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Let us write club to gether up of club.

REMEMBER!

Democrats of Lafayette county, remember the Township Meetings, next Thursday, the ... last, to select the members of your County Committee. Take out Tickets! And put none but your best men on guard to-night!

THE VAN.—On the Lexington and St. Louis branch, was seen this week in town. But the snow, they'd have been in sight to-day.

PARALYTIC.—The wife of Abner Houston, of Wellington, was stricken with paralysis, last week, and has several days, dangerously ill. Now improving.

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LETTER—Lew Wernwag, of Berlin, proposes to open an elevator in the soon-to-be located and christened railroad town, in the Page neighborhood, beyond Salem.

HOGS.—A. V. Robinson & Co. have bought a good quantity of moral-weed, at from $80 to $90 a ton. There is little demand. St. Louis is going for it. And prices lower than have been known for many months.

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SHAMBLESTRAIN.—The forges of grant's skin is rapidly growing up in this prairie region. Buck I mean corn-stalks, were in view, one day last week, and four three-ox load on the road, in a drive of about half a mile. Mr. Nimrod Ridge have had a hand and a half.

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And yet the wide world heard.
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That muttered low, for very shame,
The thing the slanderer dare not name;
And yet a noble life was done
A hint so slight,
And yet so mighty in its power—
A human soul, in one short hour,
Lies crushed beneath its weight.

Nothing but a circus or a nigger-show ever drew together such vast audiences of our cultivated, refined and religious Lexingtonian population, as invariably attend the monthly Sabbath-school Reunions. They have become one of the marked features of our city's moral, social and spiritual life. Last Sunday afternoon, the spacious and elegant church of our Baptist brethren was filled to overflowing, with the richest cream of our community. Old and young, the white-haired, tr-mulous grandsire and grandma, and the prattling curly-headed little nothing-in-nothing scarce able to walk alone; the gallant, full-blooming belle, and the swaggering buck in all the glory of his first mustache; saint and sinner, superintendent, teacher and scholar, preacher and deacon, elder, deacon, lay-member, and ancient sister of the amen corner, all crammed, jammed, packed tight as herrings in a barrel. Brother Milton K. Boyle, the zealous and effective superintendent of the Baptist school, presided. Prof. Kornbuhl, organist of the Southern Methodist church, officiated as chief engineer of the harmonious and melodious department, bellows-expander and ivory-pawer. And the singing, led by a strong choir of our most stout-lunged, clear-larynxed and accomplished vocalists, and swelled by five hundred sweet and happy voices, to a grand, rushing, Niagara of resonant praise, was magnificent. The opening address was made by Prof. A. J. Hall, the Christian school. He was followed by Elder G. G. Taylor, of the same aquatic brotherhood. Henry Kramer, the blind orator of the Southern Methodist school, in his quiet, musical tones, delivered a tender and touching address to the boys and girls of the assemblage. Prof. Ballard, Superintendent of the Northern Presbyterian school, came next, with a five minutes talk, in his usual animated, earnest style. But the "model speech" of the occasion fell from the celestial-fire-tipped lips of our reverend and dear brother Quirples, Pastor of Elizabeth Avil Seminary and President of the Old School Presbyterian Meeting-House. He began by saying, "Amen," sneezing twice in a clear and musical fife-like tone, and wiping from the corner of that venerable hankey. The smell of burning shingles and timbers, rolled far away on the breeze. And all the indications were most promising for a really handsome conflagration. The rescuers mounted to the hurricane deck of the hookery. Axes were put to work. Buckets were cut away. And then the slop-tub-brigade sailed in. Speedy extinguishment of hill flame and excitement followed. And all was quiet along the Big Muddy again. Fire originated in the washery department. Damage from five hundred to a thousand dollars. Insured in the Etna and Aetna, (Winsor & Son, Agents) for $10,000.

