...ton Caucasian.

RAILROAD TIME TABLE.

...AVE LEXINGTON.

...and Pacific for St. ..... 5:30 A. M.
...Louis, East ..... 6:10 P. M.
...R. R.

ARRIVE.

...and from St. Louis, ... 9:00 A.M.
...and Freight from ..... 5:40 P. M.

...W. BRODES, Agent.

...NOUNCEMENT.

...authorized to announce ETHAN ...candidate for Mayor at the ensuing ...election.

...authorized to announce CHARLES ...as candidate for City Marshal at ...election.

...authorized to announce A. W. HUT... candidate for Register at the ensu... election.

...MOCRATS OF LAFAYETTE COUNTY.

...call from the state executive ...the Democrats of Lafayette ...assemble in mass meeting in ...live township on Saturday, ...the purpose of selecting mem... county executive committees. ...important that this should ...early day, so that good and ...may be selected. This no... ...the time early that none may ...Remember the day, and ...democrat, anxious for the ad... ...the true interests of your ...hand. Lexington at court... ...Middleton, at Waverly; Clay, at ...Bel-air-Bar, at Mount Hope; ...at Wheatley's school house; ...Aullville; Freedom, at Aull... ...at Dover—at 1 P. M., unless ...changed.

LEWIS, Chm. Ex. Com.
...., Secretary. tf

LOCAL SCRAPS.

...Cypress is no better.

...Forum" at the council meeting last ...

...mare belonging to W. A. Chanslor ...day.

...more rain yesterday—just enough ...

...to-whole merchants are constantly ...goods.

...drops here yet; 12½ cents per ...price asked now.

...at the Franklin House last Mon... ...a grand reunion.

...Winner has been "down" with a ...few days this week.

...ther of Rev. Dr. Camp was buried ...cemetery last Thursday.

...wy ruins of the present week have ...grading upon Pine street.

...the Saline county murderer, now ...battery, is feigning insanity.

...Keens can be found at R. F. ...ore. He has graduated in railroad...

...ought by our farmers that the wheat ...all low lands will be an entire fail...

...very means to get crops in early. ...losses must now be made up by ...

...snow fell in this city yesterday—...course, but still enough to say that ...

...of property, was sold last week, by ...trator, for $600. Thos. Williams ...purchaser.

...low type, and "huntsman," Wm. ...gets a fine sow and pigs last Monday. ...into the stock-raising "biz."

...T. Price informs us that he will ...tently in the practice of law, at St. ...predict for him a brilliant future.

...Keller has returned, but he didn't ...home with him. He will "fetch ...time, sure. If she dont go back on ...

...gregational meeting of the members ...Presbyterian church will be held ...after the morning service to-mor...

...line of the North Missouri and Pa... ...point three hours late Tuesday morn... ...account of change of time on both ...

...for an invitation to be present at ...annual Home Exhibition, to be held ...Lafayette county, on the 27th, 28th and ...May.

...federation of Lafayette Presbytery, ...called a special meeting of said pres... ...at Brownsville, Saline county, ...of May.

...'t got enough for our own use," is ...most favorable answer given by our ...those inquiring for butter. The crop ...exceedingly deficient this spring.

...Knights Templars are having their new ...the Lexington Savings Bank, just in ...der, and when finished it will be one ...finest rooms in the upper country. ...Odd Fellows of this city have re... ...regalia and are perfecting them... ...unwritten work of the order. They ...among their membership some of the ...of Lafayette.

...of our citizens had an idea that Kel... ...blowing" about the new stock of ...gentleman's furnishing goods ex... ...spring, all they have to do is to call ...at his late arrivals.

...re. Smallwood & Taylor have pur... ...vacant strip of ground between H. ...and Duvall & Alstadt's stores, and ...build a house thereon for their Ab... ...A good location.

...following was written on an envelope, ...published upon the P. O. this week: ...DeMotte, Esq., Jig and Clog Dancer, ...Green Hickory; also Postmaster, and ...Agent, Lexington, Missouri."

...portion of the basement wall of Mr. ...Haynes, on Pine street, was under... ...water from the street, last Sunday ...about 16 feet fell out. Mr. N. talks of ...City for the amount of damages sus...

...Grand Opening at Hugh T. Wilson's ...Emporium, last Saturday night, was a ...success. Hugh certainly knows just ...to get people to this market, and his ...employing them to the best advantage is ...

...Lafayette Lodge, No. 38, Lexington ...No. 16, and Lexington Chapter, No. 10, ...of Masonic bodies in the state outside ...is reported as having extended aid to ...who suffered last summer. Each of ...the above named lost $25.

...Henry Maney met with quite a severe ...last Saturday. While descending the ...the residence of C. B. Scott, on Frank... ...he made a mis-step and fell head... ...the bottom, breaking her collar bone ...herself otherwise.

...closed in this vicinity almost contin... ...Saturday to Wednesday last. Sunday ...of the gloomiest days ever experienced, ...pouring down in torrents and a strong ...wind blowing almost a gale the entire ...with the exception of about an hour in the ...

