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LOCAL AND COUNTY NEWS.

If you want wall paper go to the Drug and Medicine House of Sam'l T. East; you can get it fifty per cent. cheaper than at any other house in town.

Mr. J. F. Wilson, county surveyor, wishes us to inform those who have requested his services that on account of sickness in his family he has been unable to leave home, for some time, but will attend to their calls in a short time.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.—A chapter of Royal Arch Masons was organized last Friday and Saturday in this place. It will have jurisdiction of all the lodges in this county; also those of Warrenton, Wright City and Wentzville. The following is a list of officers so far as appointed. Dr. J. J. McElwee, high priest; Dr. M. H. McFarland, king; J. P. Blanton, scribe; J. M. McLellan, secretary; F. C. Cake, treasurer; A. C. Snethon, captain of the host; E. N. Bonfils, royal arch captain; M. N. McLellan, principal sojourner; R. O. Woolfolk, captain second veil.

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT.—Our lovers of music will soon have an opportunity of enjoying a rare treat. On the 26th inst., the music class of Mrs. Ellen Woolfolk, assisted by several others, will render the operetta of Maud Irving, at the Public School Hall. An excellent string band will be in attendance. The principal characters will be represented by Misses Hattie Perkins, Gracie Rogers, Ediza Woolfolk, Mina Wright, Mary Woolfolk, Lizzie Thornhill, Masters Fred Bonfils, John Meriwether, Thos. Bonfils and Prentice Edrington. No doubt it will be an agreeable entertainment, and we hope our citizens will inspire the class by extending them liberal encouragement. The entertainment will close with a pantomime—Mischief in the studio. Admission 25 cents.

A BEAUTIFUL PHENOMENON.—A beautiful atmospheric phenomenon was witnessed by most of our citizens on last Wednesday afternoon. The weather was warm and pleasant. About half after three a light cloud appeared in the west and the temperature suddenly lowered. Presently was seen the wonder alluded to. A bright line of light extended horizontally about ninety degrees on either side of the sun. On each of these were seen at equal distances two suns. Above the sun was a wavy circle of light and on the top edge of this was a brilliant rainbow. High up, and near the zenith was another of equal brilliancy. In the north and also the southeast were others of greater length but of less depth of color. The spectacle lasted thirty minutes and was viewed with delight on the part of some and fear on the part of others who saw in it a certain sign of the early destruction of all mundane things.

Rev. Mr. Wilkie preached a sermon last Sunday against the doctrine of universal salvation. His points were: That it proved too much. The same language which conveys the idea that the righteous are to enjoy happiness forever expresses the alarming thought that the wicked are to be punished forever. There would be no need for an atonement if men could by suffering a determinate period after death, expiate the sins committed during life. The song of those redeemed through Christ and that of those who have atoned for their own sins by suffering could not be the same and they could not look upon God in the same light. Christians are on the safe side. These points were forcibly and ably presented and illustrated with a wealth of argument. The sermon made a deep impression upon the minds of his hearers.

AN ANATOMICAL CURIOSITY.

A Second Edition of the Siamese Twins.

In company with four or five gentlemen of this place we went out yesterday morning about three miles in the country to see a curious monstrosity. It was a pair of twins joined together in front nearly the whole length of the body. The parents are colored. The father is named Henry Overall, but is generally known as "Diddle" or the negro who paces. He is about fifty years of age. This was the tenth birth; the other nine children are all alive. The twins were born Sunday night. The colored woman who was in attendance says she was too much frightened at the unusual appearance to pay particular attention, but thinks she is confident that the twins exhibited no signs of life at birth. The mother had received two or three severe falls about a month ago, when the ground was covered with ice, and had not been well since. The presentation was a vertex of the larger one and the birth easy.

The twins were taken out of the coffin and undressed for our inspection. As they were laid it seemed at first view that one was lying across the breast of the other, both faces upturned. This shape was due to the fact that most of the viscera lay on the side of union that was exposed, and also that the organs in the cavity of the chest were, like those of the famous Carolina twins, unduly developed on one side. The impression was also heightened by the circumstance that the spine of one had a cartilaginous joint in about the center of the dorsal region, which allowed a considerable angle backwards. The union, as revealed by a closer examination, commenced at a point where the collar bone would have joined the breast bone had the latter been present. The collar bones met squarely at the point of union as did the ribs on either side. The junction was everywhere firm and, even below the ribs, apparently well flanked with cartilage. The union terminated a short distance above the pelvic bone. In the center of the lower point of union and a little to one side (on the better-developed side), was attached the placental cord. The children were both female and were otherwise well formed except that the left forearm of one was only half the length of its fellow, and the hand, strongly flexed upon the arm, was longer and flatter than natural, with a very short forefinger and without a thumb. The twins were about fourteen inches long and weighed about six pounds. Efforts were made to induce the parents to sell the bodies, but the mother would listen to nothing of the kind. They were buried yesterday.

SCHOOL TAX DISTRIBUTION.

