TOWN AND COUNTY.

OUR TERMS.

$2.50 A YEAR, PAID IN ADVANCE. $3.00 IF NOT IN ADVANCE.

Friday, April 25, 1873.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Range of Thermometer and Barometer at Winton, Residence of J. H. Jones, for the week ending April 24th, 1873.

Days	THERMOMETER 8 A.M.	12 M.	5 P.M.	BAROMETER 8 A.M.	12 M.	5 P.M.	Remarks
17	38	63	48	29.95	29.96		Cloudy.
18	45	54		29.84	29.80		Fair
19	40	70	62	29.06	29.00		Clear.
20	43	76	72	29.09	29.		Fair.
21	66	66	62	29.12	29.		Clear.
22	63	88	78	28.87	28.82		Smoky.
23	68	65	45	28.82	29.10		Threat'ng.
24	37			29.13			Overcast.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

Bishop McTyeire will preach in the Methodist church next Sunday morning. We want a seat in the amen corner that day.

Rev. W. O. Bailey, pastor of the Baptist church of this place, preached in the Methodist church last Sabbath night. It was from St John, "Search the scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life." The sermon was eloquent and able. It is the wish of everybody that this gifted young minister will succeed in establishing a flourishing church here.

Prof. W. K. Jones will deliver an address to the sunday school at Zion church next Sunday.

Rev J. B. McFerrin D.D., will preach in the Methodist church in Columbia to-night. M. R. L. Mitchner of this county tells an anecdote of this venerable and distinguished preacher. Many years ago, when Mr. Mitchner lived in Sumner county, he attended a camp-meeting, and Dr. McFerrin, then a talented young man, preached the morning sermon, and then went down to the spring near by, where he found a negro selling cider and things. The preacher told him that was against the rules, and he had better leave. Mr. Patton, a deacon fellow, took it up and commenced to abuse and curse McFerrin, without thinking the only reply would be a prayer for his wicked soul. Mr. McFerrin took it for sometime, until Patton's insolence became unbearable, when the former said, "If fighting is your game, all right!" and in the twinking of an eye he took off his coat and threw it about twenty yards. Just as I looked at McFerrin's powerful frame a moment and then broke and ran, the large crowd yelling and laughing. There was no more pedling at that camp-ground.

Rev. W. M. Lifwich, of St Louis, will arrive in Columbia on the 30th of April, and preach at Mt. Olivet on the Sabbath following, May 4th, at half past ten o'clock.

PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE.

John H. Benner left for Macon, Ga., recently.

Mr. Taliaferro, a talented young lawyer of Pulaski, honored our town with a visit last Tuesday. Purely a legal visit.

It was the intention of Maj. Ben. Harlan, Prof. W. K. Jones, and others, to go fishing in Swan Creek, this week.

Mr. Caleb Dowell who has been in our town several weeks, left for his home in Benton county, a few days since.

Mr Michael Kinner, of Sawdust, left for Nashville Monday morning, to act as one of the Jurors of the Federal Court.

Joseph A. Irvine and Hal Holcomb, returned home a few days since, after a long a sense in Texas. They came along by Colfax, on the Mississippi River, while that place was in possession of armed negroes, and just before the fearful riot battle, which overtook them. From all Mr. Irvine could learn, the negroes were in the wrong, and deserved the punishment they received. Mr. Irvine sold his fine horse "Comet" and splendid Jack, "Gray Eagle" in Anderson county.

Mr. Ira Hardison, a wealthy gentleman of the eastern section of Maury county, came to town last week, dressed up, and looking as spruce as a widower. He came expecting to go to New York, but did not get off.

Wm. R. berthham, a merchant of this place, is now in the east procuring goods for his new House Furnishing establishment. He is going to spend nearly a month in selecting the very best articles in his line. Young married couples had better wait until he returns, before preparing to go to housekeeping. He "dare in hop a" of being in a condition to patronize him some time soon.

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Col. F. W. Crawford, State Agent for the Carolina Life Insurance Company, with headquarters at Memphis, is in the city, for the purpose of organizing a Board of trustees. All money coming in to the company from this county will be invested here at home. Capt. W. M. Sullivan has been appointed the agent for the company, and will issue policies, share stock or participating rates; the former being from 20 to 25 per c nt. less than he latter. Jeff Davis is the President, and Gen. Wade Hampton the Vice President of the company. All of the stockholders and Directors are the very soundest business men of the country.

