

Weekly Intelligencer.

The Intelligencer will be forwarded for the year 1876, in connection with the papers mentioned below, at the following prices, postage paid: Intelligencer and Journal of Agriculture, \$2.25...

SHORTS.

John C. Fall, Esq., who has been ill for the last ten days, with the pneumonia, is able to be about again.

Miss Fannie Bair, who has been confined to her bed for some time with a severe attack of rheumatism, is recovering very better, and in a fair way of recovery.

Don't forget when sending us ordinary notices exceeding 10 lines, in length, that we charge half price for their publication. This includes also all resolutions of societies upon the death of members. Simple announcements of death published free.

As the season is late, and in order to reduce my large stock of clothing, hats, caps, gents' furnishing goods, trunks, valises, etc., I will sell, from this date forward, at greatly reduced prices.

Call early and get bargains, at Keller's Clothing Store, opposite the City Hotel, Dec 25th.

Mr. Stewart Summers, the grocery merchant so well known in our community, is on a visit to Texas, where he goes for the benefit of his health, and for relaxation from the cares of business, by which he has been closely confined for several years.

Our new devil set up a little piece of spirit, which can be found at the bottom of the reading matter, in the second column on the fourth page. By some hocus poems it was smuggled into the paper without being corrected.

The shipments from this point by the Pacific Railroad during the year 1875, were: 68,100,510 pounds; of this 52,000,000 pounds were coal, making 3,138 cars.

The remaining 16,100,510 pounds were live stock, flour, lumber and other merchandise, making nearly 800 car loads of 20,000 pounds each.

Mr. Theodore Bates, of Texas Prairie, having lost many valuable sheep, recently put styrephine on some of his place, and a great many dogs, the result of which was that they report of damages done to sheep by dogs, which he recently published, should open the eyes of our farmers to the fact that the dog law ought to be adopted in this county.

The Simons Theatrical troupe will appear at Harmonia Hall on next Monday evening, and the two succeeding nights.

The play for the first night will be "Filtration" or "Long Branch," written by Beckley Campbell, and played with great success in all the large cities on the continent.

The shooting match which we announced last week would come off on Tuesday, the 28th ult., in the field, between Messrs. Wm. Waddell and Camillus Barnett, Jr., on the one side, and Messrs. Wm. H. Waddell and E. P. Waddell on the other.

On Thursday, December 23d, there was an exhibition given at the Brick school house, on Salt Pond road, by the scholars of the Lexington school, for the benefit and amusement of the neighborhood.

Just one year ago last Wednesday, we were called on to mourn the death of our faithful friend and brother, Dr. W. P. Boulware. The last patient he ever attended, the last little human frame from which he tried to banish pain, was that of Willie Tevis.

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In our last week we barely mention the banquet given by the sporting club on Friday evening of last week; but as we participated in its pleasures and found it to be an exceptionally pleasant affair, we will give it another word.

The vote on the compromise of the bonded indebtedness of the county and townships was slow in coming in, owing to the rainy weather and bad roads.

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"The Orphans" will be played on one of the evenings that the Simons troupe are here. Secure your tickets at Smith's book store.

It commenced raining Thursday evening and continued to come down, in moderate showers, up to a late hour last night.

An amusement seems to be the order of the day, do not neglect to go to see Miss Annie Simons in her great character of Alice Playford.

Mr. J. L. Toleda, representing Messrs. F. O. Sawyer & Co., who sell paper made of St. Louis, has been spending the holidays in Lexington. Mr. Pollard is a nephew of Mr. Henry L. Barkdale.

The Ladies' Centennial Committee has determined to give an entertainment about the middle of January, to consist of charades and music.

Our granger friends have organized an insurance company to be known as the Patrons' Mutual Insurance Company, of Lafayette county, the officers of which are: C. C. Catron, president; Jacob Zentmeyer, secretary; B. M. Lankford, James Armentrout, Jackson Conder, Jas. W. Lewis, J. Garland Webb, Linn B. Gordon and Jacob Newland, directors.

The plan is to be purely mutual. The company will not pay except small percentages for running expenses, and the loss to be paid by assessments.

Tuesday morning as Conductor Lemon's train was coming west, a short distance from Higginsville a negro boy threw a stone through one of the coach windows. The train was immediately stopped, and Mike and the brakeman started in hot pursuit.

He ran into his home, a short distance from the road, where he was found seated under a bed. He was brought to this city and placed in jail by Conductor Lemon. In the afternoon his father came and he was released under bond of \$250 to appear when called on.

The Simon's dramatic company will play in our city for three evenings, beginning Monday, January 3d. The first play will be "Filtration" and the "Two Orphans," about which so much has been said, and so many lawsuits have been had, and which will be the case for Tuesday night.

