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**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.  
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## LOCAL AND COUNTY NEWS.

Elder Melon will preach at the Christian church next Saturday evening, and Sunday morning and evening.

Mr. D. H. Parsons, president of the Lincoln county coal company, is here looking after the interests of the mines.

CARABARABA.—Prof. St. Jean, one of the best magicians in the world, entertained our citizens a few nights last week by his sleight of hand entertainments.

Mr. J. P. Lynott of this place has purchased a large hardware store in Louisiana, and will move to that city in a short time. Mr. Lynott is a wide-awake business man, and a good citizen. Our people will regret losing him.

Mr. J. F. Brown of the Planters House gave a ball and supper last Thursday evening, in honor of the nuptials of Mr. Wright Nichols and Mrs. Miller, and Mr. G. W. Colbert and Miss Nannie McDonald. It was largely attended, and was a handsome affair.

Mr. B. S. Crews is fairly installed in his new hardware store, purchased of Mr. Lynott, and he will devote his whole attention to the business, and introduce from time to time such new features as the trade may demand. The house will doubtless be as successful under the new as it was under the old management.

The Plattsburg (Mo.) *Lever* has kindly furnished us with an exchange. The few numbers of this paper that have come under our observation show marked editorial ability, and we shall look forward to its weekly visits with pleasure. The *Lever* is published by John M. McMichael, at \$2 per annum. It is Democratic in politics.

We are informed that Mr. Watton Perkins, president of the bank at this place, and the named trustee of the township bonds, should the subscription be made, has given heavy bond that he will not deliver the township bonds over to the railroad and construction companies until the contract is complied with; if not complied with, will return the bonds to the county court for cancellation.

We have received one answer to the problem left by the gentleman from Hurricane township, relating to the division of a certain sum of money. Mr. Horace Rose sends the following answer: \$10,101.36; \$11,136.75; \$12,278.27; \$13,536.80. These figures agree with those given by the gentlemen handing us the example, except in the cents and mills, which are as follows: \$10,101.36; \$11,136.72; \$12,278.30; \$13,536.82.

## THE MACHINE SHOPS.

The Companies' Proposition Changed to Conform to the Order of the Court.

Objection was made by some of the opponents of the machine shop proposition, on the ground that the papers drawn up by the railroad and construction companies were defective as regards the disposition to be made of the bonds in case of their failure to finish the work therein named by the first of October next. This proposition of the companies, whether defective or not, could have no effect upon the bonds in face of the order of the court submitting the proposed appropriation to the voters, for it explicitly declares that in certain contingencies the bonds shall be null and void; but to make the good faith of the companies more clearly visible to our citizens, they have made the following change in the original papers:

"It is further understood and agreed, that if the said railroad company, or the said construction company, fail to build and operate their road to Troy, Mo., by the first day of October, 1875, or should they fail to locate and erect the first building of the machine and repair shops as before specified, by the first day of October, 1875, then said subscription of fifty thousand dollars worth of bonds shall be null and void; and the said railroad company, nor the said construction companies, are to receive any part of said bonds, but the same shall be delivered, by said trustee to the county court of Lincoln county, Mo., for cancellation."

Nothing could be plainer or fairer than the above, and this in connection with the order of the court removes all objection on the ground that the companies may get possession of the bonds whether they put the road in operation and build the machine shops or not; and the only question remaining to be considered is: Will the object justify the outlay? We believe it will, or we would never devote the space of our columns to advocating the appropriation. Without the proposed subscription, we might possibly, at some very remote day, see the railroad finished, although we entertain very serious doubts on that point; but we certainly would never secure such an enterprise in our midst as the general machine and repair shops of a railroad, and they are what we are now laboring for, as well as an early completion of the road, for which we have so much need. The proposition, however, is two-fold, and for that reason should enlist the good will of every enterprising farmer and business man. It will secure both the early completion of the road and the machine shops.

