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This is a new man, with a complete New Stock, bought at Bed Rock prices for Cash, and will not be undersold. He will be pleased to show his new goods, and see that all who buy get the worth of their money. Recollect his goods are all new and fresh. No old stock. Everything will be sold as low as the lowest. All kinds of Country Produce wanted, for which he will pay the highest price in Cash or Goods. Remember this.

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Located on Nuchols' Farm, 2 miles East of Millville, offers his professional services to the Public in that section.

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I have the Abstract Books belonging to the estate of Geo. N. McGee, dec'd, and are now prepared to furnish complete abstract of all lands in Ray County.

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Shelf Hardware, Copper and Tinware.

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Having associated with my Blacksmithing a first-class Wood Workman, we are now prepared to do all kinds of Repairing in the Wood-Work line.

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PAINTING of all kinds done promptly and in good style at the Lowest Prices.

Give us A Trial

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SHOP SOUTH OF WASSON HOUSE.

R. D. ASBURY.

The Norborne Independent is issuing a well patronized daily during the holidays. It speaks well for the town, and proclaims the fact that the publishers have "git up and git."

Gentlemen whose beards are not of the tint which they desire, can remedy the defect by using Buckingham's Dye for the Whiskers.

On Thursday last Mrs. Capt. Emde dropped dead in her yard at her home in Lexington.

At a Bad Time.

Commander J. B. Coghlan, U. S. N., writes to us from the Navy Yard at Mare Island, Cal.—An enforced residence of two years in California made me the subject of most painful attacks of rheumatism. Consultation upon my case by eminent Naval and other surgeons failed to afford me the slightest relief. Dr. Hoyle recommended to me St. Jacobs Oil, the happy result of the use of which was my complete and wonderful cure.—Washington, D. C. Army & Navy Register.

Ask some men for an advertisement or some locals—they answer, they don't believe in advertising—a paper is never read. Let the man be caught kissing his neighbor's wife or trying to hold up the side of a building some dark night, and his time changes instantly, and if the printing office is in the garret of a seventeen story building he will climb to the top to beg the editor to keep quiet. Don't say anything about it in the paper you know.—Elmwood Gazette.

Bad taste, unpleasant breath and impaired hearing, when resulting from Catarrh, are overcome by the use of Ely's Cream Balm. It is not a liquid or snuff and is easily applied.

I am a non-believer in patent medicines but having experienced marked relief from nasal Catarrh and hoarseness by the use of Ely's Cream Balm, I can recommend it to those suffering from this loathsome complaint and to those afflicted with hoarseness or stoppage of the throat so annoying to singers and clergymen.—LOUIS E. PHILLIPS, 1428 N. Y. ave., Washington, D. C.

A gentleman from Orwell, Pa., called my attention to Ely's Cream Balm as a remedy for Catarrh, Hay Fever, etc. He was so earnest in asserting it to be a positive cure (himself having been cured by it) that I purchased a stock. The Balm has already effected cures.—P. F. HYATT, M. D., Bordentown, N. J. 52-2t.

What the DEMOCRAT would like to say, we find ready-made in the Hannibal Courier:

"The way to build up a town is to believe in it, become inspired with faith that there is a future for it; and then for every citizen to lend a helping hand in making it what it ought to be. This in brief, is local pride—it's a local public spirit which does not hesitate to make a present sacrifice, in the faith that it will make the town in which we live in the future. It takes in a determination to patronize our home merchants, enterprises and industries."

COLORLESS AND COLD.—A young girl deeply regretted that she was so colorless and cold. Her face was too white and her hands and feet felt as though the blood did not circulate. After one bottle of Hop Bitters had been taken she was the roskest and healthiest girl in the town, with a vivacity and cheerfulness of mind gratifying to her friends. 52-2t.