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CHICAGO!—About two o'clock, last Wednesday afternoon, the cling-clang, cling-clang, clang-a-lang-clang of our one hoarse-voiced feeble-tongued fire-bell, summoned all who had aspirations for immortality, vi et waterbucketis, to rush somewhere. And forthwith came a patter of hurrying feet. Everybody dropped everything and lit out. City-Hotel-wards the tide of curiosity took its way. Huge volumes of smoke were pouring from the roof of that venerable hostelry. The smell of burning shingles and timbers, rolled far away on the breeze. And all the indications were most promising for a really handsome conflagration. The rescuers mounted to the hurricane deck of the hostelry. Axes were put to work. Buckets were cut away. And then the slop-tub-brigade sailed in. Speedy extinguishment of hill flame and excitement followed. And all was quiet along the Big Muddy again. Fire originated in the washery department. Damage from five hundred to a thousand dollars. Insured in the Etna and Aetna, (Winsor & Son, Agents) for $10,000.

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LARGE GAVEL.—The Mount Hope neighborhooders never saw a jollier day than Friday of last week. James Martin, an ex-lieutenant of the C. S. A., got home with his new young wife, from Callaway county. A grand reception and dinner, in honor of the freshly lariatted couple of matrimonial victims, came off at the hospitable and beautiful residence of W. ... Martin, father of the groom. The beauty and chivalry of the whole region, were out in force. A hundred and fifty guests. A magnificent repast. Festivities prolonged from two o'clock in the afternoon, till nearly day-break of next morning. And everybody says it was a delightful affair. A similar frolic is daily expected to take place in F. L. Barnett's, in the same vicinity, over the arrival of his son, John Barnett, with his Johnson county bride. Well enough to have the run at the start, for there's plenty of the sunny stuff left, to spare, in every household career. Air joy for the first few months; all lovey-dovey after.

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CHEW.—Will McCausland and Jeff. Bedford have formed a business alliance, and fought out the old and popular dry-goods firm of Bedford & Carroll. They propose to build up a real estate alliance, on principles of fashion that will be needed by everybody and county, in the future.

BEGRIME.—Our friend, Capt. Sam. Null, of Texas Prairie, has announced the erection of a very large and handsome dwelling, on the site of his present old, dilapidated, rattle-trap, some-more-to-be. Mr. Null, in the same fertile region, has just completed a handsome residence, of four rooms.

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SUPERSTITIOUS.—The gentlemen of the board, last Monday, elected Jer. M. Eichenberger, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of A. Scoutelle, assistant teacher in the city schools. Mr. Eichenberger is a German Methodist preacher, and a pretty good one, I think, in every way. Good looking, too, which he has just married a very pretty wife.

HEMP.—Our city authorities have been engaged, this week, in a heavy raid on the "Old Bull-ruff!" We can't see the justice of putting little women, and letting the men go free. Hemp is a good thing, in every way, good for the rope, and rotten all, male and female, or it ain't so immoderately. What's sauce for the gander ought to be sauce for the gander.

☞ The North Missouri Ins. Co. was in all the great conflagrations of the past year, yet its losses were promptly paid, and it stands to-day as strong as it was at the ordeal of fire. GEO. WITHERS, Agent.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.—Hamlin, a soot-colored brother of Sumner and Abe Lincoln, who has been digging coal near Freedom, a few days ago, attempted to perpetrate a hideous outrage upon himself, in the neighborhood of Mr. Slavens, a widow lady residing in that vicinity. Failed, and scuttled off for parts unknown to escape the lashes of the law. Friends of the injured gal will promptly prepared for his final departure.

GOOD.—The flourishing young metropolis of Alden is improving rapidly, since the railroad reached it. The depot is about completed, and quite a number of other buildings are going up. Many strangers are coming in to see the place and its prospects. One gentleman from Lexington, is contemplating building a store, or a large brick-yard and erecting a handsome block of business houses.

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COAL COMPANY.—A strong moneyed corporation has been formed here, to carry on the coal business upon an extensive scale, as soon as our railroad begins to get straightened out for work. The company consists of John Reid, J. Waddell, William Davis, Jim Davis, and others. They have bought all the coal privileges of Beverly Vaughan, two miles east of town, on the Lexington and St. Louis railroad, all the banks for nearly owned by Goodin Brothers, above town, besides other large and valuable mines and ranges. They intend to spare no expense to develope our resources in black diamonds.

