

TOWN AND COUNTY

County Court meets next Monday. Philip Snider, Jr., has rented his farm to Thomas Baskins and will remove to Oregon.

The Holt county Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, will meet at Mound City on the 21st of this month.

Missouri Valley Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, will meet at Phelps' School House on Friday, March 23.

At the Slemo Sale on last Saturday everything brought remarkably high prices.

Geo. Deffenbaugh is building a barn for Levi Oren, in Hickory township.

Elder F. K. Dibble will commence a protracted meeting this (Friday) evening at Graham, Nodaway county.

Joel Hester will start in a few days for Cheyenne. He will be gone several weeks.

The conference of the Evangelical Association is to be held at Nickel's Grove Church instead of the school house as heretofore announced.

Farmers in the vicinity of Mound City will find it to their interest to read the advertisement of A. Crazell, to be found in another column.

The Probate Court of Holt County, Judge R. H. Russell, presiding, met on the 12th instant for the transaction of considerable probate business.

Professor Hill had an excellent audience at Nickel's Grove School House on last Friday night, and every body was pleased with his address.

Rev. Mr. Lake of Nemaha county, Nebraska, has been in this city a week, assisting Mr. Edmonds in his protracted meeting at the M. E. Church.

Jacob Wehrle, a well-to-do good looking single young farmer, has just completed a neat frame country residence. Look a little out, girls!

On the 4th inst, Elder J. W. Kelley married Mr. James W. Porter to Miss Mary E. Gentry, at the residence of the bride's father, Alfred Gentry, Esq., three miles south of Oregon.

S. P. Jewell, merchant at Milton, Atchison county, was in the city several days this week. He reports peace and plenty, with some slight prospect of a grass hopper visitation.

Married, March 11, 1877, at the residence of John Shorling by Rev. F. Inland, Mr. Casper Michel, Jr., and Miss Caroline Schorling, all of Holt county, Mo.

Married, March 15, 1877, at the residence of George Meyer, by Rev. F. Inland, Mr. Martin Hornecker and Miss Mary Meyer, all of Holt county, Mo.

Andrew Gemmecker leaves for St. Louis in a few days for the purpose of looking after some matters connected with the defunct Anchor Fire & Marine Insurance Company.

Thomas Baskins, who resides some two miles south of Oregon, is afflicted with a severe carbuncle on his right hand, causing great pain and disabling him from work.

Ulrich Burger, who some three months ago sold his farm at Ross Grove, Liberty township, has opened up another farm and has just completed the erection of a new 1-1/2 story frame dwelling, 16x26 feet.

We learn that the Oregon City Cemetery is in a wretched condition. The fences and gates are down, and cattle and hogs are running over the graves. Whoever has charge of the cemetery should see that this is remedied at once.

Mrs. Mary Pollock, four miles south of Oregon, was severely injured a few days ago while feeding some swill to her hogs. They ran against her, knocked her down, and so bruised her that she was confined to her bed for several days.

The election for County School Commissioner and also for School Directors in the various districts, takes place on Tuesday, April 3, instead of the second Tuesday in April as heretofore announced. The election is an important one and there should be a full vote.

A slight change in the running time of the passenger trains on the K. C. St. Joe. & C. B. R. R. took place a few days ago. The day mail train going north passes Forest City at 4:29 p. m.; the night express train going south passes Forest City at 9:05 p. m. No change in the other trains.

The creek at Forest City has had its channel changed so that it now empties into the slough. This saves a large amount of land below that place from inundation. To change the creek it was necessary to dig a ditch about one hundred and fifty yards long.

G. W. Moore, 2 1/2 miles south of Oregon, has 4,000 pounds of Tobacco for sale and intends raising a large crop this year. Joseph Taylor, 3-1/2 miles southeast of Oregon, has 2,000 pounds for sale and will also try his luck again this year. Philip Rostock, one mile east of Oregon, has some eight thousand pounds for sale and expects to raise a still larger crop this year.

A company is being formed of citizens of Holt county who propose to start for the Black Hills in about three weeks. Among those who have thus far joined the party are J. D. Perkins, John Green, Levi Kyser, Mr. Morris and family, who live near Bigelow, Henry Schmitter, and family, nine miles south of Oregon, one of the Jackson boys, and one of the Cook boys.

It is probable the company will be increased by the addition of others before the time of starting.

RATIFICATION.

The Republicans of Old Holt Jubilant

Over the Inauguration of Hayes and Wheeler.

On last Saturday night, as per previous announcement, a large and enthusiastic meeting of the Republicans of Old Holt was held in front of the Sexton office for the purpose of giving expression to their gratification at the inauguration of Hayes and Wheeler.

