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MOSES WHYARK  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
MARBLE HILL, Mo.  
Up stairs over Elfrank's harness shop.

**D**R. C. M. WITMER,  
Marble Hill, Mo.  
OFFICE in Drug Store. [3-4-17]

H. D. SANFORD,  
Physician and Surgeon,  
Lutesville, Missouri.  
Professional calls answered at all hours. [11-31]

A. SANDER, C. A. SANDER,  
SANDER & SON,  
PHYSICIAN & SURGEON,  
MARBLE HILL, MO.  
Office in Drugstore. [10-14]

J. W. CALDWELL,  
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,  
MARBLE HILL, MO.  
Office over S. J. Lattley's Restaurant. [9-27]

B. L. BOWMAN,  
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE,  
Marble Hill, Mo.  
Acknowledgements taken. Will fill soldier's vouchers at 25 cts. Office in court house. [11-38]

ELMER BAIR'S  
BARBER SHOP  
MARBLE HILL, MO.  
Hair-Cutting, Shaving, Shampooing, Etc., all done in the latest and best styles known to the trade. [9-27]

T. T. BEACH,  
BARBER AND HAIRDRESSER  
LUTESVILLE, MO.  
Razors ground and honed at reasonable charges. All work guaranteed. [11-41]

W. B. FINNEY, M. D.,  
LAFOLIN, - - MISSOURI.  
Office over A. Clippard's store during the day, and at residence of nights. Professional calls receive prompt attention. [9-49]

C. P. CALDWELL,  
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,  
MARBLE HILL, MO.  
Has permanently located at Marble Hill and will practice in the Courts of Southeast Missouri and the Supreme Court of the State. Office in courthouse. [9-27]

GEO. ELIUS CONRAD,  
ATTY-AT-LAW  
Marble Hill, Mo.  
LAW OF REAL PROPERTY A SPECIALTY.  
Abstracts of titles and plats of lands made accurately. Office in court house. [11-35]

W. W. Sample, Pres. B. F. Stevens, Cash.  
Bollinger County  
**BANK,**  
Lutesville, Mo.  
The business of Farmers and Merchants solicited. [11-34]

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The place to get your Boots and Shoes of any style. Also your repairing done on the shortest notice, in good style.  
H. W. Boss.  
Opposite northwest corner of public square. [1-40]

WILLIAM NORMAN,  
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Freight and Express transferred promptly and at lowest rates in either town. Hauling between the towns a specialty. I meet every train. Try me.

W. K. CHANDLER,  
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW  
and Notary Public,  
Marble Hill, Mo.  
LAND ABSTRACTS MADE ON SHORT NOTICE.  
Collections a specialty, and remittances promptly made. Terms reasonable. Office in Courthouse. [11-19]

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RESTAURANT.  
Allen, Mo.  
GROCERIES.  
made of Col.

**MARBLE HILL!**  
The Capital City of  
the County.

PRESENT AND FUTURE.  
Seat Of the Maynold Smith  
Academy.

THE CENTER OF EDUCATION.  
Its Fine Mineral and Commercial  
Prospects.

Rich Land, Salubrious Climate,  
Enterprising People.

Its Products, Enterprises and  
Repos.—Schools, Churches  
and Society.

"And look through Nature up to Nature's  
God."

MARBLE HILL is a town of about 700 people located in Bollinger county, 133 miles south of St. Louis and forty-five miles north of Charleston, about one half mile from the Belmont branch on the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern railroad.

It is the capital of Bollinger county, and is the county's center of education, culture, and refinement.

The location is beautiful. The town lies on the crest of a ridge extending east and west and extends well down the slopes north and south.

Crooked creek, a sparkling, crystal stream of pure water runs along the western boundary, and to the east of the town about a mile, a similar stream, Hurricane creek, affords excellent water and drainage. The drainage is good, and there is never a time, even during the most rainy seasons, when water stands in any part of the town.

The climate is mild and not subject to sudden or severe changes, the thermometer seldom registering below zero, or more than ninety degrees above. The rainfall is equitable, and as a consequence the town and surrounding country is never subjected to the extreme drouths or deluges that are the bane of many other regions.