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LARGE ENTERPRISE.—Our young friend, A. P. Fulkerson of Wellington, has adopted the Gift Plan of disposing of his property in this county. The farm and everything advertised is just as represented, and the transaction will be entirely fair.

PERSONAL.

Sam Earl, a well-known ex-Lexingtonian type-sticker, is here on a visit.

Our venerable citizens, Judge John F. Ryland, and Henry Wallace, Sr., are both in very feeble health.

Our friend, J. A. Lockhart, of Wellington, proposes hereafter to deal exclusively in plows of his own manufacture.

We had a visit, Thursday morning, from Joseph A. Oatman, a former Lexingtonian, now of Norborne. He is a flourishing agricultural implement dealer, a staunch Caucasianite, and a lolly fellow.

Our former countryman J. O. Kidd, who was banished Illinois in '62, and has been a resident of that state ever since, is back among his friends in the Dover neighborhood. The deathbed his father, the venerable Rev. Benjamin Kidd, is the sad occasion of his return.

Our former countryman, Capt. Gus. Jacobs, has opened a first-class boarding-house, at Pine Bluff, Arkansas. It is said to be ahead of any establishment of the kind in the place; conveniently located, comfortably furnished; good cooking and civility kept. The Captain has many friends in Lafayette, who will be glad to hear of his success in that most difficult of all enterprises,—keeping a hotel.

Our esteemed young friend, George Polk, son of the late Gen. Lucius Polk, of Maury county, Tennessee, paid us a flying visit, last Tuesday. He is now engaged in mining, and was on his way to Butler, Bates county. He was looking splendidly, and we are glad to learn is doing well. Business speaking, George is a worthy scion of noble stock, we commend him to our five hundred reader-friends in the region, toward which his handsome Grecian smeller was turned.

We had the pleasure—and this is no idle newspaperial stereotypism—the sincere pleasure of a long visit, last Saturday evening, from our gallant and dashing friend, Col. A. W. Slayback, of St. Louis. No braver soldier drew sabre for the cause of Southern Rights, and republicanism in the late fraternal misunderstanding; and no truer man resumed the duties and obligations of citizenship, after the cause for which he battled had been temporarily and overwhelmed. He has, by talent or a high order, energy, perseverance, vigilance and rare business qualifications, as well as by the pertinacious stubbornness that knows no such word as fail, and a gift of gab exhaustless and tireless as the water-power of Niagara's grand cataract, thrust himself in six brief years, to the very foremost rank of the St. Louis bar. Some of the most important suits that have been brought since the war closed, involving hundreds of thousands of dollars, have been contested and won by him, in spite of the efforts of counsel whose reputations are national. He is succeeding almost beyond precedent, and he deserves his good fortune.

WELTON'S.—Man of all trades and jack at none, pedagogue, auctioneer, Sunday School superintendent, singing master, ventriloquist, yarn-spinner, and universal-ability engineer, Capt. Jake Conner, the gallant soldier, the accomplished "literatus," the sweet warbler of the Tent, and the Prince Imperial of royal good fellows,—Has just gladdened us here, our friends by reappearing in his old haunts. He received a perfect ovation in Wellington, last Monday evening, and his ball paint, never more bright, slicker, more radiant with happiness. He dropped into the Caucasian's innermost sanction impromptu, Saturday afternoon, looking as stylish as a Spanish hidalgo, and as gay as a lark—though we really don't know whether a lark is any gayer than a lovesick, or a whippoorwill. Though pleased with Baltimore, and with his prospects there, he still cherishes a strong tender spot in his heart for old Lafayette, its humdrum customs and associations. And few fellows have ever borne away with them a bigger assortment of popularity regard, esteem and good wishes. Health and luck to him wherever he goes or don't go.