...twitstanding the heavy rain, the at... ...at be burying of Mr. Scheutzel, last ...was very large, and the family of the ...are grateful that his old friends and ...did not allow the inclemency of the ...to deter them from paying this last ...respect to his remains.

...ng has the largest assortment of candies ...its, cigars, &c., west of St. Louis. ...get him when you need anything in ...He also keeps a full line of stationery, ...newspapers, all the standard maga... ...German and English illustrated journals. ...He can be found at No. 67 Main street. ...advertisement elsewhere. tf

...mong the list of physicians in attend... ...the State Medical Association, St. ...we notice the names of Dr. A. V. Small, ...ty; G. W. Seeber, Higginsville; P. S. ...n, Wellington; W. C. Webb and Wm. ...Dover. Dr. "Pat." was placed upon ...on sections, and Dr. Webb made ...vice-presidents of the society for the ...year.

...notice the fine new slide-seat buggies ...the appearance of having been cast in ...mould, passing through the streets last ...Upon inquiry we learned that they ...been purchased from D. Russell & Co., ...lar carriage manufacturers on Frank... ...st, by the Messrs. Wall, of Johnson ...Davis also sold the same parties three ...year.

...e feel sorry for our old friend Julian, ...Warrensburg Democrat. He is now for... ...such a nigger school, and a night school ...The last copy of his paper contains ...al: "Our class in penmanship meets at ...our school every full moon. Scholars, ...Knott, E. Allen, J. T. Child, and Col. ...from a distance, and lots of home ...boys." It would seem from his list of scholars that the negroes of his region are naming their children after the great men of the age.

☞ Capt. "Dick" Collins was in the city last Thursday, en route for Jefferson City, to ascertain just what character of claims would be considered by the legislative committee appointed by the late General Assembly, for the purpose of presenting Missouri's account against the General Government for war expenditures. The Captain will return on or about the 1st of May, and will then be prepared with the necessary information, forms, &c., and will act as attorney for parties before the committee. His headquarters will be at the Caucasian office.

☞ Mr. G. A. Krisbn, the old and well known boot, shoe and hat merchant, No. 77 Main street, is now in receipt of his stock of goods in his line, which old and new customers will find exactly suited to their wants. Mr. K. has been engaged in this branch of business in our midst for more than ten years, and we have yet to hear of the first one of his customers who was dissatisfied with any goods recommended by him. A fair profit, strict honesty, and close attention to business, has, and will continue to be his motto. Call and see him.

☞ A butcher's boy was galloping a blind horse through Main street last Monday morning, when one of our city scavengers, a porker of about two hundred pounds weight, became alarmed, and of course ran directly in front of the horse just at the wrong time. The consequence was, the horse was thrown down, the boy was pitched headlong into the mud, and the porker immediately resovered from his scare and commenced stirring up another pile of filth. The boy picked himself up, took his spite out in cursing and kicking the innocent horse, mounted and rode away at a somewhat slower gait.

☞ Messrs. A. J. Hall, Geo. S. Rathbun and Alex. Graves are in Jefferson City in attendance upon the U. S. Court now in session in that city. It is expected that the Lafayette county head cases will come up for trial at the present term. Among the published proceedings of the U. S. Court, now in session in Jefferson City, we find the following: "T. A. Crook vs. Lafayette county; motion to strike amended petition from the files—leave granted till 22d, to plead to original petition." "Long and Briggs vs. Lafayette county; defendant to plead by 22d inst." "The various suits against the directors of the St. Louis and St. Joseph railroad company, have been compromised on a payment of $15,000 into court."

☞ Messrs. Grimes & Venable have received from New York, three beautiful Greek crosses, of solid gold, engraved "Presented by Grimes & Venable, June, 1874." The medals are intended as prizes, to be given to one of the young ladies in each of our three female seminaries, for superior excellency in some branch of study, but what particular study has not as yet been definitely decided upon. They have also received three gold medals, the regular prizes given each year at the Elizabeth Aull Seminary, for superiority in Spelling, Penmanship and Music. They are all beautiful in design, elegantly engraved, and of solid gold. All the medals are on exhibition at the jewelry store of Messrs. G. A. V., Main street, where they can be seen by all wishing to examine them.

☞ There is no article of clothing worn by a gentleman which adds or detracts from his appearance so much as his hat. If he has a miserable tile upon his head, all the fine clothing he may pile upon his back will not make him presentable. Upon the other hand, if his hat is a good one and of the prevailing style, with the assistance of a clean shirt, and a cent's worth of blacking on his boots he is well enough dressed for any society. Our advice, therefore, to our friends, is to improve the opportunity now presented for getting not only a good and stylish hat, but one exactly fitted to your head, which can be worn with ease the entire day, and which, like the nose or ears, must fit the place intended for them, in order to be O. K. Call at the City Hotel and see the latest fashions in this line, have your measure taken, and get a hat that will be a pleasure and comfort to you while it lasts. Mr. Gray, agent for Hen. Wood, of Kansas City, will take pleasure in furnishing you with it.

