

HANNIBAL JOURNAL

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OF GLENN, Editor and Proprietor.

We are authorized to announce Wm. O. Young as a candidate for re-election to the office of Clerk of the Ralls County Court, at the ensuing August election.

With reference to the tobacco articles on our first page, which from the Banner, we are requested to say by a Glasgow gentleman, that there is an abundance of the article yet unsold in that neighborhood—enough for all hands; and that very little has gone Hannibalward. We are disposed to think that our market has made much the "longest and strongest pull" on the neutral territory of Macon county—and we suppose Mr. T. B. Gillman, manufacturer of this place, has given one of his citizens the largest price of the season—six and a quarter dollars! It is one of the prettiest crops ever seen in this part of the State, and will make a fellow's mouth water to see it.—Brunswick.

No wonder that "very little has gone Hannibalward," or that Brunswick "has made much the largest and strongest pull" on the neutral territory of Macon county," when the road to this city from Bloomington is in such miserable condition. No doubt that bad roads, during the Fall and Winter, have detracted 25 per cent from the trade of this city. The commencement of the Railroad, however, in the ensuing Spring, will be the harbinger of better things.

THE MARKET.

Trade is quiet. The extremely cold weather has had a tendency to lessen the activity in the market.

There is a demand for all the tobacco offered, at \$2 50 to \$4. Extra manufacturing might bring a little more. It is probable that the tobacco has been nearly all bought up, though it continues to come in. There is some excitement in relation to it in the country, but not much here.

Considerable wheat is coming in—prices continue about as last quoted.

No new bacon in market.

The weather.—The thermometer went down to zero Tuesday morning, and yesterday morning was three degrees above.

The River is full of ice opposite this point.

TELEGRAPH TO ST. LOUIS.—It is said that Veitch and Shoenberger have not abandoned their design, if properly encouraged, of building a line of telegraph in the spring, from St. Louis to Keokuk, through Hannibal. There are papers enough here and in Keokuk to almost pay the salaries of operators, and a large mercantile business is done at both places; but, so far as this city is concerned, the outrageous swindle put upon us in building the old line to Quincy, will, it is feared, be a very serious obstacle in the way of obtaining subscriptions to any telegraphic scheme.

Peterson's Magazine for February, received—reading matter and engravings excellent. Price \$2 in advance.

The M. E. Church South is holding a protracted meeting, which was commenced Friday before Christmas. About 40 persons have "joined."

A letter has been received from Rev. J. M. Phillips, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, in which he states that he is making preparations to leave for this city so soon as the weather will allow him to start with prudence.

Thanks to Mr. Wm. Newland for documents.

Received—Clark's Counterfeit Detector. Printed in St. Louis at \$1 a year.

A Fight.—On Tuesday last, two brothers, named A. and J. Kirkpatrick, burst into the barber shop of Mr. Couverdale, and collared him, with the intention of administering a thrashing. He resisted; his wife came to the rescue, and besides contending with all her physical strength, called "murder" with an energy that soon brought people into the house, who separated the belligerents. The Kirkpatricks were tried on charge of assaulting Mrs. Couverdale.—Mr. A. Kirkpatrick was acquitted, but the other was fined \$1 and costs. They were both immediately arrested on a charge of assaulting and battering Mr. Couverdale, and fined \$20 apiece.

Nobody was much hurt in the strife, though Mr. Couverdale had his face slightly bruised.

PAGE & BACON MONEY BETTER THAN KENTUCKY OR OHIO.

Proof.—At the Exchange Office in this city, for \$100 in Kentucky paper, you may get \$99 in gold; while, for \$100 Page & Bacon, you get \$80 50. There is not perhaps a business man in this city, who would not prefer Page & Bacon money to Ohio or Kentucky, or at least as soon take it. If after this any of our subscribers have any doubts on the subject, they can send us Page & Bacon money for subscriptions—the money of E. W. Clark & Bro.'s, or Lucas & Simonds.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

HANNIBAL, February 7, 1853.