H. C. Clay, son of S. H. Clay, of Bourbon county, Kentucky, the famous importer and raiser of thorough-bred Berkshire swine, paid us a lightning-line visit, last Wednesday afternoon. He is at present quite engaged in the sale of that all-important liquid, from which his county takes its name, and we understand that he does considerable business with our Baptist brother, Grimes, of the renowned jewelry-firm of Grimes & Venable, manufacturers, dealers and all sorts of tinkers in magnificent gold watches, eighteen-brass-candle-stick-fine, full-jeweled with hickory shoe-pegs and small-tooth-comb, diamond-breast-pins and solid pewter, set with diamonds of incompatable size and lustre, hewn from glass salt-cellar bottoms and buttons the size of a pea. Jake now, if cuffed on the head-side with them; shirt-sinds, warranted full-blooded, and of the best trotting stock, also a full and beautiful assortment of pet pigs, pure breeds, enameled tails and a pearl in their snouts, and so forth, and so forth, too tedious to enumerate particularize, or further detail, consult diminutive William—But golly! where are we now? Who, which, what? Did we speak? Bless our soul, our time-flies, we fully intend to write a personal sketch. He's come, he's been, he's seen, he's gone.

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GRAND ENTERTAINMENT.—At Harmonia Hall, next Tuesday evening. Let everybody go, and take his sweetheart, wife or mother-in-law.

THE SICK.—Wm. B. Waddell is still seriously ill.

Rev. D. H. Selph, President of Baptist Female College, has been laid up for several weeks, and is not yet able to resume his labors.

John A. Mitchell is lying near death's door, though considered a little better yesterday.

BIG GRAIN TRADE.—Messrs. Hughes & St. Clair, a few days ago, sold 11,000 bushels of wheat, to E. Easter, of the City Mills, at $1 60 a bushel. As they bought it last fall, at $1, they bag about $5,000 as clear profit.

DON'T FAIL.—To go and see the Grand Scenic and Nautical Drama, at Harmonia Hall, Tuesday evening, Feb. 20.

THE COUNTY SQUABBLE.

The following reports of meetings would have appeared in our paper of last week, but for the fact that at we supposed at the time of going to pre, the whole matter would be decided on Saturday.

MEETING AT DOVER.

In obedience to only a few hours notice, one hundred and twenty-five of the best citizens of Dover township, met in mass meeting in Dover on Thursday, Feb. 1st, 1872. The meeting was organized by calling David Groves to the chair and appointing Isaac Neale secretary.

The chair explained that the object of the meeting was to call forth an expression of the sentiments of the citizens of the township in regard to a bill now pending in the State Legislature, for redistricting the county, and enabling the people to elect judges of the county court.

On motion of J. M. Fleming, a committee of five was appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the sense of the meeting. Whereupon the chair appointed Col. G. R. Warren, J. M. Fleming, G. K. Campbell, Dr. M. C. Webb and J. Q. Plattenburg, said committee. The committee after retiring a few minutes, entered with the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we, the citizens and taxpayers of Dover township, feeling the great necessity of a change and re-form in the management of our county finances, heartily endorse the bill now before the State Legislature, for the reorganization of the Lafayette county court; that we feel great interest in the success of said bill, believing as we do, that its passage will give great relief to the already over-burdened people of our county.

Resolved, That it is the firm conviction and belief of the citizens composing this meeting that the above resolution embodies the sentiments, not only of a majority, but of almost the entire body of taxpayers and citizens of Dover township.

Resolved, That we heartily approve the action of one of our representatives, Hon. Z. J. Mitchell, in introducing and advocating the bill now before the Legislature for the reorganization of our county court, and we condemn the course pursued by Hon. M. C. Shewalter in opposing said bill, knowing as we do, that he does not represent the wishes and interests of the citizens and tax-payers of Dover township.

On motion the county papers were requested to publish the proceedings of this meeting.

DAVID GROVES, Chm'n.
ISAAC NEALE, Sec'y.

MEETING IN WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP.

A large number of the citizens and taxpayers of Washington township met in mass meeting at Wheatly's school house on Friday, Feb. 2d, 1872.

On motion, W. A. Gordon was called to the chair and W. B. Steele appointed secretary.

The chair explained that the object of the meeting was to call forth an expression of the sentiments of the citizens in regard to the bill now pending in the General Assembly of our State to reorganize the Lafayette county court.

