

LOCAL NEWS.

Cherries are ripe. Mr. Gillette has had his new fence nicely painted. Old papers for sale at this office for 50c per hundred. Work on the opera house is now progressing splendidly. Butler will have a steam fire engine.

Very few of the crossings in town are above high-mud mark.

Nothing less than \$500 will be sufficient to insure the success of our 4th of July celebration.

Good-bye, Mr. chintz-bug, we've been honored by your visit long enough and we're glad your going.

A steam fire engine will enhance the value of Butler property ten per cent.

Isn't it about time the city council was letting the city printing for the ensuing year?

Our prospects are still good for the Ft. Scott, St. Louis & Chicago railroad.

A park is needed in Butler and now is the time to act in the matter, for land is increasing in value daily.

Mr. J. C. Clark contemplates erecting a fine residence on his property just south of Mr. Young's on south Lyons street.

The new addition to the Laclede Hotel is about completed. When finished it will be newly furnished with carpets, tables, sofas, etc. We also learn that the Laclede will put on a free bus in a short time.

It would afford us infinite pleasure to scalp those infernal Russians who delight in outraging Jewish men and women. Russia can no longer boast of civilization; the ways of her soldiery are too dark and their deeds to damnable for that.

The horses stolen from Smith and Denney, near Knights station, mention of which was made in the Patriot at the time, have been found. They were in the possession of two thieves, on White river, Arkansas, and from various sources, our reporter is led to believe that they were strung up to a tree, side by side, by the vigilantes.—[Carthage Patriot.

Wednesday J. C. Clark sold the brick residence known as the Cowles property to Mr. S. B. Catterlin, for the sum of three thousand dollars cash. Mr. Catterlin is one of the party that recently arrived here from Ohio, of whom mention has been previously made. We hope that he may find the "Electric City" all that he can wish for as a home.

Mr. Jas. McFarland has rented the lot just east of the Willard property on Ft. Scott street and has the material on the ground to enclose it. He will establish Butler's long-felt want, a wood and coal yard, at that point. We understand that he will be the regular agent of the Rich Hill Coal Company in Butler. It gives us pleasure to record the establishment of this enterprise, and we wish it all success.

The 4th of July celebration at Butler is a sure thing. Over \$200 was raised Thursday morning in about two hours. The fact that the promoters of the celebration move are the very best business men of the city is evidence enough to satisfy the public that the enterprise will be a great success. Arrangements will be made to accommodate 15,000 people. Distinguished speakers will be announced in due time.

A certain man in town is owing quite a bill to a certain groceryman on Sixth street. Sunday the groceryman proposed to give the man \$1.50 a day to come down to the store and work it out. Yesterday morning the man was promptly on hand to assume his clerk duties. "Take a seat on the box there till I call for you," said the merchant. He sat—and sat on till noon. After dinner he was promptly on hand again. "Take a seat," said the groceryman as before. He sat on till night and was credited with \$1.50.—[Rich Hill Gazette.

It is not definitely known yet that the new G. B. organ will start a daily.

Judge Brown has had his Ohio street residence repainted. It looks just "daisy."

Cassidy & Co. have had a nice canvass awning put up in front of their store.

Ben. Lemon is preparing a set of abstract books of Rich Hill, for Mr. Francisco, real estate and insurance agent of that city.

It has been suggested that a stock company be organized and erect a telephone between Butler and Rich Hill.

Sam. Levy has had his North Main street residence newly painted, and it now presents a fine appearance.

Rev. Collins, of the Christian church, will deliver a temperance lecture in the Ohio street M. E. church on next Tuesday night.

In a private letter from our friend J. D. Allen, of the Kentucky Military Institute, he says that in about ten days he will turn his back on his alma matre.

Sam'l Welch, residing east of town, has recently built an addition to his already commodious residence, and has purchased a fine organ of Sprague & Hunter to complete the beauty and charm of the interior.

Fifty cents reward for any information of the whereabouts of Harvey Gipson, J. T. Gipson, J. N. Gipson, W. B. Bridgeford and Wilson Ba cy, who disappeared very suddenly on last Tuesday evening. The above reward will be paid by the disconsolate widows.

J. K. Rosier, with his four sons, from West Union, Iowa, have been stopping at the Laclede several days while they examined the many fine farms adjacent to Butler with a view to purchasing. They had settled down upon D. N. Thompson's place, north of town, but the trade had not been consummated up to the latest hour.

B. B. Bigstaff, who now has charge of W. W. Hamilton's stock farm east of town, gave the TIMES a pleasant call Thursday and left his name for the Weekly. Mr. Bigstaff is one of the solid men of the country.