TO FARMERS.

Having been questioned repeatedly regarding the McCormick reaper firm entering into a combination with manufacturers of other reapers and mowers, we take this method of informing the farmers of Lafayette county, that all such rumors are entirely without foundation. On the contrary, after having repeatedly been urged to do so, we have refused, preferring to sell our machines on their merits alone, as we have for thirty years, and as long as we can manufacture a machine, and with safety offer it on free trial the entire harvest with any other machine, as we have done and do now, we do not think there is any need of combination on our part, and we think the farmers will remember this when they are purchasing machines.

In addition to our Combined Advance, that you all know so well, we have the Seiberling Dropper attached to our prize Mower, which makes the best combined dropper in the world. We guarantee it to reap as well as any dropper, and to cut grass *where all others fail.*

We also have a new grain machine of light draft for large crops only.

If farmers wish to purchase directly from the manufacturer, they can do so from us, as we are the only manufacturers represented here who are responsible for the guarantees made by agents.

We shall have our machines on exhibition in time, and we ask the farmers to give us a call and examine our machines before purchasing elsewhere.

C. H. McCORMICK.
By D. H. CARTER, Agent.

THE BOB-TAIL.

Our report last week, we fear, will prove groundless in regard to the Pacific road getting possession of the road across the river. It is now reported that the North Missouri has leased it, and what has given currency to the report is the fact that Mr. Hoge, lately elected president of the St. Louis, Kansas City and Northern road, with Col. Van Horn and several of the directors, came down to the river Wednesday and after examining the surroundings, left with his car for St. Joseph, to inspect the road thoroughly, and it was concluded by the directors that if it was needed and could be used to advantage that it would be adjusted by his company. Should the North Missouri not take hold of it the owners of the road will run it themselves. They have engaged a company, elected their officers and a short time only can elapse before it will be in full operation, or at least the trains between this city and Richmond will be running.

THE RIVER.

River on a stand, with 5 feet in the channel.

Steamer Emily LaBarge passed up at 6 P. M. Tuesday, with a large lot of passengers. She discharged a large amount of freight at this point. She passed down yesterday evening, and received from Mitchell & Riddell, a good lot of freight for points below.

The steamer Joe Kinney will be the next boat from St. Louis. She leaves Saturday with Capt Porter in command. Patty Burton and Bill Ball will be her pilots.

Capt. Ware's steamer Mattamore from St. Joseph is due down. She will go only to the mouth of Osage river.

We are glad to hear that Capt. Geo. Riddell has associated himself with Zack Mitchell in the steamboat and commission business. The Captain has many friends on the river who wish him success.

PHOTOGRAPHS! PHOTOGRAPHS!

J. H. Duvall's Gallery of Arts is the center of attraction, and persons calling can be accommodated with the best pictures of every variety and the latest style usually made in Photograph Rooms. He makes from the large Solar Picture down to the smallest Gem. Particular attention is paid to copying old pictures to any size that may be wanted. Call and see specimens. Gallery 77½ Main street. J. H. DUVALL.

LADIES! LADIES!

Have you heard the glad tidings? What! don't you know that Mrs. Arnold has received her spring stock of millinery? Goodness! Well, you are behind the times! But it is not too late yet; go at once and take a look, even if you are not just ready to purchase. And the prices! Why, you will hardly miss the money, after you have purchased a full outfit for the family! Call at once.

NEW MILLINERY.

Mrs. M. F. Price has just received her spring stock of ladies' hats, bonnets, ribbons, flowers, laces, notions, &c., and respectfully asks all her former customers and others to drop in and examine the goods. Her prices will, as heretofore, be as low as the lowest.

ASK FOR IT

And buy no other brand, the celebrated Black Alpaccas manufactured by Wilson & Co., Bradford, England.

HUGH T. WILSON, Agent.

EDITORIAL CONVENTION.

Citizens' Meeting Monday Night.

Pursuant to the call published, a number of the leading citizens of Lexington met in the parlor of the city hotel, for the purpose of taking preliminary steps towards the entertainment of the members of the Editorial Convention to assemble here on the 20th of May.

On motion, Mayor A. H. McFadden was called to the chair, and Wm. H. Chiles chosen secretary.

Col. M. L. DeMotte, at the request of the chairman, briefly explained the objects of the meeting as above given.

Judge W. T. Wood, A. A. Lesueur, Esq., Col. Jno. Reid, Judge Geo. H. Ambrose and others, addressed the meeting, suggesting plans as to how the purposes of the proper hospitality could be best promoted, and all promised a hearty co-operation, with money and personal effort to make the affair a success.

On motion of Judge Ambrose, it was resolved that a committee of ten be appointed, who should co-operate with the press committee and the committee of the City Council to make necessary arrangements.

The chairman was empowered to appoint this committee, and report the members selected to the secretary of the meeting by 12 m. Tuesday, in order that the list might be published in the city papers.

