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COURT DIRECTORY.
Circuit Court.—First Monday after the fourth Monday in March and September.
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LOCAL AND COUNTY NEWS.

Our lady friends are requested to call and examine our stock of visiting cards.

There was but little business before the County Court last week except public road matters, and the usual routine.

R. A. Traub, who was appointed constable a few weeks since by the County Court, tendered his resignation to the Court last week, and Jake McDonald was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Every lady needs a case of visiting cards. We have a full supply on hand, which will be printed to order at very low prices. Send in your orders, and we will guarantee satisfaction.

The Lincoln County Coal Mining Company have just had some circulars printed, announcing their readiness to supply all orders for coal. The Company intend working the mines in earnest, and hands are now busy getting up and delivering coal.

The papers all over the state complain of the drought and the injury it is doing the corn. In this county it is no better. Farmers from Hurricane, Monroe, Millwood, Waverly, and in fact all over the county, say their crops are suffering, and the ground is too dry to commence plowing for wheat. Unless we have rain soon, there will be but a small amount of wheat sown this fall.

We learn from some of those present that the picnic given by the good neighbors last Wednesday, on the road between Auburn and Smith's Mills, was quite a success. A large number of ladies and gentlemen were present to hear the speeches and partake of the hospitable dinner spread on the ground. The addresses by Messrs. H. B. Ellis and J. B. Allen were appropriate and were attentively listened to.

PAINFUL ACCIDENT.—Luke Mudd, living on West prairie, had his right hand crushed in a threshing machine one day last week. The cylinder becoming choked, he inserted his hand in the rear of it to remove the obstruction, when it suddenly became loose and caught him, tearing off his first finger and the third up to the second joint, and otherwise mauling and bruising the member. The accident is the more to be regretted as he is the only support of a widowed mother.

We have been obliged to cut off many of our subscribers' names owing to their long continued delinquency. We shall continue the practice until we rid our books entirely of those who are in arrears to us. Justice to ourselves requires us to adhere to this course. We should like exceedingly well to furnish free reading to those who are fond of reading our paper but who do not pay for it, but we are unable to stand the expense. We wish our patrons would remember that it costs something to run a newspaper and that the cost has to be promptly settled by us in cash, and that for this reason, if for no other, we should like to have what is due us.

AN OLD SETTLER'S CLUB.

We see that many of the counties of the state have societies of the old settlers who meet annually for the purpose of relating their experiences of the early settlement of the country, and having a pleasant social re-union. In Marion county these pioneers are to hold their second annual meeting next month, and extensive preparations have been made for the enjoyment of all who may attend, and a general invitation has been given to every old settler in northeast Missouri and to the adjacent counties of Illinois. In Pike a movement of the same kind is about to be inaugurated. We do not see why Lincoln county may not have a club of the old settlers. There are many men who came here when this county was a wilderness long before it was organized. These old pioneers could tell many interesting incidents of the early settlement of the county; of the war of 1812 with its horrors of Indiana massacres, the continued depredations of these savages extending principally down to the year 1820, and in some instances until they were removed by Col. Bailey, under authority of the general government, to the Indian Territory; and of the "Slicker" war of 1837-40, between the regulators on the one side and the counter-felters and horse and cattle thieves on the other. The early history of our county is rich in incident and adventure. Much of it that was worthy of preservation has been lost, and more of it exists only in the recollection of our older citizens. Let them come together and give their history and the history of their times to the public. We suggest that a meeting of this kind be held in this place some time during the month of September or October. The citizens of Troy, would give them a fitting reception. To make the undertaking a success, some energetic, public-spirited citizen will have to take the lead in organizing the society and soliciting the co-operation of those who should participate. For this purpose we suggest the name of Mr. James D. Brown.

PERSONAL.—Attorney Dunn made a pleasant visit last week.

Mrs. Morrison and her daughter, Miss Jeannie G., are visiting friends at this place.

David Floener called last week and paid up his subscription. Dr. Prewitt of Louisville favored us with a like call.

B. F. Robinson made us a pleasant call, renewed his subscription and left another subscriber. That's the way we like to see our friends do.

