Lexington Caucasian.

DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.

FOR GOVERNOR:
CHARLES H. HARDIN.
FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR:
NORMAN J. COLMAN.
FOR SECRETARY OF STATE:
M. K. McGRATH.
FOR TREASURER OF STATE:
JOSEPH W. MERCER.
FOR AUDITOR OF STATE:
THOMAS HOLLIDAY.
FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL:
JOHN A. HOCKADAY.
FOR REGISTER OF LANDS:
GEORGE DIEGEL.
FOR SUPERINTENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOLS:
R. D. SHANNON.
JUDGE OF SUPREME COURT—LONG TERM:
WARWICK HOUGH.
JUDGE OF SUPREME COURT—SHORT TERM:
WILLIAM P. NAPTON.
FOR CONGRESS:
JOHN B. CLARK, JR.
FOR CIRCUIT JUDGE:
WILLIAM T. WOOD.

COUNTY TICKET.

FOR JUDGE OF THE COUNTY COURT:
From Lexington and Dover Townships,
BENJAMIN D. WEEDIN.
From Clay, Sni-a-Bar and Washington,
BENJAMIN F. VICKERS.

Gratz Brown is out in the St. Louis papers of yesterday, in a flaming letter against the I 3d party, and will take the stump for the Democratic ticket.

It is now established by precedent that, under Radical rule, neither the votes of the majority nor the success of their arms over usurpation, can bring liberty to outraged Louisiana! How much better if Louisiana had remained a French province!

Kellogg, the usurper and scoundrel, has been reinstated by the President and his army and navy, over the stifled voice of the people. Is this what you call liberty—freedom—independence? Alas! it was an evil day when the colonies threw off the British yoke for one ten times more infamous.

The Gen. Emory, who has been figuring in the Louisiana outrage, was a red-mouthed secessionist in 1861, who wrote his resignation from the army, but afterward went to Washington and begged its reconsideration. The meanest rascals are those who turn states' witnesses, who play Iago in politics or religion, for the profit that may accrue.

The Cass county Times is the name of a paper just started at Pleasant Hill. It is edited by Messrs. Westbrook & Duley, and promises to be a lively, newsy little sheet. Mr. Duley was, for some time during the summer, connected with the Caucasian office, and we know him to be a young man of much energy and considerable newspaper ability. We welcome the Times into the field and wish for it the largest amount of prosperity.

Stilson Hutchins has been almost unanimously renominated to the General Assembly from the Sixth St. Louis District. This expression of his old constituency is the best evidence of his worth as a legislator. The terrible howl of the Republican has had no influence whatever with those who have known Mr. Hutchins best. He is now one of the most active workers in the state and the Democratic party is not just yet willing to dispense with his services. Whenever the Republican begins the job of killing a man, it would better operate on different material.

"The gentleman from Howell," otherwise, Col. Billy McCowan of Howell county, has fallen into trouble. From the amount of whisky and tobacco he consumed at the late Democratic state convention, and from the prominent part he took in the graver performances of that body, one would most naturally suppose he was backed by both money and friends. But it is sadly to the contrary. "The gentleman from Howell" is the attorney for his county and some time last March he was engaged to defend a fellow who had been charged with violating the United States revenue law. At the trial, the charges were proved up and the violator was ordered to be bound over to appear at Jefferson City. McCowan's fertile brain suggested a shorter way of settling the matter. By some means he got his client to the door of the court-room and told him to "git." He then right about faced, took out two big navies and told the crowd to wait a bit. They did so, U. S. Marshall and all.

"The gentleman from Howell," was then arrested on the charge of interfering with the administration of justice, was brought to Jefferson City, arraigned before the United States District Court and fined. The Honorable M. G. Morman of Oregon county went on his bond, on condition that fines and costs were to be paid on the 1st of September. The time came but "the gentleman from Howell" did not. Mr. Morman was sent for and he in turn sent for McCowan who was brought to Jefferson last week under arrest. The court has given him till the 1st of October to raise the fine and costs which now amount to $500.

Nothing is more derogatory to the dignity of journalism than the extravagant praise that some papers bestow on unworthy men. To kneel down and scratch dirt around the feet of some fellow who has defrauded the people and thus made himself rich, to some of our rural roosters not further away than Boonville or eight miles beyond the "Big Muddy," is the very apex of human delight. Gifted with only a small share of the true independence of human nature, they ought to have lived in an age wherein they could have found service as hostlers and pages, in the employ of some second rate pimp of a baronial court.

FOR THE LEGISLATURE.

