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VOLUME FOUR.

With this issue the Weekly TIMES enters upon the fourth year of its existence, and believing that its thousands of readers would like to know something of its brief though eventful history, we give it somewhat in detail, for the paper will be appreciated more fully when and where its history is best known:

On the 29th day of May, 1878, the first number of the Bates County Advocate made its appearance on the streets of Butler. Its editor and publisher was Mr. E. H. Kirk, who announced that its political policy would be independent. The office was up stairs in the building now occupied by B. G. Wheeler & Co. The material was scant, besides having been in use ten or fifteen years. Fate had decreed that its life should be short, and on Wednesday, December 4th, 1878, just six months after its birth, the Bates County Advocate's breath was suspended simultaneously with the demise of the Greenback party of that year, whose cause it had espoused some week's prior during the campaign.

Newsom & Lawhon were the purchasers of the office at the price of \$450, and on December 11th, one week after the Advocate ceased publication, issued the first number of volume one of the Bates County TIMES, the office having been moved in the mean time to the room over R. Weil & Co.'s boot and shoe house. During the ensuing winter Mr. Lawhon retired from the business and went to Colorado, leaving Mr. Newsom sole proprietor. For several months Mr. Newsom conducted the paper alone, until the 23d of April, 1879, it was announced in a brief local to the surprise of most people, that C. T. McFarland, present proprietor, had bought a half interest in the paper. At the time the latter gentleman made the purchase, he was engaged in the large mercantile house of M. S. Cowles & Co., where he had been since the 17th of October, 1876. He did not enter at once upon duties in the TIMES office, but remained with Mr. Cowles until the following August, when he severed his connection with the yard-stick and poised the faber instead.

In this way the business moved along smoothly enough for a short time. In December 1879, the office was again moved, this time to the south side of the square in the Powers Bro. building. Some little ripples about this time, were observable floating about on the surface of things which indicated calamitous results should something not be done soon to change the tide. In this situation the TIMES was found on the 1st of January, 1880. And on that day Mr. Newsom stepped down and out, leaving Mr. McFarland to ride the turbulent waves in his shallow bark—an inexperienced "man at the wheel."

In assuming absolute control of the TIMES we placed our mark of duty and purpose high up the rugged slope, realizing fully the limit and extent of our capacity and the strength of our energy. Surrounded on all sides by difficulties, environed by obligations contracted by our predecessors, sneered at and unwelcomed by the local members of the profession with attempts to impeach our political fidelity and break down our financial ability, we started forth young in years and experience, but placing a high estimate on our only remaining resource—a will to do—resolved on conquest or death.

And what has been the result during the twenty-three months that have intervened? Let those whose eyes have scanned our every footstep and struggle tell the story, whether it be friend or foe.

In January 1880, the estimated

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value of the office was less than \$500—it cost us less. Now it will reach into the thousands, with no financial incumbrance. Nine months after we took exclusive charge of the paper—Oct. 15th, 1880—the old material was replaced with new, out and out, and the "patent outside" gave way to an all home print. Seven months from that date—May 26th, 1881—a five column daily suddenly surprised the inhabitants of Butler, issued from the TIMES office. That enterprise still lives in the fullness of vigor and success. And now, this week, the beginning of its fourth year, we present you with the Weekly TIMES in an enlarged form, embracing forty-eight columns of matter, equal in size to any county paper in the great Southwest. On the 1st September last we had erected in our new office in the McFarland Bros. building, one of Campbell's Power Presses, the catalogue price of which is \$1,200, with a capacity of printing eight hundred to a thousand papers an hour. Within the past year we have also added from \$600 to \$800 worth of job type and material.

With this successful career to guide us, we are stimulated to acts of greater import, sustained by an energy unabated, by a capacity of thought and judgment more mature and enduring and by resources otherwise more deficient and independent. "The past at least is sure," and by its lessons we will carve our way through the future. Enemies we have, like other men—some bold and arrogant, others cowardly and sneaking. We know their hair, and our eyes shall never sleep when their danger of their stealing forth. Friends we have too, like other men—the and tried. We appreciate them because they stood by us through all our ups and downs. Readers, you have been generous and forbearing, and we shall remember you for it. During our many heated contests you have never flinched. You have been as our shield and support. We are of the woods now, but your support is as much desired as when we wandered in the wilderness. We have aimed to be your friend: how near we have approached the standard of our ideal, you can best judge. And now in the dawn of another year we clasped your hand and swear by the gods of the Democratic party to stick to you through thick and thin, with malice—what malice toward one—we reckon so, and charity for all.

Come in and get a copy of the Weekly TIMES in its enlarged form, and if it suits you, subscribe: it is only \$1.25. Remember it is the cheapest paper in the county by 25 cents.

STREET RAILWAY SUGGESTIONS.

Since our issue Saturday, which contained an account of the street railway meeting, and the suggestion that the route be made to run on Pine street to Main, thence south to Dakota and west on that street to the depot, making one circuitous route to and from the depot, we have heard some expression of sentiment, and all decidedly favorable to the above plan.

It would cost more, perhaps, two-thirds or even double, yet it is maintained that \$8,000 or \$10,000 could be raised upon that proposition about as readily as \$5,000 can be with the line on only one street. There are numbers of men interested on Dako-

tan street who would be glad enough to aid the building of the line on that street as well as on Pine and Main.

Such an arrangement would accommodate the Opera-going public when the new Opera house is completed, and its completion will be about simultaneous with that of the street car line. Besides there are three hotels, including the Day house, that would furnish dozens of passengers if the cars ran by their door, where they would not furnish one were they only on Pine street.

These are suggestions that we trust in all candor will receive the earnest attention of the projectors of the street railway line, for it will redound to the interest of the company as largely as it would to the citizens on that street as well as the traveling public at large.

AN EXTRAORDINARY OFFER:

A BOOK FREE.—The publisher of that well-known journal, the Savannah Weekly News, proposes to give to all new subscribers who send in their names (with the price of the paper for one year, \$2.00) before the 1st of January, 1882, and all subscribers who renew before that date, a copy of any one of the novels of the "Morning News Library," free of charge. These serials are written by Southern authors and are printed in handsome quarto form, in excellent style and on good paper. The Weekly News is a mammoth paper, and ranks with the best journals in the Union. This premium offer also extends to that able agricultural journal, the Southern Farmer's Monthly, and any one of the novels will be sent free to those who subscribe to the Monthly for a year. Address, J. H. Estill, Savannah, Ga.

A PAPER FOR ALL.

Elsewhere in the TIMES to-day will be seen the prospectus for 1882, of the Missouri Republican. No extended comment need be indulged in concerning this Journal. It needs none. Its age and its virtues have for years made it the companion of nearly every household in Missouri, and the acknowledged leader in the great Mississippi valley. It can be said without effort at flattery or buncomb, that in the columns of the Missouri Republican the people repose more confidence than in any other newspaper in the West. Hence its boundless influence, its mighty work for good in building up the industries and developing the resources of our country. Long may it live to enlighten mankind.

COLMAN'S RURAL WORLD.

This admirable farm journal will enter its thirty-fifth year on the first of January next. Every farmer should read an agricultural paper, and we know of none better than the Rural World. It is published weekly at only one dollar per year, and will be sent from this time to January, 1883 for that price. Fine premiums for clubs. Samples free. Address, Norm J. Colman, publisher, 600 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo.

A Canada clergyman was fined \$1 for kissing another man's wife. That is rather a low fine, but clergymen generally get things at half rate.

It is hard to tell who the Democratic caucus will nominate for Speaker. Any Western man will do; it will only be a compliment by way, and we people out here might as well have it as anybody.

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