

Spring is here, and the sanitary conditions of our city should have immediate attention.

The Australian system of voting was tried for the first time in a number of Missouri towns last Tuesday. The working of the law is highly satisfactory.

The years of 1889-90 bid fair to earn a place in the calendar of the century as the years of devastation by warring elements. One disaster has followed another until the black head-lines on the extra news papers announcing the death of hundreds by fire, flood and wind have become a common thing. Less than a year ago thousands found a watery grave at Co. nemaugh, followed by the burning of the Tribune building in Minneapolis, where many were roasted alive, the bursting of the dam in Walnut Grove, Arizona, and the drowning of hundreds of miners, the floods of the lower Mississippi—the destructive fire in Boston, and lastly the relentless whirlwind has rivaled fire and water by destroying the most of Louisville, Kentucky, and wiping several smaller towns out of existence.

Kirksville has reached that advanced stage of progression when an election does not always elect. The law very plainly declares that no person shall be elected or appointed to any office who shall at the time be in arrears to the city for any tax. Hardly had the tones of the bells which proclaimed the victory of the Citizen's ticket died away on the air, when it became whispered about that a number of the successful candidates were ineligible because of being delinquent on city taxes. An investigation followed, and it was soon discovered that only two of the five, to-wit: William Gibbons as Mayor, and Frederick Grassle, alderman of the south ward, could take the oath of office. So far as the others are concerned, there was no election and another election will be held to elect a marshal, city collector, and alderman for the north ward.

The Anti-Trust Bill.

The great legal minds of the Senate have been considering for a week and more a matter of legislation of more than passing importance to the country. The Anti-Trust Bill, or in the language of the enactment, "A Bill to Declare Unlawful Trusts and Combinations, in Restraint of Trade" has been the subject of their deliberations. The Bill is sweeping in its terms and punishes with fine and imprisonment any combination of individuals or companies for the purpose of raising or lowering the price of commodities. It is immaterial whether this is sought to be done directly by a "trust" or indirectly through the surreptitious instrumentality of corners and options. It is a blow in the face of the capitalist seeking by secret combines to monopolize trade. It is a shield to protect the defenseless consumer from the worst of all tyrannies, that which prescribes at its own avaricious will the price of the necessities of life.

That trusts are conspiracies against trade few will doubt. That this conspiracy is at the root of civilized government, the millions in the hands of single individuals and the mortgages on the homes of the millions sufficiently attest. But where is the remedy? The Senate is trying to solve the difficulty by declaring the organizers of trusts, and the originators of corners, felons, and putting them in the penitentiary. The debate on the bill shows that the authors of it are earnest, but the question is a difficult one to settle. How the evil can be reached by a law that will not encroach on constitutional rights is giving no little concern to the Thebans in the Senate.

Senator Vest has waged a relentless war against the bill and all its amendments. But the framers have referred it back to the Judiciary Committee, taking the wise precaution of requiring the Committee to report in thirty days. Then let the Senate pass it, let it enact a law that will be legal and give relief from this most dangerous of all oppressions and it will deserve the patriotic applause of all who believe that the law of supply and demand should govern the prices of all commodities.

Little Maryland, not to be behind her sister states in all that evidences civilization, has gone out of the even tenor of her way and is now much excited over a defalcation of one of her most trusted officials, the State Treasurer, Steven Archer. Always the way—a man who has grown old in positions of public trust and never touched a dollar, yields at last to temptation and goes to his grave in dishonor. His defalcations are slowly mounting up and it is thought will reach over one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Spelling Match.

The Adair county spelling match took place at the northward school building in this city last Saturday afternoon, instead of Masonic Hall as previously advertised. The following are the districts represented and the names of their representatives: West Elm Grove, Adam Hoerman; Panville, Miss Lizzie Crossgrove; Bullion, Miss Della Foley; Rye Creek, Cecil Conner; Bald Knob, Miss Mattie Sandry; Amic, Miss Madge Mahaffey; Dover, Miss Effie Bragg; Illinois Bend, Miss Mollie Cunningham; Sloans Point, James Goodwin; West Centre, Benj. Kelley; Llewellyn, Frank Conner; College Mound, Marion and Albert Milliken.

The spelling was oral, and after a contest of three hours the only contestant left standing was Mr. Adam Hoermann of West Elm Grove district, to whom was awarded the first prize, Shakespeare's complete works in one volume, bound, in sheep. The second prize, Milton's Paradise Lost, was awarded Miss Lizzie Crossgrove of Paulville district. Mr. James Goodwin of Sloan's Point received third honors.

Green Grove Items.

The recent rains have stopped the work of sowing oats for the present.