Who shall go to the Legislature? is a very important question, and one that the people will be called on to decide next Tuesday. For the sake of our county's honor, let us not send a mere figure head or upstart, who knows nothing of our needs, and cares less. We should send a man to the General Assembly who will stand among its members as our county stands among her sisters. Such a man would have to be one of energy and ability, thoroughly posted, and wide awake to some means of relieving a tax-burdened population. One who would make himself known by both his words and deeds in behalf of his constituency. One who would rebuke bribery, attack rascality and expose every wrong. Fellow citizens, have we such a man? If so, nominate him for the Legislature.

TO-DAY'S PRIMARY MEETINGS, AND NEXT MONDAY'S CONVENTION.

Primary meetings will be held in all the townships of Lafayette county to-day for the purpose of selecting delegates to the Convention which meets next Monday. We trust these proceedings will all be harmonious. Let us go into the meetings as honorable Democratic citizens determined to act no mean part. There are numerous candidates for each office, and every candidate thinks he ought to be nominated. But this will certainly not be done. Some are sure to be defeated and badly defeated. They may feel aggrieved, but unless the grievance is too outrageous, keep it down. We see no good reason for anticipating trouble. We regard the Democracy of this county as being too true to itself for that. Let us hear no talk about splits and bolts. Of course we say this on the presumption that there will be no sufficient cause for such procedure. We are somewhat solicitous on one point. The country delegates may want to make country nominations, and city delegates may want to make city nominations. This should not be the way to put the matter. The questions to ask about every candidate are, *is he honest, is he capable?* This is true Democratic doctrine, and it is true Granger doctrine. It is the doctrine that we all should believe and practice. It will do for the merchant as well as for the farmer, as well for the lawyer as the mechanic. We think it due the grangers of this county that they should have a representation on the ticket, but of course, they will not claim the whole ticket. Some of the most honest and most capable men now before the people are not grangers. Their claims should not be despised.

But there is one thing we wish to make emphatic; nominate no man who comes before the convention backed by a combination or a clique. It matters not whether the ring comes from the town or the county—*break it down on the first appearance.*

The Caucasian expects to support the ticket although we have very little idea of whom the ticket will be composed, but we base the assertion on the confidence we have in the Democrats of Lafayette county.

Let every Democrat in this township make it convenient to attend the primary meeting at the court-house this afternoon. The best remedy against dissatisfaction is to come out and see how things are done.

We hope we shall be able to put up a ticket next week that will reflect credit on the whole of Lafayette county, and that no Democrat will find it in his heart to utter one word against it.

THE WHY OF IT.

The Jefferson City correspondent of the Kansas City Times, under date of September 28, says:

"The letter of James O. Broadhead in this morning's Republican is the theme of conversation in this city to-night. When it is known that he was a Democratic condidate for delegate to the Democratic convention that nominated Hardin, and that he was pledged to support Cockrell if he got in the convention, his fidelity to the party may be doubted. He comes out now squarely against the Democratic nominees. It may be that he has just thought of the fact that he refused to let Mrs. Shelby, when she was banished during the war from Lafayette county, remain in St. Louis long enough to have her children's clothes washed. Remembering this, he thinks he can never get a Confederate's vote for United States Senator. Old Democrats here say that his Democracy has always been considered 'fishy,' and that he is 'fishy' generally."

A number of prisoners confined in the Saline county jail, last week, having secured a number of files, proceeded to cut away the bars which held them in *durance vile*, and drowned the noise of the files by singing a camp-meeting song. The sheriff having ascertained the fact, at once entered with a guard, and after a strict search found and appropriated the files and a lot of hickory clubs, all of which were drawn up through the window by a string.

STATE HASH.

Lead has been discovered in Perry county.

The Normal School at Kirksville has 350 students.

Rev. M. L. Laws has become pastor of the Baptist church at Boonville.

Ex-mayor Thomas, of St. Louis, died in that city, last Saturday night.

Trains were placed on the Brunswick & Chillicothe Railroad last week.

Hardin, Phillips and Jo. Pulitzer, all spoke at Jefferson City last Saturday.

Deaths in St. Louis last week, 110, children under five years of age, 79.

The Missouri State Grange meets at Kansas City on the 20th of this month.

Platte City has but one church, the Baptist, that keeps up a prayer-meeting.

The engine house of the Missouri Penitentiary was burned last Sunday night.

The Sovereigns of Industry will soon open a store at Moberly, on the co-operative plan.

One hundred and fifty hands are working on the narrow gauge between Sibley and Independence.

