The Weekly Caucasian.

ST. LOUIS, KANSAS CITY & NORTHERN R. R.

LEAVE CITY HOTEL

For St. Louis and all points East 7:00 A. M. and 6:10 P. M.
For Kansas City and all points West at 6:00 A. M. and 6:10 and 7:00 P. M. and for St. Joe and points on St. Joe Branch at 6:10 P. M.

ARRIVE

From St. Louis and all point East at 8:20 A. M. and 8:40 A. M. and 8:30 A. M.
From Kansas City and all Points West at 8:40 P. M.
From St. Joe and points North at 8:40 P. M.

J. W. SANFORD,
Freight and Ticket Agent.

PACIFIC RAILROAD TIME TABLE.

LEAVE LEXINGTON.

Accommodation and Freight for St. Louis and the East ..... 8:00 A. M.
Express and Mail for St. Louis, East and South, via M. K. & T. R. R. .. 6:10 P. M.

ARRIVE.

Express and Mail from St. Louis, East and South ..... 10:40 A. M.
Accommodation and Freight from St. Louis and the East ..... 5:40 P. M.

W. W. RHODES, Agent.

Great crowds and wonderful bargains have been the order of the week at Wilson & Hutchison.

LOCAL SCRAPS.

Weather bright, beautiful and mild.

Let the panic scare thee into paying what thou owest.

One or two weddings in the upper stratum, to take place before long.

Hog trade lively. Prices, $3 to $3 25, and promise of improvement.

Whiteley's dramatic troupe will be here the second week in December.

Door-step and front-gate courting, played-out—nipped in the bud by Winter's icy breath.

The Christian mite at Dr. Temple's Friday evening of last week, took in $5's worth of mites.

A bridge is being built over the gully on Poplar street, between John E. Bascom's residence and Quandt's shop.

Another amateur literary and dramatic entertainment in prospect. Benefit of our own poverty-stricken ones.

Our city school marms and masters have lately been in attendance upon the Anlieville Institute during the week.

The Register man, who has opened a spelling class, has discovered a street in this city, which he calls "Popular" street.

Good deal of money beginning to circulate. Hog and grain buyers busy. One of our banks paying out $10,000 to $15,000 a day.

Our coroner's juries are resolving themselves into criminal courts, with the powers and privileges of judge, jury and attorney.

The misers of the Assembly Presbyterian church are in motion. They met Friday evening of last week, at Robert Taylor's residence.

The gigantic advertisement of Wilson & Hutchison receives a handsome notice from the St. Louis press, and is commented on all over the state.

Lock up your coal and wood houses, for the nimble lifter of stray fuel roams abroad by the moon's pale light, seeking whose pile he may carry off.

Sedalia has a new and newsy little daily—The Signal—run by Gen. Bacon Montgomery, and Wm. Mugford, formerly a type-sticker in the Caucasian office.

The Cuban war was forgotten, last Thursday, in a general crusade against Turkey. Many a noble old gobbler will gobble no more, because he has been gobbled.

The Register man has opened a prize spelling school. The editor's first attempt is with cow. He spells it "cous." He is entitled to go up to the head of Charley Noel's class.

At the upper-crusty wedding of J. J. Frey and Miss Kate Hall, in Sedalia, last Tuesday evening, Prof. Chas. Gimbel, late of Lexington, officiated as chief bellows-squeezer and ivory-parer, at the organ.

Oysters have gone and are going down, in every sense. Powell is selling them at a crashing reduction—25 and 50 cents off on the can. They are the finest in the market, and about as cheap as pork.

The article on the first page this week, entitled "Leaf from the Note-Book of a Missionary," is from the pen of our friend, Rev. Thompson L. Smith, of this city, alike earnest and successful as a preacher and writer.

The St. Louis Dispatch, of last Monday, says: "Hugh T. Wilson, of Lexington, may be called the prince of country advertisers. Last week one whole page of the Caucasian bore witness to his liberality and enterprise."

Vick's Floral Guide for 1874. 200 pages; 500 engravings, and colored plate. Published quarterly, at 25 cents a year. First number for 1874 just issued. A German edition at the same price. Address James Vick, Rochester, N. Y.

