

LOCAL SCRAPS.

While hunting near Berlin, Friday of last week, Louis Egle killed a swan that weighed 20 pounds, and measured 8 feet from tip to tip. It was a noble specimen of the snowy bird, which resembles a mother-in-law in the fact that its sweetest note is its dying squawk.

SWAN.

The Brownsville Herald, of November 12, briefly mentions the accidental death of Henry Kora, a German. While hauling fodder, Tuesday, November 3, for Jas. Hitt, near Elmwood, but in Lafayette county, he fell from the top of a load, and broke his neck. He was about 40 years old, and unmarried.

ACQUITTED.

For the sake of his family and himself, we are heartily glad of the acquittal of our young townsman, Tom Price, who was recently arrested on a charge of horse-stealing. His trial before Justice Harrison Smith began Thursday morning, and closed yesterday, with the decision that there was no evidence on which to hold him.

THE TURNER CASE.

The trial of "Ted" Turner for the killing of Lafayette Groves, comes up, in Kansas City, Monday, December 14. As some of the witnesses in the case have been summoned to appear, Friday, December 25, they will note the change of time.

MAIL CARRYING.

Proposals will be received at the contract office, Washington, until February 1, 1875, for conveying mails in Lafayette county, from July 1, 1875, till June 30, 1879. The decision will be made by March 3, and a contract will be awarded the lowest bidder or bidders, for this route: From Lexington, by way of Dover and Waverly, to Malta Bend, 32 miles, three times a week each way. A \$600 bond will be required with the bid.

DRAMATIC.

Oaz worthy townsman, N. Haas, assisted by a full corps of amateurs, and all the principal musicians of the city, is preparing a first-class artistic entertainment for his fellow-villagers. The performance will take place at Harmonia Hall, Monday evening, December 7. The dramatic portion of it will consist of "Michael Angelo," in two acts; to be followed by a farce. The musical repast will embrace choice selections from the opera and the popular orchestral compositions of the day, by Gimbel, Burden, and others of our skillful woosers of the art divine.

FATALLY MURT.

The Lexington Coal Company is rather unfortunate in the way of accidents to its hands. We have recorded several of late, and now have to add another. Thursday morning, Tom Berry, a darky miner, was caught between the cage and the heavy timbers at the bottom of the shaft, terribly crushing his throat and head. The blood gushed from his mouth, to use the language of one eye-witness, "like water from a kettle-spout." It is thought he will die. He was the only support of an old mother.

WHEAT.

A more glorious wheat prospect than that which now arrays our broad fields in velvety verdure, never blessed the eyes of Lafayette farmers. The grasshoppers swept fully half of all the first sowing; but our stout-hearted and strong-armed yeomen soon went to work with weather and harrow and drill. The weather proved all that the most insatiable petitioner could have asked, mild, warm and sunshiny, varied by an occasional fresh April shower in October and November. And now tens of thousands of acres in our county vie with the emerald in hue, and rival the evergreen shores of Canada in beauty. The whole Missouri Valley presents a picture of similar promise. If no unforeseen disaster occurs, next year's crop will be one of the most abundant ever harvested in the state.

IMPROVING.

The beneficial results of Mayor Allen's vigorous and intelligent administration of our city affairs begin to appear on every hand. Streets that were like labyrinths on the rough, old, muggy-travelled backwoods roads and cattle-trails, are being rapidly widened, leveled and macadamized. Pavements are being put down and repaired. Good substantial stone crossings are being laid at principal corners. And the dangerous precipice like walking-off places, which have, for thirty years, invited broken limbs, dislocated necks and damage suits, are all fenced in securely. When the improvements now progressing on Main street are completed, it will be one of the handsomest avenues in the place of which it has always been an eyesore and disgrace. Honor to whom honor is due; and several little chunks of it to those who have, at last, undertaken to raise Lexingtonian municipal styles above those of the average log-cabin, doggerly and blacksmith-shop village.

PERSONAL.

Major Ben. Wilson, who has been dangerously typhoid for some time past, is to be out of bed.

ALL AROUND LEXINGTON.

What all around us looks gloriously. Quinn Plattenberg's sale of J. E. Boyer's household furniture and effects, last Saturday, was well attended, and everything sold at good figures.

DOVER.

Our old neighbor, John Gaunt, got a cheap bunch of pork, last Saturday. A fellow sold him a dressed hog, weighing 425 pounds, for \$18. As pork is worth 54 1/2 cts a pound, the bargain was rather noticeable.

WELLINGTON.

Postmaster Endley was in Lexington, Monday. The present high prices are bringing hogs into market at a rushing rate.

STATE NEWS.

Magnificent wheat prospect all over the state. Horse-stealing prevailing in epidemic form throughout the state. Contracts for pork are being made in Polk county, at \$10 a hundred weight. Cattle has a wagon factory which has turned out \$30,000 worth of work last week.

RELIGIOUS.

Brother Kerr, pastor of the Old School Presbyterian flock, has gone to housekeeping.

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J. S. Barnhill, last Monday night, kept in his feed-lot, 115 hogs for Chas. A. Sparks, and Tuesday night, 30 more.

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