Roll called. Present—His Honor, T. R. Selmes. From 1st ward, Thomas Brice, A. J. Settles, and Robt. Ruffner; 2d ward, A. S. Robards and Francis Schneider; 3d ward, A. G. Gano, J. D. Dowling and Hudson Martin.—Absent—H. Westfall, of 2d ward.

The Mayor nominated, for confirmation by the City Council, Nathaniel Dick, Captain of the City Police; and Wm. Oldham, Wm. R. Davis and Daniel Lively, Privates in the City Guard. His Honor remarked that these gentlemen were appointed by the county court as a County Patrol, and living in Hannibal, and being out at night, it would be more convenient for them to perform the duties of City Guard. He therefore, in conformity to the City Ordinances, nominated them for the consideration of the city council. He suggested the propriety of appropriating \$30 a month for the purposes of night watch of the city, or \$7 50 apiece, and that the four gentlemen just nominated as the City Guard, or two of them, be required to be out four hours each night, and that, whenever, in the judgment of the Mayor and two councilmen, it was thought proper to detail two or more of them, for a greater length of time, that they be paid in proportion.

Mr. F. Schneider, Chairman of the Committee on Roads, reported the following resolution:

Resolved, By the city council, that Craig's Alley, from Fresh's stone house south, be graded, beginning ten feet from the east side of said Alley; grade ten feet, with a slope of ten feet more to the west edge of the Alley; the grading to be extended south 100 yards; the contractor to have the dirt; and the Street Commissioner is hereby directed to advertise for proposals for grading the same.

Mr. Gano called for an estimate of the supposed expenses.

Mr. Schneider said no estimate had been made, but supposed the amount of excavation contemplated in the resolution was about 3,000 yards, and that the cost would be probably 18 cents per yard.

Mr. Robards suggested the withdrawal of the resolution until it could be ascertained where the excavation could be used as embankment to the best advantage, as we had frequently difficulty in obtaining material for embankment.

Mr. Schneider wished immediate action, as there had been too much delay already.

Mr. Dowling suggested that whoever obtained the contract for the excavation should be compelled to deposit it at certain places named—say on Front street, below Bird; on Centre street, between First and Second; or such places as the committee on streets and alleys might designate, which should be put in the contract.

Mr. Gano said leveling and embankment were much needed on Front street, from Fuqua's corner to Sammet & Moss's.

The resolution was referred to the committee on streets and alleys.

Mr. Dowling, from committee on claims, laid before the Board a considerable number of accounts, all of which were allowed, except two. One of the rejected claims was a bill from Mr. Callahan for boarding a sick man nine weeks. It appeared that the man has recovered, and is able to work and pay his own bills. The other rejected bill was from Dr. D. T. Morton, for medical attendance on the family of a Mr. —. It appeared that the family was in distress, but it was owing to Mr. —'s propensity for loafing, as he can always get work, and sometimes during the winter, has earned \$9 a week.

The Mayor stated that he had a claim for \$4 paid to Mr. Jer. Smith, for a wooden culvert on Centre street; and another for \$3 for sending a man to his home, who seemed to be in a starving condition. As we have now no calaboose or poor house, he thought proper to send the man home, 35 miles distant, in Ralls county, by a chance conveyance. Both claims allowed.

A motion was made to release Capt. Robards from his liability for McClain's fine, and he was called on to state the circumstances.

Mr. Robards said he felt some delicacy in doing so, but the amount of it was that McClain, as frequently happened, got drunk, and was incarcerated in the calaboose. McClain's wife, who was in a helpless condition, solicited his release, and Mr. Robards, who was then Mayor pro tem. in Mr. Selmes's absence, disliking to use his authority by ordering his release, because he feared it would be setting a troublesome precedent, went McClain's security for the amount of his fine. McClain died, and his widow is unable to refund the money. After this explanation, a resolution was adopted, to refund to Capt. Robards the amount of fine for which he thus became liable.

Mayor Selmes suggested that as many of the claims presented were for work on Market street, it would be better to take some steps to put that street at once in a condition to compare favorably with the plank road. It costs nearly as much to keep patching that street, as it would to put it in permanently good condition.