The company consists of twenty performers, with a fine band and orchestra. Admission, 50 cents; chairs 75 cents; no extra charge for reserved seats. Tickets may be procured and seats reserved at the book store of Mr. L. R. Smith. Go early, as every seat is sure to be taken.

There is one thing which our city authorities should give their attention to; and when they do act, it should be in such an emphatic manner that it would be remembered for years.

We mean the wanton destruction of property by idle boys and dissolute young men. There is scarcely a church edifice in this city that these vandals have not more or less defaced.

Their outrageous conduct, at the Methodist church, for some weeks past, has been simply barbarous; and should bring a blush of shame to the cheeks of a Modoc Indian.

The Episcopal church shows their savages in several broken panes of valuable stained glass; the Episcopal church in the continual pulling down of the top stones of the wall which surrounds the yard and in a hole through a very beautiful and costly window in the west end of the church.

A building cannot be left for a few days tenacious without the risk that the glass and window frames will be broken, and all sorts of senseless destruction is indulged in. The first person caught in the least of these acts should be punished to the full extent of the law.

Since writing the above, we learn of additional damages done to property. On Wednesday night some three two tons through Mr. T. B. Clagett's show window, breaking the large panes of glass, and about ten dollars worth of china ware; and broke the glass in the street gas lamp in front of Wiles & Durall's store, in Dutch Row.

There were strings stretched across the street, and one gentleman, who was caught under the chin by one of these infernal machines, was considerably hurt. Shingles were taken from Wilson & Ballard's lumber yard, and scattered along the street, and the shutters of stores besmeared with rotten tomatoes.

These pranks can only have pleasure in them to persons who drink very mean whiskey. It would be interesting, too, to know where the night police were while all this was going on.

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We wish you a happy new year. Circuit court adjourned yesterday evening.

The members of Garrison grange will meet promptly at 10 o'clock a. m. to-day. The public is invited to the installation of officers at 11 o'clock.

The last week has been devoted to parties and festivities. On last Wednesday night alone there were nine parties in this vicinity.

The Infant's Delight club met last night at the residence of Mayor Ethan Allen. This society is one of the institutions of our city.

Mr. Adam Young has an ornamental tree which bears strange fruit. On last Friday he cut it, and the branches, apples, oranges and lemons.

The cistern in the rear of the new Lewis buildings burst night before last, and filled the cellars with water to the depth of several inches.

Frank Bowman, a typo on the Intelligencer, and who can do more things at once than any man in Lexington, cast his maiden vote Thursday in favor of the bond compromise.

The thermometer stood at 76 degrees on Thursday at noon, on the north side of our office, one of the coolest places in town, and where the sun does not shine at any hour of the day.

A very unusual occurrence took place on Christmas eve, on the farm of Mr. Butts, near Mayview. Mr. John Dawson discovered and killing a large sized garter-snake, which was almost as lively as in summer time.

Mr. John Smith, son of Recorder Harrison Smith, and for a long time interested in the Intelligencer, has been spending the holidays in the city. He is now employed at his trade, in St. Louis, on the Dispatch, an evening newspaper.

Our faithful carriers will be visited by our faithful carriers with their usual New Year's address. We bespeak for them the liberality which their long and patient service merits.

The usual Christmas services were held in all the churches last Saturday, and the hearts of the little folks were made glad with presents and sweetmeats. The biggest tree was had in the African church, where they had Christmas trees and festivals which lasted all day and part of the night.

On the night of Tuesday, the 28th ult., an accident occurred with coal oil at the residence of Mr. Wm. Eckle, in this city, which came near resulting in the destruction of the house, if in no more serious consequences.

Sam Keller, the lightning-striker of the Lexington Intelligencer, was on one of his periodical "courts" in Richmond a few days since, and was the object of all observers.

Hon. W. A. Steele, proprietor of one of the largest stone quarries in the United States, and who is now, and has been for several years, mayor of Joliet, Ills., is in the city visiting his relative, Mrs. J. A. Beck. Mr. Steele tells us that his town is in a flourishing condition, and that the population is increasing.

Despite the hard times the already large subscription list of the Intelligencer is constantly increasing. Not a day passes that we do not materially add to it. This is very gratifying to us, and we shall make every effort in our power to give our subscribers the worth of their money.

