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County Court.—Second Monday in February, May, August, and November.
Probate Court.—Second Monday in January, April, July and October.

I. O. O. F.
Troy Lodge No. 68 I. O. O. F. meets every Saturday night at their hall in the Withrow block. Visiting members invited to attend.
J. M. McLELLAN, N. G.
G. W. COLBERT, Sec'y.

A. F. & A. M.
Troy Lodge No. 34 A. F. & A. M. meets Saturday night on or before each full moon.
WILL H. YOUNG, W. M.
CHAS. MARTIN, JR., Sec'y.

LOCAL AND COUNTY NEWS.

The attention of the several granges of this county is called to an address from Master Allen, of the State grange, which may be found on the seventh page.

INTEREST ON COUNTY BONDS.—Last Monday the County Court made an order setting aside thirteen thousand dollars, to meet the January interest on the bonds of this county.

Mr. J. W. Cox, formerly of this county, has connected himself with the extensive dry-goods establishment of J. C. Mittelberger & Son of St. Charles, where he will be pleased to see his friends. [51w4]

Mr. Melbern Tipton has started a cigar manufactory at this place. We see no reason why this should not prove a profitable location. We have tried some of his cigars, and found them of very good quality.

LOST.—Dr. Hutt lost a seal-skin gauntlet glove, a short time since, between the drug store of McLELLAN & Co., in Troy, and the farm of Mr. Grant, on the Post Oak road. Any one finding and delivering the same to him will be suitably rewarded.

ON THE WAR-PATH.—Collector Shaw started yesterday to Monroe township to inaugurate the levying of personal property belonging to persons who have failed to comply with his oft-repeated solicitations to come up and pay their taxes. He started away looking blue, and said he would rather take a ten-dollar bill out of his pocket than to resort to this disagreeable proceeding; but the law compels it, and he has no option in the matter. The court has announced its intention to hold him responsible for a full execution of the law, and it is perjury or ruin for him, or a resort to the levying process. The duties of a collector are anything but popular.

SUICIDE.—Last Thursday, the 17th inst, a man named John Burrell, who was in the employ of Mr. J. Brevator, of Monroe township, was found dead in a barn on Mr. Brevator's farm, having hung himself early in the morning or the night previous. Esquire J. B. Nelson was sent for and held an inquest over the body and the verdict of the jury was "supposed insanity." Burrell was about thirty-five years old, five feet and ten inches in height, dark complexion, black eyes, hair and whiskers. He applied to Mr. Brevator for work last November, and had been living with him up to the time of his death. Nothing is known of his family connections.

CHRISTMAS.

A Few Facts and Fancies of the Festival Season.

The 25th day of December is celebrated as the anniversary of the birth of the babe of Bethlehem—the Savior of the world. The observance of this event was instituted by the Romish church in the year of our Lord, one hundred and thirty-eight. For one or two centuries no fixed day was recognized, but like other of the festive seasons, it was moveable, and was often observed in the months of April and May by many of the churches. Sometime in the fourth century an order was obtained from the Pope, then Julius I., for an investigation of the exact time, or as nearly as could be approximated, when Christ was born. A council of the theologians of that age, after a thorough examination of all the data at their command, agreed upon the 25th day of December. There was no authentic proof for this conclusion, but the day was accepted, and has ever since been recognized by the christianized world.

During the sixth century the Roman Catholic church instituted the custom of ushering in the day by the observance of mass—one at midnight, one at early dawn, and one in the morning; but it was considered a season of festivity as well as of devotion. Business was suspended, the cares of every-day life were put aside, and song and dance and merriment filled the halls of the noble and the humbler cottages of the peasants. It was a day of rejoicing, of almost license in the indulgence of merry-making.

In England and throughout her dominions, at an early period, the day was ushered in by the ringing of midnight bells, the church was decorated and beautifully adorned in honor of the bridegroom, and mass was observed by the watchers. That they might better be able to withstand the fatigue of their devotional services throughout the night, collations of wine and food were spread for their use. The services over the day was spent in revelry. The proprieties, or restraints of society, were for the time being unobserved, and the lords of the manor would throw open their halls for the entertainment of their tenants, a proceeding that would hardly be tolerated at any other season. Lords and peasants would dance and fill the flowing bowl together, as if no arbitrary rules of society divided them in the more practical walks of life; and the heir of the manor, laying aside the restraints usually thrown around him, would choose his partner from among the bright-eyed, rosy-checked lasses who adorned an humbler sphere.

"On Christmas eve the bells were rung;
On Christmas eve the mass was sung;
That only night in all the year
Saw the staid priest the chaffler rear.
The damsel donned her kirtle shewn;
The halls were dressed with holly green;
Forth to the woods did merry-men go,
To gather in the mistletoe.
Then opened wide the baron's hall
To vassal, tenant, serf, and all,
Power laid his rod of rule aside,
And Ceremony doffed his pride.
The heir, with roses in his shoes,
That night might village partner choose,
The lord, undergating, share
The vulgar game of 'post and pair.'"