A resolution in relation to supplying all the public wells with chains and buckets, elicited some debate.

Mr. Robards sympathized with Mr. Davis, the street commissioner, in his troubles on that score. That officer could no doubt get along well enough with the men, but when the women attacked him, it became a very delicate business, indeed. He would suggest that the city furnish Mr. Davis with special instructions, having reference to the most polite way of answering the ladies. They would be compelled to wait with patience until the city shall have become able to furnish the public with a reservoir. The pumps, arrange them as you may, are very difficult to keep in order.

Mr. Schneider moved that the street commissioner be instructed to sell all the old pumps, supply chains and buckets, and then turn the public wells over to the citizens.

Mr. Dowling agreed with Mr. Schneider about turning over the pumps to the citizens.—He had been a member of the council a long time, and every meeting there was something about repairing pumps. Every month the same old song was sung to the same old tune—"pumps! pumps! pumps!" And all the time these pumps were pumping money out of the city.

Mr. Robards suggested some improvements, rendering them more convenient where families found it necessary to send small children for water.

Mr. Settles was in favor of the city refusing to pay any further attention to the pumps.

The following resolution was finally adopted:

On motion of Mr. Schneider, Resolved, That the street commissioner be instructed, under the directions of the committee on wells, to put in all the wells now out of order, bucket and chain, and turn the same over to the neighborhood.

Mr. Brice, from committee on nuisances, reported dead horses at foot of Rock street. Referred to street commissioner, as embraced in the range of his official duties, and to whom the report should have been first made.

Bids for city printing read and referred to committee on finance, with instructions to award.

On motion of Mr. Schneider, the council proceeded to the election of Assessor. Mr. Levi Westfall and Mr. Joshua Mitchell were nominated. On counting the ballots they were found four for Westfall and four for Mitchell. The Mayor gave the casting vote in favor of Westfall.

On motion of Mr. Martin, the council then proceeded to consider the election of Clerk and Auditor. After discussion, it was, on motion of Mr. Dowling,

Resolved, That the council defer the election of City Clerk.

Mr. Dowling made some remarks in reference to the onerous expense heaped on the city by transient paupers, or helpless pilgrims, throwing themselves on the city for relief.—Many such come from various parts of Ralls and Marion counties; indeed, we appear to be the victims of all of them in both counties. He therefore moved the appointment of a committee composed of the Mayor and one councilman from each ward, to confer with the county courts of Marion and Ralls, with regard to the erection of a poor and workhouse. An amendment was accepted by Mr. Dowling, substituting committee on finance in place of one councilman from each ward. The committee on finance are Messrs. Robards, Dowling and Gano.

Mr. Robards thought it useless to visit the Ralls county court, as that body could not go beyond its powers by making appropriations for objects not within the county limits, however much the people might desire to contribute to such an establishment. For himself he fully favored the project; he had no doubt that some had died from neglect; not that our citizens were illiberal or wanting in generosity, but neglect was unavoidable. He was in favor of petitioning our own county court to help us. He spoke of an instance where it had been the practice to pay private families for boarding persons who were destitute and deemed incapable of taking care of themselves. A poor house was built, and the result was a reduction of 100 per cent. in the amount of apparent destitution. People who had been boarding in private families at the public expense, would not go to the poor house, but preferred going to work. If any way of approaching Ralls could be devised, he was willing to apply for assistance in that quarter.

Mr. Gano thought the two county courts would not work together; but an application to Ralls county court would enlist the attention of the people, and secure private contributions.

Mr. Robards said it had just been suggested to him that we might obtain contributions from both counties, build a poor house on the boundary line, and use it for both counties. Such an arrangement would just suit us, because a locality could be found at a convenient distance from this city. However, all of that nature would be properly left to the committee. He stated for the information of the committee that the Ralls county court would be in this city next Monday, at a meeting for the election of plank road directors.

The following is the resolution as amended and adopted:

Resolved, That the Mayor and finance committee be instructed to confer with the county courts of Marion and Ralls, relative to the building of a Poor and Work House for the comfort and support of the distressed of said counties and this city, and report to this council.