Thanksgiving day—last Thursday—was quietly, and it may have been, properly kept. The fellow that promised to leave us a lot of dead-head turkeys, forgot to come to time, and the consequence is our oven runneth not over with fatness.

The great stock sale advertised by Strother Renick, of the Wellington region, didn't result as successfully as had been anticipated. The weather and the times were both unpropitious. Prices ran too low to justify a continuance of the sale.

Ball & Dixon, at the "Post-Office Confectionery," have received a large and varied stock of the finest fancy candies and confections. Give them a call, and make the occasion of asking for a letter the one for buying something nice for the children.

The luminous verdict of old brother Smith's coroner's jury, published in another column, declares that the victims of the Mercer house murder-scrape "came to their death after hearing the evidence." If they had said "after hearing the verdict," we shouldn't have been astonished.

Charming little juvenile parties coming into vogue. One Friday evening of last week, at the residence of John W. Waddell, on South street, in honor of the birthday of his bright and promising little daughter, Miss Susie. Another last evening, at Mr. Hixon's, on Franklin street, given by Miss Hattie. All the ten and twelve year old belles and beaux out in gorgeous array.

Rara avis, and the rarest of the kind. A German friend, Antoine Heisler, of Freedom township, who owed us a small matter of $110, voluntarily authorized his agent, F. Morath, a merchant of Old Lexington, to step up to the captain's office and shell out the greenies three days before the note was due. Here is straightforward, commendable business promptness, which in these close times, speaks well for all parties, and does us good.

Cumming's goodies are coming. He has returned from the East, where he has purchased an immense stock of fancy fruits and confections, and they will be here to-day or Monday; when the "City Fruit and News Depot" will be the most attractive place for Santa Claus to loiter. There, mothers and children and lovers and sweethearts can find just the thing for every purpose. Call and inspect this fine stock of fancy candies and fruits. It will repay the visit.

Great men are nearly always absent-minded. To illustrate: Last Saturday, a distinguished citizen of Lafayette county, having made some purchases from the great house of Wilson & Hutchison, prepared to return home in his spring-wagon. He got in, took the reins, and started; but the animals only moved a step or two, and stopped. The gentleman set his specs level on his eyes and looked through them; then he moved the goggles up on his forehead and reflected. He said, "Git up!" but darned a git up would they. Then being a good man, he bit his lips and looked subdued and meek, and leaned forward, and thought a heap; but still he could not solve the problem. After a while some rude men came by, and unloosed the halter with which the horses were tied to an awning post; and the good man was relieved from an embarrassing dilemma, and doubtless went home feeling that he had overcome an obstacle in life. He smiled sweetly upon us as he rolled away, "and his smile it was child-like and bland."

A REMARKABLE RECORD.

The Agent of the Life Association of America, for the Lexington district, has obtained for persons in this section of the state, Policies amounting to nearly nine hundred thousand dollars, a large proportion of which have been paid for and kept in force. Out of those which have been taken up, but $6,000, claims have arisen, and have been paid in two years. In the same time six men have died who made application for Life insurance, amounting in the aggregate to $20,000, for whom policies were issued, but not taken up. Does this not sustain the proposition enunciated by an eminent writer, that "Life insurance tends to prolong life?"

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BLOODY WORK.

The Slaying of Two Wild Young Men.

Lexington was full of rumors Monday about the murder of a pair of Ishmaelitic young men of this county—Wm. P. Dunn and David Clark—at the hands of Henry Mercer and his son-in-law, John Fresh, another pair of the same kind, who live about eight miles from the city. It seems that Dunn and Clark had driven a load of corn to market and were returning home. The day was unusually cold, and they stepped at Mercer's to warm. They were invited in the house; and it is said they behaved badly. Their conduct is given as an excuse for a row, in which Mercer was roughly handled, at the conclusion of which the young men started to go. While they were leaving the premises, Mercer and Fresh, who had got their guns, opened fire upon the young men, each picking his man. The shots were fatal. Dunn received a discharge of shot in the back, ran a short distance and expired. Clark also received his death wound in the back and died almost instantly where he was struck. Notwithstanding the verdict of the coroner's jury, the wounds of these two men are proof that they were retreating when killed, and the law will yet inquire into the manner of their death.