Last June we published a list of the state and county fund for each school district in the county for the year ending first Tuesday in April, 1875. The following is a list of school taxes for each district collected by W. W. Shaw, for the same year:

Township forty-eight, one east: district one, \$131.71; two, \$185.24; three, \$171.95; four, \$171.95. Township forty-eight, two east: one, \$127.65; two, \$205.63. Township forty-nine, one east: one, \$254.32; two, \$149.95; three, \$196.72; four, \$157.63; five, \$139.07; six, 168.49. Township forty-nine, two east: one, \$142.75; two, \$269.87; three, \$285.94; four, \$141.49. Township forty-nine, three east: five, \$106.60. Township fifty, one east: one, \$267.48; two, \$121.83; three, \$193.22; four, \$226.32. Township fifty, two east: one, \$143.99; two, \$154.85; three, \$296.64; four, \$217.50; five, \$206.03. Township fifty-one, one east: one, \$100.43; two, \$244.69; three, \$91.98. Township fifty-one, two east: one, \$272.29; two, \$333.20; three, \$270.35. Township forty-eight, one west: one, \$238.22; two, \$99.94; three, \$164.20; four, \$138.03. Township forty-eight, two west: one, \$150.95; two, \$156.31; four, \$16.99. Township forty-nine,

one west: one, \$172.41; two, \$73.15; three, \$173.19; four, \$1,415.80; five, \$77.23; six, \$193.80. Township forty-nine, two west: one, \$138.36; two, \$172.00; three, \$138.34; four, \$130.91; five, \$44.77. Township forty-nine, three west: one, \$138.18; two, \$34.62; Truxton, \$528.43. Township fifty, one west: one, \$123.22; two, \$338.13; three, \$211.53; four, \$106.40; five, 49 cents; six, \$270.28. Township fifty, two west: one, \$171.47; two, \$136.23; three, \$168.33; four, \$140.77; five \$190.37; Millwood, \$208.43. Township fifty, three west: one, nothing; two, \$114.33; three, \$127.19; four, \$176.40; five, \$106.56. Township fifty-one, one west: one \$99.44; two, \$94.27; three, \$226.57; four, \$145.57. Township fifty-one, two west: one, \$334.13; two, \$194.89; three, \$140.86; four, \$107.17; five, \$127.38; six \$161.16.

THE CONTENT.

It seems that the report mentioned in our last, that the dissatisfied had declined to contest, was premature. A petition has been filed with the circuit clerk praying the court to enjoin the agent from delivering the bonds and the county court from levying a tax to pay them or the interest. This petition is given in another column. This arrangement was entered into at a meeting at Jackson's school house on Friday last, where about forty (from the best of our information, no prominent tax-payers among them,) met Frank Williams, their attorney, and devised a line of action. Mr. Williams, it will be remembered, was the attorney who so persistently and so very unsuccessfully fought the appropriation of three hundred thousand dollars to the railroad. Living on the line of a railroad which the tax-payers of Lincoln county helped to build, he is willing for a paltry fee to throw what obstacles he can to prevent us from doing for our own section what we have, to a less extent, already done for his.

But we have no fears for aught that the petitioners can accomplish. Our prosperity, fortunately for us and the public welfare, lies not in their hands. The will of the intelligent majority has manifested itself, and its decree cannot in justice be revoked. If a contest is had, and every illegal vote is thrown out, the majority for the township appropriation will be increased. Our friends may rest satisfied of this fact.

PERSONAL.—W. S. Worsham, of Frankford, was in town last week.

Mr. Godlove of Montgomery City spent several days in our town last week.

Dr. Poole, high priest of the Masonic chapter at Montgomery City, was in Troy several days last week. He organized a chapter here.

Wm. C. Sands, of Millwood, returned last week from Texas, where he has been spending the winter. He stayed principally in Collin county. He is much pleased with the country and expects hereafter to spend his winters there.

Our genial, fun-loving patron, Mr. W. H. Block, of St. Louis, graced our sanctum the other day, and solicited us to take stock in the Chihuahua silver mining company, and we concluded to invest; but when we reached for our pocketbook, we discovered that some rascal had sipped it.

Mrs. Dr. Huit left last week on a visit to her parents in Knoxville, Tennessee, where she expects to remain several weeks. Mrs. J. M. McLellan has just commenced a long visit to her parents in Sedalia. Mrs. J. P. Blanton will remain several months on a visit to her relations in Ashley. The wife of the junior editor of this paper is still visiting her old home in Maryland. Several gentlemen in town are trying to induce their wives to go off on a visit, alleging that they are actuated by a humane desire to give their better halves a respite from household cares. But in truth the motive is a selfish one; they wish to be eligible to associate with four of the handsomest and best men in town in the "Wifeless Club."

PETITION FOR AN INJUNCTION.

In Lincoln county circuit court; March term, 1875.

Hale Perdue, plaintiff, vs. Charles R. Martin, Horatio N. Baskett, Henry T. Mudd, Judges of Lincoln county court, Walton Perkins, agent appointed by Lincoln county court to receive and deliver to St. Louis, Hannibal and Keokuk railroad, Bedford township bonds upon certain conditions, defendants.