Mr. Gano suggested the appointment of a committee to report to next meeting a plan for building a Town Hall and Calaboose together.

Mr. Martin was in favor of advertising for a design—offering a premium for the best design.

Mr. Robards said we sometimes miss it when we employ draftsmen. He thought the councilmen might agree among themselves upon a good plan.

Mayor Selmes stated that all the members of the council were appointed a committee to report in reference to a plan, at the next meeting. The building should be large, in good taste, and suited to the progress of the city. Without reference to the future, better accommodations are now needed for the court of common pleas, the probate court, and for officers. The Marshal has no office at all about the City Hall, and the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas complains of the lack of comfort about his office.

Mr. Martin suggested a building, the first story to be constructed of stone, and to serve for a calaboose; the second for court rooms and offices; and the third for the City Hall.

Mr. Settles was opposed to gutting the building on the lot heretofore occupied by the calaboose. He understood there was a lot by Webb & Kunkel's livery stable, for sale. He thought this lot convenient and excellent for the purpose.

The following report was read by Mr. Nash To the Auditor of the city of Hannibal: I herewith report to your Honor a statement of the amount of moneys collected by me, for and on account of the city, for the current month of January, 1853:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. For License, \$73 50; Fines, 50 00; Wharfage, 6 00; Hay Scales, 15 00; Total amount collected, \$150 50.

B. M. HAWKINS, City Collector.

Mr. A. O. Nash, the Auditor, reported \$150 50, as the amount of money paid into the Treasury during the month of January.

Mr. Dowling stated that there was a difficulty about what constitutes taverns. His own opinion was, that if a person sells liquor, he ought to be made to pay dram-shop license, instead of tavern license, although it has been customary to allow tavern license to persons selling liquor. The subject was referred to committee on Ordinances, with instructions to report amendments to the ordinance relating to dram-shop and tavern licenses.

His Honor the Mayor, remarked that a man who sold liquor as his sole business, was charged just four times as much for license as a man who also sold liquor, but in addition, kept a few boarders. If he had a few more beds, he came under a law of the State allowing taverns to sell liquor. They enjoyed some advantages from being prepared to entertain travelers, though it was desirable to place all persons selling liquor on a just and equal footing. Referred to the committee on ordinances—Gano, Robards and Settles.

Mr. Settles stated that the city had been charging Mr. M. W. Buford fifty dollars a year for keeping a billiard table, whereas, the State allows only \$33 1-3. A motion was adopted to refund to Mr. Buford the excess on the six months for which he had paid.

Mr. Settles suggested that the brick and other materials remaining from the calaboose be sold by the street commissioner, under direction of the committee on streets and alleys, to the best advantage.

Mr. Schneider stated that several thousand feet of grading had been done by the city where there were yet no side walks. He suggested the giving of 40 days' notice to property holders.

Mr. Robards thought this too premature.—Brick are \$10 a thousand; are not in town at that, and property holders cannot afford to import brick or stone could not be obtained and laid down in forty days, and if this resolution passes, the city will in forty days have to foot bills to the amount of \$1,000. He suggested that the time should be prolonged.

The Mayor thought that in order legally to collect, in case the city should have the work to do, it would be necessary to pass a special ordinance for each street, where every item of work in each street should be specially mentioned.

Mr. Settles called attention to the appointment of a night watch. Some of the county patrol had threatened to go to Palmyra and throw up their offices, because the pay allowed by the county was not sufficient.

Without taking action on this subject, the council adjourned, to meet again in a week, or when called together by the Mayor.

At a meeting of Saint John's Lodge No. 28, of A. F. and A. Masons, held at their Hall in the city of Hannibal, on the 28th day of January, A. D. 1853, A. L. 5853, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted, to wit:

WHEREAS, it has pleased the Grand Master on High to remove from our midst by death, our respected and beloved brother, James R. Garnett, late a member of this Lodge; and as we are anxious, as Masons, to show our respect to his memory, and a just appreciation of his character while living, therefore,

Resolved, That this Lodge will attend, in Lodge capacity, the funeral of our late brother, from his late residence, and deposit his remains with his mother earth, with the ceremonies and honors of our Order.

