Holt County Sentinel

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OLD '74.

With relentless rapidity the years pass down the stream of time. Only a few days more and 1874 will be known only as a thing of the past. What food for reflection the past year affords! The prudent and the wise will profit, by the experience of the past, be it good, bad, or indifferent.

Col. E. D. Mason, chief engineer of the St. Joseph bridge, and an engineer of national reputation, died at his home in Toledo a few day ago. He was a man of extensive literary and scientific attainments, and his death is an irreparable loss. The St. Joseph bridge is a lasting monument to his skill and indomitable energy.

The sixth annual meeting of the Missouri State Horticultural Society, will be in St. Louis, on the 12th 13th, and 14th of January, 1875. Invitations have been extended to members of all State or Local Horticultural and Agricultural Societies, to fruit growers, nurserymen and friends of horticulture and pomology generally, to be present and participate in the discussions.

Saint Louis has packed 50,000 hogs more this year than last—the figures being, says the St. Louis *Republican*, 250,000 for 1874, against 200,000 packed last year. St. Joseph, considering population, money, and number of packers, has vastly exceeded St. Louis in the packing business, as, according to last statement, the number was considerably above 100,000 head.

REPUBLICAN DISTRICT CONVENTION.

The Republican Committee for the 1st Senatorial District have called a Canvention to be held at Forest City, Holt county, on

Tuesday, the 12th day of January, 1875, for the purpose of nominating two candidates to represent this District in the new Constitutional Convention.

A. B. McCreary, Atchison Co., Sec.
A. Downs, Andrew Co.
John Ham, Nodaway Co.
C. O. Proud, Holt Co.
Dec. 21, 1874.

THE CIRCUIT COURT.

The honorable Circuit Court of Holt county, met at the Court House, on the 21, Judge Kelley on the bench; S. T. Lucas, Sheriff, and E. L. Allen, Clerk.

Court was in session only a little over two days, when on Wednesday morning it adjourned until the first Monday in January, (4th) 1875.

The case of the state versus Frank Bridgman, C. E. Barnes, John Foster, and others, on the charge of lynching the boy, James Ross, was continued by the state until the April term of Court. The eight prisoners were permitted to give bail in the sum of $12,000 each for their appearance of Court.

TERRIBLE ACCIDENT IN KING GROVE.

A terrible accident occurred in the northeastern part of Holt county on Wednesday evening, December 9. the particulars of which were as follows: Mrs. E. Hobbs, wife of Nicholas S. Hobbs, residing near Kings Grove, had been away from home, visiting on that day, and returning about dusk started up a fire in the heating stove. She then left her two little children in charge of the oldest girl, about 9 years old, and went out to milk the cows. The girl left in charge of the others followed her mother to the cow yard, and suddenly Mrs. Hobbs heard a scream from the little girl in the house, and looking that way she saw her all ablaze. When Mrs. Hobbs reached the house she found the little girl aged 3 years burned almost to a crisp. Our informant, J. L. Grigsby, says, the unfortunate child lingered until Tuesday of last week when she died. No one knows how the accident happened. The stricken parents have the sympathy of the whole neighborhood.

BIG INVENTION.

Lloyd, the famous map man, who made all the maps for General Grant and the Union army, certificates of which he published, has just invented a way of getting a relief plate from steel so as to print Lloyd's Map of American Continent—showing from ocean to ocean—on one entire sheet of bank note paper, 40x50 inches large, on a lightning press, and colored, sized and varnished for the wall so as to stand washing, and mailing anywhere in the world for 25 cents, or unvarnished for 10 cents. This map shows the whole United States and Territories in a group, from surveys to 1875, with a million places on it, such as towns, cities, villages, mountains, lakes, rivers, streams, gold mines, railway stations, &c. This map should be in every house. Send 25 cents to the Lloyd Map Company, Philadelphia, and you will get a copy by return mail.

CARD FROM MR. BASKINS.

That Public Meeting.

Oregon, Mo., Dec. 22, 1874.

Editor Sentinel: In reply to the *Spy* of Dec. 18th, I would say, that I am glad that he is manly enough to simer that apparent "Public Meeting" of his at my store down to 6, including myself. His first article carried the idea that a rousing public meeting was called and held in my store; and that I was cognizent of it, and "a speech was made, and a line was drawn" by some spokesmen to a vast audience, all of which I most emphatically deny. Any store open for public patronage is a public place, and people are in the habit of gathering at them to do their trading, and as a general thing talk about public, or private matters; and for allowing this I am branded by the *Spy* with having a public meeting in my store. The *Spy* could pounce upon any merchant in the county for the same thing.

