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OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

GOOSE HILL.

Vene Horrell was in Advance Saturday.
The whooping cough is raging on the hill.
We had a little ice and snow the other day.
France Tippett is very low with the mumps.
E. F. Hudson gave the Richland boys a call this week.
Bill Nelson is clearing a large new ground this spring.
Peter Virgin was with us on special business the other day.
The Goose Hill farmers lead the balance of Bollinger county.
W. A. Clippard made a flying trip to Greenbriar a few days ago.
A. J. Lyke, formerly of Drum, visited Goose Hill last Saturday.
Howard Black has purchased a fine sawmill and is running it at Advance.

Jeff Estes of Millerville visited friends and relatives in this vicinity Friday.
The big lawsuit at the Goose Hill courthouse the 25th will be largely attended.
The boys on the Richland farm sing the same old song, "Ta-ra-boom-de-aye."

E. F. Hudson, one of our leading farmers, had the misfortune to lose his fine young Spanish jack, valued at \$400.

George Tippett is still mending. He is a poor man and has a hard time to get along. I think the people ought to help him, for he is unable to do any work.

A. J. Lincoln, justice of the peace, made a flying trip through this neighborhood the other day. I did not learn where he was going—probably riding around on account of his health.

I am glad to see such evidences of prosperity as Tax Payers exhibit. Happy Jack.

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Feed has become so scarce that I fear there will be more than one old cow to hold up to her wheat straw during this cold snap.

I have been informed that as soon as the weather will permit the South Lodge boys will reorganize their baseball team for the next season. They are rishers.

The Sitzer brothers, Marty and Frank, have leased twenty-two acres of land from Green Stovall and are only waiting for winter to break to begin farming in earnest. I see where you are right, boys. Stay with it.

We are to have a daily mail here soon, so our postmistress, Mrs. A. P. Stevens, informs me. I can only say they cannot begin too soon, for we are badly in need of daily mails and more conveniences generally—something to draw capital and give us plenty of business and money.

Hoping to be excused for not appearing for some time and with regards to The Press and our other water correspondents, I am,

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Old Mr. Sample died last Monday morning.

Constable Huskey was in town Wednesday.

Several of our citizens attended court the first of the week.

Winter appeared again Thursday in the shape of a big sleet.

J. W. Walker spent a few days working the road this week.

The box factory has made a new lath yard and is filling it rapidly.

The smallpox scare has caused many persons to be vaccinated here.

Mr. Speer, the agent for the famous Buckeye machine, was in town Friday.

Mrs. Em Eaker of "The Glen" is visiting her father, Squire Gaines, at this place.

Zalma is no longer a heathen town, for the divine deity is yet lingering with us.

The "kid preacher" from Hale's college held services here Saturday evening and Sunday.

C. H. Pape and F. M. Womack returned Friday from Illinois with some fine-blooded cattle.

Squire Gaines and Andrew McMinn gigged twenty-nine pounds of fine salmon Wednesday night.

A big job of fat waddled into our town Thursday and took a few orders for F. Smith & Son, grocers.

Perry Smith has removed the old blacksmith shop from opposite the postoffice to the box factory lot and will soon be tacking on horse shoes.

The broad grin on Joe Weyant's face Monday morning caused some of the boys to ask what was up. He replied that another young man had put in an appearance at his house.

Ray Score arrived Friday and preached that night. I don't see any reason for not robbing Zalma over and inviting Talmage and Sam Jones. We've got the money to ante up.

I had no idea of giving you and the readers of The Press an overdose of pure old homemade poetry, and if you outlive my first effort I promise not to repeat the performance, although I had just tuned my "liar" and was prepared to turn out a job lot "while you wait." So long.

SHEENY.

Health is very good.

Farmers are sowing oats.

Several of our citizens attended court last week.

The Cross Roads' boys have organized a review society.

Everett Upchurch closed a very successful month of school Friday.

R. B. Estes is preparing to move to Cape Girardeau county, near Jackson.

C. M. Burton and O. R. Kirkpatrick, students of Mayfield-Smith academy, attended the closing exercises of A. E. Upchurch's school Friday last.

Now, if this little beginning don't go to the waste basket I will come again.

Just A Boy.

We have a weakness for boys—especially boys who are striving to make "men" of themselves—so you needn't hesitate to address The Press as a personal friend.—[Ed.]

CROOKED CREEK.

Bill Killian is clearing ground.

Some sickness in this part of the county.

John Farmer is very sick at this writing.

W. A. Yount is erecting a new residence.

Napoleon Yount is confined to his bed with the same disease.

Born—On the 11th inst., to Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Yount, a girl.

G. H. Lee is making some improvements on the Gunner farm.

Sam Shell is building a paling fence around his yard and garden.

J. W. Tallent is making considerable improvement in way of clearing ground.

Charley, the 5-year old son of Samuel Shell, has been very sick with la grippe.