The soil is a rich black, in some places merging into a productive loam. The land, which is divided between ridge and bottom land is the most productive to be found. There is no farm staple known that cannot be successfully produced here. An advantage that the land possesses over that of many regions, is the fact that nearly every foot of it is tillable. Forty acres of land here is a good farm for anyone. Just east of Marble Hill is a small area of the finest brick clay to be found. The brick for the county's capital.

MINERALS.

The mineral prospects of the country are not surpassed for quality of the ore found. We have here as fine boiling stone as is quarried anywhere, with a good per cent of granite. Just east of Marble Hill about a mile, on Ed Kinder's farm is a fine deposit of a fine grade of onyx. It has been pronounced by the Ozark Onyx company of St. Louis as, in every way equal to the famed Mexican onyx. There is near the same place strong evidence of a good deposit of lead, which will probably be developed soon. Southeast of Marble Hill about

very fine specimen of the stone for exhibition. The stone will gradually go to agate. East of Marble Hill about a mile Mr. D. E. Clippard is prospecting, and has taken out stone that gives evidence of containing a good per cent of silver. The country is no doubt rich in minerals beyond the knowledge of our best informed people.

TIMBER.

Perhaps the finest timber in the United States grows in Bollinger county. The wooded land, while not a large per cent of the territory, abounds in the finest timbers known to modern building and cabinet making. Black and white oak predominates. There is a fine stand of beech, elm, gum, and hickory timber, and the raid of a few years ago did not rob us of our walnut trees. Cabinet makers everywhere acknowledge that our walnut lumber is the finest known to the trade. We also have some fine stands of cedar timber, though it is not so plentiful as the other kinds.

AGRICULTURE.

The finest agricultural lands in the country immediately surrounding the town. The land lies beautifully, being subject neither to too much water nor too little. As a fruit country this cannot be surpassed. It is conceded that the strawberries raised in this county are the finest put on the market anywhere in the United States, and they always command the highest prices. The average of the county is about 800 a large per cent of which lies east of Marble Hill. The climate and soil are peculiarly adapted to fruit raising and this county boasts some of the finest apple, peach, pear, plum, and cherry orchards in the United States. The orchards of A. Mayer, J. G. Finney, Thomas Henly, B. L. Bowman, Philip Barks, Mrs. Thornburg, Joseph and Peter Baker, deserve special mention.

The cereals, hay and other farm products grow abundantly and with little care. Stock raising is an important industry among our people. Fine breeds of hogs, sheep, cattle and horses are being imported, and the industry is rapidly growing. Land is cheap, ranging in price, governed by location and situation, from \$10 to \$150 per acre.

Behold! See what man has done.

Marble Hill is the county seat of Bollinger county and boasts one of the finest court houses in Southeast Missouri. It was erected in 1865 at a cost of about \$15,000. It is on an eminence on High street in the center of the town. It has a roomy and well furnished court room, two jury rooms, and eight office rooms with the most approved fireproof vaults. The county court is composed of D. B. Hill, Sedgewickville, presiding judge and J. J. Long, Scopus and Philip Barks, Marble Hill, associate judges. It is a competent court and conducts the county's business in a highly satisfactory manner. F. M. Wells is the county clerk. He came to Bollinger county in 1869, and has resided here since. He served eight years as collector, and in 1888 was appointed county clerk to fill the unexpired term of J. M. Snider. In 1890 he was reelected by a heavy majority. He is very popular and is a prominent figure in county politics as well as exerting no little influence out of the county.

in a safely Democratic county. His home is at Patton where he was reared. He has conducted the affairs of the office in a highly satisfactory manner. Benjamin Masters is his deputy.

W. A. Dunn the collector, has made a record that is worth envying. His method of conducting the office has met the most gratifying approval. He is a Bollinger county boy, has been reared near Buchanan. He is just entering upon his second term of office.

J. T. Wells the present sheriff of Bollinger begins the work in a way that bespeaks for him a bright official future. He is thoroughly conversant having served as deputy for twelve years. He was principally reared in the western part of the county.

Probate Judge Jasper Frymire, is now serving his second term. He was Sheriff two terms. He has traveled considerably over the west. He has disposed of the duties of the office in a way that has satisfied all.

