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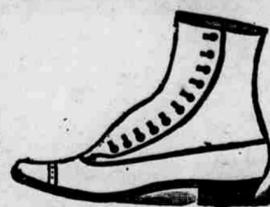
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Attracting the Crowds! Hundreds of Delighted Buyers Made Happy!

By the Great Bargains Secured at the New Firm of FLENTGE & HEINBERG, (Successors to Flentge & Wood.)
Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Their entire Fall Stock is Coming in, and they are showing the Finest Assortment and Best Selections of the following Lines of Goods ever shown in this vicinity, and at prices that make their many customers happy:



Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Dry Goods, Notions, Staples,



Dress Goods, Ladies' and Gent's Furnishings, Hats, Trunks, Valises, Carpets, Curtains, Groceries, Etc.

They buy all kinds of Produce. Don't fail to call on them. Remember the Place.

Flentge & Heinburg, (Successors to FLENTGE & WOOD,)
OLD GRANGE STAND, CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO.

The Hard Times Coming.

So long as the weather is clear and our roads are fairly good, no one is hard to seriously complain, but as soon as bad weather sets in and the bottom falls out of our roads, then a depressed spirit and a look of discontent is noticeable on nearly every face. During the winter months our roads are in such a wretched condition that the general prosperity of the county is actually impeded thereby.

It is a mistake to suppose that only farmers are concerned in good roads. Merchants and others, who depend largely on the country for their patronage, are also interested and ought to join in the movement for better roads. The prosperity of every locality depends largely upon the facilities it possesses for reaching the market, and the influence of competition is quite as effective in assisting those which have provided good roads to the station as it is in retarding communities which are neglectful of these aids to inland transportation.

We are pleased to note the improvements that have been made in and around Benton. The new road scraper has been put to use with telling effect. The roads leading to Benton are nicely graded—but most of them are only dirt and will be disfigured by the first heavy rain. If we could only have macadam or gravel roads. Good macadam or gravel is, in the long run, the cheapest. Such roads are inestimably more profitable, both in lessening the cost of transportation and in improving the value of property.

See what an advantage the graveling of the hills south of Benton has been! See what a great good was accomplished when the Oran hill was gravelled! And the hill on the Commerce and Benton road! Several years ago these were, during certain seasons, wholly impassable—now it is a pleasure to drive over them at any time. If we could only get a starting point and build but a short stretch of good road each year, it would not be long until our present wretched and dilapidated dirt roads would be replaced by a fine system of substantial highways.

—James M. Seibert, Auditor of State, favors us with a brief but telling comparison, compiled from official sources, of how the Republicans "stood up for Missouri" while in power and how the Democrats have stood up for her since they resumed control. As the pamphlet is not likely to reach all our readers, we will print a synopsis of it next week.

—The "long and severe winter" prospects are already on deck. The musk rat and other infallible authorities are being quoted and we are threatened with all manner of tough weather. We will believe it when we see it.

Don't Dodge the Question.

To the Sikeston *Star* we will say that we have not been comparing records—neither have we been discussing war records. We have been discussing a question which is a matter of dollars and cents to our taxpayers. If the *Star* has any argument to produce which will uphold the theory that an official is entitled to act and receive pay as his own deputy, or that a county court has the right to allow him eighteen hundred dollars per year (and then some), when the law plainly says he shall retain but eleven hundred, we should be glad to have it. If you have no argument of this kind, then keep quiet, and quit dodging the question. Why don't you produce facts, figures and argument, like the Benton Record. Here is what he says:

"The Scott County Nuisance last week repeated a lot of its campaign lies about John M. Leftwich, than whom the writer and the whole people know there is not a more honorable or upright man in the county. This character-assassin, this black-mailer, this disgrace alike to the human race and the journalistic profession, should be rode on a rail!"

There now! Doesn't that make it plain? Who, after reading the above can doubt for a moment that the county court has the right to make Mr. Leftwich a deed to the county if they wanted to? Mr. Smith has got a great head on him—like a tack.

The Oran Festival.

The festival given by the Catholics of Oran, last Wednesday, was a pleasant affair—although the crowd was not as large as was expected. The Commerce cornet band furnished music for the listeners, while a local orchestra satisfied the dancers.

The dinner was splendid. The most exciting event of the afternoon was the lamp voted to the most prominent young lady present. The contest netted sixty-four dollars, and the lamp was awarded to Miss Emilia Heisserer, with Miss Frances Dohogne a close second.

CLOTHING!

Well, just stop in at Flentge & Heinberg's, they will astonish you with patterns and prices.

—Are you going to get married? If so, remember that the *Newsboy* carries a full line of wedding invitations of the latest styles. We can do as neat work as any city office.