At Sedalia on Wednesday H. C. Adams, of St. Louis, was married to Miss Ella Roderick. Both are printers.

Mr. Lord, who attempted suicide at Kidder, a few weeks ago, has so far recovered that he is out on the street.

Thomas Parks, of Sedalia, attempted suicide last Saturday evening. He shot himself near the ear, and the wound is thought to be fatal.

The new Lindell Hotel, in St. Louis, was opened last Monday. It is gorgeously finished, and will rank with the greatest hotels of the world.

The Platte County Fair has been going on this week. George Vest and John Hockaday were on the grounds and spoke to the people Tuesday.

An old woman, named Catherine Hune, was run over and mortally wounded by the cars, on the Atlantic & Pacific Railroad at Kansas City, last Sunday.

A serious smash-up occurred last Saturday on the Missouri Pacific railroad at the Osage bridge. The engine and six cars of a freight train were precipitated into the river by the falling of one whole span of the bridge. Fortunately no one was killed, the engineer and fireman receiving only slight injuries.

The Tadpoles of St. Louis county met and permanently organized at Turner's Hall Wednesday. They passed resolutions to appoint advisory committees, whose duty would be to propose plans for co-operation in nominating candidates acceptable to all elements. Convention then adjourned over till Thursday.

The Platte County Democrat of last week has this hoppergrass item: "Grasshoppers have done us but little harm. The eggs deposited cannot hatch out a sufficient crop to hurt us in the spring. Let our farmers take courage, and sow and plant in hope. He that grumbles and waits for hard times to come, will find they never end."

GENERAL NEWS.

Four companies of cavalry have been ordered to Alabama.

And now it is said that the Prince of Wales does not owe a cent.

The German Reichstag is convoked to meet on the 10th of this month.

Over 9,000 people visited the Nebraska State fair at Omaha on Wednesday.

Another Arctic expedition will be sent out by the Austrian government next year.

A London telegram announces the death of the Duke of Lienster, aged 83 years.

Six small houses were destroyed by fire in New Orleans on Wednesday. Loss, $25,000.

Jay Gould has given $2,500 toward aiding the grasshopper stricken people in Nebraska.

The banking house of Townsend & Co., failed last week, with liabilities reaching $3,000,000.

Gov. Moses, of South Carolina, has made a formal demand on the United States for troops.

A typhoon passed over Hong Kong, China, last Saturday, and wrecked eighty vessels in the bay.

Mount Etna is getting her back up, but as "there's nothing in it," no trouble need be expected.

There is to be a grand musical festival at Cincinnati next May. Theodore Thomas bosses the affair.

The Governor of Georgia has ordered the Macon & Brunswick Railroad to be sold at public auction.

Antagua, a city in Guatemala, Central America, was destroyed by an earthquake on the night of September 25.

The fifty-fifth session of the Baptist association of St. Louis was in session at St. Louis, last Friday and Saturday.

Archbishop Purcell, of Cincinnati, performed the ceremony at the marriage of Miss Sherman, daughter of the General.

Sergeant James Davidson, the oldest enlisted soldier in the United States service, died at Point Comfort last Saturday.

The annual conference of the M. E. church, for the state of Nebraska, begins its session in Omaha, on Thursday of next week.

The grand jury of Brooklyn, New York, have found a bill of indictment against Frank Moulton, in the case of Edna Dean Proctor.

The troubles in Edgefield, S. C., are ended, the negro militia having surrendered to the United States soldiers and returned to their homes.

The Union Pacific Railroad Company has donated $5,000 to aid the grasshopper sufferers in Nebraska, and the B. & M. road donated $2,500 for the same purpose.

Almost the entire business portion of Lenoxville, Canada, together with over thirty private residences, was destroyed by fire on Monday, the loss being estimated at $100,000.

The great international shooting match between Irishmen and Americans took place at Creedmore, last Saturday, and resulted in a victory for the Americans. The contest was very close, 326 to 327.

"Scotty," the leader of the First National bank robbers, at Quincy, Ill., has just been arrested at Detroit, by Pinkerton's men, who have been on his trail ever since the robbery was committed, Feb. 12.

It is currently rumored that the three Iowa roads centering at Omaha will move their ticket office to the Union Pacific depot on Thursday. It is expected that they will run trains into that city within sixty days.

A Philadelphia dispatch, dated Sept. 28, says: "The reward of $20 000 in the Ross case is still in force, and Allen Pinkerton announces that the same will be relinquished by him and his force to parties who shall give information which will lead to the recovery of the child, and the capture of the abductors."