On motion, W. B. Steele, Mr. Mullinix and O. W. Jones were appointed a committee to draft resolutions.

In the absence of the committee, the meeting was addressed by Chas. Ewing, J. W. Reddoo, and others.

At the close of the speeches the following resolutions were presented and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we, the constituents of Hon. Z. J. Mitchell, our representative in the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, deem it our duty to, and do herein express to him our cordial approval of his course in supporting the bill now pending before the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, for the reorganization of the county court of Lafayette; that his efforts to secure the passage of said bill, meet our unqualified support and endorsement.

Resolved, That the safety, prosperity and peace of the entire people of Lafayette county, demand the reorganization of the county court of Lafayette county.

Be olved, That the opposition to the reorganization of said county court of Lafayette county, is composed chiefly of the leeches, non-taxpayers and railroad hands, who are no longer in the county.

Resolved, That the conduct of Hon. M. C. Shewalter in opposing said bill for the reorganization of said county court, we unconditionally denounce as treacherous, and in open defiance of the wishes and interests of his constituents, and we denounce him as unworthy of the confidence of an honest constituency.

On motion, our county papers be requested to publish the proceedings of this meeting, and that a copy be sent to each of our Representatives.

W. A. GORDON, Chm'n.
W. B. STEELE, Sec'y.

FEARFUL!

Under the head of "Lafayette County Imbroglio," the St. Louis Democrat of last Sunday, contains this soul-harrowing and blood-curdling tale of horror at the capital:

This purely local squabble has waxed very warm for three days past, but the two champions have conducted themselves with great propriety and chivalry toward each other. As previously stated, Messrs. Mitchell and Shewalter are young men of splendid ability, and the ardor with which they have conducted their causes reflects great credit upon their capacity as well as their pluck. It was feared that blood would flow ere the matter should reach final settlement, and indeed, the danger has not yet entirely passed. The members from Lafayette are both distinguished for their bravery, and we have heard it intimated that neither would ignore the "code" were it to come to a personal collision. Just now the matter is in good well as courage, and it is to be hoped that the matter will not reach pistols and coffee. Both sides of the champions are not so considerate, however, and had it not been for two double-barrelled especial friends of the Mitchell and Shewalter—a little blood-letting might have taken place last night. It appears that a Lexington gentleman, one of "those Shelby's men," had imbibed too much of Capital fire-water, and feeling called upon to avenge his cause for fancied insinuations or aspersions cast upon it in Mr. Mitchell's afternoon remarks, at a late hour invaded Mr. Mitchell's apartment at the McCarty House. He at once proclaimed himself an avenging angel, and asserted that he must kill the Representative, at the same time exhibiting a Smith & Wesson which he held cocked in his hand. Mr. Mitchell, while watching his belligerent visitor, talked to him courteously, and endeavored to persuade him from the bloody idea. The longer he remained the madder the intruder got, and matters looked bilious. At length word was conveyed to General Shelby of the action of the party, and that gallant ex-confederate repaired in haste to the scene. Taking his man by the collar he gave him a round lecture and hustled him from the room. Thus ended that little meeting, and the rumors prevalent this morning that Mr Mitchell was assaulted last night grew out of this circumstance. As will be seen by the proceedings, a resolution was adopted by the House to take a vote on the Lafayette county Court ousting bill, without debate, on Wednesday morning, the 21st, at eleven o'clock.

KINKY-HEADS IN COUNCIL.