The bodies of the dead men remained thus until Tuesday morning, when the coroner and a posse of citizens arrived upon the scene. Each was lying where he had been killed, a clasped pistol in the hands of Dunn, and Clark lying at the door of Mercer's house. The Mercer family is said to be a large one, and a very ignorant set. They occupied the farm of Joseph Benton as tenants; while Dunn and Clark were tenants of W. J. Ferguson. We append the sworn statement of Sarah Howard, a member of the Mercer family, on which mainly the coroner's inquest was based. It is as follows:

SARAH HOWARD'S TESTIMONY.

Sarah Howard, of lawful age, being produced, sworn and examined, deposeth and saith, as follows: I was here at Mercer's house last night; I don't know who shot; after I got between my brother and the men, they both ran out of doors, then I heard the shots fired; the men were sober; Clark sat down by Mrs. Mercer; my brother went up stairs when I got between him and the men; after this I heard the shots fired; my brother had a gun up stairs, a double-barrel shotgun; I saw him him load the gun exhibited here; one of the men (Clark) said, when out in the yard, he wanted to shoot hell out of Mr. Mercer; and what caused the trouble, was the improper talk the men used to me and Mrs. Mercer; said they liked little girls, and bigger ones better; they had been at Mr. Mercer and my brother both before the shooting.

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SARAH X HOWARD.
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Mercer and Fresh are both in jail, awaiting an examination by the grand jury which meets next Monday.

Read Wilson & Hutchison's great Page Advertisement.

A CORONER'S JURY.

Acting as Court, Jury and Counsel.

A Remarkable Verdict.

On Monday night last, two young men of this county were killed by the Mercer family, who live a few miles from town. The young men were evidently killed while running away from those who killed them as one of them was found dead the next morning in a fence corner some distance from the house where the trouble commenced. The next day, Tuesday, a coroner's jury was impanneled by Harrison Smith, as the law requires in all unnatural deaths, or those around which suspicion may attach, to ascertain the cause of death, when, how, and by whom, if possible, but really under the Old English law the fact of death itself, which the law will not accept as true until a coroner's jury says so. This coroner's jury business is a little piece of red tape, which progress has so far failed to abolish. Its only real business, however, is to sit upon a dead body and report the fact that it is dead; for the law presumes every dead man—who dies unnaturally—to be possuming, until a coroner's jury decides that he is dead sure enough. With this prelude, we copy the following remarkable report of the inquest on the bodies of Wm. P. Dunn and David Clark:

We, the jury, having been duly sworn by Harrison Smith, coroner of Lafayette county, diligently to inquire and true presentment make in what manner and by whom David Clark and W. P. Dunn, whose dead bodies were found near the box house of Henry Mercer, on the Warrensburg road, Lafayette county, Missouri, came to their death, after hearing the evidence, by gunshot wounds inflicted upon them by Henry Mercer and John Fresh, and that the killing of said David Clark and W. P. Dunn, was a case of justifiable homicide, the same having been done in defense of their person and home.

Given under our hands and seals, this 25th day of November, A. D. 1873.

P. MOORE,
B. H. WILSON,
JOHN C. YOUNG, JR.,
LOUIS TUGENDRICH,
JAMES NICHOLS,
CHRIST. SCHAWE.

This little document, signed so liberally by good and clever citizens of Lexington, has produced a sensation in legal circles, second only to the congratulatory orders of Gen. Barriel, of Santiago de Cuba, on the execution of the Virginius crew and passengers. It was a masterly stroke of the pen on the part of the gentlemen of the coroner's jury, to say that this horrible double murder "was a case of justifiable homicide, the same having been done in defense of person and home." Notwithstanding which, we shall be surprised, if the grand jury does not indict all the parties connected with the affair for murder in the first degree.

The finest stock of goods ever brought to Lexington is going off at cost at Wilson & Hutchison's.

THE CONCORDIA POISONING.