On motion of Capt. Lesueur, the chairman of the press committee was empowered to call the several committees together for co-operation and work.

On motion of Col. Reid, the several committees were authorized to appoint whatever subcommittees might be necessary.

On motion the meeting adjourned until the first Monday in May, unless sooner called together by the Committee of Arrangements.

A. H. McFADDEN, Chairman.
WM. H. CHILES, Secretary.

COMMITTEE OF CITIZENS.

M. W. Withers,	Capt. A. A. Lesueur,
Judge G. H. Ambrose,	C. O. Grimes,
Edward Winser,	Wm. H. Chiles,
H. L. Barksdale,	H. J. E. Ahrens,
Benj. Marshall,	Thos. B. Wallace.

COMMITTEE ON PART OF CITY COUNCIL.

A. H. McFadden,	Robert Hale,
W. A. Chanslor,	C. H. Ballard,

L. Bauerly.

PRESS COMMITTEE.

E. Allen,	M. L. DeMotte,
Jno. S. Davis,	J. T. Child,

Jas. O'Gorman.

COUNCIL ROOM, April 23, 1874.

The three committees, having in charge the arrangements for the reception and entertainment of the editorial convention, met upon the call of the press committee, and effected an organization by electing Judge Geo. H. Ambrose chairman and Wm. H. Chiles secretary.

The three committees were then divided for work with the following sub-committees:

ON FINANCE.

H. J. E. Ahrens,	M. W. Withers,
J. W. Bedford,	C. O. Grimes,

E. G. Ricketts.

ON RECEPTION.

Ethan Allen,	Mark L. DeMotte,
Jno. S. Davis,	Geo. H. Ambrose,

A. H. McFadden.

ON BANQUET.

Benj. Marshall,	A. A. Lesueur,
Thos. B. Wallace,	W. A. Chanslor,

James O'Gorman.

ON BALL.

H. L. Barksdale,	C. E. Ballard,
Robert Male,	J. T. Child,

Wm. H. Chiles.

On motion the committees adjourned to meet on Tuesday, April 28, at 4 o'clock p. m.

GEO. H. AMBROSE, Chairman.
WM. H. CHILES, Secretary.

LINWOOD GRANGE.

BONDHOLDERS ARE NO BETTER THAN PLOWHOLDERS—REDUCTION OF TAXES.

EDITORS CAUCASIAN: Your correspondent had the pleasure of visiting Dover on Saturday, 18th inst. and of participating in the hospitalities of Linwood grange. The little town was thronged with all classes of people—bondholders excepted. Grangers were there with their wives and blooming daughters, and those who were not grangers, but felt a deep interest in the order, and in the last named element of it particularly, were there. Dinner was announced at 12 o'clock, and all were invited to a feast that would have done honor to any occasion. All that refined taste or skillful cuisine could suggest, was spread out in bountiful profusion, and the lover of dainties, as well as the abstemious plain eater, had an opportunity to indulge their fancy and whims to any extent and in any manner their peculiar craving might incline. Honesty seemed met around that board, and the solid spirit of the country, graced with the loveliest charms of her women, presented a spectacle for the contemplation of those who would crush the life out of a people, that must prove the utter futility of the attempt. Not for the first time in the history of a nation has the living spirit of liberty caught fire in the hearts of its yeomanry, but for the first time are the tillers of the soil—the bulwarks of national prosperity—seen with their wives and their virgins moving forward in organic union to meet the issues and grapple with the vices of a corrupted age. At 2 o'clock Mr. Neal introduced Mr. James A. Boyd, who delivered an address, full of earnest thought, practical sense and noble sentiment. Mr. Boyd explained the causes of our financial distress, and showed the power of the patrons of husbandry; declared there was no war between farmers and merchants, presented the grasping cupidity of the east, and her desire to make slaves of the west and south, and closed with an appeal for honesty in office and a condemnation of monopolies and corruption. His speech took hold of the vital interest of the farmer, and was delivered in such a manner that he won the attention of all, and reflects credit on the farmer-orator of Lafayette.

THE ST. LOUIS LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.

This is the largest Stock Life Insurance Company in the world. It has a paid up capital of one million, which is so much additional security to policy holders. Some of the most prominent men in the country are policy holders, which fact is a sufficient guarantee that the company is a stable one. Since its reconstruction its progress has been unexampled; and in less than two months it has issued nearly two hundred thousand policies. During the same time it has increased its surplus to over $100,000. The expenses of this company have been greatly reduced, its capital greatly increased, and its agency force rendered more effective. It has adopted the principle of "so much money for so much insurance," thus simplifying the negotiation so that each applicant can decide for himself. Its officers and directors are men of the highest standing, wealth and business reputation. Its president is a gentleman of more than national fame. It now has the entire confidence of the public, and is destined in a short time, under its present judicious management, to lead the list of American Life Insurance Companies. apr25-1t

BIRTHS.