—Squire T. A. Royal and Jos. Childers, of Blodgett, were in to see us Thursday. The Squire reports a fine corn crop in his neighborhood. In fact, he says it is the finest he has seen this season—and the Squire is not a member of the Ananias Club either.

—Woody, the shadow-catcher, at Cape Girardeau, does excellent work. Give him a trial. You will find him located between the St. Charles Hotel and the courthouse. Enlarging a specialty.

Want to buy a watch?

Call on AL. CHENUÉ, the Jeweler, next to Postoffice, Cape Girardeau, Mo.

—Winter is coming on and the days are growing shorter. Unless you have something to entertain you the evenings will become long and tiresome. There is nothing that will interest you more than a lively home paper. During the winter months the *Newsboy* will be especially bright and we want it to enter every household in Scott county. Try it, and, after a fair trial, if you are not satisfied, we will refund your money. What more can you ask? Only one dollar per year or ten cents per month for any period less than a year—but it must be paid in advance.

—Wm. Burgess at the Cape, can supply you every want in the way of dry goods, shoes, clothing, dress goods, wraps, etc. He is probably the oldest established merchant in Southeast Missouri, having sold goods in Benton before the War, and he knows how to please you.

—It would be amusing to see one of the other so-called newspapers in the county attempt to establish a cash subscription system or establish a rate on advertising. In pleading tones they beg the people to accept their paper on any terms, and having neither the brains nor the help to fill their sheets with reading matter, they are compelled to carry from six to eight columns of worthless advertising matter. Old iron, rags, bones, in fact, anything is thankfully received by these junk shops in exchange for either subscription or advertising.

The most prominent Physicians

recommend "OLD LYNCH RYE" as the best tonic and appetizer.

—The Hickory Grove Baptist church gave a box supper Thursday evening of last week and realized \$32.10. It was quite a pleasant affair and the event of the evening was the voting of a bouquet to the best looking lady. The bouquet brought \$24.95, and was carried off by Mrs. P. A. Smith. After supper the crowd went to Mrs. Smith's residence and celebrated the event in the way of a social.

See that elegant line of Dress Goods

at FLENTGE & HEINBERG'S, Cape Girardeau, Mo. They are superb.

—Andy Ward, of Sandyland, was in town Saturday. He, like many others, complain of the unfairness of the present road law. A man who is able to pay the cash can get off with two dollars, while a poor devil, who is not able to pay, must work three days. It is the old, old story: "God help the rich—the poor can't beg."

Who, in Scott county, is not acquainted with Wm. Burgess,

the Cape Girardeau Merchant? When you attend the Fair he wants you to call and examine his immense stock of dry goods and clothing. You will find him on Main street.

A. J. Abshier, of Dichtstadt,

is conducting a melon agency which promises to prove beneficial to the growers of this and Mississippi county. He is in correspondence with many of the leading dealers all over the country, and ships only on orders. He is doing a fairly good business at present and hopes to build up an extensive connection for next season. He should be encouraged.

Buy your Jewelry and have your watch repaired by

AL. CHENUÉ, the Jeweler, next to Postoffice, Cape Girardeau, Mo.

—John Peal, of Blodgett, was in Benton Monday, and made it generally known that he had been at work on the farm for two weeks. Not having any papers with him to substantiate this remarkable story, it was ordered by the mayor that a stay of execution be granted him until the M. W. L. could come to his rescue.

There is again talk of running

the telegraph line over the Peavine route. The poles are all up, but the railroad company refused to let Mr. Houck run his wire into the depot at Morley. Supt. Crowder says they have about agreed upon terms, and that the line will be in operation in a short time.

Best line of Shoes is shown by

FLENTGE & HEINBERG, of Cape Girardeau.

—W. H. Heisserer's new residence is nearing completion. Fritz Glastetter's new two-story residence is well under weigh. Bonneton & Ashley will have their saloon completed early next month and Dr. Butler has finished his stable. Who says Benton isn't on a boom?

Want an 8-day Clock for \$3.50?

Guaranteed by AL. CHENUÉ, the Jeweler, next to Postoffice, Cape Girardeau, Mo.

—The roof of the court house leaks like a sifter, and much of the plastering is falling from the ceiling. The roof should be repaired with a new one. Every rain does great damage to the building. The county has got plenty of money—to get.

Timothy hay for sale by Miller & Profit, Benton.

—The good people of Fredericktown, having made a careful census of their yellow-legged chickens, notified the Methodist preachers that there would not be enough to go around if they brought their wives along. The preachers governed themselves accordingly.

Charleston Democrat:

The best equipped poster printing outfit in Southeast Missouri is found in the little village of Benton. One may wonder if the *Newsboy* is a promoter of barbecues, but he must acknowledge the superiority of the plant, nevertheless.