WM. BASKINS.

COUNTY SEAT DISCUSSION.

Mr. Dodds Versus Mound City Spy.

Corning, Dec. 21, 1874.

Editor Sentinel: The "Spy Creek Gimlet" comes to us burdened with the usual amount of county seat balderdash, central locations, sectional feeling, &c. &c. The brilliant ideas evolved by this luminous excrescence of stupid imbecility, reminds one of the time when Boss Tweed and his cohorts held high carnival in the City of New York, and sought to throttle every opponent who choose to differ with them.

But let us review some of this illustrious quill-driver's personals to us. Hear him: He says, "two-thirds is a majority?" we should think so, and such a majority as will always stand in the wrong column of figures to move a county seat to "Spy Creek." We venture the assertion to our illustrious friend, that with the county line where it now stands we could defeat this clique of "Spy Creek," county seat agitators by a two-thirds majority, and if it be true that we can do so, now what can you accomplish when we shall have succeeded in placing Oregon, nearer the geographical center, than you are, by running the old Atchison county line where it properly belongs, on the south line of this northern tier of townships? True, you may seek to sport our proposition, but we are determined, and if we do not succeed in accomplishing the change this year perhaps we will next, and so on, *ad infinitum*.

Talk then no more of this great work of yours by this bare majority. Do not delude the dupes that follow in your wake any longer, but come square down and tell them frankly you have given up all hope of court houses and fat political jobs. Abstain from the too frequent libation of Spy Creek forty-rod ardent, and your now bedimmed vision and sordid sensabilities may clear up somewhat, and you may be able to see yourself in the light the balance of mankind views you. You have undertaken a task you will never accomplish, and the sooner you let out the job the better you will be off financially.

This clique of agitators prate loudly of their putting county buildings up at the geographical centre, four miles south of "Spy Creek," without cost to the county, when every one outside this puerile ring knows that over one-half of the agitators engaged in it do not have stamps enough to buy a second hand jack knife; that they have all to make and nothing to loose, that they are carpet-baggers, intriguers, professional political place-hunters and demagogues of the worst type, and full of festering political infamy.

The leader of this political menagerie who imagines himself to be editor of a paper, does not find it convenient to answer a single argument we made in support of our proposition, but contended himself to deal out his mighty Billingsgate upon myself and a gentleman he chooses to call our master.

Who is the gentleman he chooses to call our master? Mr. F. W. Walter. He needs no introduction to the people of Holt county, they have known him for over thirty years and we defy our "Spy Creek" friend to bring ought against him, to point out one dishonorable act in a long and eventful life. Is it so with some of the parties engaged with you? Look at your lying circular; look at the dishonorable means used to accomplish your infamous aims, and then hide your head with shame. You charge that we pledged Mr. Walter to the republican convention, which we deny, and stand ready to prove that we opposed such a course in the committee rooms, and that we worded our remarks carefully when we made the nomination.

But as this "Spy Creek" concern has sought to make capital out of this last campaign, we pledge them our word that we will work earnestly for the defeat of any one of the agitators of the county seat question, and we can tell them still farther that though they succeeded once they will never succeed again. And if he thinks "my master" is in any way chagrined at his defeat, we will dispel all doubt by saying that his time averages ten dollars per day the year round, and that he would be still responsible for his own business, while if he had been elected as judge, this office would only have payed five dollars per day, when in session. The place may have charms for a poor hungry office-seeker, but the motives that induced Walter to become candidate were higher. Neither on account of the honor nor for the pay there is in the office, but because *the people* desired his services, did he consent to run.

Now in conclusion, before we leave off to enjoy the holidays, we wish to say to our "Spy Creek" friend. If you wish to build up a town at Mound City do it, but do so without raising any false hopes of having a county town, for you surely never will, and if you build all your hopes of your future greatness upon that sandy foundation, the rebound will kill your town forever beyond all recovery.

Remember that the newspaper moulds a public sentiment, and be sure and have that public spirited; advocate the increase of railroad facilities, urge your people to attend church, for you must feel that they need the benefits of religion; advocate and practice temperance; advocate the establishment of seminaries of learning, a general diffusion of knowledge; attend to your own business, and let your neighbor alone; and just so surely as you do this your town will prosper and grow, and all mankind will rejoice in your growth and development. This would be our course if we had editorial control of your paper, and our past experience in that particular direction tells us we would surely succeed.