Why the malefactors, who have made Virginia, the Mother-State of Washington, alien soil;—Who have ruthlessly trampled under barbarian hoofs, not only the birth and birthplace of the heroic old rebel slave-holder, but every principle for which he battled through all the long, dark, bloody years of Revolution;—Why they should select his natal day, for their annual conventions, we can't, to save our neck from the late that many a loyal bummer's heaves, make out. But the last week, the anniversary of the first, but far from last, immortal American rebel's birth, is celebrated all over the land by the gathering of the representatives of loyalty-belching bummers and banditti. The Missouri Pale-Ethiop Pow-Wow comes off, at Jefferson City, next Thursday, the 22nd. Our Lafayette county Rads held a conventicle, last Saturday afternoon, to appoint delegates to the Pale-Ethiop convention. Judge G. H. Ambrose officiated as chairman, and George W. McKean as secretary. The chosen representatives of the faithful here and hereabouts, are Gen. H. Ambrose, H. Wilkening, sec. W. McKean, Henry Turner, B. H. Wilson I. N. Triplett, M. L. DeMotte, Archibald Steel (nig), Jacob Ott, H. H. Brown, J. B. Jones, Jos. Walkenhost, J. H. Beatty, H. Meinke, W. C. Lillard, Isaac McVay, J. B. Calhoon, Thomas Powell, G. D. Sitterfield, John Hammonds, W. H. West, Thomas Tebbs, Capt. Jas. Gibony, John Edwards, J. Wilson, Morgan Welsh, W. P. Pyeatt.

OUR WESTERN RAILWAY.—Under the head of "Railroad Meeting in Independence," the Kansas City Times, of yesterday, contains this report of proceedings in which Lexington and Lafayette county have no small interest:

At a called meeting of the directors of the Kansas City, Independence and Lexington Railroad Company, at Independence, Feb. 15th, there were present: Wm. Christman, Preston Roberts, F. C. Rams and A. S. Packard. There being a quorum present the meeting was called to order with Wm. Christman in the chair and A. S. Packard Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Roberts, William Christman was elected President of said company, and on motion of Mr. Rams, Preston Roberts was appointed Vice-President, Mr. J. Q. Watkins Treasurer, and A. S. Packard Secretary.

It was further ordered that the books for subscription be opened at once at Kansas City and Independence, and that the Secretary is authorized to solicit subscriptions and employ such assistance as he may think necessary, whereupon the meeting adjourned, subject to the call of the President.

WM. CHRISMAN, Chm'n.
A. S. PACKARD, Sec'y.

SOCIAL CIRCLE.—This newly hatched festive order met, last Thursday evening, at Mrs. Saunders', on Main street. Among those present were Misses Flora Lightner, Mary-Willy and Fannie Winsor, Stella Ford, and Carrie Ryland, of our city, and Miss Sallie Parker, of Independence; and of the masculine persuasion, Messrs. George McGrew, E. A. Dulin, Alex. Graves, Willie Clagett and Willie Trigg. A party committee was appointed by President Mcgrew, consisting of Dr. Dulin, chairman, and Misses Lightner, Ford and Fannie Winsor; upon whose shoulders devolves the high and holy responsibility of locating, getting up and engineering the prospective frolics. There's a good time coming boys (and gals); wait a little longer.

ANSON.—About 5 o'clock last Thursday evening, an attempt was made to burn John Snyder's flouring-mill, at Freedom. Turpentine was profusely poured over the floor and walls, and then the shermanic torch was applied. The miller, Bullock, who lives a short distance off, saw the blaze burst out, and flew to the rescue in time to save the building. He saw the scoundrel, who had attempted to get up this miniature edition of "the march to the sea," run away as he approached, but couldn't leave his duties as extinguisher to give chase.

Lost!—Strayed! Stolen! Or run away! More villainy afoot! The Caucasian pony, a venerable reddish roan, with a white nose, has levanted—but non-ransomed—unpilloried! $5,000 or a free obituary, to any individual who will return him, or furnish information that may lead to his recovery.

GIFT ENTERPRISE.—Our young friend, A. P. Fulkerson of Wellington, has adopted the Gift Plan of disposing of his property in this county. The farm and everything advertised is just as represented, and the transaction will be entirely fair.

LOCAL MUSH.

The new grocery-store, at Greenton, Wm. McHatton chief engineer, under full headway.