The Caucasian, last week, contained a brief statement in regard to the poisoning, Sunday, Nov. 16, of Dr. Wm. C. West and family, of Concordia. The victims were the doctor, his wife and four children, two children of W. G. Buckner, of Brownsville, and Rev. Mr. Wright, a visitor. The evidence seems to show, that the outrageous attempt at wholesale murder was perpetrated by some miscreant, who entered the cellar Saturday night, and poisoned the beef intended for the family dinner next day. The agent employed was "dragonium"—the deadly extract of the common "jamestown" or "jimson" weed. The moment Dr. West discovered that his whole little household were poisoned, and before he lost his own clear sense of mind, he ordered powerful emetics; and to this promptness and decision, the sufferers, probably, all owe their lives. A telegraphic dispatch was instantly sent to his brother, Dr. E. S. West, of Brownsville. He sprang into a buggy and, accompanied by Dr. Pejot of the same place, made the fastest time on record in this region,—reaching Concordia, eight miles distant, in just forty minutes from the time the dispatch was started. When they reached the scene, the poison had, in spite of the emetical precautions of the chief victim, taken such violent effect as to render the entire party delirious; but immediate and vigorous treatment soon brought relief, and "all's well that ends well"—as this has. The would-be assassin has not yet been discovered.

When Wilson & Hutchison say they are selling at cost, the public expect to get bargains.

RELIGIOUS.

Elder George Plattenburg immersed one new recruit to the Christian church in Wellington, last Sunday evening.

Rev. J. J. Carden, of the Wellington circuit, South Methodist church, has recently held an interesting protracted meeting at Fairview.

It is stated that Elder H. H. Haley, a prominent minister of the Christian church, and well known in Lexington, has been compelled to quit preaching on account of ill health.

Elder J. R. Reavis, late of this city, has assumed pastoral charge of the Christian church at Platte City,—one of the strongest, wealthiest and most intelligent congregations of that faith in the state.

Brother Byers, of the Assembly Presbyterian church, has been holding interesting evening services during the week. The attendance shows that the zeal of the membership has been fanned into new life.

A meeting of unusual interest has been going on in the Baptist church at Jefferson City. The revival is said to be the most impressive which has ever taken place in that city, the average immersions being from six to ten each evening.

Rev. Dr. Montgomery, of Sedalia, is expected to preach in the Old School Presbyterian church, to-morrow morning and evening. If he should fail to put in an appearance, the pulpit will be filled in the morning, by Rev. J. M. Chaney.

A protracted meeting has been progressing during the week, in the Christian church on South street. Elder J. W. Wright, of Mason City, a zealous and indefatigable gospeller, is chief engineer. Good congregations have attended and considerable interest has been manifested; but so far no additions.

A rousing revival has been in progress, for some time past, among the highly colored and scented population of our neighbor village of Wellington. Last Sunday nine volunteers for Zion's armies were dipped in the Missouri river at the steamboat landing, and several took water by pouring or affusion at the church.

Brownsville sinners are getting a general shaking up. The Campbellite-Christians led the van with a rousing protracted meeting; the Southern Methodists are carrying on one now; the Baptists open fire week after next; and the Northern Methodists are to park their heavy guns and follow up the attack, after the naval onslaught closes.

Prof. Baldwin, of the State Normal School, at Kirksville, delivered a sound, sensible address at the Christian church, last Sunday evening, on the somewhat singular subject of "Soul-Building." It was a discourse on the proper training and educating of the immortal part of poor humanity,—the rearing, building-up, of truly noble spirit edifices.

Our esteemed friend and brother, Rev. Jas. A. Quarles, who recently left here to take the pastorate of High Street Presbyterian church, St. Louis, has never been able to preach since he reached his new field of labor. He was attacked with some acute disease of the throat, which threatened him with total loss of voice, and seriously alarmed his friends. We are glad to know that he is now convalescent, and hopes soon to resume the work to which he has dedicated his life.

We are in receipt, through the politeness of Elder J. V. B. Flack, of the printed proceedings of the annual council of the churches of Christ in the state of Missouri, which convened at Antioch church on the 28th of August. The pamphlet will be found unusually interesting to members of the church and eclectic christians. We are especially pleased with the enunciation of the principles of the Christian Union: 1. The Oneness of the Church. 2. Christ the only Head. 3. The Bible the Only Rule of Faith and Practice. 4. "Good Fruits" the Only Condition of Fellowship. 5. The Republican of Controversy. 6. Each Local Church Governs Itself. 7. Do not Preach Partisan Politics.