Plaintiff states that he is a real and personal estate owner and resident of Bedford township in Lincoln county, Missouri, and a tax payer of said township, and states that at the January term of the county court of Lincoln county, Mo., for 1875, the above named defendants Charles R. Martin, Horatio N. Baskett and Henry T. Mudd, being then and there the legally qualified justices of said county court, did make and cause to be entered of record, an order for the holding of an election at Troy, in said township, on Saturday, February 20, 1875, to take the sense of said voters as to whether said Bedford township should authorize said court to issue the bonds of said township amounting to \$55,000 payable in ten years, in favor of the St. Louis Hannibal and Keokuk railroad company, upon condition that—[the conditions as related have been published and our readers are familiar with their terms. Then is set forth the facts of the election and its result.]

Plaintiff further states that he has good reasons to believe and does believe, and so charges the fact to be, that at said election, a majority of the ballots cast by qualified voters of said township who participated in said election contained, written or printed upon them, the words "Subscription by Bedford township, No." Plaintiff further states—of the ballots cast at said election and having written or printed, upon them the words "Appropriation by Bedford township of \$55,000, Yes," were cast by persons who were not, at the date of said election, qualified voters of Bedford township and that the ballots so cast were fraudulent and illegal and ought not to have been cast up and counted in favor of the proposition aforesaid. [Then follows a list of thirty-four names of persons claimed to have so voted and held to be illegal for reasons given.]

Plaintiff further states that on account of said illegal votes the election aforesaid resulted adversely to the issue of said township bonds; and that defendants Martin, Baskett and Mudd, notwithstanding the illegal and fraudulent ballots so cast as aforesaid, and without authority of law, assembled at the court house, in said town of Troy, on Tuesday, March 9, 1875, and issued the bonds of said Bedford township to the aggregate amount of \$55,000, in the sum of \$500 each payable to the said St. Louis, Hannibal and Keokuk railroad company or order, ten years after date with ten per cent interest per annum payable semi-annually, and have delivered said bonds to the defendant Perkins, who now has the same in his possession as the agent of said township, by virtue of his appointment aforesaid; and plaintiff also states that said Perkins threatens to deliver all, and singular, the bonds aforesaid, to said railroad company, upon the completion of said railroad, and the location of said principal machine shops, as aforesaid, without any compensation from said railroad company, him, the said Perkins, for said township, thereto moving.

Plaintiff further states that said defendants, Martin, Baskett and Mudd, as justices of the said county court threaten, if said railroad company comply with said conditions and receive said bonds, to levy a special tax against the real estate and personal property of the plaintiff, and the other taxpayers of Bedford township, to liquidate said bonds and interest. And plaintiff says that if the defendants be permitted to do the acts threatened by them as aforesaid, he, in common with the other taxpayers of said township, will suffer a great and irreparable injury for which he has no adequate remedy at law in an action for damages.

Wherefore plaintiff prays the court to take into consideration, all and singular, the averments of the foregoing petition and that, upon a full and final hearing, the court will make a decree restraining and forever enjoining the said Walton Perkins, as agent of said township, or otherwise, from transferring or delivering said bonds, or any portion thereof, either directly or indirectly to said railroad company, or one for them, or for their use or benefit and that the defendants, Charles R. Martin, Horatio N. Baskett and Henry T. Mudd, and each of them, as members of Lincoln county court, be restrained and forever enjoined from levying any tax whatever, against the property of plaintiff to pay said bonds or any part thereof, or any interest thereon; and that the court

will make such other and further judgments, orders and decrees as may become consistent with equity and good conscience.

FRANK T. WILLIAMS,
Attorney for plaintiff.

The statement of county receipts and expenditures will be found on our second page.

Esquire T. Cummins passed through town last Thursday on his way from Cincinnati, where he was treated successfully for cancer.

Here is the way the St. Louis Dispatch puts it: "Dr. Samuel T. East, the celebrated physician of Troy, Mo., is stopping for a few days at the Everett house."

Our readers are directed to the card of T. M. Rogers & Co., a reliable and responsible commission firm of St. Louis. Our farmers could not ship to a house that will give better satisfaction.

ASHLEY, Mo., March 11, 1875.

Editors Herald: I understand that you published an article in your paper about two weeks ago, concerning a trip the Ashley Silver Band took to New Liberty church. The statement in regard to one of the members getting his leg broken was a mistake. No damage was done to amount to anything. Please rectify the mistake and oblige A. S. B. F. ELMORE,
Sec'y.

BORN.

SHULTS.—March 12, 1875, to the wife of A. M. Shults, a daughter; weight nine pounds.

DIED.

ELMORE.—On the 16th day of February, 1875, at the residence of his brother-in-law, P. H. Smith, Nineweh, Lincoln county, Mo., T. Cass Elmore, in the 24th year of his age. Obiituary next week.

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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Also Notary Public and Real Estate Agent, will give special attention to collections, real estate practice, and the investigation of land titles. Office in clerk's building, west room. Satisfaction given or no charge made. [278]

FINAL SETTLEMENT.—Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of Edmund G. F. H. deceased, will make a final settlement of his administration of said estate at the next term of the Probate court of Lincoln county, Mo., to be begun and held at the court house in Troy on the second Monday in April, 1875. JOHN SCOTT, Adm'r.