There was quite a snow storm Thursday night of last week. James Hickman has moved to Kirksville.

T. J. Hickman will move to the Keith farm.

G. N. Barus and family, of Scotland county, were visiting in this community last week.

J. W. Johnston has his new house completed.

J. H. Vansickle and wife attended the spelling match at Kirksville last Saturday.

E. W. Miller caught two young foxes last week, and Isaac Keller caught five last Sunday.

Ducks are quite plentiful on the Chariton.

J. V. Vansickle has moved into his new house.

Feed is becoming quite scarce in this neighborhood.

William Rolls has moved to Nineveh.

Bullion Items.

Many farmers began sowing oats last week, but had to stop on account of the heavy rain.

Monday morning a light snow covered the ground, but it quickly melted after the sun came out.

Mrs. Goff who has been ill for some time, is much improved at this writing.

Kearney Vawter is recovering from a severe attack of mumps.

Joseph Merrill and family have moved, to Decatur, Ill. We are sorry to lose them from our community.

Mr. Lee Spangler has become merchant and postmaster at Bullion.

Rev. St. Clair will preach at Bullion Easter Sunday.

Sherman Hagans has purchased a new buggy.

The F. & L. U. is steadily growing. New members are received at each meeting.

Mrs. Ebert and daughter, Miss Myrtle, spent Friday at Mrs. Glasgows.

Mr. Scott Vawter, one of Bullion's merchants, spent Saturday in Kirksville.

School opens next Monday. Miss Ada B. Leller, of Brashear, will have charge of the Summer school. F. L. N.

Weather Forecasts for April, 1890.

BY PROF. GEO. ROOT METEOROLOGIST

April will be noted for the severity of its storms—four, of its six storm periods, being cyclone periods. I would advise the farmers to do their planting between April 8th and 20th, as that will embrace the most favorable weather we shall have during the month for such work.

The storm periods are due: 1st to 2d, very likely a storm-center in Middle and Eastern states.

4th to 8th, clouding threatening weather, ending in severe storms in places (cyclone period.)

10th to 13th, heavy local storms in places (cyclone period.)

15th to 18th, heavy storms in places (cyclone period.)

10th to 25th, tornado period, and likely the worst storm period of the year.

27th to 30th, (cyclone period.)

Wilson Waifs.

Mrs. Barnhart is putting a new roof on her house, and otherwise improving the building.

Mr. James Price is still on the sick list.

Mrs. Wilson, who has been sick for some time, is not improving.

Mr. Asa Woods is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Johnston, near Mexico, Mo.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick spent several days last week with Edina relatives.

Master Edgar Shirley, of Greentop, is visiting relatives in this neighborhood.

Among our recent visitors were Mrs. Buhl and Grand-daughter, Miss Emma, of Hurdland. They were the guests of Grandma Clemison.

Last Tuesday morning Allen Shouse when returning home from watching at the bedside of his sick sister, found a fine turkey roasting, barbeque fashion, in a hollow tree. The banqueters had been attracted from the place by the barking of their dog and had gone to investigate. Mr. S. took the turkey and secreted himself to await developments. The would be feasters soon returned and were greatly chagrined to find that their prospective feast had vanished, and swore vengeance on the individual who had thus deprived them. Mr. S. did not reveal his presence, but carried the turkey home, and enjoyed it at dinner. The bird was a fine one and had been stolen from W. F. Kirkpatrick after the family had retired. This explains the frequent and mysterious disappearance of poultry and eggs from the farmers premises, and gives a clue to the perpetrators of other misdemeanors, among which is the taking of horses from barns and riding and driving them during the night and returning them in time to escape detection.

We trust these marauders will be brought to justice and the neighborhood relieved of the pest. RUSTIC.

Brashear Items.

Albert Forquer has built a new stile at his gate.

Stock runs out in Brashear.

The old school building will be repaired for the public school.

Prof. J. S. Bailey has purchased Charley Miller's farm north of town.

Rev. St. Clair preached his first sermon on last Sunday.

Charley Miller will occupy Prof. Bailey's property until fall.

W. C. Tuttle sells more lumber and building material than any one lumber dealer, outside of nine county seats, in Northeast Missouri.

Our Merchants have all received a full line of spring goods.

Mr. R. F. Young has added another room to his barber shop and will run two chairs hereafter.

Mr. W. J. Selby and sister, Lilla, are home from Kirksville where they have been taking a course in Penmanship, since their school closed at Greentop.

Mrs. Keller from Kansas is here on a visit. She is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Steel, and is spending a few days with her parents.

Joseph Moore is our live and obliging grain dealer. He is also selling farming implements; when wanting to buy call and see him at the ware house southeast of depot. PHELIX.