Born—In this city, Sunday night, the 19th inst., to the wife of Major John K. Ryland, a fine boy.

MARRIED.

Married—At the residence of the bride's father, James B. Hord, on Thursday, April 16th, 1874, by Rev. C. Redricks, Mr. JOSEPH B. MAJOR and Miss LOUISA W. HORD, all of this county.

DIED.

Died—At the residence of James Iles, near Mayview, Lafayette county, on the 14th day of April, WILLIAM T. HALL, son of W. v. and Sarah J. Hall, aged 19 years and 3 months.

— In this city April 23rd, 1874, Mrs. MARTHA YOUNG, wife of Jno. C. Young, Sr., aged 74 years.

— In this city, April 12th, 1874, Mrs. MARGARET BENNETT, aged 43 years.

— In this county, Sunday April 19th, 1874, infant daughter of Dudley and Jane Love, aged three weeks.

— In Dover, April 22, 1874, MADGE TRIGG, infant daughter of Rev. W. F. and Sarah E. Camp.

NEW GOODS.

We have just received a lot of beautiful spring prints, and some novelties in linen collars, cuffs and ruchings.

mar7-tf McCAUSLAND & BEDFORD.

The most genteel and economical dress a Lady can wear is one made up of the Wilson & Co. Black Alpaccas for sale by

HUGH T. WILSON.

LAFAYETTE COUNTY NEWS.

ALL AROUND LEXINGTON.

MAYVIEW.

Your humble servant has caught it too; don't think anything will help me but to write a letter to the Caucasian. The most of your correspondents who have had it have had a rough time with it—particularly the one from Thief Neck. Hailing from such a locality nothing better could be expected. He took a dose of ground buck's horn, hickory ashes, Merrill's condition powders, one quart of bust head and one can of axle grease, and is now better. Your correspondent from Mount Debility, "Tint," would do well to take a dose of the same, barring the bust head and using one pint of soft soap instead.

The crusaders have come and Mayview is shaken from center to circumference, and that means a great deal. They first called on Dr. Bouton. You know how polite and agreeable Doc is? He met them half way down the counter with one of his blandest smiles and offered to shew his goods. One of them, who was the leader, commenced imploring the doctor to cease selling the dreadful stuff. But Bouton, nothing daunted, referred them to Mr. John W. White as the one responsible in the premises. John came forward to defend himself and said: we ship our drugs that come in barrels via North Missouri Valley railroad, but, ladies and gentlemen, ere long we expect to ship direct from Kansas City via the great Wyandotte, Kansas City, Mayview, Arrow Rock, St. Louis New Orleans and Galveston railroad, which will offer unusual advantages to all persons. John now began a set speech, and when he was done the crowd was immense and cheer upon cheer went up for the president of the Narrow Gauge. John followed up by saying that the long house under the hill was doing a big business in that line, with Tom behind the counter and uncle Rube to set up the pins. The crusaders "lit out" for Tom and Rube's. Seeing the crowd coming Rube met them on the platform and asked what he could do for them. They plead with him to turn from his evil way. He told them he had done that in Shelby county, Kentucky, and was now prepared to show them as nice a stock of goods in his line as any house in the city. They asked if whisky was in his line. He said he was just out but would send and get them some if they were dry. Tom pointed to Waterhouse & Keith's mill and told them that it was made there, and away they went, encountering Hez in the office where they began on him. He told them to go away; that he had been to Kansas City lately and had taken a ride on the Narrow Gauge and his back was hurting him and threatened to turn the mud valve loose on them. They left to hunt up attorney Oliver to bring suit against Hez for threats, insults, etc.

If a full corps of correspondents make a good paper, you will, ere long, have the best paper in the state, as every other man and woman is buying paper, pencils, etc., to begin with. The Caucasian is continually gaining ground, and deserves to gain more than ever as the corps of editors, roustabouts, &c., are first class. Your correspondent from Carroll bottom still lives, and we are glad to see is able to write, and that this fall he will go south on another hunt and kill some more swans and catch more ducks.

Farmers are in full blast plowing where the ground is not too wet. The wheat looks fine and cake will be common—perhaps wedding cake.

If the nice young man from Lexington who is visiting a young lady east of Mayview don't watch his corners he will have a piece of buckskin pasted on the top of his head on the place where the wool ought to grow and a box of blacking to color it with. The boys out here don't like it because the old folks don't set the dogs on him. He and the dogs are acquainted now and are all right.

We have a new wagon shop at Mayview. It is run by Mr. Gibbs, and a better workman outside of England is hard to find. Jim Iles, the "old reliable," is hard by, and everybody knows Jim is always on hand, and as an iron or wood worker has few equals.

The Narrow Gauge is coming, and Clark Robinson says that if the county court will appoint him overseer of our roads he will devote his whole time to making good roads and to getting married. If he fails to marry this year he will charge nothing for his services. He has tried for forty years, and says the court had better appoint him.

PAUL PRY.