The farmers of this community are making considerable improvement this spring.

ZALMA.

Only two weeks until the school meeting. Don't fail to go out and show your colors.

Will Tinnin, Charles Murray and Miss Mattie Roach are attending school at Marquand.

The people of this community are glad to see Samuel Shell improving; he has had a long siege with abscess on the lung.

John Shell, while cutting some limbs from a tree, made an awkward lick and inflicted a very severe cut on his knee.

The Pine Union school closed last Friday after a six months term. Under the management of Miss Murray the school has done good work.

SEMPER PARATUS.

It is a mistake to give the republicans the sole credit for the defeat of the gold bond bill, says Henry Jones, in the Atlanta Constitution.

In the first place, the bill never got to the senate. It was defeated in the house, and would have been beaten if no republican had voted, as all the populists and the majority of the democrats voted against it.

True it is, that a majority of the republicans also voted the same way, but they would probably, judging by their previous votes, have supported the proposition had it been recommended by a republican president. The republican party has, indeed, a sweet record on the financial issue. A republican congress demonetized silver, established and sustained national banks, changed greenback obligations into coin obligations and sought to retire all the greenbacks. A republican senate changed the Bland free coinage bill to the Allison silver purchase bill, and a republican president vetoed the latter. A republican congress, by an almost unanimous party vote, repealed the Bland-Allison act, and substituted the Sherman act. When the leader of the democratic-republican gold standard coalition, President Cleveland, demanded the unconditional repeal of the Sherman act, he was supported by a majority of republicans in both senate and house. In both houses the Bland-Allison act would have been substituted for the Sherman act, had it not been for the republicans, all the populists and a majority of the democrats voting for the former law. A free silver coinage amendment to the repeal bill was defeated in the senate by republican votes only, that party giving 17 majority against the amendment, while it was defeated by only 10 votes. Finally the repeal bill passed the senate by 43 yeas to 32 nays, a majority of 11, but the republican senators cast 23 votes for it and only 8 against it. Eliminate the republicans from the record and unconditional repeal would have been lost in the senate by 20 to 24. Less than a month ago the senate took up and, had it not been for the Cleveland democratic-republican filibuster, would have passed the Jones unrestricted silver coinage bill. How did republican senators vote? As usual, of course. Ten voted to take up the bill and fourteen voted not to take up the bill, and of the republican pairs five were for the bill and ten against it. I hope Mr. Collins is correct in estimating that four-fifths of the people of Georgia are opposed to the ruinous financial policy of Mr. Cleveland's democratic-republican combination; but if Mr. Collins held that policy of all political issues nearest to his heart, he could not advance the cause better than by going into the republican party. If there be one thing in the future absolutely certain, it is that the next republican candidate for president will be as servile an agent of Wall and Lombard streets as is Mr. Cleveland himself, and no gold standard contractionist could possibly hope for a more perfect representative. For a man to join now the republican party in order to secure financial reform would be like jumping from the top of the Washington monument to escape the flames coming up through the shaft. He wouldn't be burned to death, that's all.

SOUTHEAST NEWS.

A very serious wreck occurred on the Mississippi River & Bonne Terre railroad at Elvins one day last week in which one man, John Haney, was instantly killed and two other men more or less injured.

A horse, steer and dog have had to be killed at Poplar Bluff recently, all having hydrophobia.

Dunklin Democrat: Kennett is entirely free of smallpox and has been since March 3, when what is supposed to have been a case was moved a mile and a quarter out of town. There has been no good reason for a scare, and certainly no cause for other towns quarantining against Kennett.

Here is a fish story that is true: Last Friday, five miles east of Kennett on the new railroad, W. A. Branch killed with an ax fifty-one buffalo fish, the smallest one weighing eight pounds. They had come out of New river and were headed north through a shallow channel that was cut up by the railroad grade, and they becoming entangled in the brush and flag their capture was an easy matter. They showed no disposition to return down stream, but insisted on going up.

Several other persons killed all the fish they wanted at the same place.

Notice is given that a meeting of the stockholders of the St. Louis, Kennett & Southern railroad company will be held at the office of the company in Cape Girardeau on Saturday, April 13, to submit to the stockholders whether or not the contract entered into by that company with the Pemiscot railroad company to consolidate their respective lines of railroad shall be ratified, approved and confirmed.

Dexter Messenger: Delegations of Bloomfield and Dexter citizens were at Jefferson City Monday to argue the branch court bill before Governor Stone, the former attempting to secure a veto and the latter trying to secure an approval of the bill. The arguments were presented and the governor took the matter under advisement.