The benefits to be derived from finishing and operating the railroad through our county; the facilities procured thereby in the way of shipping our agricultural and mineral products; the receipts for the sale of our almost inexhaustible resources in the way of fine timber; the benefits of increased immigration; the promise of capitalists of the early building and speedy operation of flouring mills and tobacco warehouses, are matters that should not be underrated. These would more than indemnify us for the outlay; but when we take into consideration the operation of the machine shops, the advantage is doubled. And it should not be lost sight of that all of these enterprises will be sources of taxation, and will aid the township in paying off the debt incurred. The increase of the taxable wealth of the township through these mediums does not mean that your property will increase in price and therefore be assessed higher, but has reference to wealth that will be brought here from the outside by capitalists and immigrants; though there is no doubt that your lands and your houses will be worth more than they are now, and if you desire to sell them you can do so without trouble and to good advantage, which at this time would be almost impossible. The plea of some, that the railroad and machine shops would increase the value of their lands, and they would therefore

be assessed higher, looks to us almost like a huge joke. If cheap lands and correspondingly low taxes are the chief aim of their life, we can assure them that out in Washington territory, portions of Nevada, and the Rocky mountains, land can be bought cheaply, and the collector will not bother them much. But surely they cannot be serious in talking thus. The price of land only increases as its utility becomes more apparent; and if a railroad and machine shops increase its value, it is only because there is created a better market for the sale of everything it produces; because the transportation of its products to the larger markets costs less time and money. And herein is where our farmers would save more than enough money every year to pay their taxes. If hogs can be put on the cars here, and thus save a drive of twelve to sixteen miles to Wright City or Wentzville, is it not clear that time and weight, and the consequent result, money, will be saved? For after the expense of driving them to those points, the freight to St. Louis will cost you just the same as from Troy. The shipping of corn, wheat, oats, hay, and all other products come within range of this argument.

How many hands will the machine shops employ? Well, if the road is completed and in operation between this point and St. Louis, does not every reasonable man know that it would be to the interest of the company to close up the gap between here and Bowling Green at once, thus giving continuous connection between Hannibal and St. Louis? Hannibal is now quite a railroad center, the following roads making connection there: Missouri, Kansas and Texas; Hannibal and St. Joseph; Chicago, Burlington and Quincy; Toledo and Wabash, and there may be others, none of which will have a more direct route from that point to St. Louis than by the St. Louis, Hannibal and Keokuk road for their through business. The local business on this road will be probably better than on any of the others; so it is readily to be seen that the company's interest lies in closing up the gap between this point and Bowling Green as soon as we have connection with St. Louis. We are assured that the company intend to put their own engines and rolling stock upon the road to do all the business; that will fall to it—a distance of one hundred and twenty-five miles. To do this will require a large number of engines and cars, and to keep these in repair will require the employment of about one hundred men, drawing our conclusions from other roads.

What will these employes be worth to our farmers and business men? The prices paid to employes are from two to five dollars a day; but say they only average two dollars a day, which is the lowest estimate that can be made. Two dollars a day for 313 working days in a year would make \$626 per annum for each employe; and if 100 men are employed, the amount that will be paid to them annually is \$62,600. Place the average daily wages at the reasonable sum of \$3.00, and it will amount to \$93,900 a year. Add to this the reasonable expenditures for timber and other materials for the machine shops, and we will receive not less than \$100,000, which will amount to one million dollars expended in our midst before the bonds fall due. Now it is a well known fact that mechanics do not hoard up their means, but on the contrary they will live as well as their means will admit of, and all their earnings will go to the farmers for something to eat, the landlords for rent and the merchants for clothing and groceries; for mechanics always spend their money right where they make it. We ask you, candidly, farmers, business men and laborers, will not the circulation of over \$50,000 additional to our present circulating capital, make trade more lively and money matters easier than you have known them for years? This, friends, is the way the wealth

of the township—and not only the township, but the county—will be increased, the payment of your taxes made easier, and in a short time reduced. As journalists who desire the advancement of every business interest in the county, and who have nothing to gain more than you, and whose taxes will be increased as much as yours, we ask you to consider this matter calmly, dispassionately, reasonably, without prejudice, and as business men, as men of public enterprise. Vote with us, for the subscription.

**DEATH OF AN AGED LADY.**—Mrs. Catharine Huston died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Ann Jackson, in this place, on the 29th ult. (last Friday morning), being at the time of her death about ninety-four years old. She was the widow of Maj. Sam. Huston, an officer in the command of Gen. Potterfield during the war of 1812. They were married on the 12th of September, 1802, in Shenandoah county, Virginia. He died, near this place, in 1846, since which time Mrs. Huston has been living with her children—having made Mrs. Jackson's her home most of the time. She was remarkably well preserved for one of her years, retaining in a wonderful degree all the faculties of her mind, and loving to talk over the olden times. She was highly venerated, and although the reaper spared her to a ripe old age, her loss is none the less deeply felt and deplored.