DEAR CAUCASIAN: Last week being one of those dark, doleful, gloomy ones, we have no very pleasing events to chronicle.

Young Thomas Hall died at Mr. Iles', Wednesday afternoon, of chronic bronchitis, and was buried on Thursday, at the city cemetery.

Parsen Jennings had six of his children sick at one time last week—all taken pretty much at once, with the scarlet fever. By good care I am glad to hear they are all convalescent, and some well.

Everything was going on prosperously in this section until arrested by the rains and storms. Of course you editors feel for us farmers as much as we envy you in your warm, cozy offices, with no cares on your minds except the tardiness of a few grangers and others who forget their indebtedness; especially do we envy you now, that you have a prospect of being lionized and feasted by as hospitable a community as you find anywhere; or it used to be so when I was there. Oh, that I had a new suit of clothes and a stovepipe hat, and were like the boy whose father told him he talked too much! Says he, "look wise and keep your mouth shut." He tried it, and when they could not get him to say anything they went away saying to themselves, "he looks like a fool anyhow." He hastened to tell dad it was no use trying; that he did not say a word this time, but it was the same old story. I would like to be with you if you would let me, but can be spared

I don't know how it is, but nearly every time the Christians, who some persist in calling Campbellites, commence a meeting, it rains harder and more of it;—like it used to do at the old time Methodist quarterlies. Bro. Jarratt commenced on Saturday, and on Sunday it rained all day. Is this because they believe in a watery salvation? Well, we would laugh if we could, but every time we open our mouth we are in danger of catching it full of rain water.

This is a sort of an historic place. In the dull, rainy times we all get together and talk over the reminiscences of our own times—of some of our old eccentric citizens who used to live here, but have passed away, and some of by gone days of the oldest recollections, of old man Heth who, as the tradition goes, was on his return from Santa Fe, with his mules ladened with the Rex dollars of Mexico, when he was pursued and overtaken, and here, on these picturesque mounds, he had to hurriedly bury his treasure and battle with the Indians; was defeated and retreated to Blackwater, triumphed over them there but could never find his treasure. The denizens here conjure up all sorts of plans to find that treasure. Sometimes we think we will let the coal shaft go, and hunt for it, and if we find it we will have funds enough. One incident, of many, is related of a dignified but eccentric M. D. On one occasion a road overseer presented his account; they settled all right, and both started out together. Presently the old gent missed his pocket-book; he accused the overseer of taking it, who denied it; the old gent struck him over the head with his whip, and went for his gun; the overseer cut dirt; in going for his gun the old gent found his purse; he immediately followed to apologise, got in sight, hollowed to him to stop that he wanted to apologise; he ran all the faster; both made a fine race until the overseer reached his own domicile, his horse foaming; he hurried to get his gun; now it was the M. D.'s turn to beg for quarters; don't shoot, sir! don't shoot! I want to apologise! I found my purse! Don't shoot! I will tell you all about it, sir!

If you have time bring the editors out and show them the center and prettiest part of old Lafayette. Yours, in O. M. P.. TINT.

FAIRVIEW.

EDITORS CAUCASIAN.—SIRS: We failed last week to send you any items; the reason we did not, we understood that the other items were to be replied to, and this week we have been in pursuit of "nobody's child" I am glad to say we have found him, or at least he is the supposed one. We are preparing to start with him to Kansas City, to the Orphans' Home, where he will be provided for.

Farmers are making slow progress at farming, owing to the disagreeable weather.

One of our old citizens has been suspicioning some one of stealing his corn. A few nights ago he was lying in ambush for the thief. He did not watch long till he came to the conclusion that he had him. He hissed his savage dogs and when they caught him, it turned out to be one of his fine sows.

Mr. W. H. Ewing, formerly of this county, but now of Vernon, has been dealing heavily in stock. He bought of our worthy friend, A. Stewart, 40 head of cattle at $30 per head; also 19 head from Mr. Moore, on the Ragland farm, and a fine lot from James Thorp.

Mr. John Hall, of Wellington, is feeding 200 head of cattle in our neighborhood. He has corn enough to feed them till July.

Mr. B. S. Letton has lost a fine Berkshire sow. Any one knowing her whereabouts, will please inform him.

We noticed in our neighborhood last week, Messrs. Letton and McKee gathering up cattle to take to the southern counties to graze. Mr. L., came up sooner than we expected him. Didn't think he had got through skinning those that died last winter.

We are glad to say that your very interesting paper is all the go in our neighborhood. You may expect several new subscribers soon, as the men stop plowing to read it on mail day.

I remain, as ever, your devoted friend,
DITIMUS.

BROWNSVILLE.

Old Probabilities has again neglected reading the almanacs, as the weather has been a little of everything during the past week, but on an average more rain than anything else. Owing to the inclemency of the weather most of our farmers will be delayed in plowing, as the ground is now too wet.

Mr. Henry Gehring, German, living about four miles west of this place, killed himself a few days ago, by the accidental discharge of his gun, the contents of which lodged in his side, causing death in about twenty-four hours.