The TIMES is authorized to say that under no circumstances will the Butler 4th of July celebration be abandoned. Every preparation looking to the grandest time ever witnessed in Butler will continue to go on until the event has come and gone. Butler does not propose to be out-done in this matter. Two of the best bands in the state are secured and that, you know, means business.

On Saturday last an operation was performed upon a lady named Mrs. Vickers, in Montrose, an account of which we publish because of its being a most extraordinary case. Mrs. Vickers had been suffering for years with a large tumor, which was removed by ten doctors, one of whom was from St. Louis. They first drew ten gallons of water from the tumor and then cut it out. It weighed between 80 and 90 pounds and filled a wash tub. Mrs. Vickers seemed to stand the operation very well and was living at last accounts.

Louis Webb returned Thursday from Mountain Grove, Wright county, at which point he left the New York Show. Louis says that he is glad to get back and he thinks that several others would be equally as glad if they could only do the same. A painful lack of funds prevails, however, and the prospects of the boys are gloomy unless they happen to strike some better fields. Louis also says that when John Chaney arrived at the place on the railroad where he was going to work his hands he found the contract let to other parties and as a result his men are in a bad fix.

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OUR SCHOOLS.

Closing Exercises of Four Grades of the Butler Public Schools on Thursday.

The Examination Very Satisfactory, the Rhetorical Exercises Excellent and the Visitors Numerous and Attentive.

Thursday the sky was cloudy and the streets muddy, but the temperature was pleasant and, consequently, the attendance of visitors large. The schools, too, were attractive to visitors, being decorated profusely and tastefully with bouquets of fragrant flowers, festoons of leaves and grasses, appropriate framed mottoes and chromos. In nearly all of the rooms also the magic word "welcome," wreathed in sprigs of cedar, and placed conspicuously, extended a gracious invitation. The concourse of patrons and friends of the school which responded to the urgent invitation of the principal and teachers was the largest that ever visited our schools on a like occasion and their interest seemingly very deep. The examinations were more than satisfactory and the closing exercises, without an exception, successful, entertaining and praiseworthy.

In the first and second grades, west school, Miss Belle Rogers, teacher, the examinations were in the two grades of reading, spelling, numbers and oral geography. Out of sixty scholars enrolled at the end of the term twenty-five were promoted to the third grade. The rhetorical exercises in the afternoon consisted of opening and closing addresses, recitations, dialogues and recitations in concert by classes. The little scholars did remarkably well and reflected the highest credit both upon themselves and their teacher. Miss Rogers evidently has perfect control over her pupils and has exhibited marked powers as an instructress.

In the third and fourth grades, west school, Miss Lizzie Tathwell, teacher, the examination consisted of spelling, reading and arithmetic in both grades. The result was highly satisfactory and pleasing. The afternoon exercises consisted of opening and closing addresses, recitations, dialogues, etc., interspersed with singing. The work in this room has been very good. The results both of the examination and closing exercises were the highest encomiums that could be pronounced upon the merits of the teacher and the intelligence and diligence of the scholars. Miss Tathwell deserves great credit for the success of her first year's work.

In the first and second grades, east school, Miss Ada Butler, teacher, the examination was in spelling, reading and numbers, and was very encouraging, as out of seventy-five scholars enrolled at the close of the term about thirty were promoted. The afternoon exercises were very interesting and lengthy, opening with the singing of the Lord's prayer and closing with a gesture song. A special feature was the representation of "Old Father Time" by twelve little girls dressed in white, coronated with bandeaux having the respective names of the months in gilt letters upon them and holding emblems of the seasons in their hands, and a boy dressed up to represent "Father Time." The scholars are very bright and their work remarkably good. Miss Butler is a thorough disciplinarian and successful teacher, who has reason to be proud of her record.

In the third and fourth grades, east school, Miss Mary Bowden, teacher, the examination was upon the following studies: Reading, arithmetic, grammar, geography and penmanship in both grades. Splendid work was done in this department. In the afternoon the rhetorical exercises consisted of recitations, dialogues, addresses and a general review. This review was an attractive feature and served to show that the scholars were well advanced for their position. Miss Bowden is an experienced teacher and seems to command both the respect and affection

of her pupils, who were remarkably well-behaved and attentive.

Special mention must be made of the general deportment of the scholars, which, tersely expressed, was gentlemanly and lady-like, almost without an exception. The decorations were artistic and pleasing to behold. The map-drawing and other black-board work which was left on the boards from regular recitations was very creditable. In every respect the present administration of public schools is almost beyond criticism, and that this is appreciated by our people was evidenced by the deep interest manifested in the large attendance and close attention on Thursday.

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