H. Wehrman, J. M. Reeds, J. B. Nelson and D. Argent visited our office last Friday, and helped to replenish our till by renewing their subscription and paying in advance.

Our esteemed friend A. M. Thomas of New Hope brightened our sanctum with his genial countenance last Thursday. He reports the yield of wheat not as good as was anticipated, and the corn suffering for rain in his section.

The judges of the County Court, A. K. Wilson, C. W. Martin and H. T. Mudd, called to see our new jobber at work, and expressed themselves gratified that the blank stationery for the use of the county can be furnished by a home office. The Court was well pleased with our work, and pronounced it as good as any they have used, or better.

Mrs. Anna M. Orr and her daughter, Miss Tillie McKibben, who have been here on a visit for several weeks, will leave for their home, in St. Louis, to-morrow morning. Miss McKibben has entirely recovered from the cerebro-spinal meningitis, with which she was attacked about five months since. Mrs. T. D. Fisher will leave with them for a visit to Burlington, Iowa.

A report having obtained credence that R. D. Walton, Esq., had removed his business office from this place to Warrenton, he desires us to say that such is not the case. That he intends to remain in Troy; office over Dr. East's drug store.

DEATH OF THE REV. PATRICK O'BRIEN.

The city papers give the intelligence of the death of this priest, which occurred on the 9th of July last, on the steamer France, three days out from New York. He was on his way to Europe to spend a short season of recreation, in the hope that his health, which had become impaired through the faithful performance of his many and arduous duties, might be restored. He was a native of Cork, Ireland, and came with his father's family to this country in 1839. He settled at Potosi, and shortly afterwards entered the seminary of the order of the Congregation of the Missions, at the Barrens near Perryville. He was ordained in 1846 by Archibald Kendrick. With the exception of a year's travel in Europe and Palestine, he has since this time labored earnestly and successfully in his calling in the city of St. Louis. Among the many results of his work may be mentioned the founding of the largest and most prosperous parishes in the city, two or three parochial schools—one at a cost of fifty thousand dollars—and one convent. He was universally respected for his genuine christian worth, no less by those of other denominations than by the members of his own congregations.

Father O'Brien was well known to many of the citizens of this county, his parents having lived here at one time, and his two sisters—Mrs. L. Flynn and Mrs. Henry T. Mudd—still reside here.

We have just heard some of the particulars of a case of attempted suicide, which event occurred some weeks since in the town of Truxton in this county. The circumstances under which the victim—a young lady of intelligence, good education and excellent moral character—made the rash attempt were the most painful. The busy, venomous tongue of slander had directed its attacks upon her reputation until her reason deserted her. In this condition she required the constant care of her parents. One day she was missed from the room by her mother, who after a short search found her in the well, her body entirely covered by the water and her hair just floating on the surface. Assistance was called and she was with difficulty rescued from the position, her hands being tightly wedged in the interstices of the stone wall of the cistern. She was at first thought to be dead, but was resuscitated through the persistent efforts of her friends, and her slanders were saved the guilt of her murder.

THE TOBACCO CROP.—This seems to be a good year for the tobacco worm. Reports come to us that they are doing great damage to this crop, there being about an average of three worms to every stalk, and it will require close attention and industry for our tobacco raisers to make anything like an average crop between the worms and the drought. But we have some energetic men in the business, who are determined to fight the worms, and all such we doubt not, will be repaid for their industry. Among these is our patron J. E. Richards, an energetic young farmer of the lower part of the county. He has about seven acres or more of this staple growing, which is doing finely, being from two and a half to three feet in height, and the leaves are well developed. But he has paid close attention to the crop, kept the soil well stirred about it, and the worms off, though it kept him busy to do this. He expects his crop to average him about one thousand pounds to the acre, which will be a nice little income and remunerate him for his care and trouble.

Our friend Joe Creech, received a painful injury last week by being thrown out of a wagon. He was sitting near the back end, and was in the act of getting out when the horses suddenly started, causing him to lose his balance and fall heavily to the ground. His right elbow was much bruised, but is now slowly improving.