"Twas Christmas bronched the mightiest ale;
Twas Christmas told the merriest tale;
A Christmas gambol oft would cheer
A poor man's heart throughout the year.

In Germany Christmas is regarded more in the light of the "children's festival," as it is here; and it was there that the joy of the little ones—the Christmas tree—was instituted. Each home had its tree, formed of the bough of an evergreen, and placed in the parlor or one of the less frequented rooms. Presents for the different members of the family were placed on this, marked with the name of the one for whom each was intended. These presents consisted of ornaments, playthings, sweetmeats and the various little trinkets which form so much of the happiness and joy of children. The day is eagerly longed for by the little ones, and when it arrives, early morning finds

them gathered around the tree, the good mother distributes the presents, and there's joy in that household for many days. A writer tells us that "formerly, and still in some of the smaller villages of North Germany, the presents were sent to some one person, who, in high buskins, a white robe, a mask and an enormous flax wig, goes from house to house, is received by the parents with great pomp and reverence, calls for the children, and bestows the intended gifts upon them according to the character which he hears from the parents after severe inquiry." This was probably the origin of our legendary Santa Claus, the considerate friend of all good little boys and girls, who, in the innocent days of our childhood, we regarded as one of the most remarkable characters in existence—and believed in him too. We remember lying awake to listen to the sound of his bells and the rattle of his reindeer's hoofs upon the roof, and then to see him, closely robed, descend the chimney with his basket of toys, and candies, and nuts, and shooting crackers, until our little tired eyes would close in a sweet delicious sleep; our friend Santa Claus would come and depart, and we were never able to look upon his benignant countenance and the merry twinkle of his eyes.

Christmas home pictures are among the sweetest and the brightest that memory has painted on the faded canvas of the past, and the heart loves to dwell upon them rather than to peer into the unexplored darkness that lies before—"for we know not the future, the past we have felt." And no other season is so popular, or recognized as so well fitted, for family reunions. These should be made bright and cheerful, no shadows allowed to creep in, for the heart will hold to them in after years. When the frosts of time shall have sprinkled the glossy locks, which tell of seasons that have come and gone, battles that have been fought and won and lost, sweet memories of these olden times rise up and fill the soul with a subdued, refined feeling.

"That is not akin to pain."
Make your Christmas home pictures bright.

OUR AMATEURS.—The entertainment given by a dozen or so of the public school pupils last Friday and Saturday evenings, we are pleased to pronounce a success. The play of Beauty and the Beast was well rendered by all engaged in the piece, and the acting surpassed the expectations of the audience. Although we had been to see them rehearse on one or two occasions, we were hardly prepared for the improvement manifested on the evenings of the entertainment; but the large audience seemed to stimulate them to extra exertion, and they entered into the play with spirit and feeling. Several of them displayed remarkable declamatory talent, but all performed their parts admirably. The finale, a tableau, without which the piece would have been imperfect, was one of the finest we have ever witnessed, and Mrs. Thurmond, whose conception it was, displayed in the arrangement a taste both beautiful and artistic. The statues, the two heartless sisters whom the fairy queen had turned to stone to guard the palace gates, was superb. The stage was handsomely decorated to suit the parts throughout. It is to be hoped our young amateurs will not stop at this, but will give us another entertainment before many days. The proceeds, over and above the expenses, amounted to fifty-three dollars, which will be used for a Christmas tree for the school.

From the Post we learn of a terrible and distressing affliction which has befallen the family of Mr. Henry Latimer, near Bowling Green. There are eight in the family, and all have been attacked with a malignant disease known as croup or diphtheria, which carried off five in three weeks—four little boys and one little girl, an only daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Latimer have the sympathy of the people in their sad affliction.—Press.

SPECIAL ELECTION.

By order of the Governor of the State of Missouri, to me directed, I hereby give notice that a special election will be held on Tuesday, the 26th day of January, 1875, for the election of two delegates to the state, constitutional convention from the Eleventh senatorial district of the State of Missouri. Polls will be opened as follows: Chantilly, New Hope, Post Oak, Troy, Auburn, Millwood, Truxton, Nineveh, Louisville.

T. M. CARTER, Sheriff,
Lincoln county, Mo.
Dec. 21, 1874.

DEMOCRATIC MASS-MEETING.

A mass-meeting of the Democratic party of Lincoln county will be held in the court house in Troy on the 11th day of January, 1875, for the purpose of appointing delegates to the District convention, which is to be held in Montgomery City on the 14th of said month.

By order of the Central committee.
J. W. WELCH,
Chairman,
Dec. 19, 1874.

JUDGES OF ELECTION.