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AROUND TOWN.

E H. Wilkes is now driving the mail hack from here to Waynesboro.

This entry was made on the Nelson House Register 1 st Saturday morning: "Akers' Circus 2."

The gentlemen who went fishing to Swan creek, last week, returned Friday night They caught about one hundred and forty fish, little and big. Mr. Mayes caught the largest number, and also the largest trout, which would have weighed four or five pounds Jeff Colebourn caught a tremendous catfish, but could not get him out. The weather was extremely cold and very windy, and otherwise disagreeable.

In our notice of the "Old Folk's Concert" last week, we neglected to mention our appreciation of the vocal duet, "Long Ago," sung so exquisitely by Misses Laura Andrews and Lena Mayes. While it was being sung a gentleman at our side, made a competent critic by having heard nearly all the famous artists in New York, expressed his high appreciation of the rendition by the two charming young singers. We should also have complimented Prof. Adelung, for the splendid manner in which he played the various accompaniments on the piano

James L. Guest was elected Magistrate, last Friday, for this district, by 57 majority. He received his commission the next day, and occupied a seat on the court the following Monday.

We regret to learn that the Lodge of Good Templars in this place has been broken up, and some few of its member have returned to their "first love"

Prof Von Adelung has our thanks for a copy of a New Zealand illustrated paper.

The Methodist church was put neatly in order, by the ladies, of course, Thursday.

Black Prince, Co. t. Black's imperial looking stallion, was in town last Tuesday morning, with Mr. Burch at the other end of the reins.

Mr James Sheton, an old and feeble gentleman, fell down in the street in front of the Guest House, last Monday evening, and badly bruised in the face.

The board of examination, appointed by Hon. W. C. Whitthorne, examined candidates for appointment to West Point, Saturday. There were two candidates from this county, four from Williamson, and two from Giles. Young Rhodes, of Giles received the appointment.

We understand that the young ladies of St Peter's Church are going to have a fancy ball on the 9th of May, for the benefit of the Parish school. It will occur at the Nelson House; and a charming programme is being arranged The idea who are managing it would make a success of anything, they undertook, because they are all successes themselves.

Persons attending are requested, but not required, to appear in "Fancy dress" The place and other particulars made known here after Tickets one dollar, music and refreshments without charge.

Mr. Eph. E. Erwin, the clever clerk in the Post-office at this place, showed us a letter with the following on the envelope The letter was mailed at Lawrenceburg, Tenn., and sent to this office.—

"Oh, send me away at a speedy rate,
To Maury county, in Tennessee State,
In the Post office, to rest, I desire,
Until Mr G. W. Chilcress for me shall enquire."

The ladies of St. Peter's Church "Aid Society" were as much shocked as were amused at the loveliness our friend of the *Mail* had given their party. It is for the benefit of the Parish School. The party will take place at the Nelson House, and it promises to be an elegant affair.

OVER THE COUNTY.

The money appropriated for school purposes in this county, having been exhausted all the schools were closed on last Friday which is to be regretted, and we hope the steps for their re-opening will soon be taken.

We had scarcely space to announce, last week, the burning of Mr. R. P. Ledbetter's barn and horses. An attempt was made to burn the barn several weeks previous, and there is no doubt that the burning was done by some malicious person. Mr. Ledbetter is one of our best citizens, and we feel safe in saying that he would not harm a fly person. He is an enterprising, intelligent farmer, and this loss comes upon him at a very inopportune time—in the busy time of planting corn and cotton, when it is a difficult to buy good horses and mules. He has the sympathies of all good citizens.

Jake Orr, a young farmer of the Mt. Pleasant country, allows no corn-stalks burnt on his place.

Charles Tate's kitchen, in the 8th district, was destroyed by fire last Sunday night about ten o'clock. It is supposed to have caught on fire from negligence. No insurance.

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QUARTERLY COURT.

Adjourned Session, April 21st, 1873.

Owing to the large amount of business presented at the 2d Quarterly Court, an adjourned session was necessary to finish up the business. There was a general attendance of Magistrates the affable chairman in the chair.

It was ordered that the chairman issue a warrant to Levi Bulass, col., for services in the Chancery Court office.

Maj. Jas. L. Guest presented his commission and was sworn in as one of the Magistrates of the 9th civil district.

