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MT. STERLING SHORT LINE.

Coming above the horizon we are able to see the rays from rising hope. Only a few more thousand, the books will be closed and the constructing of the Short Line will be with the contractors.

FOR DISTRICT DELEGATE.

The name of Finley E. Fogg has been frequently mentioned as a delegate from the Tenth Congressional district to the National Convention at St. Louis.

Mr. Fogg is a native of this county, and the Messenger has in no way overdrawn the manner of man and Democrat Mr. Fogg is.

THE BEST.

Mt. Sterling is one of the best business points in the South, and can be made one of the most moral business points in the South.

SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

Saturday is the day when three trustee are to be elected for the Mt. Sterling Public High School.

PITIABLE.

It is pitiable to see sons of our best men come to our city to get drunk. Who offers these drunks, the people? Can't we offer the country boys something better?

NOT ENOUGH.

The committee, that went to Louisville to place before the business men of that city the advantages to them of a competitive railroad, was encouraged but sufficient money was not raised to finish the stock subscriptions.

Go to the voting places in Mt. Sterling, Saturday, at any time from six o'clock in the morning until four in the afternoon and vote for L. T. Chiles, R. Q. Drake and Owen Laughlin.

Mt. Sterling Public Graded High School has a fine body of men for her trustees. They take interest in the school, are competent and in them the people have the utmost confidence.

Vote for L. T. Chiles, R. Q. Drake and Owen Laughlin for public school trustees.

AGENTS WANTED.

To sell Teas, Coffees, Spices, Baking Powder and Extracts to the consumers in Mt. Sterling, Ky., and surrounding territory.

Improvements.

The Old Kentucky Telephone & Telegraph Company have installed a Hagan Gas Engine in their plant for the purpose of charging their batteries.

Attention Farmers!

I have for sale two Stivers grass seed strippers.

Worlds Fair Opened.

On last Saturday the great fair at St. Louis was opened. It eclipses anything of the kind in this country.

President Roosevelt at Washington touched a button that started the machinery.

WANTED:—A first-class second hand buggy. Apply at this office.

There will be a Box Supper at the Spencer Station School-house May 7, for the benefit of the library.

"Energy usually brings success, success invariably brings energy."

Public Graded School Declamatory Contest.

The Declamatory Contest at Masonic Temple on Friday evening was of unusual interest. In this contest a decision was rendered by impartial judges selecting the best declaimer to represent the Mt. Sterling Graded High School.

Second was Jacob Hedden with Richard Apperson as usher; subject: "Selections from Dedicatory Oration at Unveiling of Monument of James L. Young."

Third was Edmond Wells with William Enoch as usher; subject: "Boston Kindling Garter Teacher." This was a difficult piece to render but Edmond was its master and the house went wild in cheering the dramatic speaker.

Fourth was Brent Nunnelley with Robert Turner as usher; subject: "The Boy Orator of Zepata City." Brent was self composed, familiar with his subject, free from stage fright, perfect in gesture with fine voice and grace in movement.

Fifth was Bratton Sutton, usher: C. T. Coleman; subject: "Death of the Gadfly." The subject of this declamation was at himself and entered the subject with that real sentimentality that carries with it conviction and leads to victory.

Sixth was Lloyd Frazer with Thomas Vansant as usher; subject: "Lasca." Lloyd had been before the people before and the immense crowd in whose favor he stands high was not disappointed in expecting much of him.

Seventh was Harry Stevenson with Hodge Morris as usher; subject: "Red Head's Account of the Feud." Harry was another good speaker and so well did he follow the author that the close brought down the house with prolonged applause.

Rev. J. R. Hobbs, Mr. J. G. Winn and C. D. Grubbs, judges, were out for some time causing much nervousness on the part of the special friends of the declaimers.

Of the seven contestants six were trained by Miss Mary Pratt Hedden, and Lloyd Frazer by his mother, Miss Minnie Groves was the pianist.