Resolved, That the brethren of this Lodge will wear the usual badge of mourning for the space of thirty days.

Resolved, That while our late brother was living, we respected him as a man, for his many virtues, and as a useful and exemplary citizen; we mourn his loss as the departure of one who was beloved by us as a brother devoted to the principles of our Order, and deeply imbued with an enlarged and truly Masonic charity.

This Lodge tenders to the afflicted widow and family of the deceased, its condolence and sympathy, with the confident hope that he whose loss we all deplore has been called by the Great Giver of all good, to a sphere of more enlarged usefulness in a land where there is no death.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be made out by the Secretary and handed to the family of the deceased, and that the same be published in our city papers.

R. F. RICHMOND, L. WENTFALL, K. N. ANDERSON, Committee.

Attest: CHAS. D. BOURNE, Sec'y.

A considerable quantity of ice is being put up.

RAILROAD MEETING.

At a meeting of the citizens of Morgan county, held at the Court House in Jacksonville, Jan. 22d, A. D. 1853:

The Hon. Samuel Lockwood was called to the Chair, and James W. English was appointed Secretary.

Mr. B. F. Bristow stated that the object of the present meeting was to confer with the Representatives of Morgan county, in the General Assembly, and to consider the policy to be adopted by said county, in regard to the Hannibal and Naples Railroad.

The meeting was addressed by the Hon. Wm. Brown and others.

The following preamble and resolutions were offered by David A. Smith:

Whereas, the Constitution of the State provides that "Corporations not possessing banking powers or privileges may be formed under general laws, but shall not be created by special act, except for municipal purposes, and in cases where in the judgment of the General Assembly the object of the corporations cannot be obtained under general laws;" and the Constitution also requires that "The General Assembly shall encourage Internal Improvements by passing general laws of incorporations for that purpose."—

Resolved, That it is the solemn and imperative duty of the Legislature to pass general laws to carry out in good faith these wise, beneficent and wholesome provisions of the Constitution.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this meeting, State Policy, as a system, as now understood and acted upon by our Legislature, is the legislating for and building up the interest of the few at the expense of the many; is directly opposed to the interest of the State and directly suicidal to the interest of Morgan and the adjoining counties.

Resolved, That the Senator and Representatives of Morgan county in the State Legislature, will not reflect the true views and opinions of their constituency by voting with the State Policy party.

Resolved, That our Senator and Representatives be requested to vote for, and use all honorable means to procure the passage of a charter for a railroad from Illinois to a point at or near Terre Haute, provided there is a provision in said charter compelling the company to make a branch road from Marshall to Decatur.

Resolved, That our Senator and Representatives be requested to use all honorable means to procure a charter for an extension of the Jacksonville and Alton road to Illinois, or to some point within ten miles thereof.

Resolved, That our Senator and Representatives be requested to vote for and use all honorable means to procure the charter for a railroad now before the Legislature, from Jacksonville, via Beardstown, Frederick, Rushville and Macon to Rock Island.

And the following by E. R. Roe:

Resolved, That it is in the interest of the people of the county of Morgan, as well as of adjacent counties both east and west, that there should be a direct line of railroad communication from the St. Joseph and Hannibal Railroad, in Missouri at Hannibal, running to Naples and on the line of the Sangamon and Morgan Railroad to the city of Springfield, and thence east to connect with some road that shall lead in the most direct line to the Eastern cities; and our Senator and Representatives are hereby instructed to do all in their power to forward said connection.

Which resolutions were, upon motion of Jas. Berlan, laid upon the table.

The following resolutions were thereupon offered by J. L. McConnell, Esq.:

Resolved, As the opinion of this meeting, that the Pike county railroad (running from Naples to a point opposite Hannibal), is an enterprise of vast importance to the people of this county—calculated to develop with great rapidity the resources of Central Illinois, and to bring through our midst the travel and commerce of a large portion of the west; and therefore,

Resolved, That our Representatives in the Legislature be instructed to use all proper means in their power to secure the passage, at the present session, of a charter for said road. Which were adopted.