J. C. McAfee offered his resignation as constable of the 3d civil district.

A. C. Hickey said that he wished to present to the court the proposition of Campbell Brown and Eugene Greenlaw that the court give them $3,000 for the purpose of repairing the Columbia & Franklin turnpike, and permission to erect gates; should the court agree to these terms, these gentlemen would be willing to give bond to keep the pike in repair for thirty years.

Esq Burke spoke against the proposition, as did also Esq. Nicholls. No action by the court.

Several Magistrates were in favor of doing nothing in the road business until the commissioners make a report, which was not agreed to, and several juries of view were appointed.

Esq. Burke, when the question of repairing the Jail came up, explained the difference between a cistern and a water closet.

Esq. Nicholls said that as the court had contributed $ 0 for the charitable purpose of furnishing the papers with tobacco, he thought it equally important that provision should be made for the carrying off the excrement of the jail prisoners.

On motion of Esq. Glenn the chairman was authorized to appoint a committee to have the jail heated up, and for them to let it out to the lowest bidder. The chairman appointed the following as said committee: Benj Harrison of J. Bouguss, and R. D. Ricketts.

Hugh T. Gordon, Superintendent of Public Instruction, asked, in behalf of free schools, that the sixteenth sections in the county be taken for school purposes.

Esq Nicholls with much vehemence opposed the tax.

On motion of Esq. Scribner it was moved that a tax of fifty cents be levied upon dogs for school purposes. The vote stood as follows For tax, W H Morrison, Pa s C Hardin, A D Bryant, J A T Scribner, J C Moore, John G Horsley, James L Guest, A T Gray, Z A Gillespie, S H Bratton, R D Rickets, J P Horton, Alvis Williams, Leon Frierson, J T Walker, T W Akin, J M Billington, and R A Glenn—18.

No tax: J W Sewell, F A Burke, Jas T Hunt, J S Renfro, H G Chaffin, W McCullum, N R Holden, Benj Harrison, Charles Cecil, B Holman, C G R Nichols, M M Russell, Nelson Noles, J T Sparaman, R. A McKay, R A Counsel, H B Dalmound, R B Allen, J M Andrew, D K Hays, and J A Sanders.—20

Inquire Russell remarked when his name was called, that individually he was in favor of the tax on dogs, but his district was not the would vote against the tax.

The resignation of R. A. Rountree as tax assessor of the 19th civil district, and D. K. Hays as assessor of the 24th civil district were accepted.

The chairman appointed Geo. P. Whitaker tax assessor in place of D. K. Hays, and R. A. McKay in place of R. A Rountree.

On motion the chairman was instructed to appoint a committee to have all necessary repairs done on the court house. Benj. Harrison, F. A. Burke, and John G. Horsley were appointed said committee.

When the Chairman was asked to appoint a committee to have the repairs on the Court house done, Esquires Sullivan and Clark opposed any improvements being put on the present Court house, but favored the building a new one at a cost of $30,000. Esq Clark was especially opposed to permitting the city authorities erecting a cupola and clock on the Court house; but General and Dr. Nicholls favored the project; the latter saying he t e could then tell when to go to dinner, and at what hour to go to Black Thompson's.

The petition of A. H Kerr, R. K. Shaw, C. F Merritt, for jury of view was presented, and R. A. McKay, R. D. Lockridge, Wesley Thomas, Archibald Thomas, Wm. Murphy, C. N. Wright, and Wm. Irvine, were appointed said jury of view.

Josiah Dugger, C. A. Tomlinson, Z. Adkisson, R. A. Wilkes, J. B. Scott, N. H. Martin, Jas Simser C.N. Williamson, and Dan'l Wilford were appointed a jury of view to lay off a road.

Jas. J. Hardison was released from working on road.

The last will and testament of Jas. Fitzgerald was admitted to probate.

L. R. Cheatham was appointed administrator of the estate of R. C. Love deceased.

W. C. Stayton was appointed guardian of Willie L. Collins, minor heir of Lycurgus Collins, deceased.

A. T. Gray was appointed guardian of Minerva and Joseph Vestal, minor heirs of Jos. A. Vestal, deceased.

F. H Cheatham was appointed guardian of is children.

W. C Sheppard was appointed administrator of W. C. Sheppard, deceased.

W. J. Sewell was appointed executor of Nathaniel T. Journey, deceased.

On motion of Esq. Burke, it was ordered that the chairman be authorized to notify the bridge contractors that unless they repair the Rutherford creek and Columbia bridges they would be prosecuted.