J. R. DODDS.

Merry Christmas!

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

Shall Holt County Have the Honor of Furnishing one of the Delegates!

Holt County, Mo., Dec. 21, 1874.

Friend Kliptel: As we are to have a Constitutional Convention, and the Governor has designated the 26th day of January next, for electing delegates to attend that Convention, would it not be proper for the citizens of Holt county to feel an interest in this matter and present her claims to one of the two delegates that are to be elected from the First Senatorial District? You are aware, sir, that Holt county has been in connection with the counties of Andrew, Nodaway and Atchison, as one of the counties that compose the 1st Senatorial District, for the space of twenty-six years, and has never yet enjoyed the honor of sending a member to the State Senate or a delegate to a Constitutional Convention, which the other counties have more or less repeatedly enjoyed, persistently rejecting all her (Holt's) modest pretensions to a participancy in those honors. Now, as this is a true statement of facts and Holt's claims have been postponed from time to time, it is no reason why her citizens should not renew her reasonable and just demands.

Whether we are to be treated with a generous magnanimity by the other counties or not, we claim that Holt county is justly entitled to one of those delegates. Our eyes are open to observation, the time is close at hand, and we shall soon see what we shall see, and know what we shall know, whether we are to be regarded as equals or not.

Having said enough to give our brethren an understanding how we appreciate their former kindness, and how we are able to appreciate future developments, we will turn our attention to the subject of selecting a candidate in Holt county to run for the office of delegate. And after assuring you with all confidence that we have all the materials, both timber and mettle, we will call on the citizens of Holt county to look around them, view their available resources and bring out a man whose record is such that the whole district will delight to honor him, and by so doing restore confidence and fellow feeling.

But how to begin the task of bringing out a candidate prominently and timely, (the time is short,) we feel at a loss to decide, but would suggest that the people confer with each other in their respective townships, make their selections and spread the result of their deliberations so that it can be ascertained who is most popular. Let that gentleman be cordially invited to accept, and let him rejoin whether he accepts or not. If you or any other gentleman have a more feasible plan to suggest, give it to the public that we may be prepared to act advisedly.

HICKORY.

ST. NICHOLAS FOR JANUARY

Is a real Holiday number, and a peculiarly attractive one. It opens with a beautiful frontispiece called "Mozart, the Little Music-King," followed by a short Sketch of the great musician's career. It gives us an abundance of interesting Christmas stories, such as "Tommy, the Soprano," by Charles Barnard; "May's Christmas Tree," by Olive Thorne; "A Christmas Legend," by Florence Scannell (each of the three with a beautiful picture by Eytinge); and "The Dwarf's Mirror," illustrated by F. A. Chapman. There is also a fac-simile of the original manuscript of the famous ballad "'Twas the Night before Christmas," which will attract the attention of all the boys and girls.

The beginning of the two serials, "The Young Surveyor," by J. T. Trowbridge, and "Eight Cousins," by Louisa M. Alcott, with fine illustrations by W. L. Sheppard and Addie Ledyard, is an event of great importance to the readers of the Magazine, and has no doubt been eagerly awaited by them. Hezekiah Butterworth contributes a set of lively stories called "The Funny Kings," which are admirably illustrated by Henry L. Stephens, and Thomas Dunn English has an old-fashioned Fairy-tale, with two striking pictures by E. B. Bensell. The number also contains "A Bird's-Eye View of the Battle of Life," illustrated by five of Conklin's exquisite pictures; a description of "The Hornbill," with an illustration by James C. Beard; an article giving directions for making a "Domino Bridge;" and an interesting account by Noah Brooks of the celebrated "Children's Crusade."

Then, there are poems by Bret Harte and Elizabeth Stuart Phelps; a "Christmas Carol" by Mrs. Dodge; and a beautifully illustrated poem, entitled "Santa Claus and his Men."

The large number of excellent illustrations by such artists as Sheppard, Eytinge, Addie Ledyard, Stephens, Bensell, and others, is an important feature of the number.

"Jack-in-the-Pulpit" and "The Riddle-Box" have also caught the Christmas spirit, and there is an additional department of "Books for Boys and Girls;" in fact, eight extra pages have been added to the January St. Nicholas, in order to make room for all the good things that have been crowed into it.

NICKEL SILVER IS GOOD.