A barrel of tar, which had been shipped up from St. Joseph, furnished a bon-fire which made everything as light as day; a band of music discoursed among others was a sale of a thousand dollars worth of clothing to Ira Peter.

During the Republican celebration last Saturday night several eggs were thrown into the crowd by some unknown persons. It is fortunate that the perpetrators that they were not detected, as they would undoubtedly have been severely dealt with. No person having the slightest claim to respectability would be guilty of such an act. We hope that should our Democratic friends ever have occasion to jubilate over anything, no Republican will be found low and degraded enough to retaliate in the same way.

Messrs. J. M. Kenyon, of Fillmore, Mo., and J. W. Jones, of Stewartville, Mo., will hold a joint public sale of Short-horn cattle, embracing the entire "Round Prairie Herd," and about thirty head of the "Oak Lawn Herd," on the Exposition grounds, at St. Joseph, Mo., on Wednesday, April 4, 1877.

Among the animals offered are representatives of some of the best families of Short horns in the country; and we think, as individual animals, they will compare favorably with any short-horns in the West. Descriptive catalogues, giving the full pedigree of each animal that will be offered for sale, can be had by applying to either of the above named gentlemen. A copy can also be seen at this office.

In the Probate court on Tuesday, James Scott filed information that Sanford Noland, Mary Jane Noland and John Noland, heirs of Harmon G. Noland, deceased, are of unsound mind and incapable of managing their own affairs. Judge Russell thereupon appointed a commission consisting of Ira Peter, Levi Cook, Jacob Fry, John N. Masters, Uriah Copeland and Andrew Gemmecker to examine into the cases and report to the court. The report was that the parties named are of unsound mind and incapable of taking care of themselves or their estate. James Scott was appointed guardian of all of them on his filing a bond of three thousand dollars.

A Suggestion about Immigration. John M. Burger, of Liberty township recently received a letter from his brother, Jacob, who is a member of the German Swiss colony in the Republic of Uruguay. South America, (in 34° south latitude) bearing date the fourth of December, 1876. It details the incessant political disturbances of that unhappy country, the struggle for the exercise of supreme authority between rival chieftains, the insecurity of life and property and the general chaos in the country. The letter goes on to state that unless some such strong power as the United States, England or Germany intervenes and extends a protectorate over Uruguay, the colony of 600 German families will have to break up and emigrate to some other country. In case they have to leave, they would prefer to come to Missouri. The letter also states that just prior to harvest time, (in that latitude in the middle of December) immense swarms of grasshoppers had got in from the west and were committing serious damage to the crops. If these people have to leave Uruguay, would it not be well to make some effort to get them to come to Holt county? They are the kind of people that make splendid citizens.

The Presidential struggle just ended, has been a close and a hot one, and whilst it engendered some unpleasant feelings in certain quarters, it demonstrated that the mission of the Republican party was not ended. The party in party, with the leadership it developed in the recent campaign, and the action of its leaders in one of the Houses of Congress, was not the party to retreat with the advent of this great government. The Republicans had made a gallant fight and a long fight and had come out victorious and with a high reputation.

As regards the late exciting struggle for political supremacy, (Mr. K.) thought it was probably the most prolonged campaign he had ever witnessed. Having commenced early in June of last year and ending in March this year, it was no small thing that the people here and the country abroad in its career of national usefulness. The internal political dissensions, left as a legacy to the late civil war, and the present southern complications, must give way to the policy of the nation, and the nation will then be in a condition to exert a potent influence among the nations of the earth—and more especially upon the neighboring peoples of our continent and adjacent islands—who are looking to us for guidance and protection. Therefore, let the masses of the people themselves to the development of the best resources of our great country, let industry and business revive, let the ship of State sail on, let the tolling millions become remunerative; let all the people cheerfully sustain the administration, and the Republic will undoubtedly enter upon a new era of vigorous growth and national greatness.

The speaker concluded his remarks by extolling the manhood, virtue and enlightened judgment of President Hayes, and thought as long as the "ship of State" had him at the helm, all would be well. He also paid a high compliment to the individual members of Mr. Hayes' cabinet, knowing them to be men of the very highest order of integrity, statesmanship and patriotism.

The applause which greeted these patriotic utterances was earnest and long continued. The cannon hoarsely gave forth its approval; the band chimed in with its sweetest notes, and the people ratified all by their hearty cheers.

The speaking closed with a few remarks from the Editor of the SENTINEL, who expressed his gratification at

REPLY TO THE POEM RECENTLY PUBLISHED ON JOHN LAWRENCE.

BY H. M. B. "Now our souls are almost dead; More a little, and then done, This, as my last hour, give me, For such kindness must relieve me." Shakespeare.