On motion of Esq. Hays, the road question was postponed.

Esq. Frierson moved that the Quarterly Court convene again on the first Monday in May for the purpose of acting upon the road question. Agreed to.

John G. Horsley was appointed administrator of J. M. Wilson, deceased.

APPROPRIATIONS.

H. S. Cox, post mortem examination, $5; M. M. Russell, holding inquest upon the body of Wm. Claggett, col., $22.05; Poor House keeper, $10 for tobacco for inmates; John T. Sparkman, $23 05, for holding inquest upon the body of Moses Latta, col., Sandifer, $10 25; $7 45 allowed the Circuit Court cost in the case of F. J. & C. S. Houser, vs Maury county; Sims Latta, $3 for lock for jail cell; $1,000, in addition to the $2,000 appropriated at a former term of the court was allowed for the erection of a bridge across Duck river near Chumbly shoals; W. S. McCaleb, Neal Tidwell, and M Stephenson, $1 each, excess of poll tax; John H Bierley, $1 each, his three State cases, $24 75; John B. Alderson, costs in bringing Jas. McKissack to jail, $9.25

The Court adjourned to meet the First Monday in May.

The Columbia Mail's Explanation.

We are requested by the editor of the *Mail*, to make the following extract from yesterday's issue of his paper and also to make some explanation of the matter in his behalf. He will no doubt make all necessary apology in his next issue, but he feels too nervous to remain silent, when he knows that he has expressed himself to the severe criticism of those whom he attempted to compliment. The *Mail* says: "Our local column contains a notice of a fancy ball to be given at St. Peter's Church on the 9 h of May." He says that it should have read thus: "Our local column contains a notice of a fancy ball to be given by the ladies of St. Peter's Church, on 9th of May." We truly appreciate Capt. Murphy's condition, as we "know how it is ourselves," from actual experience. Such accidents will occur in the best regulated printing offices.

The School Tax.

We sincerely trust our County Court will not imitate the example of the County Court of Knox, which levied a tax of ten mills upon privileges, and one mill upon real and personal property, for school purposes, which means that the merchant and lawyer will pay three as much as the farmer. This is unjust, and we know our honest hearted farmers would scorn to do such a thing. We write in the interest of no class of persons. The farmers are our patrons, but we will not seek their pecuniary interest when it is wrong. The merchant, as a general thing, sends his children to a private school, as is convenient, but the landowner has to send to a free school, as private schools are not always at hand. Let the tax be equal, or as nearly so as possible, because the money is to benefit all alike.

Cures for the Bolts and Frosted Feet.

A correspondent sends us receipts to cure the bolts in horses and frosted feet:

RECEIPT TO CURE BOTTS.

Take a hand full of common dark boil it to a strong tonic, sweeten with molasses and drench the horse. It cures the botts every time, and will also cure the colic.

RECEIPT TO CURE FROSTED FEET.

Take a large tub full of salt, put it in a skillet with water; have it as warm as you can bear; soak the part frosted about half an hour at a time. Three applications will cure.

Bitten by a Mad Dog.

A terrier belonging to Col. W. M. Voorhies went mad last week, and tried to bite a negro woman. Mr. John P. Brown came into the yard, and the dog made for him, and bit at him. Mr Brown went immediately into the house, got his pistol and killed the dog He is not certain whether the dog's poisoned fangs penetrated his flesh or not, as his hand has already been cut. He seems not to be alarmed, and takes the matter quietly.

C. F. F.

The members of the order C. F. F., are hereby notified that a called meeting will be held at the Lodge room, on next Thu sday night. Business of importance will be transacted, and a full attendance is desired. By order of

A. N. AKIN, Com.

Sad Accident.

We regret to learn that Mr. J. M. Gardenhire, of Mt. Pleasant, was thrown from his buggy a few days since, and dangerously wounded, the front part of his skull being fractured He was able to go to the drugstore next morning himself, however. He says it has only spoiled his good looks.

DR. GREEN informs the Nashville *Christian Advocate* that Gen. W. C. WHITTHORNE has given $4,200 to the Endowment Fund of the Vanderbilt University. It is just like him.

MT. PLEASANT ITEMS.

A WEEPING STAR!