Mr. P. G. Matthews, of this place, has been dangerously ill for the last few weeks with pneumonia.

Mr. John DeLong has finished the drawings for Mr. Owens' house, which will be erected this spring, and will be one of the finest dwellings in this part of the country, as Mr. DeLong is one of the finest architects in the state.

The Germans of this city are making preparations for a grand ball to be given at Parsons & Hazen's hall on Pentecost.

The Saline silver cornet band are now rehersing for one of their minstrel concerts, to be given on the 28th inst.

Mr. Jerry Goodwin, formerly of Lexington but now of this place, has hung out his shingle, whereon is painted in large letters, "Boarding House." That is another change for Jerry—first, meat market; then nursery and now boarding house.

Mr. George Todd is here canvassing for an improvement he has added to his anti-freezing force pump, which consists of a fire extinguisher, and can very easily be adjusted to any of his pumps.

Mr. E. T. Hughes has opened a branch painting establishment in our neighboring town of Houstonia.

During the last few days our town has been overrun with traveling agents and salesmen, among whom we noticed Mr. A. Reinhardt, of Billingsley & Co., and Mr. Sandfelder, of Pollock, Block & Co., both of St. Louis.

During the last few days a man could be seen on our streets, going from house to house, with a valise in his hand. By proper inquiry we learned that he was a bible agent, selling Dore's illustrated bible. He was a quiet, modest looking man, which opinion everybody indulged in until a few days ago, when a sudden change came in the following manner: In canvassing he came to Mr. B——'s house, who is a coal miner, but that day was engaged at some other business. Mr. B. was only married a few months ago, and is the lucky husband of a right handsome little wife. Mr. bible-agent after offering his bibles, and explaining the good sides of his business in regular theological language, invited Mrs. B. to look at his steel engravings. Taking a chair he moved it close to the one occupied by Mrs. B., and seated himself there, depositing his sample bible in Mrs. B's. lap, so she could be enabled to see the picture to a good advantage. Mrs. B., after having looked at the illustrations, handed the bible to the agent, telling him she would rather wait until the return of her husband. The agent arose and seeing no one in the room but himself and the lady, commenced making improper advances toward her. She noticed his actions and went into an adjoining room, where he followed her, and she then ran out doors and concealed herself in the barn, until the agent departed. On the return of her husband she informed him of the facts. He swore out a warrant against the agent and had him arrested and brought before the Terrible, who advised them to compromise. Mr. Agent paying to Mr. B., the price of a fine bible, as damages, and also paying the cost. We heard since that he had left for Lexington, to try his hand at selling bibles.

Blackwater and Davis creeks are very high. A lively fishing time is expected.

J. A.

BUTLER.

BUTLER, BATES CO., MO., April 15, '74.

MESSRS. EDITORS: According to promise, I now attempt to give a short description of this county and the news in general.

I left your city about 6 o'clock, Monday evening—with a daubling mind; gloomy spirits, and sad heart;—and soon the earth was standing in darkness, and rain and hail falling heavily upon the cars, which presented a dismal scene; and produced a sound which was in perfect harmony with my feelings. We arrived at Sedalia about ten o'clock at night; when we made our way to the Elgin House. After talking a short time, we retired to rest—but we didn't rest. We were wakeful and dreamy until about two at night, when we heard one lone voice crying fire, and soon the bells in every part of the city, were pealing forth the sad and alarming news. At four in the morning we were summoned to make ready for the train on the M. K. & T. road. But we did not start then; for the train was about three hours behind time. But about nine a. m., we left behind us the fast growing and noisy city of Sedalia. We made good train, gliding through the wide extended prairies, reaching Appleton city about noon; then we mounted an old coach drawn by two care worn, and broken down horses—for Butler—a distance of about twenty miles. But we had a fast young man for a driver, who, by whipping and slashing, made the trip in about three and a half hours. We were very much surprised at the fine appearance of the land of Bates county. We had it in our mind that the further we went south, in this state, the more broken, and poorer the land; but so far from this is it that in our opinion, the lands of Bates far exceeds those of Pettis and Henry, both in quality and appearance. Still the lands here are not high. The unimproved lands can be bought at from five to eight dollars per acre;—the improved at from ten to twenty-five. The improved lands are well fenced, and in large farms, most of which have fine and extensive young orchards of apple and peach trees; but the dwellings are small, and the barns very indifferent; in many cases having no other roof than of straw.

Butler is a town of about two thousand inhabitants, having an extensive trade, no other town being in less than ten miles of it; it has a large and well-built courthouse and two banks—most of which are frame buildings. You can, perhaps, form a better idea of the business and importance of this place and county when I tell you that at the close of the war there was but one house left standing in this town, and the population of the county was about three hundred; and now it has over twenty thousand. The people, generally, are easy only having about ½ per cent tax to pay. I am told that there were ted in this county last winter about twenty thousand head of cattle, and twice that many hogs, but I tell you they sold and fed out about all they had, for so far as my experience and observation extends, there is but little left either for man or beast. Still this is a good country, and the people hope to have it some day;—and I think they will.