De Molay commandery No. 3, Knights Templar, held their annual election last Monday evening at their hall. The following were elected as officers for the ensuing year: J. W. Bedford, E. C. R. Taubman, Generalissimo; P. H. Chambers, Prelate; Benjamin Marshall, Treasurer; H. W. Winsor, Recorder; C. E. Ballard, S. W.; E. Allen, J. W.; David Russell, Standard Bearer; H. L. Barkdale, Sword Bearer; J. O. Lesueur, Warder; J. A. Price, Sentinel; Jno. E. Ryland, 1st Guard; W. D. Rankin, 2nd Guard; R. F. Waddell, 3rd Guard.

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The county court will meet on next Monday, and be in session four or five days.

The Lexington Coal Company is now shipping from 20 to 25 car loads of coal daily. During the month of December the sales of this company amounted to 450 car loads, bringing into the city more than twelve thousand dollars.

The large meter which was seen so distinctly in Lexington was visible for a considerable distance west of us. It is mentioned by the Lawrence papers as well as those of many other places.

Miss Maggie Ryland, who has for some time past been visiting her sister in St. Louis, returned home Wednesday morning.

Jack S. Williams, an old Lexington printer, but now of the St. Louis Dispatch, spent Christmas at home among his friends and relatives.

Fred. Grosse, formerly a miller of this city, but now of Kansas City, was in the city the first part of the week, visiting friends.

Miss Mary Turner, the sprightly daughter of J. H. Turner, of the Carrollton Record, is visiting the family of Col. DeMotte.

Henry Newbold, an old Lexington artist, who for three years has been in the best galleries of St. Louis, has returned, and will soon be prepared to photograph our citizens in the finest style.

Harry Young, who has been setting type in St. Louis for the past six months, returned home a few days ago.

Dr. H. S. E. Pollard, a substantial citizen of Saline county, called to see us during the week.

We have before us a piece of continental paper money, which belongs to our fellow-citizen, E. W. Carpenter. It was paid to his grandfather for military services during the revolution.

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Mr. Editor:—The writer, in company with several other visitors, had the pleasure of witnessing the exercises of the High School, Friday, December 25.

The school having been seated in order, the exercises were opened by a recitation from Miss Lizzie Turpin, entitled "Rachel," which was executed well.

Miss Alice Fishback then read a beautiful poem, which was followed by a humorous declamation from Geo. Appleby, Fannie Venable, a pretty little girl, Miss Birdie Allen then read an essay, subject, "Oliver Cromwell," which was, chiefly, of a biographical nature.

Lettie Taubman then recited a poem which was followed by a German poem from Katie Vogle. Miss Carpenter read an elegant piece of prose, which was followed by a poem from Katie Gosewisch.

Wm. Ald delivered a declamation with effect. Annie Pirner then recited a poem, which was followed by a reading from Nellie Allen. James Morehead delivered a humorous declamation.

Miss Julia Smith then recited a poem, which was executed as beautifully as she is pretty. Miss DeMotte then recited a poem in very elegant style.

Miss Lizzie Ball followed with a sweet poem. John Ryland then delivered a humorous poem. Miss Terry read an essay, subject, "The Battle-Fields of Science," which was a very splendid piece of composition.

Geo. Rathburn then followed with a declamation, which was delivered in his characteristic good style. The exercises were closed by an elegant soliloquy from Alice Woll.

Prof. Watts expressed a wish that all present might enjoy a merry Christmas, and dismissed the school.

Having been a student of this school under the professorship of three successful teachers, Messrs. Slaughter, Corrington and Bahlmann, the writer's gratification on this occasion was great, to see his former schoolmates coming forward and taking a position in the ranks of the literary culture of the times.

Let us look anxiously forward to the time when our city shall be justly styled the "Athens of the West." ALPHIA.

Pro Bono Publico. We are requested, by Dr. J. G. Russell, the county physician, to publish the following letter. Every one should take heed of the advice it contains.

We all agree that Edward Jenner should be immortalized for his great discovery of vaccination, and yet we never think that the fell disease against which it is aimed may attack us. As every atmospheric influence is now in its favor, be wise and be warned!

It is a well known fact that smallpox is more prevalent in winter than any other season of the year. I would therefore take this occasion to advise the good people of Lexington and in fact every citizen of Lafayette county of the importance of inducing themselves as far as possible by vaccination.

I would respectfully request that all who are not already protected, apply at once to their respective family physicians for vaccination. I will also add that I am prepared to vaccinate all who will apply to me at my office, who are unable to pay for the same.

J. G. RUSSELL, County Physician. Attention P. O. H. The regular meeting of the county grange will be held in the city of Lexington, on Tuesday, the 11th of January, at 11 o'clock a. m.