The Register, of Plattsburg has this to say of our thriving neighbor Lawson:

"From our friend Ed. S. Darlington we learn that the spirit of improvement has struck the town of Lawson with a perfect boom. During the year just closing, a large number of elegant buildings, including a fine brick school edifice have been erected, and for the coming year the contract has been let to our townsman, Mr. C. Anderson, for the erection of a block of five two story brick business houses with an opera house attachment, the whole to be finished by August 1st. We are glad to hear of Lawson's prosperity as she is one of the most enterprising as well as beautifully located towns in North Missouri."

The additional cost of DeLand's Chemical Baking Powders over cheap goods pays for just so much additional strength. Taking this into account, it is far more economical and healthy than the so-called cheap powders. It is made from Grape Cream Tartar and Bi-Carb. Soda only.

The Norborne Independent of Friday says: "On Wednesday, Mr. James Wright and wife were summoned, by telegram, to the bedside of their sick daughter, Mrs. Mandy Renerick, of Ray county."

Health Is Wealth.

It is worth more than riches, for without it riches cannot be enjoyed. How many people are without health who might regain it by using Kidney-Wort. It acts upon the liver, bowels, and kidneys, cleansing and stimulating them to healthy action. It cures all disorders of these important organs, purifies the blood and promotes the general health. Sold by all druggists. See advt.

Near Burton, in the southern part of Randolph county, one day last week, a deadly fight occurred between two brothers named Cole and Mug Grove. Cole used his knife with fatal effect.

ROYAL

BAKING POWDER

Absolutely Pure.

This powder never varies. A marvel of purity, strength and wholesomeness. More economical than other kinds, and cannot be sold in competition with the multitude of low test, short weight, alum or phosphate powders, sold only in cans. ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., 106 Wall St. New York.

TO FOREIGN ADVERTISERS.

By foreign advertisers we mean that class of advertisers doing business outside of Ray county. To this class of advertisers we, this week, mail sample copies of the DEMOCRAT, and ask their attention to the fact that the paper prints a weekly edition of ELEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY COPIES, as the following affidavit will show:

AFFIDAVIT.

This day, personally appeared before me the undersigned notary public, Chas. H. Scholl, foreman of the Richmond Democrat Steam Printing House, and being duly sworn makes affidavit that he prints every week an edition of Eleven Hundred and Fifty Copies of the Richmond DEMOCRAT.

CHAS. H. SCHOLL, Foreman.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 12th day of December, 1883. (My term as Notary Public will expire 17th April, 1887.

[SEAL.] C. T. GARNER, Jr., Notary Public.

Allowing an average of four readers to every paper subscribed for, we have nearly FOUR THOUSAND people in Ray county who read the DEMOCRAT each week, to say nothing of those papers sent to subscribers abroad and to our exchanges.

The paper will speak for itself as an interesting localizer, and the wise business man who wishes to reach buyers and extend his trade need not be told after seeing it that it will repay him for using our columns.

The last county assessment foots up nearly $7,000,000 of taxable property, and shows conclusively that the people of Ray county have the wealth to buy what they need or desire. This is an important item to the advertiser; also, the fact that the DEMOCRAT'S subscription list is composed of the best men in the county, who are able to buy and pay for what they want. We run no deadheads to swell our list. We must be exceedingly careful about our subscription list, because at the low price of one dollar a year, a loss on one subscription knocks the profit off of a score of paying subscriptions.

Rates will be furnished on application, and the same will be found very reasonable.

All orders should be addressed to

JIM G. ANDERSON, Richmond, Mo.

THE PHILO.'S ENTERTAINMENT.

There was a large audience present Friday night, in the large opera house, to enjoy the programme rendered by the Philomathian society of Richmond College. The exercises were really a contest for money prizes offered by the citizens of Richmond, and every lad on the programme did his level best and was greeted with applause. Where all did so well, and where the awarding committee decided to distribute the total amount of the prize money equally among the contestants, it would be unfair to make invidious mention. Therefore we prefer to give praise alike to all, and present the programme, which was interspersed throughout with some very enjoyable music, rendered by the Ray Silver Cornet Orchestra, and to which no little credit is due for the success of the entertainment.

PROGRAMME.