The crusaders have sung and prayed at all the saloons of this place, and put an end to the whisky trade in all the drug stores, save one; which stood the storms for about three weeks, and is still moving on. I am told there was at one time more than a hundred ladies on the street and about the saloons. They paid the saloon men for their furniture, and induced them to send back their stock, by obliging themselves to pay all losses—by this means they accomplished their desired object; and all is now quiet.

I could not tell you, how often I have been asked about the prospects of the Gulf Road. They tell me that it is their understanding that there is but a small gap to be closed up, north of the river; and that then the cars would be running to Lexington. I tell them I heard something of that about a year since, but that I know nothing of it now. The people here are anxious for the road, but are easy on the bond question, as they have never paid any of the tax, and expect, soon, to get rid of the debt entirely (which I think they will do.

It is getting late, and raining hard, and I am sad. This seems to be a good people, but they have such a poor appreciation of Lee and Jackson. Three fourths of this people are from a portion of the country where these men were not known. I am inclined so to think because one of them asked me to let him see Lee's portrait, as he had never seen one.

I shall move from this point in a short time.

Please send me a paper to Nevada.
Excuse haste. WANDERER.

HIGGINSVILLE.

MESSRS. EDITORS: As it has been raining for the last four or five days, and is raining yet, I send you a few items from the last week's proceedings.

Our friend F. Vivion will bid farewell to our town this week. He says he is bound for Texas. He bought the right of Texas for Potts' celebrated washing machine. He says he expects to sell from family rights up to rights for the state. I wish him success in the patent right business. He bids us good-bye to morrow, and says "Texas or bust."

Our friend D. A. Brown has rented the new store house of Smith & Asbury, and expects to start a saloon and billiard hall on the corner, near the post office, and west of the depot.

Uncle Harry Hockensmith says he has had the blues for the last week or so, and he would like to know what is good for them and also the paldevil on the back of his neck. I think about a pound of Mrs. Lehman's bitter sweet salve would be good for his neck, as she says it will draw a woodchuck out of his hole in twenty minutes; for the blues, take about a bottle and a half of vinegar bitters, and about one fourth of a gross of Coyle's liver pills and three gills of J. H. Stapp's ready relief, and I think it will set him up in business in a short time.

I noticed in the items from Thief Neck, that they have a man who can stand flat-footed and post bills fifteen feet and nine inches high. I did not know that Mr. S. was quite so tall. I also noticed that they would give any man five acres of ground to improve it. We do not have to give land away here for the improving of it.

J. S. W. has disappeared very suddenly. Some say he has gone to Kansas City but I think it doubtful, as it would be a very hard task indeed for him to get that far from home without he left in a dream. Some say he has gone up to take the grading contract of the Narrow Gauge R. R. It would suit friend J. S. W., very well, as he is a stiring, enterprising, energetic fellow.

Wheat dull at $1 25; corn fifty cents per bushel, shelled and delivered; bacon from eight to ten cents per pound; butter scarce and none to be had at any price; eggs eight cents, potatoes $1 00 per bushel.

Gus Lehman has just received a large stock of queensware, which he says he will sell to grangers at very low rates.

All who wish to have repairing done to order on wagons or plows, call on E. Wade. You will find him always on hand, ready and willing to accommodate you.

The plastering of the new Presbyterian church will soon be completed. We are looking for Geo. Adamson down to finish up his work immediately after the plasterer gets through.

Farmers very much discourage at sod much rain. But I suppose it is impossible for them to stop it yet awhile.

H * * * *

SCATTERINGS.

Last Sunday's rain played hob generally with railroads—seven trains in the ditch on the Mo., Pacific on Monday last—but few if any trains on time this week.

We saw at Monliteau Station, peach orchards in full bloom.

Wheat is looking badly, and we have no doubt it will fall short by one third of last year's crop. This being the case, we are glad to see the price of wheat advancing.

Mr. Morrison does not think that the North Mo. R. R. will lease the St. Joseph and St. Louis, R. R.—but that the Mo., Pacific will, and that a bridge will also be built here; he will hear from Mr. Pearce next week, who is now in New York.

On Friday there was a meeting of the directors, bondholders and parties who had leased the Burlington and Southwestern R. R. (our Tilton Davis was with them) in Burlington Iowa—to arrange all past differences—so work can be resumed on this important road to us.

To-day a general meeting will come off in Aullville to organize a bank; stock having been about all taken. Stock is also being taken to build a mill.....Lewis and Booton are moving their stock of goods to Bates county. W. H. Russell moves into the store they vacate.....A great deal of stock and wheat still being shipped from off the branch road.....Tom Shelby's family and furniture left yesterday for Monliteau Station, where his coal banks are, and where he will live this summer.

Francisco & Bellamy of Brownsville, are shipping off some fifteen thousand bushels of wheat they have been holding. They have, we are told, bought out