But the ladies of Oregon and vicinity have concluded that the Queensware, Glassware, Cutlery, &c. for sale by Wm. Baskins, is much better, as durable and cheaper; and if any of you doubt it, just go and see for yourselves. 25tf

Proceedings of the County Court.

December Term, 1874.

Court met at Clerk's Office, Dec. 14, Judges Richard Collison, George Anderson and Daniel Van Wormer; Albert Roecker, Clerk, and S. T. Lucas, Sheriff, present.

Court organized by ordering that Richard Collison be the presiding justice of the Court.

The following presented their bonds, $1,000 each, as constables for the townships below stated:

J. M. Miller, Forbes township.
John D. Rice, Bigelow.
Jacob Rostock, Liberty.
Frederick Dege, Lincoln.
John Powell, Lewis.
G. E. Nicholson, Benton.
Samuel Patton, Union.
Chris. W. Forney, Clay.
Robert Hester, Hickory.

The bond of John H. C. Curtis of $10,000, as County Clerk was approved and filed.

The Bond of Wm. F. Taylor, of $5,000 as Recorder of Deeds of Holt county, was approved.

A duplicate bond of Wm. G. McIntyre as Collector of Holt county, of $140,000—one for the County and the other for the State—was approved.

The attention of the Court was very much occupied by hearing the evidence and deciding the conflicting claims of pre-emptors to some pieces of Congressional swamp land lately granted to Holt county. In the case between Edward Stanton and John Turney, the Court decided in favor of the former. Hezekiah Hively's claim was also awarded to him.

During this session, eleven patents were issued by the county to pre-emptors and others, on account of swamp lands, embracing some 1,100 acres.

License was granted to H. M. Carter, to keep a ferry for one year across the river at Rulo.

On petition of the citizens residing in the Western part of the township, Robert Adkins was appointed justice of the peace for Bigelow township, to serve until the next general election.

In view of the special election, ordered to be held on the 26th day of January, 1875, for the purpose of electing delegates to the Constitutional Convention of Missouri, the Court ordered that the following persons act act as judges of election:

Forbes Township: George McIntyre, Harvey Evans and Wm. Poynter.

East Lewis: L. M. Kaull, O. C. Plummer and Hiram Wiggins.

Nodaway: David Pollock, A. E. Williams and Henry Patterson.

Hickory: James Debolt, John W. Davis and John M. Trimble.

Clay: Hiram Blazer, John R. Bradford and Robert Artt.

Benton: Napoleon Browning, Edward Richards and J. H. Glenn.

Liberty: John S. Kyle, J. S. Chapin and Solomon Batton.

Bigelow: Ed. A. Brown, Henry W. Smith and B. S. McCoy.

Union: Chas. A. Doughty, James V. Wright and Jacob Wagoner.

Lincoln: Henry A. Dankers, Abraham Lawrence and Henry Roselius.

License was granted to James Duncan to keep ferry across the Nodaway river at Zook & Duncan's mill, for one year.

John G. Cottrell presented his annual report as superintendent of the poor Farm, which was received and ordered filed.

Dr. B. L. G. Stone was awarded the contract for one year as physician to the inmates of the Poor House and Jail, commencing the 4th day of January, 1875.

J. G. Cottrell was employed as superintendent of the Poor Farm, at a salary of $550. The year to begin the 15th day of December, 1874, and ending the 15th day of December, 1875.

Levi Oren presented his annual settlement for the year ending December 1st, 1874, which was found correct and was received and ordered filed.

The bond of Andrew Sheridan, as contractor for building and extending levee below Forest City, of $1000, was approved and filed.

The bond of Live Oren as Treasurer, of Holt county of $80,000, and bond of $40,000 as treasurer of the school fund, were approved and ordered filed.

The Court adjourned to meet on Monday the 18th day of January, 1875.

CONGRESSIONAL.

We see from the Congressional *Record* that Hon. I. C. Parker pitched into business the first thing on the opening of Congress. The second day of the session we find the following entries:

ENTRY OF PUBLIC LANDS BY INDIANS.

Mr. Parker, of Missouri, introduced a bill (H. R. No. 1864) to enable Indians in certain cases to enter public lands of the United States under the homestead law, and for other purposes; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

OBSTRUCTION TO MAIL TRAINS.

Mr. Parker, of Missouri, also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 3865) to punish the obstruction of mail trains, and to make the murder or assault of an officer in the employ of the United States cognizable in the Federal courts; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Coommittee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

PETER JOSEPHS.

Mr. Parker, of Missouri, also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 3866) granting a pension to Peter Josephs, a soldier of the war of 1812; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions and War of 1812, and ordered to be printed.