MT. STERLING ENTRIES IN E. G. G. S. T.

Female Declamation—Miss Mary Lockridge.

Male Declamation—B. G. Nunnelley.

Vocal Solo, Female—Miss Mary Lockridge.

Vocal, Solo, Male—Norman Drake Brown.

Oral Spelling (under 12)—Laird Throop.

Oral Spelling (under 15)—Lillie Coyle.

Written Spelling—Miss Grace Coyle.

Public Oral Spelling (pupils under 15)—Lillie Coyle and Dessie Stamper.

Rapid Calculation (under 12)—Arrie Chiles.

Arithmetic (pupils under 13)—Jacob Hedden.

Mental Arithmetic—Richard Apperson.

Elementary Algebra—Miss Emma Coons.

Plane Trigonometry—Miss Anna Laura Sharp.

Beginners Latin—Miss Alice Cassity.

Cæsar—Miss Debie Coyle.

Cicero—Miss Anna Laura Sharp.

Ancient History—Miss Mary Lockridge.

English Grammar—Miss Emma Coons.

English Composition—Miss Alice Guthrie.

U. S. History—Miss Garnette Robinson.

Geography—Miss Mabel Lyons.

Physics—John Carmody.

Slant Penmanship—Miss Debie Coyle.

Vertical Penmanship—Miss Grace Coyle.

Reading—Martha Rogers.

50-yard Dash—Gray Russell.

High Jump—Frank Wyatt.

Standing Broad Jump—Gray Russell.

Running Broad Jump—John Carmody.

Tennis—Thompson Coleman and Hunt Priest.

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The ladies are invited to see the fine selection of Ladies and Misses hosiery and underwear which we are now offering.

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A two story frame dwelling on East High St. See Walsh Bros.

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For anything in the Fishing Tackle line call at Kennedy's

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Money to loan—Plenty of it—No red tape—Money while you wait.

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We will buy E. K. Land Co. stock. Will buy old and rare coin. Bank stock bought, sold or exchanged.

MONUMENTS.

Buy your Monuments and Markers from THE MT. STERLING MARBLE & GRANITE CO.

For more than 25 years it has done an honorable and successful business, and in the Good Year of Our Lord, it can be found at the old stand, ready to furnish the Best Work at from 25 to 40 per cent. lower than can be bought of foreign concerns, or TRAMPS, who are here to-day and gone to-morrow.

Slaughter Sale —OF— Carpets! Mattings! Rugs!

We must close out at once the remainder of our large stock of Carpets, etc. We are selling without regard to cost. The goods must go off our floors.

READ OUR THIS WEEK OFFERINGS:

- A Good Brussels Carpet, - 50 cents per yard
A Much Better Brussels Carpet, - 57 1/2 cents per yard
The Best Ten Wire Brussels Carpet, - 65 cents per yard
A large line of Extra Super ALL WOOL CARPETS at - 55 cents per yard

Everything goes at these prices if sold at once. No goods charged during this sale.

SUTTON & HARRIS.

WOMEN'S TAILORED SUITS.

THIS Spring finds us prepared as never before with everything in the way of ready-to-wear garments for women. Suits in the Eton, Blouse and Short Coat Styles, both in walking and train effects and fashioned of such fabrics as Broadcloths, Cheviots, Mixtures, Voiles and mannish weaves.

\$15.00

Suits of light-weight canvas weave Cheviot; Eton Jackets with shoulder Capes, braid trimmed. Unlined Walking Skirt with braid trimming, made in lengths that just avoid touching the ground.

\$25.00

At this price we are showing an unsurpassed collection of Walking Suits of the finest mannish materials and Cheviots. Short, jaunty Jackets prettily made and tailor finished.

Kaufman, Straus & Co., 12 and 14 WEST MAIN STREET, Lexington, - - - - - Kentucky.

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Of the Best Makes of Medium and High-grade Work, fully warranted. My stock of

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