sick parole so that he might die at the home of his mother, William Spough, who was serving a life sentence in the Missouri penitentiary for the killing of Sheriff John W. Polk of Iron County, May 25, 1905, died to-day of tuberculosis in the prison hospital. Mrs. Mary Spough, his 80-year old mother, and Arthur Spough, a younger brother, the latter serving 55 years for the same offense, were with him when he died. The mother will take the body to Ironton for burial.

William Spough contracted tuberculosis shortly after he was brought to the penitentiary. For several weeks he has been near death. Arthur Spough also has tuberculosis and is able to do only light work.

Arthur Spough, in an attempt to secure a parole for his brother so he could be taken home to die, recently confessed that it was he and not William Spough who killed Sheriff Polk.

Mrs. Spough, the mother, has been working ever since the imprisonment of her sons to get them out. She has spent weeks in Jefferson City, pleading first with Gov. Folk, then with Gov. Hadley and last with Gov. Major for the parole of her sons. But she has always been handicapped by the protests which came from the friends of the sheriff killed and the feeling against her two sons. She declared to-day that she will ask the governor to parole Arthur so that he will not have to die in prison.

Seed Oats and Wheat for Sale.

200 bushels—or any part of it—Seed Winter Oats, acclimated, producing 45 bushels per acre, \$1.00 per bushel. Also, 200 bushels large Spring Sweet Oats at \$1.00 per bushel. 300 bushels Seed Wheat—best in the County—\$1.00 per bushel. T. A. CONRAD.

For Sale—Undertaking Business at Pilot Knob. Also, a one-horse wagon. Apply to F. A. Ebrecht, Pilot Knob, Mo.

Des Arc Items.

I was out on the Missouri Southern last week. I went by the way of Sabula, Lesterville and Centerville. We had some rain out there last week. I saw some real good corn crops on Black river between Lesterville and Centerville. From what I could see Reynolds county will average half a corn crop and lots of millet and hay. The merchants at Lesterville seem to be doing a fair business. I failed to see my friend and comrade, Dr. Minor. He was out on a call at Centerville. I called on the Messrs. Shriver, publishers of the Outlook, at Centerville. They gave me a welcome by offering me their exchanges to read which I enjoyed very much. There is nothing pleases me better than to read what is going on in the different counties. Centerville has just completed a large concrete school building, 48x80, two story, covered with fire proof roofing; it cost \$3500; it will last a life time. The best thing they have, however, is their electric light plant, run by water from a big spring near there, one half a mile from town and runs a stream of water four feet wide and two feet deep. It is claimed they have 30-horse power; the lights are fine, never flicker or go out. At the Arcadia Assembly the lights would go entirely out, but soon come back again. There is none of this at Centerville. On Wednesday I landed at Reynolds. This is the busiest little town I have seen. They are working over 100 men and teams, cutting, mostly, yellow pine. Woodman & Walthers are the promoters of this mill. They have six or eight other mills cutting pine lumber. They also have a large planer at Ohlman, four miles west of Reynolds. The Ruble boys from Vulcan have a large store at Reynolds and are doing a fine business. They also own two saw mills. They buy most everything in car load lots. Two hotels in Reynolds. My next stop was at Bunker. The section men took me there on a motor car. It is a thriving town of about 1,000 people; there is a mill there that cuts 100,000 feet daily. A tram road brings in the logs; they own more than 30,000 acres of timbered lands. I met Mr. Bunker. He is very enthusiastic over the new railroad that is to be built from Bismarck to Bunker. He says it surely will go through. I also met my friend, Ramsey, the traveling salesman. He certainly is a hustler. He said he was on a three weeks' drive. He made it the last time in an automobile and saved four days. My next stop was at Ruble. I spent the night with Jerry Russell and family. He is one of the best business men in Reynolds county. He is running several mills, a stove factory and store, and I had rather stop at Jerry's hotel than at the Planter's, in St. Louis. Any drummer will bear me out in this. J. J. Hackworth has a mill and store there. The people at Reynolds had a big force at work on the roads; the ladies were out with their baskets to help the cause along. I wound up my trip at Ellington. As I have said before, this is the best little town that I know of. Everybody is busy and they have several large stores. L. M. Copeland seems to be doing the best business. He furnishes several mills. The Holiness people have had a fine meeting there and paid their church out of debt. I stopped at Piedmont on my way home. Chas. Carter appears to be doing most of the business there. I see the fair directors have put the gate admission at 50 cents; I am afraid that they have made a mistake, for a farmer who has eight or ten boys or girls will kick. But our directors are level-headed fellows, and know what they are doing.

Our Holiness Camp Meeting is going on here. Quite a crowd was in attendance Sunday.

Dr. Jones is much better and the trained nurse has gone home. He has had a hard time, but will be out soon.

W. J. Fitz is still in St. Louis having his eyes treated. He hopes to return home in a couple of weeks.

We were very sorry to hear of the death of our old friend, J. S. Benson.