Salutatory, - - - - - I. N. Powell.
Essay, "Dreams," - - - - Harry Davis.
Declamation, "The Whiskers," G. A. Woods.
Declamation, "Selling the Farm," M. Bogle.
"The Way to Windham," J. J. Limerick, and Rector Bogle.
Declamation, "The Lay of the Mad Man," E. W. Patton.

"GETTING A PHOTOGRAPH."

Joshua - - - - - Dudley Brown.
Mr. Camera - - - - - Clark Mason.
Miss Selina Brown - - - W. Dickerson.
Miss Arminia Brown - - - Price Wilson.
Declamation, "Rev. Gabe Tucker's Remarks," J. M. Leany.
Essay, "Courtesy" - - - Woody Jackson.
Declamation, "Criminality of Dueling," by W. Dickerson.
Declamation, "Only a Newsboy," (by Surname.) J. S. Shotwell

"COUSIN SALLIE DILLARD.—DRAMA—1 ACT."

Judge - - - - - - C. A. Woods.
Lawyer - - - - - - I. C. Snowden.
Harris, - - - - - - I. N. Powell.

Witnesses, jury, etc.

Scene in a Western court - - C. A. Woods.
Declamation, "Influence of Knowledge," by E. W. Patton.
Reading, "The Boy at the Natural Bridge," Price Wilson.
Declamation, "The Baron's Last Banquet," Hiram Rimmer.

"MAKING A HIT.—DRAMA—2 ACT."

Goat Brain, Manager. - - E. W. Patton.
Pilgrim Budger, - - - J. S. Donaldson.
Zeb Doolittle, - - - - I. N. Powell.
Star, - - - - - - J. S. Shotwell.
Declamation, "Address in behalf of the Greeks," I. C. Snowden.
Reading of the "Philomathian Journal," J. S. Donaldson.

Col. Jake Child, Prof. J. W. Black and Messrs Jos. E. Black, J. R. Hamilton and T. N. Lavelock constituted the awarding committee, and their decision to distribute the prize money met with the approval of the contestants and the audience. The receipts amounted to a little over $50.

The Nevada Democrat says it is not in need of our sympathy over the infliction of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," and says:

"We do everything here in the beautiful Southwest on the mammoth order. If you will read the mammoth Democrat you will see that the murder referred to is closely followed by a mammoth hanging (Dec. 28th), a mammoth account of which will be given its readers at that time. Men are shot deader, hung higher and go to heaven straighter here in Southwest Missouri than anywhere. Want to go?"

Want to go where? Go dead, or go to heaven? Nary one. But when we do go we want to go from Richmond, where the soil is rich, the people as good as they ever get to be anywhere and the girls so sweet that an apiary could make a fortune right in town and never a bee stray out of the city limits. O, honey, go 'way.

"Lives of all great men remind us that we are all subject to die," says an exchange, but never cough yourself away as long as you can raise 25 cents for a bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.

We envy the Lexington Intelligencer in the matter of its county correspondence. Each week it prints in a most condensed form the news items from all neighboring villages in the county. In due time the DEMOCRAT hopes to secure a corps of correspondents covering Ray county.

The Lawson Gazette says that a new paper is soon to be started in that place. Lawson is growing and prospering finely, but that it will support two papers we very much doubt.

PLATTSBURG ITEMS.

From the Clinton Co. Register.

At Turney, Clinton county, corn is selling at forty cents per bushel, with prospects of its going higher.

Duke Brawner, of Converse, led to the hymenial alter, in Trenton yesterday, a Miss Collier, and were joined together in the holy bonds of wedlock.

Last Thursday evening, Odd Young had a fine horse stolen from the hitch rack south of the Court House, and at this writing had failed to learn anything as to its whereabouts.

We are reliably informed that Louis Burchett and Miss Martha Creek, of near Starfield are to be united in the holy bonds of matrimony next Sunday at the residence of Rev. Jno. Stone. One creek less in Clinton county.

Last Monday Alex Newby was arraigned before Esquire Force and McWilliams for preliminary examination. Defendant waived examination, and was released under a $2,000 bond for his appearance at the next term or court.