.....Corn in Texas Prairie, $1 25 a barrel; hay $12 a ton, at the stack.....J. A. Workman intends to open a first-class family grocery in Wellington, about the beginning of March.....The Caucasian's ecclesiastician is indebted to one of Lexington's loveliest daughters for a bounteous supply of the most delicious home-made candy, he ever had eyes on or stuck teeth into. He accepts it, in all its sweetness and snowy whiteness, as emblematic of the character of her whose fair young hands composed and pulled it.....Determined not to be outdone by the Christian Institute, the Baptist Female College has just added a new boarder to its already numerous household. We hope it may live to call our reverend brother, President Selph, father! for many long and happy years.....Dover has organized a Farmers' Club.....Bethel's team created a lively scattermort, by setting up an independent circus on Main street, last Wednesday. Ran two squares, and back to starting point. No damage done.....Bobbinsville just finished a number of hand-some new scenes, for Harmonia Club.....The ice bridge across Big Muddy's roaring tide, has been rendered somewhat shaky by the mild weather of the past few days. The transferring is chiefly done foot-back.....Van Dyke Robinson has 13,000 bushels of wheat, that he's holding for $2 a bushel.....No paper mails this week. Ice bridge too frail to cross them.....Big snow, Thursday night. Black-eyed Susan at Harmonia Hall, next Tuesday evening.

STOCK ITEMS.

M. V. L. McClelland, of the Wellington neighborhood, last week, shipped to St. Louis, on behalf of Gallaher & Campbell, 100 head of cattle.

J. C. Whitsett, of Mayview, last week, sold to Ray county-lies, 22 three-year-old native cattle, averaging 1,085 pounds, at $50 a head.

Jack Borders, imported from Poland-China sow has eleven pigs, that are said to be the finest little relatives of the White House hog, in all this region.

A good many cattle have been sold recently by Freedom John Handley, John Brown, Mathias Wilson and Boone and Allen Major, have all disposed of a number. Rates about $4 50 a hundred weight.

Rev. J. A. Jennings, of the Mayview neighborhood, shipped a car-load of cattle and a car-load of hogs, week before last, via the North Missouri Abomination; and a car-load of cattle, last week from Aullville, by the Lexington and St. Louis road.

Frank Field recently bought 50 hogs, averaging 240 pounds, at $3 40, and sold them in St. Louis, at $4 25, a hundred weight. He has just shipped o St. Louis, via the Lex. and St. L. road, a car-load of sheep, for which he paid 4 cents a pound.

Richard Lee, of the Greenton region, last week, shipped to St. Louis, 30 good three-year-old mules. He lately lost a fine cow, that went dead from too swing tobacco-stems. Oh, that some of our church masticators and spit-squirts would go now, and do likewise!

Jack Corder, of Davis township, last week, sold to buyers for a Rochester (New York) company, 50 head of cattle averaging about 1,000 pounds, at $5 a hundred weight. John T. Goodloe sold to the same company, about 50 head, averaging in the neighborhood of 1,500 pounds, at $4 80 and $5 a hundred.

CHARITY.

EDS. CAUCASIAN: About ten o'clock this morning, an open vehicle might have been seen, rapidly driven down Main street. Beside the driver, it contained three female forms, exposed to the pelting storm that was waltening roof, and road, and river. Upon enquiring, I learned the women were "unfortunates," and were being conveyed to the city prison, for incarceration, because they were what they are.

Allow me, if you please, to ask a few questions: By what means were these poor creatures brought to their present lamentable condition? Did the beguiling tongue of a better sister lead them to ruin? Or were they deliberately wrought upon and wrecked by an uncontrollable, nature-implanted passion? Be this as it may, notwithstanding they have

"Of sorrow and shame become the bride
Shivering, quivering, through the cold street
With a curse behind and before their feet,"

they are according to the teachings of God, as set forth in the Holy Bible, akin to all the sons and daughters of men. True they have erred, grievously sinned, and an iron rule established by those more holy, the conventional governors of society, has closed against them forever, all the doors leading to legitimate avocations; still it does appear hard, that in following the only vocation that remains to them, they should not be exempt from the tax-gatherer, and the police, who claim to be the avenging agents of an outraged morality.

Let the good people of our city, those who are comfortably situated and well provided for, whether they be good or wicked, tender or Jew, Preacher, Pharisee, or follower of the Instincts of nature, take into consideration the trials and temptations that beset the last, and only pathway on earth to be trodden by these weak creatures, and then cast stones at them, if religion so teaches. DAVID.

Lexington, Feb. 16.