After ordering the minutes of the meeting to be published in the Morgan Journal, the meeting adjourned.

S. D. LOCKWOOD, Ch'n. J. W. ENGLISH, Sec'y.

HEALTH OF THE HON. WILLIAM R. KING. The following dispatch has just been received by the gentlemen to whom it is addressed. I hasten to communicate to you the melancholy intelligence. X. Y. Z.—New York Herald, 26th.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Jan. 25, 1853. To Hon. D. R. Atchison, J. S. Clinch, R. M. T. Hunter and S. R. Mallory, Washington.

The Vice President arrived in Key West on the 23d inst. He wished me, on my arrival here, to telegraph to you to say that he was no better than when he left. He feels that there is no hope of recovery.—Mr. King will remain in Key West.

L. C. LEVIN. GODEY, GRAHAM AND ARTHUR! Will furnish one copy of Godey's Lady's Book, and one copy of Godey's Magazine, 1 year, for \$5; or one copy of Lady's Book, and one copy of Arthur's Home Magazine, containing 80 pages, for \$3.50; or one copy of Lady's Book, and one copy of Arthur's Home Magazine, for \$3.50.

Postage on Godey's Lady's Book, only 2 cents each No. L. A. GODEY, 113, Chestnut Street, Phila.

HAYDEN & WILSON, IMPORTERS AND MANUFACTURERS OF Saddlery and Coach Hardware, Carriage Trimmings, &c. No. 11, North Main Street St. Louis.

THEIR stock in all branches, for spring sales, will be large and very complete, and their stock of Ohio tanned SKIRTING, HARNESSES AND BRIDLE LEATHER, Cannot be surpassed. They would most respectfully invite all buyers to give them a call, assuring them that no pains will be spared to give satisfaction in every particular. Feb 10-3a

NORTH MISSOURI RAILROAD.

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the North Missouri Railroad Company was held at the Court House in the city of St. Charles, on Thursday, the 27th day of January, 1853, and the following Proceedings had:

John D. Coalter, from the Committee to prepare business, submitted the following resolutions:

Resolved, That books for the subscription of stock in the North Missouri Railroad be opened on Monday, the seventh day of February next, at the law office of Hannibal, in Randolph county; under the supervision of John McCampbell, Robert G. Gilman, Benjamin N. Tracy, and Henry N. Finley.

At the town of Fulton, in Calhoun county, under the supervision of Jefferson F. Jones, John Harrison, James G. Henderson and Samuel Jamison.

At the town of Kirksville, in Adair county, under the supervision of John C. Fincher, Matthew P. Hannah, William H. Parcell, and Francis Melham.

At the town of Mexico, in Aubrain county, under the supervision of John P. Clark, Robert Calhoun, Abner B. Linsley, James Jackson.

At the town of Troy, in Lincoln county, under the supervision of Thomas J. Wright, Curtis Wells, Elias B. Martin, Francis Parker and James H. Britton.

At the town of Columbia, in Boone county, under the supervision of Moses Fremont, J. L. Matthews and Jas. Richardson.

At the town of Memphis, in Scotland county, under the supervision of A. Quisenberry, W. G. Downing, and R. A. Bryan.

At the town of Shelbyville, in the county of Shelby, under the supervision of Wm. Holliday, Wm. H. Davidson and James B. Marmaduke.

At the town of Paris, in the county of Monroe, under the supervision of W. J. Howell, Thomas Barker, and Wm. H. Giddings.

At the town of Bowling Green, in the county of Pike, under the supervision of Abram McKee, Hon. Ezra Hunt and Samuel F. Murray.

That if not convenient to open said books on said day, that they be opened on some subsequent day as early as convenient.

That said Commissioners be, and they are hereby requested to report to the President of this Board, on or before the 15th day of March next, the amount of stock subscribed on the books submitted to them, respectively.

Any two of the above persons appointed to open books of subscription, shall be sufficient for that purpose.