Judge Geo. W. Dunn was in our city last Tuesday holding a special term of the Clinton Circuit Court. He closed the docket in short order, went to hear Eli Perkins the same evening and left for home yesterday evening. The Judge is enjoying good health, and we wish him a continuance of the same, for there are few men who are his equal as a jurist.

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS ITEMS.

From the Excelsior Springs correspondence of the Liberty Advance we extract the following news:

There is talk of another paper being started in Excelsior Springs.

Our mill will soon be in running order.

Wm. Sisk, of New Garden, thinks of moving his store here.

Isaac Swartz of this place has bought three acres of land adjoining Lawson, and will remove there and build.

Miss Rothrock, of Richmond, has been the guest of Mrs. Bettie Shackelford for several days.

Jeff Estes and wife will remove to Lawson in a short time to make it their future home.

R. Critchfield has bought Elliott Kean's farm south of the city. Mr. Kean will go to the Indian Territory. Critchfield will go to farming.

This postoffice is no longer Viginti. The name has been changed to Excelsior Springs. Congressmen Dockery and Barnes get credit for the change.

The Cameron Vindicator spoke of Lampkin, of the Gallatin Democrat, being in Washington "sucking the public teat," whereupon our old friend replies:

You can just say that Lewis Lamkin is not "sucking the public teat," didn't ask for a suck, and takes more pleasure in his religious weekly than ever. In fact, after witnessing the wild hunt for office at Washington we are stronger than ever of the opinion that any man, especially one who fills the honored position of a public journalist, simply degrades himself in seeking political places.

Correct, Lewis, and we are proud of ye for sayin' the loikes of that.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch thus tells how any man in the south can obtain a local notoriety as a crank and a national reputation as a statesman. "All he has to do is to announce himself a candidate for Congress or something, and promulgate a platform favoring the payment of the Confederate bonds and the payment to the South of a sum equal to the full value of the slaves emancipated by the war. Then, while his neighbors treat him as a bore or laugh at him, the Republican organs write him up 'as prominent Southern statesman,' and gravely discuss the new Peril with which the South is threatening the credit and the life of the Nation."

In a late issue the Carrollton Journal pays a glowing tribute to the democracy of Northeast Missouri, and gives deserved praise to the newspapers for their untiring work for the party. In closing its editorial the Journal proceeds to nominate Robt. M. Wallace, editor of the La Grange Democrat, for Secretary of State. A more suitable man for the place could not be found in the state. He has twice represented his county in the legislature, and not a word of complaint has been heard from any of his constituents. He is a live editor, gets up a good paper, and lacks nothing that fits him for the office named.

"May Myrtle," of the Sedalia Democrat, is sojourning for a time at Hot Springs, Ark., and writing her thoughts and experiences for the Democrat. She handles the gay and festive gamblers, robbing quack doctors, hotel ropers-in and swindling hotel keepers without any regard for their feelings. She intimates quite strongly that a few hanging bees would improve the present population of Hot Springs.

I had severe attacks of gravel and kidney trouble; was unable to get a medicine or doctor to cure me until I used Hop Bitters, and they cured me in a short time.—A distinguished lawyer of Wayne Co., N. Y. 52-2t.

We have not yet made the acquaintance of our congressman, Dr. Dockery, but from the way he has gone to work we judge that he is the right man for the place. On every side we hear his praises sung, and it is safe to say that the gentleman is popular in his district and well thought of in Washington. Speaking of the work he has done, the Gallatin Democrat says:

He has already introduced several bills and among the number we have noted two for the relief of citizens of this county—J. F. Johnson and Wm. Osborn; and also for the relief of Geo. A. Marshal, Clay county; John Allee, Worth county; James Stockton, Gentry county; Genoah Collins, DeKalb county.