PROTEST OF AN OUTRAGED PEOPLE.

A MERITED REBUKE ADMINISTERED TO THE LYING RADICAL PRESS.

An Authoritative Statement about the Trouble in Sumter County Tennessee.

How long, oh, how long shall the people of the South be trampled and spit upon! How long shall they be mocked in their miseries and slandered in their misfortunes! The whole Radical press has been busy for weeks in traducing the character of the people of Sumter county, Tennessee, on account of some outrages that were lately committed by the niggers in that region. Every wrong has been charged on the whites while the niggers have been entirely exonerated. The following protest, expressing the sentiments of the best people in Sumter county has been sent us for publication, that our readers in Missouri, might have a proper understanding of their troubles.

A call published in one of the newspapers of Sumter county, was heartily responded to by a meeting of the citizens at the court-house in Livingston, the county seat. The following account of the proceedings will speak for itself in unmistakable terms.

On motion of Capt. J. M. Winston, Col. T. B. Wetmore was called to the Chair, and Ben. F. Herr was chosen Secretary.

As setting forth the object of the meeting, the Chairman read the call, in obedience to which, the meeting was assembled; and expressed his gratification at witnessing the large number and respectability of those who had responded so promptly.

On motion of A. W. Cockrell, Esq., a committee consisting of one from each Beat represented, was appointed to prepare resolutions expressive of the sentiments of the meeting. The Committee was constituted as follows:

Livingston—A. W. Cockrell, Esq.
Lacy's—Capt. J. M. Winston.
Gainesville—Col. R. G. McMahon.
Sumterville—Henry McDaniel.
Payneville—John M. McDaniel.
Jones' Bluff—Capt. G. W. Bates.
Belmont—J. V. Tutt.
Gaston—Capt. A. J. Derby.
Cuba—R. A. Clay.
Intercourse—W. A. Altman.
Earbee's—D. L. Kirkland.
York—B. C. Hunter.
Brewersville—S. C. Coleman.
Bluff Port—W. H. Hawkins.
Black Bluff—J. G. Whitfield.
Thornville—Col. I. R. McElroy.
Preston—G. S. Wilder.
Warsaw—Robt. Hibbler (proxy).
Hare's—A. G. Barnes.

After the Committee retired a recess of 15 minutes was taken; and upon reassembling the Committee presented the following preamble and resolutions, which were adopted without a dissenting voice:

Whereas, The Radical press has sought to inflame the public mind against the Democratic and Conservative Party of Sumter county, by persistently proclaiming that we are responsible for, if not the active perpetrators of, the murders and other crimes, which have been committed in this county; and *whereas*, to maintain silence in the midst of these disorders,—which, though greatly exaggerated and magnified, and in a large measure the outgrowth of the unhappy condition resulting from the revolution of our social system and the mal-administration of public affairs, can neither be excused nor palliated,—might be construed into an indifference, on our part, to the judgment of that tribunal at whose bar we have been arraigned by these persistent misrepresentations:

Therefore, Be it Resolved, by the Democratic and Conservative Party of Sumter county, in mass meeting assembled,

1. That heartily endorsing the cair which brings us together, and renewing our fealty as good citizens, as members of the Democratic and Conservative party, we proclaim our hostility to lawlessness, and repudiate any sympathy with, or responsibility for, crime, by whomever, wherever, whenever and under whatever pretext, it may be committed.

2. That as Democrats and Conservatives, and as citizens, we recognize the legal rights of all men, and pledge our aid to the maintenance of law and good order.

3. That the Democratic and Conservative Press, generally, is respectfully requested to publish these proceedings, as an act of justice to a grossly mi-represented and deeply injured community.

On motion, the meeting adjourned, *sine die*.

THOS. B. WETMORE, Ch'm'n.
BEN. F. HERR, Sec'y.

DISASTER ON THE MISSOURI PACIFIC.

One Whole Span of the Osage Bridge Gives way and a Train of Cars Plunged into the River.

A heavy smash-up occurred last Saturday morning on the Missouri Pacific Railroad at the Osage bridge. The following is a full statement of the affair as furnished by a reporter to the Jefferson City Tribune:

Train 27, or Sedalia freight, stopped and took a supply of water at the tank, about fifty yards east of the bridge. It was then moved ahead, crossing the abutment, and the cow-catcher had just reached the first pier, when, without the least premonition of danger, the entire span gave way, carrying down locomotive, tender, and five freight cars. Between the pier and abutment a large amount of driftwood had lodged, and the water is comparatively shallow. The tender in going down turned completely over, the locomotive nearly so, and the freight cars were completely demolished.