At the called term of the County Court last Monday and Tuesday, the following named gentlemen were appointed judges of election for the special election to take place on the 26th of next month:

- Monroe township—Jonathan Crum, Robert Mitchell and Robt. Brown.
- Prairie township—Henry R. Jones, Thomas T. Johnson and Wm. Gilus.
- Hurricane township—J. P. Webb, George T. Dunn and Thos. Cox.
- Union township—A. K. Wilson, R. Womack and Senore Shannon.
- Waverly township—Leroy P. Johnson, J. S. R. Gregory and B. R. Williams.
- Millwood township—Ed. O'Hanlon, Wilfred Lee and W. C. Porter.
- Nineveh township—Jno. E. Mosely, Joseph F. Wells and William T. White.
- Bedford township—James Wells, Douglass Wyatt and Chas. U. Porter.
- Clark township—J. M. Wilson, N. B. Dudley and James A. Miller.

ST. JOHN'S DAY.

Masonic Celebration, Saturday, Dec. 20th, 1874.

The following is the programme of proceedings of the Masonic fraternity, at this place next Saturday:

1. Meeting of lodges at Troy lodge room No. 34, at 9 1-2 o'clock, a. m.
 2. Procession formed at 10 o'clock, under command of H. W. Perkins, marshal, and will take the following route: From lodge room up Main street to Cherry, down Cherry to Second, down Second to Third, up Third to Monroe, down Monroe to Main, down Main to court house.
 3. Installation ceremonies by W. H. Muzzly, D. D. G. M.
 4. Oration by Rev. L. R. Downing, grand chaplain. After the oration the Masonic fraternity, their wives, daughters and widows will dine at the hotels in Troy as the guests of Troy Lodge No. 34.
- E. N. BONFILS,
JNO. McDONALD, } Com.
J. P. BLANTON,

Messrs. Alexander & Dryden report the following as the amount of grain threshed by them the present season:

- G. J. Dryden 188 bushels wheat, Henry Massey 141 bushels wheat, S. D. Alexander 380 bushels wheat and 185 bushels oats, N. D. Trusket 770 bushels wheat, T. Wilson 425 bushels wheat, Leo Frank 115 bushels wheat, H. Parsons 315 bushels wheat, and 42 bushels oats, Jas. Smith 535 bushels wheat, J. A. Watts 184 bushels wheat, Wm. Butt 192 bushels wheat, A. Parsons 175 bushels wheat, J. Porter 207 bushels wheat, F. Watson 109 bushels wheat, John Davis 84 bushels wheat, H. Parsons 288 bushels wheat, John Basya 222 bushels wheat, Jas. Holliday 76 bushels wheat, A. Dryden 248 bushels wheat and 106 bushels oats, Jas. Dodson 185 bushels oats.

The Paris Mercury has this to say to delinquent subscribers: "If you can't pay what you owe, please remember us in your prayers."

TO ADMINISTRATORS AND GUARDIANS.

The attention of administrators, executors and guardians is called to the following law, regulating settlements:

Every executor and administrator at the first term of the Probate court having jurisdiction after the end of one year from the date of his letters, and at the corresponding term of such court every year thereafter until the administration is completed, shall exhibit a statement of the accounts of his administration for settlement with proper vouchers. Said settlement, among other things required to be exhibited, shall contain a just and true account of all moneys by him collected, the date when collected, from whom collected, and on what account collected; whether on claims charged in inventory, or for property sold otherwise, showing the exact amount of principle and interest collected on each claim, and showing also the amount and date of each expenditure or distribution, and to whom and for what paid; and such settlements shall show also what interest has been obtained by such executor or administrator upon any funds in his hands, and when obtained, on what amounts, for what time and at what rate per centum. Every settlement shall be subscribed by the executor or administrator and verified by his affidavit.

The law regulating settlements of guardians and curators is substantially the same as the foregoing, and in addition must show a detailed statement of the assets on hand.

E. N. BONFILS,
Judge of Probate Court.
For additional locals see 8th page.

MARRIED.

SMITH—DUDLEY.—Nov. 12, 1874, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. N. B. Dudley, by Rev. W. F. Vardeman, Mr. Wm. H. Smith of Washington, Mo., and Miss Lizzie Dudley, of Lincoln county.
Missouri Republican please copy.
DANFORTH—McELROY.—On the 15th inst., by Rev. Mr. Penn, Mr. C. L. Danforth of Springfield, Mo., and Miss Ella McElroy of this place.
MILDENSTEIN—PENN.—December 13, 1874, at the residence of the bride, by David Allen, J. P., Mr. Jacob Mildenstein and Miss Hattie Penn.

DIED.

McINTOSH.—Dec. 6, 1874, at the residence of his son, J. H. McIntosh, Robert McIntosh, in the 82d year of his age.

Dr. W. W. BIRKHEAD,

DENTIST,
TROY, MISSOURI.
Will be found at his office in Troy from the 1st to the 15th of each month. Will be found at his office in Clarksville from the 16th to the 30th.

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R. C. MAGRUDER,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
CAP-AU-GRIS, MO.,
Will practice in the Courts of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit. [ptovms]

B. W. WHEELER,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
TROY, MISSOURI.
Will attend to any professional business in the courts of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit; also prosecuting attorney of the county and notary public. [ptovms]

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WARRENTON, MO.
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