The intellectual, accomplished, humorous, interesting and edifying Miss Robina N. Hicklin, who has been a pleasant member of Mr. J. M. Giddens's family for five or six months, left for her home in Chapel Hill, N. C., several weeks ago, to the regret of many friends, both male and female, as per all some of th beaux, judging from their drooped and mourning appearance.

Col. F. W. Crawford, of Memphis, the State agent, and our pleasant neighbor, W. M. Sullivan, were in Mt. Pleasant, on Wednesday and Thursday last, insuring lives in the Carolina Insurance Company, of which Hon. Jeff Davis is President. Several persons availed themselves of the advantages.

Our old friend, Anthony Gholson, Esq., of Columbia, honored us with his appearance on our streets, Saturday last, from Savannah, on his way home. He has been engaged for some time in erecting a "lock up" at Savannah, for the criminals of that county. It reminded us of pauper and better days, to look upon this "Old Henry Clay Whig" and "Know Nothing," who in Brownlow chronicled as dead and wrote a beautiful obituary about, twenty-seven years ago. Information of his transit to the world of spirits was given, "so said," in a letter written by himself to Brownlow, to discontinue his paper. The eulogy, so beautiful and truthful, induced our unchristian friend to "kill" him, immediately inform the unnatical Editor now U. S. Senator, that his friend was still in the land of the living, and desired to be placed upon his scroll and relieved from subscribing to his paper. May he live to erect a "deserved monument" to the memory of his old Whig and Know Nothing friend in brick and mortar, in the seminary of which long experience has made him perfect.

Maj. W. J. Sykes passed through this place on Thursday of last week, on his way to Waynesboro, to speak to the good people of Wayne county, in the interest of the narrow gauge rai road from Jackson to Columbia, via Mt. Pleasant. Success to him and the road. Major Sykes left notice that he would address the citizens on the same subject, on Saturday the 26th.

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The protracted services at the Methodist church, resulted in the addition of twenty two members to that commission, several will connect themselves with other churches. The Pastor, Mr. Ormian, was greatly assisted by Mr. Merrill, of Nashville, who possesses pulpit abilities of no mean order, and whose earnest and eloquent appeals will long be remembered by many citizens of the community. Rev. Mr. Doss, the P. E., was also present and rendered valuable assistance, and so of Dr. McFerrin on Saturday and Sunday April 12th and 13th. A number of other ministers were present, but as this is a community in which ministers constitute an unusual percentage of citizens, their names are omitted.

On Sunday last, Rev. Mr. Stoddert resided in the Baptist church to a deeply interested congregation.

SPRING HILL ITEMS.

At length spring has made its appearance in its freshness and beauty, and is welcomed with much pleasure. The farmers were never more busy than now, planting their crops, etc. We look for a large yield of corn and cotton this year.

Owing to the busy season there are but few people to be seen in town, except on Saturday evenings. The merchants here have received their spring stock of goods. There are five dry goods stores and about as many groceries at this place.

Quarterly meeting was held at the Cumberland Presbyterian church on Saturday and Sunday, the 12th and 13th inst. Rev. M. B. Molloy preached to a large congregation, Sunday morning. Dr. Molloy has been pastor of the Cumberland church at this place for many years, and has ever been faithful and zealou in the discharge of his pastoral duties.

A singing school has been lately organized at Thompson's Station which meets every Saturday evening. We should be glad to see a good singing school organized at this place, which can be easily done if proper interest is manifested.

Miss Lizzie, the fairest and loveliest daughter of Williamsport, is now visiting her friends and relations near Thompson's station.

Mr. David Chapman, who has been attending school at the well known business college of Bryan & Stratton, Nashville, returned home a few days ago. He has had the advantage of thorough instruction in this school, and is now well prepared to enter into commercial business. Success to you, David.

HICKMAN COUNTY ITEMS.

The County Court at its April term elected Orville A. Nixon County Superintendent of Common Schools, and levied a tax of ten cents on the hundred dollars worth of property, and fifty cents on the poll for school purposes. This secures a school in every district for five months. There have been no public schools in this county since 1861.

The farmers are doleful over the low price of peanuts, and the recent cold spell in April caused them to fear that they had lost their chart, and were drifting into some unknown polar region, where "goobers" will not grow. Some think it would be a good thing until the present crop is disposed of.

A man had a velocipede at Centreville the other day, and the people thought it was the "Narrow Gauge" come at last.