Fire has again visited Dexter, this time destroying the frame business houses on the corner of Walnut street and running a half square east of Stoddard. In the square were the hardware store of Miller, Riddle & Co., the residence of Newt Riddle, the meat shops and grocery stores of Charles Smyth and Mayes & Allen, the dry goods store of H. Sachs, the barber shop of John Grissom and shoe shop of Jesse Conley and the Lingie boarding house. The fire broke out about 10:30 o'clock Saturday night, and originated in the rear part of Smith & Co.'s meat market. The loss was estimated at \$23,000, covered by insurance amounting to about \$14,000 or \$15,000.

Jackson Cash-Book: For some time it has been rumored that the Cape County Roller mills, Horrell & Buehler Co.'s mills and the Burfordville roller mills were going to form a combination, and on Monday last the agreement was completed and the articles signed up and Tuesday filed with the recorder for record. The corporation will be known as the Cape County Milling Company. It has a capital stock of \$100,000, with shares valued at \$1,000 each. The articles of agreement say the purpose of the company is to manufacture flour, corn meal, feed, staves and barrels and to do a general merchant milling business. Following are the names of the stockholders, with the number of shares each individual owns in the concern: A. R. Byrd, president, 33 shares; F. Tiedemann, treasurer, 19; J. L. Hinkle, 6; C. T. Tiedemann, 1; J. C. Clippard, vice-president, 6; A. H. Clippard, 5; J. A. Horrell, 5; R. M. McCombs, secretary, 15; S. B. Horrell, 10.

Jackson Comet: It is said that the longest tram that ever left Jackson pulled out last Monday morning. It numbered thirty-seven cars.

DeSoto Facts: It was pay day night and everybody had money. The weather was bad and so was the whiskey, so the two got mixed

and the devil was to pay generally. At a dance in the northern part of town Sam Dickenson shot Jesse Mitchell. On Second and Boyd streets a young fellow smashed things up lively and got smashed himself. On the east side several minor disturbances transpired. About the worst fracas was at the dance. It is claimed that everybody had a gun, but it seems that no one could find any use for them except the fellows who tried to kill each other.

There is considerable complaint among our merchants in regard to peddlers coming down from St. Louis every pay day and carrying with them all the money in town. They claim that people deal with those peddlers, paying cash for everything they get, and then buy from the home merchant on a credit.

Look out for the lightning rod swindler. Tuesday, March 12, two men drove through the southern part of the county representing themselves as insurance agents, but when they met with a green looking farmer they at once sprung the lightning rod game. This was the case with Mr. Sled, living one and one quarter miles east of Vineland. They agreed to put him up sixty-seven feet of rod and all he was to pay for was two feet of rod at 75 cents per foot, and the three points. They drew up an agreement for him to sign and cautioned him not to show the agreement to his neighbors or to say anything about how cheap he was getting his rod after they were gone. His wife, who can read a little English, looked over the contract and became very suspicious. Mr. Sled at once proceeded to DeSoto to H. Hamel to have the contract examined, and it turned out that the three points were to be charged and paid for as twenty feet of rod each, consequently he was to pay for sixty-two feet of rod at 75 cents each.

We are sorry to learn that on account of ill health our friend Rev. E. P. Keach is called upon to retire from the ministry for at least one year. Mr. Keach is a noble worker and will be missed by the workers in the vineyard of the Master.

Poplar Bluff Citizen: Fulton meat market has a cat fish on display which is something over four feet long and weighs 125 pounds. It was caught in the Mississippi river at Columbus, Ky.

James Southers died Thursday morning at 3 o'clock from the effects of pneumonia and was followed five hours afterward by his wife, caused by the same disease. They were both buried in one grave Saturday.

Some very fine samples of lead ore were shown the Citizen man today by H. H. Blackstone which he found on his farm just north of town. There is some reason to believe that a good lead mine might be opened in this county.

THE VERDICT.

In a certain county in Kentucky lived, just outside of the county seat, a farmer who had plenty of money and was active in politics, but he had no ambition for office, says an exchange. He was a very popular man, and the time came at last when his friends said it was his duty to save his party by coming out as a candidate for the legislature. He wouldn't listen to it, but they were so persistent that for his own peace of mind he finally agreed to run, but assured them he would make no effort to be elected and they would have to do all the work. Having full confidence in the potency of his name, they put it at the head of their ticket and went into the campaign with vigor. During its continuance he showed little interest, but on election day he went early to town and stayed there till the polls closed. By 10 o'clock that night the returns were in and a hasty count showed that he had been overwhelmingly defeated. He then filled up and went home.

"Susan, Susan," he whooped, when he got into the house, "I'm acquitted. Hooray! Ain't you glad?"

"Why, George," she exclaimed, "what do you mean?"

"Why, Susan, I'm acquitted—acquitted, don't you understand? The jury was out today and they returned a verdict to-night, 'no guilty,' and, Susan, I won't have to go to the legislature. Whoop! Hooray!"

Business failures in the United States last week 262, against 252 the week before.