The engineer, E. W. Arey, and fireman, Paul Smith, went down with the engine, and how they escaped alive from the terrible wreck, is simply miraculous. Arey escaped with only a few bruises, and Smith with a severe hurt on the right ankle. A report prevailed yesterday that he would probably lose his foot, but is contradicted to-day. Roe Kelley, the head brakesman, was on one of the cars, and made a fearful spring for life. He landed on his back, safe on terra firma, and, although stunned at first, sustained no injury whatever. Mr. Lucian Partee was in the caboose car, and in the excitement got the end of his finger mashed off. He doesn't seem to know how it happened himself; the caboose remained on the track, and had he remained quiet, all would have been well. The report of the crash was terrible, and distinctly heard at the distance of a mile.

Only a few moments before No. 27 essayed to cross the bridge, a construction train had gone over in safety, and no apprehension seems to have been entertained. A freight train had also passed over during the morning.

The wreck is complete; bridge-timbers, rails, demolished cars, dry-goods, all heaped up in a confused mass.

The entire bridge was shaken, and near the center, a piece of rail was forced from its place. Timbers were moved, and we suppose the entire structure will have to be overhauled before trains will be permitted to cross.

The amount of loss sustained by the company can only be guessed at, at present. The greatest drawback is the delay occasioned by the transfer of passengers and baggage.

The missing steamer New York arrived at Portland, Maine, Wednesday, having been delayed to avoid a severe storm.

Remington & Son have accepted the challenge of the Irish team to American riflemen, but refuse to make any rules. Sharpe's rifle manufacturers have also accepted the challenge.

FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE Southwest Missouri Conference,

M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH,

Held in Lexington, Commencing Wednesday, September 30, 1874.

FIRST DAY.

The fourth session of the Southwest Missouri Conference of the M. E. Church, South, began at nine o'clock, September 30, at the M. E. Church South, in this place.

Bishop Keener presides. Rev. W. M. Prottsman was elected secretary; Rev. C. C. Woods assistant secretary; Rev. T. M. Cobb recording secretary.

The following committees were appointed:

On public worship, M. M. Pugh, T. M. Cobb.
On education, N. Scarritt, G. M. Winton, J. L. D. Blevans, W. B. Palmore, John Wilson.
On Sunday schools, J. C. Shackleford, M. Adkinson, R. M. Baker.
On books and periodicals, S. S. Bryant, R. A. Holloway, P. Phillips.
On accounts, J. M. Kelley, W. S. Woodard, C. H. Boggs.
On Bible cause, F. J. Boggs, B. Margeson, G. C. Keener.
On memoirs, T. Wallace, W. J. Brown, S. S. Colburn.

The time of meeting was fixed at 8:30 a. m.; hour of adjournment at 12 m.

A communication from Rev. A. H. Redford, D. D., agent of the Southern Methodist Publishing house, at Nashville, Tenn., was read by the secretary. The communication contained the following statement of the financial condition of the house:

Assets	$533,877 92.
Liabilities	219,540 81.
Net gain during the year	57,920 78.

The Rev. Mr. Kerr, of the Presbyterian church; Rev. J. W. Lewis, D.D., of the St. Louis Conference; Rev. W. M. Rush, D.D., and Rev. J. A. Poage, of the Missouri Conference; Rev. E. G. Frazier and Rev. J. Spencer, of the Western Conference, were introduced to the Conference.

Rev. Dr. Rush read a report from a committee of the Curators of Central college, at Fayette, and represented the condition of the college.

Bishop Keener reported the names of the following ministers transferred to this from other Conferences:

W. F. Mister, from Tennessee Conference; J. A. Poage, from Missouri Conference; E. G. Frazier and J. Spencer from the Western Conference.

The characters of the superannuated preachers were then examined. When the name of John Monroe was called, it was announced that he had died during the session of the last Conference, and a touching farewell letter to the Conference, written a few days before his departure, was read by the secretary and referred to the committee on memoirs.

Wm. Holmes, N. T. Shaler and Josiah Godbey were continued in a superannuated relation.

L. M. Phillips, T. P. Cobb and R. W. Reynolds were received into the Conference on trial.

After the usual notices, the Conference adjourned, with the benediction by the Bishop.

SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

LEXINGTON, M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH, Oct. 1.

Conference met this morning at 8:30, Bishop Keener in the chair, and was opened with religious services, conducted by Rev. S. S. Bryant.