TAXATION OF STATE BANKS.

Mr. Parker, of Missouri, also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 3867) fixing the rate of taxation upon State banks and State banking associations; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

Noble & Peters, the enterprising proprietors of the Norte Side Meat Market, have added a stock of groceries and provisions to their establishment. They are prepared to supply every want of the family in their line of business. Give them a call. 24tf

A RESIGNATION.

To the Board of Education Oregon Graded School.

Messrs: I hereby tender to you my resignation as Principal of the Oregon Graded School. I do this because justice to myself demands it under the circumstances in which I am placed. You are well aware of the prejudice which a few persons had created against me, both with the scholars and patrons of the school before I began, although I was an entire stranger. And those of you who were members of the old board which employed me, know that I stated the fact to you before I was employed that certain parties were working to prejudice the people and school against me, and ask you to take this into consideration, if it would not be an injury to the school to employ one against whom they had created such a prejudice, telling you at the same time I was perfectly willing that my application should not be considered in view of existing facts. When the appointment was given to me, I determined to do the best for the school, which it was in my power to do and have labored for that purpose. In the meantime those who were disappointed in getting the position themselves were not idle. They left no stone unturned to make me unpopular, both with the teachers of the county and patrons of the school, stooping even to say that it was from sectarian belief that they were rejected, and I was employed thus to prejudice the members of other churches against me. They succeeded so well in their plans, that when school began they were bold to assert that I would not remain two weeks. For two months and a half after school began, I had to have not only the supervision of the school, but also the entire charge of the first department, which last year had not only an assistant teacher, but also had several classes heard by students. After making the number of recitations as small as possible, I found myself compelled to hear fifteen recitations a day, besides my other duties. Among the recitations were a class in German, one in Latin, one in University, and one in Elementary Algebra, besides those in Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography, &c. Feeling before school began that I could not do justice to the number of recitations I should have, and at the same time have the supervision of the whole school. I urged upon the board the necessity of employing an assistant, even offering to pay $10 per month out of my own wages to aid in employing an assistant teacher, but failed to get one employed. The difficulty under which I labored was used by my enemies to increase the prejudice which they had already created. They visited my school *not* to encourage it, but to find something with which they could pick a flaw, magnifying "mole hills" into mountains, and holding them up to the already prejudiced view of scholars and patrons. They denounced our requirements as tyrannical and unjust, exciting a spirit of rebellion in pupils, asserting that we dare not attempt to punish if the rules were violated. In this way pupils were encouraged to break over rules which required punishment, and finally openly defy the authority of the school. This open defiance and the declaration that they *intended to defy* the rules needed a severe punishment. You granted them the privilege of being punished or leaving school; they choose the latter. Then the cry is raised that such treatment of pupils is unjust and inhuman, and that I was depriving them of the privilege of attending school, when by their own acts and their *own choice*, they have withdrawn themselves from school, rather than to obey its requirements. It was when this pressure was made by those who opposed me and their sympathizers, that I found some in whom I had trusted as friends, and with whom I had advised, were enemies in disguise, being friendly to my face, while secretly they were plotting to get me out of the school in order to secure for themselves the position of Principal, thus concealing under the garb of friendship the dagger with which they would inflict a deeper wound than the midnight assassin. In this extremity I was informed that some of you members of the board would resign if I did not, and leave me too fight it alone. Justice to myself in this crisis demand that I shall resign, notwithstanding the injury which the school will sustain in allowing the rebellious spirit of a few pupils, aided by the prejudices of some outsiders, to rule both the Board and teachers. It will be the victory for which they are working, and a precedent for all their future actions. I leave the responsibility of the decision with you. I know I am the victim of an accursed plot to drive me from the school and county, and from which I confess I am not able at present to extricate myself. You know all rules and regulations that have been made. You can decide it they were just or unjust. In your general rules for the government of the school, we teachers were required to keep good order, or be subject to dismissal. I have tried to keep order and restrain the pupils from disturbing one another in school, or injuring the building or school property, and for this I am denounced as a tyrant and an inhuman monster. Here let me say your school will never be a success until some teacher is sustained in bringing it under a good state of discipline. I have thus briefly stated the main circumstances which have led to my resignation. My wish is that the school may prosper, and I earnestly hope that my successor—as the Principal of this school—will not only receive the full support of the Board, but also the support of the patrons of the school, and not be hampered by accursed prejudices and jealousies as I have been.

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