About the Normal.

Miss Owen received a call from the College at Warrenton, Mo., to give an Elocutionary entertainment, to which she responded on last Saturday evening. A very large and unusually attentive audience greeted her. It is sufficient for the people of Kirksville to hear Miss Owen's name mentioned in connection with an elocutionary entertainment, to assure them that it was of its usual high and entertaining character.

Rev. Ray Palmer made a short farewell address to the students Monday morning, in which he wished them much success, which will be kindly remembered by all. Jno. Whiteford has been absent from school this week attending at the bed side of his room mate, Geo. Rex, who is very ill at the residence of Mr. Jno. Wilkes.

Misses Jennie and Lou Douglass have been excused from the Normal. They will teach spring schools in Audrain county.

Miss Maggie Baker is very ill with the measles.

Miss Fannie Blackwell is in school again, having recovered from the mumps.

Several pupils are still sick with the mumps and measles.

April 1st will be enjoyable remembered by many of the Normals.

Arbor day will be becomingly and appropriately celebrated by the faculty, students and Model school. A splendid program has been prepared. All are invited to witness the tree planting to-day—Friday.

Prof. Frank Swanger lectured at Harris College, in Harrison county on last Friday evening.

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THE CEMETERY OF PARIS

For the Graphic.
CITY OF PARIS, FRANCE.
March 15th 1890.

Paris has twenty-two cemeteries and about one hundred people die daily, two thirds of whom are buried by the city and are deposited in "Fosses Communes" or large pits where from forty to fifty coffins are piled in together. Those who do not like this confused mingling after death may rent a lone grave for the period of ten years for \$30, or may secure a perpetual lease for \$140.

As in every thing else the French make their funerals and cemeteries very artistic. If it is a child's funeral you will know it by the white hearse, white horses and flowers. If it is a little girl her nearest play-mates, covered with white veils, follow the hearse to the grave each one holding a long white ribbon that is attached to the rear of the hearse, this being emblematic of the tie of true love and child like affections, which is severed only at the edge of the grave; and with a little boy, grown man or woman other very appropriate customs are strictly adhered to. In going to a funeral, even the very poorest are well dressed in mourning, and if they cannot afford the dress they don't go, regarding it more respectful to stay at home than to cause offence to the living or show disrespect to the dead by lack of proper mourning. At the grave a priest who is paid by the friends of the deceased or the city, always presides. The nearest friends crown the coffin and cover the grave with flowers, after which we have seen them gather in social groups and drink to the good name and quiet repose of their departed friend. In this gathering all little differences are buried with the dead. His virtues and goodness of soul alone are re-counted, and the unanimous expression is, that he was a first-rate good fellow, and now, poor fellow, he has gone, gone forever. Often they propose to see to it, that his grave is kept green, but more often adorned with a small chapel overhead in which a small altar, crucifix, wreaths of flowers, vases of ivy green, various souvenirs and his own with the picture of his patron-saint, whose name he bore in life, are all seen from the chapel window. Rarely is a prominent grave seen without its chapel. Hence the cemeteries are thickly built cities of chapels crowned with towers, monuments or statues, and they present the best field for the study of sculpture and marble adornments. And the interior of the grave coverings are decorated in the most tasteful and appropriate manner. The chief cemeteries of the city are Mont Martre (so called because the martyr Saint Denis was beheaded here), and Pere Lachaise. The latter has about 20,000 graves. M. Thier's is buried here, beside saints, princes, counts, admirals, generals, painters, scientists and in fact all the most renowned dead of France are here save the Napoleon family and the royalty, most of whose graves have long since been desecrated. On All Souls day this cemetery is visited by about 100,000 of the living who come with wreaths and flowers which are left on the graves. Thus as a nation the French never forget their dead, and many who were burned, alive or beheaded during seasons of political wrath now have monuments wreathed in flowers marking the site, and the poor who are not given a grave find perpetual rest in the catacombs. RAMBLER.

Trust and Combines.

It does seem to us that it is overdrawing the matter a little when some of the mills of our state will form a trust and rush a bill through our legislature for the sole purpose of taking four pounds of flour per barrel off the farmers and consumers. From our standpoint the proper thing to do would be to patronize only those who sell full weight flour, 49-pound sacks, especially when you can buy it for the same price or less than the 48 pound, or less, sacks. A pound of flour is not very much to one family but when they pay for it they ought to have it. But 500 pounds in a car load to a miller means lots of money that rightfully belongs to the consumer. We do not believe in gratuitously advertising our grocery merchants. Will not say where the full weight flour can be had, but if you hunt for it you can find it in our city.

Binder Twine.