Roll was called by the secretary. Clerical members present, 57; absent, 22. Probationers present, 4; absent, 6. Lay delegates present, 10; absent, 14. Total present, 71; absent, 42.

A communication from the Southwestern Book and Publishing company at St. Louis was read by the secretary, and the condition of the house represented by the manager, Logan D. Dameron.

The characters of J. W. Means (not present) and L. N. Hornbeck (not present) were passed, and they discontinued at their own request.

The character of John A. Swift (not present) was passed, and he continued in the class of the first year.

The Conference voted to sit with open doors during the examination of character, by a vote of 31 to 21.

Rev. J. K. Tuttle, presiding elder of Sedalia district of the St. Louis Conference, M. E. Church, was introduced to the Conference.

E. W. Woodward, of the class of the second year, was elected to deacon's orders and advanced to class of the third year.

J. N. Read, a deacon, was advanced to class of the fourth year.

Isaac Stapleton's (not present) character was passed, and he continued in the class of the second year.

The character of T. J. Stringfield was passed, and he continued on trial in the class of the second year.

R. A. Allen was elected to deacon's orders, and he advanced to the class of the third year.

J. W. Agee (not present) was passed, and continued on trial in the class of the third year.

E. W. Woodward, J. N. Read and R. A. Allen were admitted into full connection.

J. Devlin and William Warren, of the Missouri Conference, and George Warren, of the Western Conference, were introduced to the Conference.

The name of C. O. Jones being called, he was reported as having been transferred to Little Rock Conference.

L. W. Pearce and R. H. Shaeffer (not present) were passed, and continued in the class of the third year.

R. A. Holloway was elected to elder's orders.

Jones I. Hagler passed, and he advanced to the class of the fourth year.

C. D. Davis was passed.

The characters of the following elders were passed: C. C. Woods, P. Phillips, W. B. McFarland, T. Wallace.

M. G. Williams was passed, and then located at his own request.

Dr. Sullivan read a report from Central Female College, which was referred to the committee on education.

A communication from Morrisville Institute was read and referred to committee on education.

After the usual notices, the Conference adjourned, with the benediction by the Bishop.

THIRD DAY.

The Conference met this morning at 8:30, Bishop Keener in the chair, and was opened with services conducted by Rev. C. P. Jones, D. D. On motion the calling of the roll was dispensed with for the balance of the session.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Rev. N. Scarritt, treasurer of the Board of Missions, requested all the preachers who had not hitherto reported their missionary collections to do so at once, and also requested all who held missionary drafts to report to him without delay. W. B. Palmore, lay delegate from Lexington district, and J. T. Ellis, lay delegate from Boonville district, not heretofore in attendance, were reported present.

W. C. Montgomery, a deacon, was passed and elected to elder's orders.

T. Y. L. Harvey, on the recommendation of Sedalia Station, was admitted on trial.

The chair called question 10: "What local preachers are elected deacons?" M. M. Pugh, presiding elder of Lexington district, presented the name of Eli C. Johnson. W. C. Godbey, presiding elder of Kansas City district, presented the name of T. P. Cobb, from Kansas City circuit, both of whom were elected to deacon's orders.

The chair then called question 14: "What local preachers are elected elders?" Answer, none.

D. T. Starkey, formerly a local deacon in the Methodist Protestant Church, was, on the recommendation of the Quarterly Conference of LaMont circuit, recognized in orders.

W. A. Laughon, formerly an elder in the Methodist Protestant Church, on the recommendation of the Pleasant Hill Quarterly Conference, was recognized in orders.

R. A. Bathurst, a travelling elder of the Methodist Church, was received into the Conference, and recognized in elder's orders upon his appearing before the Conference and assuming our vows of ordination.

Ten o'clock having arrived the order of the day was taken up, and the secretary read the following communication from Rev. T. O. Summers, D. D.:

To the Bishop and members of the Southwest Missouri Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South:

DEAR BRETHREN:—The General Conference, at its session in Louisville, Ky., May 21, 1874, adopted, by a vote of 135 to 36, the Minority Report No. 1 of the Committee on Temperance, which is as follows:

Strike out of the general rules the following clause, Discipline, page 27, which is as follows: Drunkenness, or drinking spirituous liquors, unless in cases of necessity.

Then substitute the following: Making, buying, selling, or using as a beverage, intoxicating liquors.

I was instructed to send this resolution around to the Annual Conferences for their action.

Very respectfully,
THOS. O. SUMMERS,
Secretary of General Conference of the M. E. Church, South.

M. M. Pugh moved concurrence with the action of the General Conference.

A resolution, signed by W. S. Woodard and J. A. Murphy, to vote without debate, was adopted.