SERVICES TO-MORROW:

At Baptist, by Rev. Dr. Talbird.
At Catholic, by Rev. Father Hoog.
At Christian, by Elder J. W. Wright.
At Episcopal, by Rev. J. W. Duncan.
At Southern Methodist, by Rev. T. W. Cobb.
At Assembly Presbyterian, by Rev. J. H. Byers.
At Cumberland Presbyterian, by Rev. Frank Russell.
At Old School Presbyterian, by Rev. Dr. Montgomery or Rev. J. M. Chaney.

PERSONAL.

Those king-bees among Missouri railroaders, Ford and Hesford of the Pacific road, have just put a full supply of elegant reclining-chair coaches on their line. Passengers enjoy the luxury without extra charge.

Julius Abramowsky, the Caucasian's wide-awake and gossipy Brownsville correspondent, was in town yesterday, looking as fresh as a daisy bathed in mountain-dew, as pretty as a pink, and as happy as a large sun-flower.

W. W. Vaughn, of Brownsville, passed through here last Saturday, disguised in the newest broadcloth and the slickest stove-pipe he'd seen since the Chicago fire. It is needless to add that he was on a gal-hunting excursion.

The Richmond (Va.) Enquirer, of Nov. 22, gives one of our most valued friends this handsomely punning little note: "Col. A. W. Slayback was the principal speaker at the Cuban meeting at St. Louis. Slayback is a good slogan for Cuba."

The St. Louis Dispatch, of last Monday, contains these personal dots: "Capt. Robert Deathcrage, of Waverly, is in the city.....Capt. M. G. Jacobs, of Napoleon, Lafayette county, is in the city, and stopping at the Laclede. He is one of the most prosperous merchants of the West, and is here buying goods."

The St. Louis Dispatch, of Nov. 25, says: "Capt. Joseph L. Thomas, of Lexington, Mo., one of the most enterprising business men of the West, is in the city and stopping at the Laclede. He will remain here until the elegant new ferry-boat, built in St. Louis, for the river at Lexington, will be ready for its voyage, upward bound.

Elder J. V. B. Flack, to whom we are indebted for a copy of the proceedings of the convention of the churches of Christ in Missouri, is the editor of "The Christian Witness," organ of the Christian Union in the United States, published at McArthur, Vinton county, Ohio, and read by 35,000 Christians. Elder Flack resides at Hillsboro, Clinton county, this state.

It has become an established fact, an admitted maxim, that no true minister of the gospel, no genuine teacher of morals or religion, ever starts properly in this region till he has reported to the ecclesiastical department of the Caucasian. Aware of this fact, Elder Wright, of the Christian church, and Prof. Baldwin, of the Kirksville Normal School, embraced the first opportunity after morning service last Sunday, to hunt up and call on our most pious young man at his quarters. They seemed greatly edified and refreshed by their visit: Elder Wright, having thus begun aright, has conducted a largely attended afternoon and evening meeting, all the week, at the Christian church on South street; and Prof. Baldwin, after delivering an able lecture, Sunday evening, at the same beautifully-spired gospelry, has led or bossed the exercises of the Teachers' Institute, at Anlieville, ever since its opening, Monday morning.

We regret missing a visit last Sunday afternoon, at our quarters, from Hon. S. B. Elkins, congressional delegate from New Mexico. Lafayette county claims him as her son. He drew in his first lessons in wisdom's ways, at the old Masonic College on our historic heights; and he has always been closely identified by many tender ties with our people. His career has been one of which any young man might well be proud. As Attorney General of the rich province of his adoption, he rendered himself eminently popular throughout the length and breadth of the Territory. When he left that position, his partner was immediately chosen to fill his place, and he himself was elected to represent the interests of his people in the highest—(or lowest, which?)—council-halls of the nation. We trust our beauteous friend on the Georgetown heights, knowing him as she does, will throw her fairy shield around him, to ward off from his young head and heart the ten thousand times ten thousand evil influences which hover about the Capitol.