It requires annually 55,000 tons of Binder Twine to bind the grain crops of the country. Ten years ago all the self-binders in existence required but a few tons. The industry practically started with a visit made by Mr. Wm. Deering, the harvester manufacturer, of Chicago, to Hon. Edwin H. Fittler, a rope manufacturer, and the present mayor of Philadelphia. Mr. Deering subsequently found it so difficult to get perfect twine that a few years ago he equipped a large twine factory with the best and most modern machinery, and is now making his own twine. The value of the annual output of binder twine is about \$14,000,000.

School Commissioners Report.

By request of several colored citizens of Kirksville, I visited the colored school. I found the school very much crowded. The house is entirely too small for the number of pupils attending; the room is only 18 by 32, with seating capacity for 56, while the enrollment is 75; average attendance 67; per cent of attendance, 90. The room is furnished with good improved seats, but no maps or globe. The seating capacity can not be increased because every available space is occupied. They are so crowded that some are compelled to occupy chairs at rear of seats. This places them so near the black board that they are compelled to move when the teacher wishes to use it. All the grades are taught in one room and all are under the care of one teacher, who is putting forth every effort to make the school a success. The teacher cannot succeed under the circumstances; the advanced pupils become discouraged and leave school. Their circumstances are so limited that they cannot attend the Lincoln Institute at Jefferson City, and the school laws of the State prohibit them attending any white school, hence they are compelled to pass through life with a very limited education.

We have our white schools which are a credit and ornaments to our town; there is ample room provided for every white child in town, besides four large rooms which are unoccupied. The colored people help pay the taxes to build these schools. Ought we then to ask them to be content with but one room and it crowded in such a manner? Justice answers, no. The school is being taught by Mr. W. H. Frakes. Mr. F. is a good teacher; discipline was good, order good; the deportment of the pupils was excellent. WM. HARTFORD.

"The Great Wabash."

WINTER EXCURSIONS.

We are now selling cheap round trip tickets to the Southeast, South, West and Northwest. A rare opportunity is afforded you to visit in all the Gulf states, "The land of fruit, flowers and perpetual summer," or in Colorado, where the rugged Rockies lift their snow-capped heads far toward Heaven, to proclaim the wealth and wonders that lie beneath their shadows, or in California or the infant states, Montana and Washington with their untold worlds of wonders and teeming wealth. All can go. The barrier of high rates is swept away. If you contemplate a trip confer with me for full particulars. W. E. NOONAN Agt. Kirksville, Mo.

In a letter to the manufacturers Mr. D. W. Morris, druggist, Emporia, Kansas, says: "In sending you the enclosed order for one gross of Chamberlain's Cough remedy allow me to say that, without any exception, it is the best selling goods in the market. I have sold a great amount of it during the past year to citizens of this place and have the first complaint to hear. It is the best article to use for croup I ever sold, being pleasant to take which is an important item when children have to take medicine. For sale by Smith & Dunkin.

Trustee's Sale.

Whereas, Fannie C. Williams and Benjamin F. Williams her husband by their certain Deed of Trust dated the 15th day of August 1885, and recorded in the Recorder's office of Adair county in Deed of Trust Book "49" on Page 42, conveyed to the undersigned as Trustee, all their right, title, interest, and estate, in and to the following described Real Estate situated in the County of Adair, State of Missouri, viz: Lots Numbered Three and Four (3 & 4) in Block number Twenty-two (22) situated in Deobson's Addition to the Town of Kirksville, as described on the official plat of said Addition. Which said conveyance was made in trust to secure the payment of one certain promissory note in said deed described, and whereas the interest on said note has become due and is unpaid, and according to the terms of said Deed of Trust, in the event of default in the payment of the interest due on said note, the whole debt shall become due and payable, now therefore, in accordance with said Deed of Trust, and at the request of the legal holder of said note, I shall proceed to sell the above described Real Estate at the Court House door in the Town of Kirksville, in the County of Adair, State aforesaid, to the highest bidder for cash, at public auction, on Thursday the 25th day of April, 1890, between the hours of nine in the forenoon and five in the afternoon of that day, to satisfy said note together with the cost and expenses of executing this trust. Dated this 31st day of March, 1890. A. M. SMITH, Trustee.

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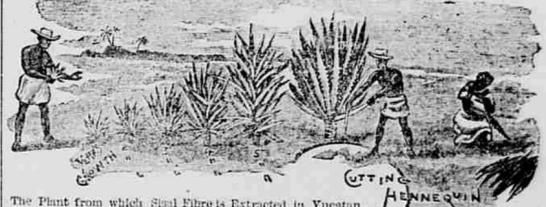
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