The vote was then taken with the following result: Yeas, 32. Nays, 46.

W. A. Laughon, on the recommendation of Pleasant Hill Circuit, was received on trial into the travelling connection.

The chair resumed question 20: "Are all the preachers blameless in life and official administration?" W. J. Brown, J. E. Hogan, J. L. D. Blevins, J. P. Barcelay, were passed.

During the examination of character, the Bishop urged upon the conference the importance of the utmost fidelity in taking up the collections for the support of the widows and orphans of our deceased itinerant preachers.

These claims he asserted, were to be met before all others. The men who pioneered this country and broke up the ground in years gone-by, had left widows and orphans to the care of the church, and these claims were the most sacred of all binding upon the church.

After a desultory discussion on the subject of taking up the various collections required by the Annual Conference, the examination of character was resumed.

W. M. Prottsman, J. R. Bennett, T. M. Cobb, J. J. Carden, W. S. Woodward, T. M. Kelley, L. Pullian, G. G. Keener, W. F. Camp, C. H. Boggs, J. C. Shackelford, were passed.

Dr. Sullivan extended to the members of the Conference a cordial invitation to visit the Central Female College. M. M. Pugh announced that J. Devlin of the Missouri Conference would preach this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, and that S. P. Bryant would preach this evening at 7:15 o'clock.

Rev. R. A. Austin of the Missouri Conference, Rev. John Garton and Rev. J. C. Hydes of the Western Conference, and Rev. Edmund Wright, Agent of American Bible Society, were introduced to the Conference. Conference adjourned with the benediction by the Bishop.

Quite a number of visitors attended the Conference this morning. Among them we noticed a fair bevy of young ladies from Central Female College. We congratulate President Sullivan upon the fine appearance which his school makes.

The sermon to under-graduates was preached Tuesday evening by Rev. F. J. Boggs, of Kansas City, from II Corinthians, fifth chapter, twentieth verse. The regular Conference sermon was preached Wednesday evening by Rev. N. Scarritt. Thursday afternoon, Rev. W. M. Rush, D. D., of the Missouri Conference, preached from I Corinthians, fifteenth chapter, twenty-fourth to twenty-eighth verse.

Rev. J. W. Lewis, D. D., of the St. Louis Conference, preached Thursday evening from Mark second chapter, eighth verse.

(The rush of advertising compels us to defer the remainder of the proceedings until next week.)

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERY.

HARRISONVILLE, MO., Sept. 30, 1874.

Lexington Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian church met at this place at 11 o'clock this morning. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. Warren Compton of Knob Noster, from the words "Go work to-day in my vineyard," which was a very practical and good sermon, after which Presbytery was constituted with prayer by Rev. G. L. Mead.

There are present 19 Ordained Ministers, 4 Licentiates, 6 Candidates and 24 Representatives, and more coming in.

S. H. McElvain and L. F. L. Clemens are to be ordained.

Lexington Presbytery includes 6 counties: Lafayette, Jackson, Johnson, Cass, Henry and Bates.

I shall not be at home next Sunday, but will preach the second Sunday in next month at Lexington. Respectfully, FRANK RUSSELL.

A large portion of Chico, Cal., was burned Wednesday. Loss, $80,000. Insurance light.

Thirty thousand dollars' worth of frame buildings were burned in Dallas, Texas, Wednesday.

By the failure of James Bishop & Co., New York, the Bank of Montreal loses $250,000.

R. F. Waddell sells **Ruches, Ties, Kid Gloves, Ladies' and Gents' Underwear,** at FAIR below market prices. Call and see. Oct3tf.

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Well, what about Keller? Why, only that he has just received one of the largest, most varied and low-priced stocks of gentlemen's clothing and furnishing goods ever opened to public view in a Missouri town. His spacious room is literally packed with everything a man could want to put himself into. The immense array of shelves are too small, and counters and tables are heaped with new clothes.

An unlimited supply of fall and winter coats and pants, in plain and fancy cassimeres, broad-cloths, fulled-cloths, tweeds and meltons. Prices from $3 50 to $35 for a suit.

Vests in all new styles and materials, silks, cloths, cassimeres, velvets and plushes. Prices from $1 75 to $7.

Overcoats, an endless stock, chinchillas, beavers, fulled cloths. Heavy gray overcoats, expressly intended for farmers' use, strongly made, warm and durable.

Hats, caps, hosiery and all underwear, in immense quantities, all styles and prices.

Go to Keller—Philip Keller. oct3lt

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A PALACE ON WHEELS.