Why heap curses on his head? Why reproach the living dead? Living—and yet doomed to die! Why, when his doom is drawn so nigh? Once a mother loved him well, How well, none but she can tell, And as she pressed him to her breast, Dost thou she cheer him to his fate?

Alas! no! not one awful thought Of his sad and tragic lot Gave she, as she kissed her boy, Her only hope, her future lot! But he innocently or guiltily,— He he murderer or saint— God has 'neath the stars waiting— Still is knocking at the gate.

Though his crime may be as scarlet, Though he may be lost to sin, Jesus stands there, gently knocking; Let us hope he'll let him in. All that God has ceased to love him! Mother, kindred, friends are gone; His's approach is all that's left him, All else earthly now is flown.

And, at last, when all is over, When his weary spirit's fled, Take him from the reeking gallows; Touch him gently, he is dead!

Dear him to the silent church-yard, Let his name be on the scroll; He has a soul! I this remember, And leave the rest with God.

CRACKER'S NECK CHOPPING. HOLT COUNTY, MO., March 8th 1877. Editor SENTINEL: We have some things going on here in Cracker's Neck that I thought you might consider worth a place in your columns.

The Highland Dramatic club gave us an entertainment on the night of the 31st ult., that was good. (I can not make it stronger.) The Highland Literary Society meets every Friday night. Last meeting on the 10th and was addressed by Prof. Hill. The society voted a vote of thanks to the Professor but that did not feelably express it. It being election night the following were elected: W. F. Murray, President; Jeff. Wright, Vice President; J. H. Burnam, Secretary; A. Stevens, Treasurer; and Miss Annie Murray, Critic.

Farmers are busy preparing for spring with but little fear of the festive hoppers. There are several of our farmers going into the Tobacco business. Mr. A. Stevens has some 8000 lbs. on hand. Mr. C. Dodson has 4000 lbs. and Mr. Hostetter has 5000 lbs. ready for market. Mr. Stevens has exchanged farms with Mr. Dooley of your place and will leave soon. In losing Mr. Stevens we lose a good neighbor and you gain one.

Hogs are dying all around us and we expect to do without our rations of ham. Some people are never satisfied and our friend Dodson belongs to that class. Not satisfied with being the best Tobacco man—not satisfied with having one of the best horse wives—not satisfied with the prettiest lady in a berry of fair rivals that will rival with the fair, she needs just go and have a birthday (though I find there are several here who have birthday-days) that day must come on the 4th of March.

Mrs. D. showed her usual good judgment when she invited her friends to come on the evening of the 3rd to help dispose of the many good things she had prepared for the occasion. Her friends forgot to leave until the "wee sma' hours" and now who can say the 4th was not celebrated?

After enjoying a feast of good things we repaired to the parlor and organized a returning ball composed of Miss Luty Allen, Mrs. Trimble and Mrs. Lamb, and proceeded to vote the chicken bones to the ugliest man. The first vote was a tie between Messrs. Hostetter and Burnam, Allen and Dodson far in the rear. Upon the second ballot, Mr. Hostetter scooped the bones. Mr. Burnam contested but the board refused to go behind the returns, but beautiful consistency—they made Mr. H. go behind the bones!

A vote as to the prettiest lady present resulted in Mrs. Dodson carrying off the honors, with Mrs. Lamb a fair third. Songs, stories and repartee carried us in unthoughtful trespass upon the Sabbath morn. We then passed self congratulations and departed, feeling that it was good to be there.

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WHIG VALLEY WIT. WING VALLEY, March 12, 1877. To the Editor HOLT COUNTY SENTINEL:—The chilly embate of winter is losing its hold and the balmy zephyr of spring are singing their sweet lullaby as we are reading the latest news in the SENTINEL, and speculating on the chances of postmasters and revenue collectors, and the reckless manner that our students of political economy are handling our money. Five dollars per bushel for hoppers in the household, and twenty-five cents per bushel in the market. What a chance for old people and cripples! What is a few million bushels of corn more or less compared to the new industry that will spring up? The rush to make fortunes will depopulate the old states and ruin the Black Hills! But hear what Snotter says: Mr. Speaker and in a dear constituents, there is no language that can express the heart felt gratitude to you, for the elevated position you have placed me in. I am one of you for I was raised amongst corn rows myself, and I feel like saying:— "Lift up thy head, my brother, Hold out thy tail with a rod, The man of your labor is the noblest in the land."

This brought down the house with thunders of applause, and they then adjourned to the corner grocery, and after "here's health to all around," spent the remainder of the night in discussing whether it was the cholera or the devil that killed the hogs at Capernaum. The friends of Ticondagar, Guide to Spotted Tail, Pauster Slayer, and the great terror of the James Boys are to present him with a stone pipe hat with blue glass in the top.