So long as we don't discover that

we are losing subscribers it don't matter. It may be possible for a newspaper with an extensive circulation like the *Newsboy* to lose thirty subscribers per day and not miss them, but we hardly believe it.

Mr. Houck is making preparations

to put the rock levee in better condition. He can't do it too soon. The levee is in a horrible condition, and our people are not willing to pay toll over a road that is much worse than our dirt roads.

There is some prospect of the

Iron Mountain Co. building a spur to run through the melon fields to a point near Benton. They don't propose to get left on the transportation of any part of the crop.

Next Tuesday the great Fair

opens at the Cape. The management made a special effort to have an attractive exhibit, and they are depending upon a liberal patronage from Scott county.

The A. O. U. W., of Dichtstadt,

had quite a pleasant picnic and basket dinner last Saturday. Frank L. Bohn, of St. Louis, was present and delivered an address.

C. N. Welch, of Dichtstadt,

came up to attend a meeting of the Democratic Central Committee Tuesday. He reports matters quiet in his neighborhood.

Mrs. J. R. Coffman and son,

Yancy, of Cominere, are at Luna, Ark. visiting Mrs. M. A. Saunders, Mrs. Coffman's mother. They will remain several weeks.

When you come to Benton,

call and see us. We will treat you kindly. We want people from every township to drop in and tell us what they know.

The Grand Chain Milling Co. of

Commerce is getting all the wheat. So far this week they have taken in at the Benton depot over three thousand bushels.

The new Democratic Central

Committee met in Benton Tuesday and organized. Albert De Reig was elected chairman and V. L. Harris secretary.

J. P. Youngwirth, who has made

a name for himself in Sikeston as a first-class all around druggist, has opened a drug store in Charleston. Those who appreciate the importance of having prescriptions filled by a man who thoroughly understands the business will patronize him.

The local M. E. clergy are all at

Conference at Fredericktown this week. It is an anxious time for them, more anxious than agreeable sometimes. The assignment a man gets may be a prize or a blank, but whichever it is he must gird up his loins and go forth.

Last Saturday the sun crossed

the equator, and we are now on the homestretch of 1894. The equinoctial gales put in a prompt appearance, but were of a mild character.

J. W. Heeb, of near Caney Station,

was in town Saturday. He says that state-making in his locality is drawing to close.

Crit Burton, of Commerce,

came out Sunday. There seems to be some attraction for him about the county seat.

Ben Tenkhoff and family, of

Commerce, visited the family of George Meir, near Benton, Monday.

Mike Dirnberger, Sr., and Esq.

Schoen were on our streets Tuesday. They are always in a good humor.

Father Scherer, of New Ham-

burg, was in Benton Tuesday—the first time since his recent illness.

Mrs. J. S. and Miss Pattie Free-

ling are visiting in St. Louis and will see the Exposition and Fair.

Heisserer & Miller have put up

a rat-proof pea bin and are open for all the stock peas they can get.

OUR ADVERTISERS.

They Appreciate Scott County Trade and Announce their Bargains in the Newsboy.

In addition to the display advertisements in last week's issue we this week present that of

FLENTGE & HEINBERG.

Who are old friends under a new firm name. Mr. Wood has gone to Jackson, and Mr. Heinberg, who is well known at the Cape as a first-class business man, takes his place. "The Boys" never had a better selected stock than at present and new TARIFF prices will rule. No customer ever leaves this store otherwise than well pleased. It is still in the old Grange stand.

Senator Cockrell Coming.

The Democratic Central Committee is in communication with the State Central Committee relative to a campaign speaker, and has been promised Senator Cockrell. An effort is being made to have him at Benton during circuit court.

Jas. Walker returned from Creal

Springs, Ill., last week, his health benefited by the trip. He brought with him a breed of hogs new to this section. They are the Essex, and are coal black.

Rev. R. L. Russell preached at

the Benton church Sunday morning and Presiding Elder Moors occupied the pulpit at night. Both gentlemen delivered interesting discourses.

Chas. J. Moore, of Charleston,

and Miss Mabel Grace Harvey of Caledonia, were married at the latter place Tuesday. They are off on a bridal tour of the old world.

The man who invents a stove-

pipe joint that saves cuts words will die a millionaire.

Geo. S. Elliott, of Charleston,

was in Benton on legal business Wednesday.

Miss Libby Donovan, of Alto,

Ill., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Walker.

Rich gold discoveries have been re-

ported in the Yukon river region; Alaska.

A light frost was reported from

the bottoms Wednesday morning.

The chilly winds which followed

the equinoctial gale reminded the householder that the woodpile needs attention; that screen doors are falling into innocuous obscurity, and that the November election will soon be here.

David Bennett Hill was on Wed-

nesday unanimously nominated for Governor of New York, contrary to his express desire.

There is some very late corn in

the bottoms which may mature to an early frost, but most of the crop is safe.