The Duck River Valley Railroad is gaining ground in Hickman rapidly. The opponents concede that we have a majority in its favor.

Several Northern men came to our county recently, and examined our rich iron deposits. They were highly pleased with the character of the ore, and said the quantity was inexhaustible. Among them was the State Geologist of Iowa. They said that if the Mill Creek ore bank were in Milwaukee, it would be worth $500,000.

The past winter has made more friends to railroads in Hickman county than all the speaking on the subject in the last twelve months.

Nashville derives an annual trade from Hickman county of not less than $250,000. This is why she is opposed to our railroads.

The toll-gate keepers and others who sell corn and fodder to the teamsters on the road leading into Nashville, have cause to "cuss," and vote the camping-ground of wagoners from Hickman county, to make speeches against the Duck River Valley Railroad. There is policy in this.

Several citizens of Centreville are preparing to attend the Nashville Exposition in May.

The people of this county are preparing to plant more cotton than peas this year.

There is a general complaint of the scarcity of money—as usual. It is reported here, however, that a Mr. George has found a gold mine somewhere on Pine river. We hope it is so.

The stockholders of the Hickman County Agricultural Association met at Centreville on the first Monday in April, with John Graham as President, and W. M. Johnson as Secretary. They determined on advancing ten dollars on the share, to put the association on a healthy financial basis. They calculate on having unusual success in their exhibition in the fall.

Fishermen from adjoining counties have begun to make their appearance in the fishing waters of Swan and other streams in this county. A party from Maury, J. M. Mayes, T. A Thompson, A. A. Lipscomb, Thos. J. Colburn, and A Bowen, caught a good'y number at Grimmet's, on Swan, last week. Some of the lovers of the piscatorial art brought two trot-lines now in Duck River at Centreville, waiting the arrival of a gentleman of Nashville, to paddle the canoe. He is expected to-morrow on the mail hack from Smeadsville.

To the Editors of the Herald:—The *Mail* of last week, in answer to a question in your issue of the week before, says: "Then at the man Clayton, but we don't want to fight about it." That last clause explains the *Mail's* explanation. I am content to leave it with the people of this county, who know me too well to believe the insinuations of the *Mail*, as to capacity, etc. I excuse the *Mail* when I say, he is reluctance to fight that causes it to saddle the insults of another on me. The *Mail* well knows that I am not a fighting man, and would rather that he would put it on the right man, who is not so much peace loving I am.

A. C. MOORE.

SOUTHPORT ITEMS.

STRAYED, STOLEN OR MISLAID.

John Bodkin left his wife and children and grocery, on the morning of the 16th of April, and any Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff who shall dare to bring him back to Southport, shall be consigned to eternal infamy by the citizens of said place, and condemned to take care of him Bodkin wife and children. DESCRIPTION—John Bodkins is about six feet high, has dark hair, stooped shoulders, is nearly blind of both eyes, caused by the too frequent use of bad whiskey, is somewhat pompous, rather Roman, bright fiery red, tipped with purple; low forehead, mane long and shaggy. PEDIGREE—John Bodkins was sired in Illinois; his sire in Law Davis is President. Several persons availed themselves of the advantages.

Our old friend, Anthony Gholson, Esq., of Columbia, honored us with his appearance on our streets, Saturday last, from Savannah, on his way home. He has been engaged for some time in erecting a "lock up" at Savannah, for the criminals of that county. It reminded us of pauper and better days, to look upon this "Old Henry Clay Whig" and "Know Nothing," who in Brownlow chronicled as dead and wrote a beautiful obituary about, twenty-seven years ago. Information of his transit to the world of spirits was given, "so said," in a letter written by himself to Brownlow, to discontinue his paper. The eulogy, so beautiful and truthful, induced our unchristian friend to "kill" him, immediately inform the unnatical Editor now U. S. Senator, that his friend was still in the land of the living, and desired to be placed upon his scroll and relieved from subscribing to his paper. May he live to erect a "deserved monument" to the memory of his old Whig and Know Nothing friend in brick and mortar, in the seminary of which long experience has made him perfect.

Maj. W. J. Sykes passed through this place on Thursday of last week, on his way to Waynesboro, to speak to the good people of Wayne county, in the interest of the narrow gauge rai road from Jackson to Columbia, via Mt. Pleasant. Success to him and the road. Major Sykes left notice that he would address the citizens on the same subject, on Saturday the 26th.

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