The following ladies and gentlemen were enrolled as members of the Anlieville Teachers' Institute on the first day of the session: W. F. Rahlman, Samuel McReynolds, Sallie B. Smith, J. G. Wortmington, Celia Kice, D. H. Hill, Nettie B. Wallace, W. L. Robinson, J. P. Latham, J. L. Ford, Maggie C. Humphrey, G. M. Catron, P. A. Fisher, G. W. Jones, D. A. Ridgeway, Jr., Rudolph Kriesheice, Z. B. Graves, J. W. Tomkins, W. E. Clark, W. T. Doyle, Georgia A. Letchworth, G. W. Harrison, J. D. Corder, C. D. Ragland, Elizabeth Tally, S. M. Harris, F. Johnston, Taylor Winn, Mildred Johnson, J. D. Conner, W. H. Lay, W. F. Walkenhorst, H. T. Moore, J. B. Jones, D. Ella Shaw, Ava Shaw, Nannie S. Shaw, Mary F. Carpenter, Mary M. McDowell, Gussie Clowsley, Lucy W. McFarland, Bettie R. Arnold, Jennie W. Finley, Betty A. Drysdale, C. H. Lacy, C. O. Smith, W. T. Brown, G. M. Deatheridge, Sue Percival, Fannie Burk, Mary Maddox, Lamar Bedsworth, W. C. White.

Henry Alexander, of Nodaway county, shot and killed Jacob Norrick, on the 20th. They had been to Texas to purchase cattle, and had quarreled over a division.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

Proceedings Up to Wednesday Evening.

MONDAY, NOV. 24.
AULLVILLE, NOV. 26, 1873.

MESSRS. EDITORS: We are happy to inform you that the Institute, now in session at this place, opened with a large number of teachers present, which number increased rapidly during the day. We were introduced into the work of the Institute by a fervent prayer, delivered by Prof. Baldwin. After which we were edified by a very interesting and practical address by our worthy Superintendent, Geo. Catron. The Institute was then organized into systematic working order by Prof. Baldwin, who seems to be a perfect master of the art. The essays, lectures and illustrations were particularly fine. Neither space nor time will allow us to make a particular notice of those participating in the exercises; however, we feel it our duty to say that the essay read by Miss Ella Shaw was especially fine. The citizens seem to be alive to the success of the Institute. This, with the wholly new manner of conducting the exercises, promises a greater success in the way of an Institute than Lafayette county has ever known before.

MONDAY EVENING.—Was made very interesting by the music, the essay and two or three five-minute speeches by the teachers; also by the successful effort of Prof. Baldwin in his lecture on "School and Family Government."

TUESDAY, NOV. 25.

The Institute met promptly at 8:30 a. m., and opened with good music, and a fervent prayer by Rev. L. Bedsworth. The work of the Institute then commenced with much zeal on the part of those engaged; the essays and lectures being full of practical hints, whilst the class drills were fully carried out to illustrate those hints. The second division of the morning's work on the "Culture of Attention," was well presented by Miss Bettie Arnold and P. A. Fisher in elegantly written and well-read essays. A lecture was then delivered by Prof. Baldwin, who seems to have given large thought to the subject of "Attention."

AFTERNOON.—The afternoon session was fully as interesting as the forenoon, and somewhat intensified by the large attendance of citizens, who have spared no effort to make the Institute a success, not only by their attendance, but by their universal hospitality.

EVENING.—The evening session was introduced by good music, followed by a very cogent and able address by W. T. Doyle, showing the necessity of compulsory education. Prof. C. C. Smith presented the opposite side of this subject in a very forcible and sympathetic manner. Our attention was then directed to the lecture on the "Elements of Greatness," which Prof. Baldwin delivered with such vividness as to arouse a seeming involuntary resolution on the part of each individual of the large audience present to attempt something above mere animal existence.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 26.

The Institute opened this morning with prayer by Prof. Baldwin. Miscellaneous business was then attended to; among other things there was a committee of seven appointed on resolutions. The subject of "Grammar" was then presented by W. F. Rahlman in an interesting essay, which was followed by others who presented the subject in such a light as to please most that were present. The subject of "Memory" was then presented by essays and lectures that fully demonstrated its importance in the school work.

AFTERNOON.—The afternoon session of to-day was honored by the presence of Maj. Merwin, the distinguished editor of the American Journal of Education, who took an active part in the exercises of the occasion, most especially in the subject of "History," showing very clearly that more importance should be attached to this subject than there really is at the present time. The subject of "School Regulation" was well presented by the essays, and lecture with illustrations by Prof. Baldwin, from which all present must have received new and valuable ideas.