The Secretary furnish sufficient books for subscription to each set of Commissioners or agents.

Which resolutions were received and adopted by the Board.

Mr. King offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the agents appointed to open books for the subscription of stock to the North Missouri Railroad in the several counties along the line, and interested in said Road, are hereby respectfully requested to call public meetings of the citizens at the times and places appointed in the several counties for opening said books, and that they procure suitable persons to address the people publicly, at such times and places, on the great importance of liberal and speedy action in behalf of this great work.

MARBLE EMPORIUM. Certain recent subterranean researches which have given rise to a world of conjectures, we deem worthy of attention as the Spiritual Knockings that are convulsing the lovers of the marvellous, and therefore we notice in actual, a well or two ago, a certain part of a field, about one mile from the Prairie House, near the St. Charles road, was found dug full of holes, some of which were about ten feet in depth, running straight down, and others going nearly the same distance in a transverse direction. The sinks appeared to have been affected with a machine such as used for digging post-holes. A few of these holes were noticed at first, and a week after—following the coldest night that we have yet had this winter—as many others were discovered in the same vicinity. The night-workers had a dismal time of it, as the earth was frozen and turned up in large hard lumps. Who the searchers are, and what their object is, is not known.—An old man, a resident of the neighborhood, says that some nine years ago, similar excavations were noticed in the same spot, these having been attended with the same mystery that surround those of to-day. The idea of buried treasures has been suggested, and some gentlemen, who has more practice in poetry in his composition, presumes that criminals, in a former period, have concealed their booty in the field, and since been serving a long term of imprisonment in some penitentiary.

The search for the property after such long neglect would be but natural. Others with a wider scope of imagination, invoke the spiritual rapping philosophy for light, and are impressed with the idea of some agricultural Super, in a state of revolution and resurrection because of the prospect of a machine such as has been proposed to set a watch on the bewitched ground. But not even a revelation from the lowest abyss of our field will coax the gentlemen of St. Louis county, from a comfortable bed to stand squawed in a cold, weather-beaten tree top. We must therefore patiently wait for further developments. On the supposition that some Missouri Captain Kidd has been at his old diggers to be called the "Great mutual and perpetual excavating association," the parent concern is in this field, with branches in the adjacent swamps and enclosures.—(Republican.)

MARRIED. On the 8th inst. in this city, by Joseph CONWAY, Mr. JAMES DOWNEY to Miss ELIZA JANE, eldest daughter of Rev. John McCRAE.

MANUFACTURER and Dealer in Italian and American Marble. He has now on hand a good assortment, and will furnish on the shortest notice, Marble Mantel Pieces; Fine Parlor and Chamber Grates; Counters and Wash Basins; Garden Vases; Statuary; Tomb Stones; And every other description of MARBLE WORK at low prices. Call at his Marble Yard opposite the Brady House, Hannibal, Mo.

1,000 Book Agents Wanted, TO SELL PICTORIAL AND USEFUL WORKS FOR THE YEAR 1853. 1,000 DOLLARS A YEAR. WANTED, in every county of the United States, active and enterprising men, to engage in the sale of some of the best books published in the country. Men of good address, possessing a small capital of from \$25 to \$100, such inducements will be offered as to enable them to make from \$25 to \$50 a day profit.

PRICES CURRENT. HANNIBAL. CORRECTED EVERY WEDNESDAY BY S. D. LOCKWOOD.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Price. FLOUR—Meal, \$4 50; CORN MEAL, 40¢; APPLES—Dried, 1 25; PEACHES—Dried, 2 50; WHEAT, 60¢; OATS, 25¢; RICE—Dry, 20¢; RICE—Green, 10¢; BEANS—Red, 15¢; BEANS—Black, 15¢; WOLLS—Black, 20¢; MOLASSES—Plantation, 35¢; SUGAR—Brown, 40¢; SUGAR—Crushed, 40¢; WALT—Kanawha, 10¢; HEMP, 1 25; HEMP—Cw., 3 00; GLASS SEED, 47¢; FLAX, 70¢; POTATOES, 40¢.