BROWNSVILLE ITEMS.

[From the Banner, of Feb. 10.]

MORE RAILROAD WANTED.

We have all seen the benefit that Brownsville has and is receiving from the Lexington & St. Louis R. R. Her population has nearly doubled within the last year. New buildings are constantly going up, both business and dwelling houses, strangers visit here every day, looking up locations, and business of all kinds is rapidly increasing. But we do not want to stop here. We want to see the good work go on, until Brownsville has a population of 6,000, instead of 1,000. How is this to be brought about? We answer, by building another railroad. We want a more direct route to Chicago, and also to the South and Southwest. Let us have a road from Holden to Brownsville, and from Brownsville to Boonville, or some point on the Missouri River, to connect there either with the Tebo & Neosho, or the Louisiana & Mo. R. R. This will put us in communication with Chicago. At Holden it will connect with the M. K. & T., which is already finished to Red River, in Arkansas, and will soon be built to Texas. We want our business men to commence agitating this question; we want the papers at either end of the proposed line, to agitate it; and then we want to see a company organized that will put it through.

SAD ACCIDENT.

On Thursday, while the westward bound train was discharging freight at this place, Mr. John S. Ward, of Plattsburg, Mo., walked down to the bridge, over Davis Creek, and sat down on the rail at the east end of the bridge. While he was sitting there the train left the depot and started west for Aullville, striking Mr. Ward and knocking him off the track and down the embankment a distance of 12 feet. His right arm and side were badly crushed, and the fingers on his left hand were all cut off. Yesterday morning Dr. W. B. Parsons, assisted by Drs. Sears, Hawkins, Lawless and Mitchell, amputated his right arm at the shoulder joint. Little hope is entertained of his recovery. No blame can be attached to Engineer or Conductor, as two large cars came in front of the engine, which prevented them from seeing Mr. Ward. Ward is a resident of Plattsburg, in this State, and has a wife and several children living there. He is the inventor of the Atmospheric Churn, and was here trying to dispose of the right to manufacture them in this county.

OUR CATHOLIC FRIENDS.

The Western Watchman, of St. Louis, Father Phelan's paper, and the organ of the Catholic church in Missouri, in its issue of last week, Feb. 10, contains this letter from a correspondent in our village

LEXINGTON, Mo., Jan. 31st, 1872.

EDITOR WATCHMAN—DEAR SIR: Maybe some of your numerous readers would like to hear how Catholic church affairs are progressing in this city so famous in the late ever to be lamented struggle between the North and South. Last Sunday being the meeting day of our St. Joseph's Benevolent Society, they met and elected the following officers for the ensuing six months. President, Mr. John Dougherty; Vice President, Mr. Thos. Gibbons; Secretary, Walter F. Seeley; Treasurer, Chas. Dougherty; Marshal, Chas. Murphy; Standing Committee, Messrs. P. Molloy, Thos. Grady and Dennis Lynch. Rumor has it that as yet joined our little sister Societies, but hope to do so before long, because it is our earnest desire to become united with the rest.

We have a fine Roman Catholic School, one of the best for attendance and proficiency—to which belongs an association formed for the purpose of affording to all the poor as well as the rich, equal opportunities to become educated in all that is necessary for children of any standing. The School Board consists of the following gentlemen: Rev. O. J. S. Hoog, P. P.; Jas. O'Gorman, President; John Dougherty, Secretary; Messrs. Thos. Halloran, A. O'Maley, Chas. Mackin, Thos. Finnigan and Thos. Fitzgerald.

We have a new church in course of erection, but owing to circumstances, we have not hitherto been able to proceed very rapidly with its construction, but now by the generous aid of Jas. O'Gorman Esq., and Capt. Jas. Lillis, we are at last enabled to raise another edifice to the glory of God—here where the "mighty Missouri rolls down to the sea."

After a kind of lethargy, our prospects begin to look brighter or rather there is a prospect of their assuming a better appearance. The future of the city brightens. At this time they cannot possibly be so blind to their interest and so heedless of the thrift and enterprise necessary to the prosperity of the surrounding region; they cannot, I