EVENING.—The exercises were introduced by music, followed by an address on the subject of "Corporal Punishment" by Z. B. Graves, who made a fine display of rhetoric, and showed that he had weighed well the subject in question. Col. DeMotte was then invited to the floor and stated briefly that he heartily endorsed Mr. Graves' sentiments on that subject, and did not wish to quarrel with one who advocated greatly the abolishment of the rod. He then engaged in a highly appreciative discussion of the utility of education and a good school law. Maj. Merwin closed with a lengthy address abounding in wit and humor, which more securely riveted the many truths he put forth upon the minds of the large audience present.

[From Another Correspondent.]

FIRST DAY.

AULLVILLE, MO., Nov. 27.

EDITORS CAUCASIAN: At the opening of the Institute there were present quite a large number of teachers. After the organization, Mr. Graves of Lexington was elected Secretary, and Superintendent Geo. Catron delivered the opening address. We did not hear the whole of the address but the concluding portion was most sound and excellent. In summing up his address, Mr. Catron said "Mental knowledge is nothing, compared with moral education; moral education is first in importance. An immoral man or woman is not fit for a teacher. A teacher's example will always tell more powerfully than his precept." We would that these were the pervading sentiments and spirit inculcated and diffused among the teachers of the Free Schools throughout the country, and the tendencies of the system.

The teachers were then duly enrolled, and arranged in classes. They numbered about 50. We then had three essays; one each from Miss Clowsley, Miss Wallace and Miss Humphreys. All were good, but Miss Wallace's was very excellent. Then we had a lecture by Prof. Baldwin, of one of our Normal Schools. He gave us in a very easy and familiar manner, some instruction on subjects necessary to be known by all teachers. Such as a Knowledge of the School Law, Special Contracts with the School Board, School Furniture, Wood and building fires. Then how a school should be opened. Reading from the Bible verses from the word of God. Then pray, using the Lord's prayer as a model. Religion, said the Prof. emphatically, has a wonderful effect in teaching. We were glad to hear one so high in authority and influence say this. And yet we could not help feeling at the time that the tendency and struggle of a majority of educators controlling these matters are to exclude the Bible and all religious teaching.

In the afternoon we heard several lectures from teachers of the institute. Among these a very clear one on teaching arithmetic by Mr. Z. B. Graves of Lexington; showing a thorough knowledge of and practical acquaintance with the art of teaching it. Mr. G. is one of our best teachers.

After this, Prof. Baldwin gave a lecture on the Method of Culture, illustrated by a chart. It is high time that some good teacher should give Baldwin on Government. He divided this lecture under several heads: First element, he said, was power. Second, control, third, confidence. Fourth, energy and vigilance. Fifth, police. Prof. Baldwin's matter is much better than his manner.

SECOND DAY.

The essay on reading, as is usual on this subject, contained a number of good rules, very badly read. Another essay was read by Miss Arnold, with great ease, on the Habit of Attention. The treatment of the subject was well considered, and was followed in the same way by a male teacher.

Prof. Baldwin occupied the time on the Habit of Attention. All his lectures on the mind were simply an abridged analysis of what we find in the text books used in our higher schools and colleges. The subject was new and novel to most of the teachers they attracted good attention. Prof. Baldwin concluded his remarks by informing that his lectures on Government prepared by him would be published in the School Journal for which periodical he was ready to take money in payment for subscriptions from the teachers. Such a condition however instructive or eloquent, is always unfortunate if not in bad taste.

Our opinion of the work from the start set forth in the discussions of all these subjects as to the right way of teaching, was that the machinery presented, was growing too complicated for imparting knowledge successfully, and the changes too radical and many. Our idea has been, that the more we can simplify and follow nature, the better we succeed in instructing children. He is the best teacher who can make things plainest. Be natural; as Mr. Graves said, too much minutiae insisted on confuses both teacher and pupil. We think that too much time has been taken up in instructing the teachers in regard to the minor childish tricks, natural to the period of childhood; treating them too much as crimes. Every sensible teacher can take care of these things.

THIRD DAY.