JOHN A. PRATHER, Master. J. T. FERROUS, Sec'y. James Gordon has Bennett it again. He has sent an expedition in his own private employ to discover the source of Ida Lewis' reticence, and announces the result as follows: "Ida Lewis, the marine heroine, is poor, and plays every day at cards for seven and a half quarter octave washboard. With her bare elbows even with a key-board and a red and blue gleam in her eyes, she renders that famous music with delicate expression and woeen poetry. Yet people send her poems, silk hosiery, and other articles of jewelry. If any one wishes to send anything to Ida Lewis, the heroine of Lime Rock, let him send something substantial. She says so herself."

The performance was generally good; and we believe that we will be justified in making special mention of John Bryant, Eugene Harris, Ella and Katie Thomas, and Lizzie Williamson. "The Maniac," Lizzie Williamson; "Class in vocal music, Thomas Williamson, Joseph Braden, Herman Leow, Eugene Harris, John Bryant; "How they Telegraph," Joseph Braden, Herman Leow; "A model Sermon," John Bryant.

By request Mr. Ragland declaimed the selection, entitled "Death and the Drunkard."

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On last Wednesday there was an interesting exhibition held by the Mayview school, under the supervision of J. Brown Jones, principal. The following programme was very creditably performed:

MUSIC—"There is Always a Welcome for Thee."—The school. "Welcome"—By Miss Susie Ballard. "The Seasons"—By Miss Theo. Ellis, Annabel Ellis, Mattie Roundtree, Charles White, Willie Keith, and Louie Keith. Song—"Maggie's Song"—By Miss Marie Ballard.

"Rachel"—By Willie Pickett. Chorus—Reminding. Recitation—"A Maiden Yet"—By Mary Roundtree. "Annotated Story"—Misses Annie Herr, Eunice West, Maggie Whitworth. Trio—"War in my Ship Comes in." "Declaration"—By Joseph Herr. Solo—"Before the Committee"—Miss Lillie Puck, James Vickers, Clem Tyree, and seven others.

Solo and chorus—"Marselles Hymn"—By Miss Emma Pickett and others. "Topsy Turvy"—By Walter White. "The Bridal Wreath"—By Miss Maggie Whitworth and others. Song—"Cousin Jedediah"—By Dr. Bradley and others.

"Little Boy's Speech"—By Oscar Pickett. "The Beautiful Home"—By Misses Gattisa—"The Crown of Lewis." "The Auction"—By Frank Wilson and others. "The Old Mill"—By Miss Maggie Whitworth. By request. "Valdey's Song"—By John Beating. Chorus—"We Hail Thee, Glad Springtime."

Docket of county court, for January Term, A. D. 1876.—Monday, January 3d.—Reading record, licenses and miscellaneous business.—Tuesday, January 4th.—Claims and poor house. Wednesday, January 4th.—Konds and schools.

WM. B. STEELE, Clerk. The members of Otton and Guttenberg lodges I. O. O. F. will make a new year call on Wellington lodge No. 81, leaving here at 5 o'clock this afternoon. This will doubtless be a happy and pleasant fraternal reunion.

THE ALTAR. Married—in Lafayette county, Dec. 24th, C. C. MURRAY and Miss JESSIE PARKER.

THE GRAVE. Born—To the wife of Thomas Parkell, at Mayview, Dec. 25th, a son—the fifth in succession.

THE TOMB. Died—of an aneurism of the heart, at five o'clock Wednesday morning last, WILLIAM M. HARRIS, aged 66 years and 10 days.

DAVIS & ALSTEDT are selling children's shoes at 75c to \$1.00 per pair.

A VALUABLE MEDICAL TREATISE. The edition for 1876 of the sterling Medical Annual, known as Hoelter's Almanac, is now ready and may be obtained, free of cost, of druggists and general country dealers in all parts of the United States and British America, and indeed in every civilized portion of the Western Hemisphere.

For a pure Florida de Fuma Havana cigar, go to Quarles & Co.'s drug store.

TO CONSUMPTIVES. The advertiser, an old physician, retired from active practice, having had placed in his hands by a friend, the formula for a simple and effective remedy for the cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma, and all Throat and Lung Affections, also of Rheumatism and Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints, after having thoroughly tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, feels it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellow-men. Actuated by this motive, and a conscientious desire to relieve human suffering, he will send free of charge, to all who desire it, this receipt, with full directions for preparing and successfully using. Sent by return mail by addressing—

Dr. W. C. STEVENS, Munroe Block, Syracuse, N. Y.

Davis & Alstedt are selling boots, shoes and hats at half-price prices.

"EUREKA" Is the sentiment of countless sufferers who find the balm of relief, and the fountain of their health and strength in AYER'S SASSAPARILLA. It is the most potent of all the alternatives to purify the system and cleanse the blood. It cures various inveter