A. S. Perkins is the present treasurer of Bollinger county, and is just entering on his first term. He served as assessor one term. He is a careful man and a good citizen.

C. P. Caldwell, prosecuting attorney is a graduate of the law school of the university, having finished the course in 1881. He is serving the second term as prosecuting attorney. He has met every case in a way that shows careful study and hard work.

In an educational and religious way Marble Hill is prominently the center of this county and section. Crowning an eminence just north of town is the day-field-Smith Academy. It is located in a fine campus of ten acres. Nature seems to have favored her with a superior location. The school is now in its tenth year. A fine brick building has been erected at a cost of about \$10,000 and a stock company has been incorporated for the erection of a boarding hall to cost from \$3,000 to \$4,000 and work will be begun soon. Rosemont Hall will afford accommodation for forty young ladies. The school is doing a grand work. The attendance is large, and an able corps of teachers, headed by principal E. R. Graham is employed. Prof. Graham is of Scottish descent, and graduated from Kingston college, at Kingston, Pa.; in 1866. He came to Missouri in 1870 and has been a teacher in the public schools for many years. He took charge of the academy at the beginning of the school year of 1891-92. The school has enrolled under his management about 124 pupils, representing most of the counties of Southeast Missouri, and the states of Missouri, Texas, Illinois and Montana. It has lately been visited by a representative of the State University with a view to articulation, and is in a most flourishing condition. Miss Clara D. True of Springfield, a very superior teacher has been added to the faculty. Having a brilliant record as a teacher, she will add strength to the school. Rosemont hall will be a handsome three story brick. The grounds will be enclosed and ornamented, and two new streets passing by the academy have been laid out.

students, and every means taken to get the best and most practical results without any waste of mental energy. It is worthy of the support it is receiving.

The public schools of Marble Hill are its pride. They are well classed, and occupy a good building. The course of study is the uniform one, and the instruction the most thorough. County Commissioner Prof. G. B. Myers, one of the leading educators of this county and section is the principal. He is assisted by Miss Maggie Graves a competent and experienced primary teacher.

The town has four church organization, with three elegant buildings. The Baptists have recently built a fine and attractive house of worship, on an eminence in the western suburbs of the town. Rev. B. L. Bowman is the pastor and services are held each first and fourth Saturday and Sunday in the month. Prayer meeting services are held each Wednesday evening, and an interesting Sunday school meets each Sunday morning. The Presbyterians have a pretty edifice just northeast of the Baptist church. At present the congregation has no pastor, but one will be engaged soon. A flourishing Sunday school meets each Sunday morning. Prayer meeting services are held each Wednesday evening. In the northwestern suburbs of the town the Christian church stands a pretty and substantial edifice. Local services will be held at the church each Sunday afternoon and a Sunday school which promises good results, has been organized and will meet each Sunday morning. At present the congregation has no minister, but hopes to employ one soon. The Methodists, cared for by Rev. C. E. McClintock have services in the Presbyterian building the first, second fourth and fifth Sunday evenings in each month. The congregation is laboring earnestly, and hope to have a house of worship ere long.

In the line of the medical profession Marble Hill is preeminently one of the leading towns of Southeast Missouri. In the northeastern suburbs stands the Invalids Home, conducted by Dr. Talley. He graduated from the St. Louis Medical college thirty-one years, ago and after a short practice at Miller-ville moved to Marble Hill. He established the sanitarium in 75. He is skilled in his specialty, diseases peculiar to females and has cured some cases that have baffled the best medical skill of the country. He has a very fine and complete set of instruments for tests and examinations.

Dr. A. Sander is one of the oldest physicians in Bollinger county, and has always stood in the front rank. He graduated from Frederick-William college in Berlin, Germany in 1835 and coming to Marble Hill entered at once upon practice.

Dr. C. M. Witmer, a graduate of the Jefferson medical institute at Philadelphia, has always enjoyed a good practice. He is a man of great professional skill, and enjoys the confidence of all. He also carries a full line of drugs. He is interested in Marble Hill real estate.

A. Sander graduated from St. Louis college of