Several essays were read. Miss Nannie Shaw read one on the subject of Memory. Mr. Johnson followed on the evils of the Rote Method. Many mistakes were made on this subject, resulting from want of experience. The very confusion in the management of his manuscript, losing his place several times, demonstrated the value of the Rote Method, against which he was pleading. Prof. Baldwin gave another lecture on Memory. He drilled the class in those elementary principles, with which every one who attempts to teach ought to be familiar, before they take charge of a school. We were glad to see from that Prof. B. seems to be convinced that all the teachers were totally ignorant of Mental Philosophy. We did not agree with him in the position he took, in decrying the attempt of his parents and early teachers, in endeavoring to store his memory with religious and moral truths, because he did not then understand clearly the vital truths they tried to instruct him in. For instance he despised the goodly efforts they made to teach him the Catechism—he said he did not know it yet. Our experience has been different; we thank God, and are grateful to our parents and friends, for our early teachings; they are more clear to us now than more recent things. They have grown brighter and brighter till this day. They have been our guiding stars in many dark nights, on the pathway of life. And to-day, if we did not know the Catechism we would begin now to learn it. Depend on it, we can't safely despise these ancient landmarks, and if the effect of Free School teaching is to blot them out or make us despise good old home, Bible lessons learned at our mother's knee, and clustering around our tenderest, holiest associations, our fears for the results are greater than our hopes.

If such crowds continue at Wilson & Hutchison's, as during last week, their great stock of splendid and desirable goods will vanish like snow under a tropical sun.

Jno. Kincaid died in Boone county on the 5th, aged 77. His daddy built and manned Kincaid's fort in Cooper's bottom. He came to Missouri in 1801, and was a pensioner of the revolutionary war.

HELD.

The Caucasian, several months ago, contained an account of the burning of Ernest Vogel's house, in Washington township, in which one or two members of his family perished. Strange as it may seem under the circumstances, suspicion fell upon him; and he was arrested on the charge of having set fire to the building. His preliminary examination before Justice Clayton closed last Monday, and resulted in his being held in $5,000, to await the action of the grand jury. C. G. Ludwigs and G. A. Krisin became his securities. Taking into consideration the fact that Vogel's children died in the flames, it seems to us highly improbable, if not utterly impossible, that he could have been the monstrous originator of the conflagration.

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Murders are said to be daily increasing in frequency in the Indian Territory; but the reports may come from individuals who are interested in the extension of yankee governmental authority in that region.

The Plum and Rosecranz railroad projects in Mexico have come to grief. The permission to construct a road from the Rio Grande frontier to the City of the Montezumas, for which they have long been laboring, has been granted to a company of native greasers.

The instructions of the Missouri state authorities of the Patrons of Husbandry, to subordinate lodges, is that editors cannot become members. What would the order have amounted to, if it hadn't been for the good will of editors? And what will it be without them?

MARRIED.

Married—Near Dover, Nov. 20, by Rev. Mr. Kerr, Mr. Henry Moore, of Arkansas, and Miss Kate Fleming, of Lafayette county. Attendants: Mr. R. W. Cox and Miss Lucy Fleming; Mr. Edgar Fleming and Miss Ozie Atkinson, of Arkansas.

.....In Lewisburg, Greenbrier county, West Virginia, Nov. 12, by Rev. Mr. Lacy, Mr. John S. Price, son of ex-Governor Saul. Price, and Miss Sue McIlhaney, formerly well-known in Lexington society.

.....In this city, Nov. 20, by Granville Clayton, J. P., Mr. T. B. Miller, of Moberly, and Miss Bettie G. Higgins, of this county.

DIED.

Died—At the residence of her father, John J. Waddell, near this city, Nov. 17, Mrs. Mary E., wife of Lieut. R. B. Moore.

.....Near Wellington, Nov. 13, of diphtheria, Thomas, infant son of H. L. and Martha Kinkead.

.....Near Wellington, Nov. 13, Mrs. Sarah, wife of Henry Hutson.

.....In this city, Nov. 24, infant son of Thomas and Emma Tebbs.

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1. That a newspaper office is a business establishment, by which editors and printers must make a living.

2. That a man has the same right to walk into a grocery store, and order a barrel of sugar or a sack of coffee; or into a law office, and demand a legal opinion from its occupant; or into an undertaker's, and request a coffin; without offering or expecting to pay for their respective wares or services;—as into a newspaper office, and demand the use of its brains, muscle and type, without a thought of recompense.

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4. That dead-beating, political, personal, and commercial, on the Missouri press, is played out.

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