Dr. Dockery has also introduced the only bill which provides that timber and lumber used in the construction of houses, fences and ships shall be placed on the free list. Another important bill introduced by him is the one providing for a reduction of the tariff on all wools that enter into the manufacture of cloths, flannels, blankets, knit goods, hats, and wearing apparel of every description. This bill provides that a reduction of ten per cent on the present rate of taxation shall be made June 30th, 1884, and a further and final reduction of ten per cent, be made June 30th, 1885. Should these two bills become laws they will materially cheapen the cost of building and fencing and sensibly reduce the cost of wearing apparel of every description. Dr. Dockery has also secured the establishment of a new post office at Lone Star, Gentry county and a change of name of the post office at Excelsior Springs, from Viginti to Excelsior Springs.

One of the New York playing card manufacturers is going to make a novel change from the old patterns. Instead of kings he will substitute pictures of presidents of the United States. Celebrated American women will represent queens. It is not stated what will take the place of jacks or knaves. We suggest that the renowned members of the whisky ring would furnish appropriate portraits. It would sound rather funny to hear the players around a poker table call out, "I've a flush with George Washington at the head," "Two pair, with Anna Dickenson and Dr. Mary Walker at the top," "Three members of the whisky ring and a pair of presidents," etc., etc.

James Gentry, of Buchanan county, appeared last week in the circuit court and asked for a divorce from his fickle spouse, Mary. James has been particularly unfortunate in the matter of keeping his wives after getting them. Five blushing brides has he led to the altar and padlocked their fates with his—for a time. All of these once b. b's. are alive, each in turn having left James' bed and board. James is only sixty years of age, and as soon as he gets rid of No. 5 he will try again. Six may be his lucky number.

Keytesville has a shooting club, and some very good marksmen belong to it. Last Saturday there was a contest between representatives from the Keytesville and Bowling Green clubs—one man from each, twenty glass balls. The Keytesville man got eleven and the Bowling Green man seventeen. If that is the best they can do (although it is very good), Brunswick can beat both of the clubs. Make up your game, gentlemen.—Brunswick News.

After you make up your game, we have a few crack shots in Richmond that can down the whole tea party.

Rev. Joseph Lowe, of Savanah, has purchased a half interest in the Lathrop Herald. He will assume entire control on the first of January, 1884, having also leased his partner's interest in the same. Mr. Lowe will also commence the publication of a temperance paper at that place, entitled the Golden Era. Bob Chonstant will still remain editor of the Herald, doing the work at Washington.

About eight months ago the town of Stewartsville was almost totally destroyed by fire. The burned buildings were replaced by handsome brick blocks. Friday morning the town was again almost totally destroyed by fire, the cause of which is not known. The Independent office was destroyed; the livery stables of A. P. Birkey; the harness shop of G. Collins; the boot and shoe store of Casper Gante; Alex Ray's barber shop and J. H. Wheat's residence. The individual losses are not learned, but the total foots up about $30,000. Few of the stocks were saved. The property was partially insured, principally in St. Joe agencies.

Vick's Floral Guide is out again, brighter and better than ever; the cover alone, with its delicate tinted back ground and its dish of tastefully arranged flowers, would entitle it to a permanent place in every home. The book contains three beautiful colored plates, is full of illustrations, printed on the best of paper, and is filled with just such information as is required by the gardener, the farmer, those growing plants, and everyone needing seeds or plants. The price, only ten cents, can be deducted from the first order sent for goods. All parties any way interested in this subject should send at one to James Vick, Rochester, N. Y., for the Floral Cabinet.

Wm. C. Moore, who resides in Scott county, Mo., has demonstrated the fact that two crops can be raised in one season in this state. He planted some early rose potatoes, from which he raised about 200 bushels per acre. As an experiment, after digging the first crop, he replanted and raised a second crop fully as good as the first.

The editor of the Lathrop Monitor was shown a couple of ears of corn taken from one stock, one of which was red and the other yellow.

On the 20th, a sale was made in Kansas City of 30,000 acres of land in Stafford county, near Great Bend, Kansas, for $160,000. The purchaser was by capitalists from Staunton, Virginia, for the purpose of establishing a colony of Dunkards on the land,