OKONTS.

WEDDING AT BIGELOW.

BIGELOW, MO., March 10, 1877. Mr. Editor:—We are living in a progressive age. This is our text; and we do not expect to be able to set forth our case in logical array, but simply to state facts to substantiate our case, as follows: Our town had been doing business as usual on that day until evening, when it was generally known that there was to be a sensation in town, and it was generally expected that the "Squire" was to stay in town for some purpose of interest to everybody concerned, and so it was; for about 8 o'clock the services of the Justice, H. C. Long, were required, who repaired to the Bigelow House at once, and in presence of the landlord, J. B. Courier and family, together with Dr. W. S. Allen and others as witnesses, proceeded to unite in marriage Charles A. Leach, our urbane and gentlemanly station agent on the K. C., St. Joe and C. B. R. R. with Miss Rhoea Courier, daughter, of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Courier, the host and hostess of the Bigelow House. After the ceremony had been performed everybody appeared to have license to do as he pleased, and we did accordingly. We drank. We smoked. We went to the Bigelow House and Haines and the Landlady danced a schottische; we presented presents, and we are sorry to say Mr. Editor, some of us got drunk; but nevertheless such are the facts. The couple married are not responsible for what we did, and we hope that they will find life's journey attended with the anticipation of their hopes, and that squalls will not more frequently occur than is necessary to complete the happiness of all parties concerned, in disturbing the general monotony of life's voyage.

CULTIVATOR. BUSH BOTTOM RUBBLINGS. Ed. SENTINEL:—Items of interest are very plenty in Rush Bottom, especially since the show has left us. We are plodding along after the same old fashion, still satisfied when our corn bread and coffee makes its appearance at the appointed time.

We came here having a small item for gossip at old ladies' tea parties last week, which happened in this wise: A young woman, of the female persuasion, who had been somewhat unfortunate, imprudent or unlucky, or any how she was *envious*, had been stopping for some time at John A. Roland's. He had made application for her reception at the county poor farm some time since, but had deferred taking her there, on account of the condition of the roads, until Monday the 5th inst., when he took her out to Bigelow intending to put her aboard the train, but missing that he was obliged to bring her back again, intending to take an early start next morning; but!

Dame Nature (that's not the girls name), interposed, and a young gentleman put in an appearance the same evening, introducing himself as H. H. J. D.,—etc.; so "The best laid schemes of mice and men;" well you know.

There has been considerable sickness in the bottom the past two weeks, among the children, the result of severe colds, occasioned by the recent bad weather, but they are all improving at present. The roads have been so extremely bad since March, that the necessary moving has not yet been completed.

In Bigelow I notice the following changes have taken place. R. L. Jackson has left town and located in the bottom on John P. Tocum's farm, and J. N. Westfall, the constable of this township, occupies his former residence. Mr. Westfall has rented his farm to a man by the name of Holder, late of Kansas. John S. Smith has sold his residence in Bigelow to J. L. Channing, and removed to Mound City, where he is still dealing in the extract of corn.

R. P. Lewis, of the firm of Lewis & Brown, has purchased a dwelling house in Bigelow, from J. L. Channing, and is refitting it preparatory to moving in. Ed. Anibal has removed to a farm adjoining town, but is still teaching in town. The above are about all the changes in Bigelow, except that H. C. Haines is extremely happy. It is a boy this time.

STYLUS. "I GO A-FISHING." OREGON, MO., MARCH 12, 1877. Editor SENTINEL:—PETER was afraid of suffering for food and raiment, it is continued to preach after his Master's ascension, and surrounded as he was by the most unpromising circumstances, without making a fair trial of the promise—"Lo, I am with you always," resolves to abandon his high calling, and resume his former occupation, by which he had previously earned his bread. Now whether he was blameworthy or not, is a matter we will not now discuss, since circumstances surrounding us, compel many preachers to adopt the resolution to "go a fishing" as long as religious matters wear the aspect they do at present. Can a rational man find fault with one for abandoning a profession which under the present constitution of things, must inevitably beggar himself and family? And yet there are not a few who consider a man worldly alienated from God, who turns agate to his shop, his farm, his merchandise, or the school room, after having expended all he possessed in proclaiming the gospel, without the faintest prospect of receiving as much as is sufficient to keep his family from suffering. It is true the preacher himself, while from home, may be well fed and housed, and flattered, but if he has a heart worthy of a husband, parent or a christian, he cannot enjoy the good things set before him, while he knows his family at home are living on coarse fare, and perhaps even a scarcity of that; yet the preacher must keep his mouth closed, and not say a word about the duty of the churches to support the preachers, lest the report should come, "He is preaching for money." Those uttering the

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