For the St. Louis Exposition.

Excursion trains will leave this city over the A. & P., Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, at the usual hour, 6:30. An unusually large number of the citizens of Lexington are going with their families to see the great World's Exposition at St. Louis. To accommodate the crowd of passengers, and render the trip more than ordinarily agreeable, those princes of passenger transportation,—E. A. Ford and G. H. Hesford,—through their agent, W. W. Rhodes, of this city, have agreed to provide a Palatial Pullman Sleeper for each train, which will now run through to St. Louis *without change*, and make close connections both *going* and *returning*. Next Monday will be the second time that one of these moving palaces has ever been brought to Lexington, and it will be surprising if every berth is not taken before night. A number of berths were sold at once on the mere verbal announcement of the fact, and only a few choice ones remain unsold. All those going down with their families will do well to apply at once. One advantage of the arrangement is that the excursionist may retain his berth for the return trip, and he may return any day during the week.

The charge for the round trip has been put at an extraordinarily low price.

GET THE BEST.

Call for the "White Star" Black Alpaca manufactured by Wilson's Co., of Bradford England, who challenge the world to produce a better article, and we recommend it as the best Alpaca in the American market, as we have given it a thorough test; for sale only by

oct3-tf HUGH T. WILSON.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

LETTERS of administration on the estate of William P. Moore, deceased, were granted to the undersigned, on the 2d day of October, 1874, by the Probate Court of Lafayette county, Missouri.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them for allowance, to the administrator, within one year after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate. And if such claims be not exhibited within two years from the date of said letters, they will be forever barred.

Oct3-3t BUTLER MOORE, Adm'r.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION.

STATE OF MISSOURI, } LAFAYETTE COUNTY. }
In the Circuit Court of said county—in vacation, October 2, 1874.

Mary E. Morehead
vs
John Denning and Rebecca Denning.

TO the said defendants, you are hereby notified that said plaintiff has commenced a suit against you in said court by petition, the object and general nature of which is to declare as fraudulent and set aside as to plaintiff as creditor and purchaser, a deed made by Sarah F. Corder and J. P. Corder, her husband, to said Rebecca Denning, conveying the following described real estate situate in Lafayette county, and state of Missouri, to-wit: The east half of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section three (3), in township forty-nine (49), of range twenty-four (24), containing 20 acres, and to obtain a decree vesting the title to said land in said plaintiff as purchaser at sheriff's sale under a judgment in favor of said plaintiff against said John Denning.

And you are further notified, that unless you appear at the next term of said court to be holden at the court-house in the city of Lexington on the 7th day of December next, and on or before the sixth day thereof, if the term shall so long continue, and if not then before the end of the term, and answer said petition, the same will be taken as confessed.

And it is further ordered that a copy hereof be published in the Lexington Weekly Caucasian, a newspaper printed in said county of Lafayette, for four weeks successively, the last insertion to be at least four weeks before the commencement of the next term of this court.

A true copy. Attest:
H. L. BARKSDALE, Clerk.
By C. B. DANIEL, D. C. oct3-5w
Graves & Wood, Attorneys for plaintiffs.

R. F. Waddell.

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My stock consists, in part, of 4,000 yards of new and stylish prints, side bands, of all the freshest and tastiest shades, solid and figured.

Cottons, brown and bleached, from 10 to 22 1-2 cents a yard for best brands.

Cotton flannels, brown and bleached.

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Plaid cottons, an endless variety.

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Jacksonville and Springfield Cassimeres, flannels and fulled cloths, an immense assortment of the most serviceable goods, at low prices.

Suitings, of every conceivable shade, style and price.

Waterproofs, of all the newest styles and colors.

The celebrated Stag brands of alpaca, mohairs and brilliants, from the lowest to the highest figures.

In short, I have an assortment of dress goods and staple dry-goods, without end, of all shades, grades and varieties. Every lady in Lafayette county can find what she wishes among my stock.

I have also a large and carefully selected lot of ladies' and gentlemen's furs.

An infinite assortment of ruches and collarettes.

150 styles of edgings and insertings, from 5 cents to $1 50 a yard.

Table linen, cloths, napkins, &c., in unending quantity and variety.

Shawls, a vast lot, all styles, colors and prices from $1 to $30.

Hosiery, gloves and notions, the most infinite and varied stock in Lexington.

Give me a call; examine my stock and prices; and, if I can't sell you better bargains than any other house in the place, I won't ask you to buy of me.

Respectfully,
ROBT. F. WADDELL.
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