NO PLACE LIKE HOME.—One of our incorrigible town boys recently took it into his head to fight the battle of life alone, and accordingly last Wednesday morning, shoeless, coatless, and almost hatless, and sans money, without warning to his parents, mounted his pony and started on the war path. He made good time to Wentzville, where he left his pony in charge of a small boy, directing him to have his fun out of the animal for a few days, as a sort of recompense for taking charge of him, and then to ride him out on the road by the mill, turn his head toward Troy, and whale him like the "very old mischief, and he'll go home." Soon the train came lumbering by, and Young America secured a seat on the rear platform of the sleeping car, and was off for the metropolis of the West. Arriving at St. Louis he wandered around, and at night made his bed on the hard rocks near the Biddle street depot, which he says nearly "punched a hole in his head." The next day the "inner man" was making gnawing demands, and he succeeded in begging a crust and a cold potato, which checked it for awhile. Concluding that the battle of life was a hard one for a boy without means or friends in a strange land, like the prodigal son of old, he bethought himself of the home he had left, the warm sumptuous meals that were daily spread out before him, and the comfortable beds to rest his weary limbs on at night, and not liking the appearance of the city and the police, he determined to return home. It was then he missed his pony, as bare-footed he tramped up the railroad track. He says he walked all the way back to Wentzville, sleeping out in the woods Thursday night, and when he arrived at that place he found his father, who had started on a hunt for him, ready to receive him with open arms. Our little friend was delighted to get home, and expatiates with a sort of regretful delight at what he went through—his hard beds, his hunger, his foot-sore journey, &c., and will be quite a hero among some of his companions for a few days; but if they listen attentively to him, we think but few of them will attempt to go through the same experience. He has concluded that there is no place like home, and on the evening of his arrival was congratulating himself on what a nice sleep he would have that night. The little fellow looks like he had just recovered from a spell of sickness, having lost about seven pounds in his three days absence. Boys, better hang to your mother's apron strings, for you will not find any one else so ready to provide good things for you; and if you could see how some of the little fellows live, who have to contend with the world alone, you would never wish yourself in their shoes—or rather their bare-feet, for they seldom enjoy the luxury of a pair of shoes.

The Ralls County Record says that trains will soon be put upon that part of the St. Louis, Hannibal and Keokuk railroad upon which the iron is laid, the officers of the road thinking the travel and traffic between Hannibal and Frankfort will justify the expense. That paper also has information that the road will be completed to the St. Louis, Kansas City and Northern railway by early spring. On inquiring of some of the resident directors here, we learn that the company intends to accomplish this much at all hazards. We really see nothing to prevent this. Mr. Parker who has a contract near Cave City, assures us that he can do all the grading, rock work and finishing in this county in two months, if the company wishes it done in that time. The company has not yet succeeded in negotiating any of the first mortgage bonds, but the present work outside of this county is done with the capital of the construction company, of which the paid up stock is sufficient to iron the bed to its junction with the road at Dardenne.

Visiting cards neatly printed here.

The Mexico Leader says Miss Jeannie G. Morrison, formerly of this place, was elected teacher of music for Hardin College by a unanimous vote, at a meeting of the board of directors on the 14th inst. Her friends here will be pleased to learn of her success. The Leader says Miss Jeannie the following handsome compliment: Miss Morrison is a graduate of Troy Christian Institute and of the St. Louis Conservatory of Music, and possesses the attainments and industry that will make her a valuable adjunct to the faculty of the college.

We stated week before last that the deputy collector had left the office for several weeks without the knowledge of the collector. We have since learned that he wrote informing Judge Shaw of the fact but that owing to some remissness of the mails the letter was not received until four weeks after it was sent.

PARKER'S SEMINARY.—This institution of learning will open on the second Monday in September, teachers, we understand, having been engaged. Full particulars, with price of tuition, etc., will be published in a few days.

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Dr. J. C. GOODRICH,
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Will be in Troy from time to time, due notice of which visits will be given in THE TROY HERALD. [v8n25]

Dr. W. W. BIRKHEAD,
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Will always be found in his office, next door to T. W. WITHROW'S, up stairs, where he attends to dental and surgical diseases of the mouth. He keeps an assistant always in his office to aid in filling teeth. [v8n22]