Mrs. W. J. Fitz, Carl Fitz and Miss Marie Stevenson returned to their home in Libourn Sunday after a week's visit to see Dr. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Keathley will leave this week for Florida. We are sorry to lose them.

MADIGAN SAYS: For a limited time only, and to start the hunting season off with a BANG. He will sell you a Breach Loading Single Barreled Shot Gun, with automatic shell ejector, for \$3.50.

Annapolis News.

We have had some good rains the past week, but not enough yet.

Wm. A. William, who lives near Annapolis, sold out his interest in the Daniel Sutton estate and pulled out for Wright county. He got as far as Bear Branch hill, when one of his mules died, and he is still hung up there.

Sam Culton and J. J. Sutton made a trip to Piedmont.

A tree fell on Buck Kemp last week but luckily no bones were broken.

A cloud arose on the battleground Saturday and it was said to have come from Sabula. No one hurt, but beer flowed freely.

Squire Kitchell wrote and acknowledged five deeds Saturday and took one affidavit of applicant for the post-office at Sabula.

Mrs. James Robinson and family return to their home in Flat River to-day.

Gus Funk is cutting his corn and he employed John Inman and son. They cut and put up 100 shocks a day. Who can beat it?

James Dechaney is in town to-day

OH! SEE THE AEROPLANE FLIGHTS EVERY DAY AT THE TRI-COUNTY FAIR! PIEDMONT, MO. SEPTEMBER 23-26, 1913. ALSO many Tented Attractions. Women's Department more extensive than ever. School Exhibits from Wayne, Iron and Reynolds. Gorgeous Industrial Parade. Bigger and Better than Ever. 4 BIG DAYS! Bring All the Folks.



The citizens of Iron county generally answered the call of the Governor last Wednesday and Thursday, and many a "bad place" in the road was mended. The work was done cheerfully in the spirit which accomplishes things. Everybody here in town turned out, either in person or by proxy. Even the local ministers took shovel and rake and pick in hand—I noted Revs. Mitchell and Kirkman among the earnest workers. They worked not awkwardly but effectively. The latter gentleman—his picture heads this item—put in three whole days with the energy and earnestness that characterize him in all that he does. He deservedly has the respect and good-will of our people, who wish that the future may be good to him. The valley just now is blest with ministers who seem peculiarly well fitted to their sacred calling, and this brief testimonial to the worth of the Rev. Kirkman is without prejudice to the others. It but voices the feeling of all the people who know him.

looking after matrimonial matters. There may be a wedding soon.

Deville Kelley, the wife of John M. Kelley, died last Thursday on Sulphur Branch of that dreaded disease, consumption. She was about the last of the family of John Rhodes who lived around Ironton and Middlebrook in 1860. He was killed near Bucksull, on Current river, in 1882, by Yankee guerrillas.

Wm. Sutton has bought a fine mule from F. C. Warncke.

S. Kitchell was called to the old James Buford farm on Crane Pond to do some notarial work Monday.

Skip Lewis came up from Piedmont to-day.

John T. Webb, Ida Loyd, Ed Loyd, D. A. Worley, Geo. W. Slusher and family, Fred Warren and family and Harve Loyd and family spent Saturday and Sunday on Black River fishing and having a good time.

L. S. Russell of Richland Creek is visiting his sister, Mrs. Columbus Kelley, in Oklahoma. She has been living there three years.

Rev. Joe Lewis is filling his regular appointment here.

Dr. Whitesides of Des Arc was here to-day on his way to Richland Creek to see Mrs. Wm. Smith, who is suffering with typhoid fever.

Diocey Kitchell has been very sick the past week with chills and abscess on the left arm—very near blood poisoning, but is better now.

Freeman Myers, who is working at Bismarck with the block system of the Iron Mountain railroad, is here to see his parents.

Ed and Charlie Moss have returned home after a three weeks' absence. Jno. Lewis and family have returned home after a visit with Tyler Keathley at Ironton.

James B. Sheldon of Sabula will remove to Annapolis in the near future, having purchased a home north of the hall. Price, \$250.

Arthur Brewer and Jess White have gone to Des Arc to attend the big camp meeting.

Old man Allen Francis of Jewett, on Leatherwood, in Madison county, was buried last week. Another very old citizen taken from among us. Our time is fast approaching.

FRAN Tamer of Lions Winner of Men Captor of Readers A New Story by John Breckenridge Ellis An extraordinary tale is FRAN—it will achieve a great degree of popularity.—Chicago Journal. Along with the force that subdues, looking out of Fran's big black eyes is the force that inevitably attracts.—New York World. The direct, confidential style of the author fairly matches the bold spirit of Fran and lends added interest to her shrewd divinations of human nature.—Philadelphia North American. The story reads from beginning to end with a directness which is charming.—Philadelphia Inquirer. Our Next Serial! Don't Miss It. Big Annual Clearing sale at Brown's. Special Price on every article in the store. PLANO FOR SALE—\$350 Piano. Will sell for \$125. Call at the Dr. Gouling place, west Ironton. Mrs. G. M. LONDON.