Here is an instance of the way a railroad increases the assessed valuation of a township without making any individual's tax higher: The ground on which the Laclede hotel stands was, before we had any hope of a railroad, nothing but a garden spot. The railroad encouraged the building of a large hotel, and the proprietors now pay taxes on the money invested in it. The wealth of the town is increased thereby, and nobody is made poorer, nor is anybody's taxes increased, but they are lowered, for there is just that much more property for taxes to be paid on in the town. What is true of the Laclede, is also true of the Planters', and of all the new brick business houses that have gone up in Troy the past few years. This sort of improvement will continue if the road is finished and the machine shops secured at this place. New capital will come in, and will be invested in buildings and other enterprises, all of which will be taxable property, and help to bear the burden which is now borne by a few business houses and your farms. Can't you see that the more taxable improvements we have, the greater will be our resources for raising the county and state revenue?

For the consideration of those men who oppose the subscription by Bedford township for the machine shops, and thus retard the completion of the road, and who complain that it will increase their taxes too much, we submit the following sentence from the *Mexico Leader*:

"Our railroad debt (and we have no other worth mentioning) amounts to nothing. The taxes paid by our roads pay the interest on our debt and leaves several hundred dollars over for a sinking fund, which will gradually increase as the debt is reduced, and will finally pay off the whole debt and then become a source of revenue to us."

We notice by the Knoxville, (Tenn.) *Press* that our young friend, Tully R. Cornick, jr., known to many of our citizens, has been re-elected city attorney by the city council of that place. The *Press* pays him the following compliment: "Mr. Cornick has given the most efficient aid to the head of departments in the transaction of the city's business, and his legal acumen and close attention to business deserved the honorable recognition of a re-election."

Judge H. H. Crooks, an old and prominent citizen of Audrain county, died on the 28th ult., aged 62 years.

**VOTE FOR DELEGATES.**  
At the special election in this county, on the 26th ult., for delegates to the constitutional convention, only 522 votes were cast. There being no opposition to the ticket, the citizens did not take much interest in the election. Mr. McKee received 518 votes, and Mr. Hardin 514. Some admirer of Col. Dyer in Hurricane township cast his ballot for that gentleman alone. Montgomery county gave McKee 663; Hardin 674; Fagg 10; Dyer 3; Rosenberger 1; Loens 1. Pike gave McKee 650; Hardin 630; one precinct not heard from.

## SPECIAL ELECTION IN BEDFORD TOWNSHIP.

A special election will be held at the court house in Troy, on Saturday, Feb. 20, 1875, to ascertain whether or not Bedford township shall subscribe \$55,000 to the capital stock of the St. Louis, Hannibal and Keokuk railroad company.

By order of the court.  
WM. A. WOODSON, Clerk.

**Look Here.**  
All persons indebted to the undersigned by note or account are respectfully requested to call and settle the same as I have sold out my property in Troy, and intend moving away. In a few days I will place all my accounts into the hands of Norton & Martin for collection.  
Feb 3, 1875. J. P. LYNOTT.

**MARRIED.**  
**DUNLAP—WILLIAMS.**—Jan. 20, 1875, at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. Jesse Sutton. Mr. William Dunlap and Miss Lou Norton, both of Lincoln county.  
**DUNLAP—WILLIAMS.**—Dec. 23, 1874, by John W. Brown J. P., Mr. James Dunlap, and Mrs. Elizabeth J. Williams, all of Waverly township, Lincoln county.  
**NICHOLS—MILLER.**—January 28, 1875, at the residence of the bride, in Troy, by Rev. J. B. Allen. Mr. Wright Nichols and Mrs. Sophia A. Miller, all of this place.  
**COLBERT—McDONALD.**—Jan. 28, 1875, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. John McDonald, in Troy, by Rev. J. B. Allen. Mr. George W. Colbert and Miss Nannie McDonald, all of this place.

**DIED.**  
**HARTMAN.**—Jan. 30, 1874. Harry Hartman, grandson of Jacob Hartman, aged 3 years 3 months and 27 days.  
"His form so lovely once, must lie  
Beneath the grassy sod;  
His spirit has again returned  
To the maker, God."  
**DIXON.**—Jan. 1875. In Louisville, Lincoln county, Mo., Mr. Wm. Dixon, aged eighty years and one day. Deceased was a native of Virginia.

**Dr. W. W. BIRKHEAD,**  
DENTIST,  
CLARKSVILLE, MO.,  
Will visit Troy every two or three months, due notice of which visits will be given in the Herald.

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