

THE MARBLE HILL PRESS.

TWENTY FIFTH YEAR.

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The columns of THE PRESS are always open to the people of the county for the discussion of questions of local interest.

Southeast News.

Bloomfield Vindicator. Worms are reported as doing great damage to wheat fields east of town. Much fear is entertained that the crop will be light.

There has been trouble between some of the mine owners and the laborers in the lead belt recently, but the papers report the difficulties settled.

The Methodists at Dexter are preparing to erect a new house of worship this summer. The new building is to be of brick and will cost between \$5,000 and \$6,000.

Governor Folk has recently appointed Paul Hiney of De Soto, B. C. James of Popular Bluff, and John A. Hope of Cape Girardeau as members of the board of managers at the hospital for the insane at Farmington.

Potosi Independent.

On Wednesday of last week, a two year old son of Mr. Joseph Horton residing near Sunlight, was drowned in Brown's creek, directly in front of the residence. The little fellow had wandered from the home and fell into the water while wading and was dead when found.

Iron County Register.

The chain of the late J. W. Hancock, of Pilot Knob, for about \$1200 for property destroyed by soldiers during the war, was recently allowed by the Department at Washington. The money will go to the heirs of Mr. Hancock, who has been dead for a number of years.

Pemiscot Argus.

A widow living near the Arkansas line was astonished recently at finding her lover caught in a bear trap set to catch meat thieves. The fellow was courting her and carrying off a ham or a shoulder each visit as a souvenir and she hurried the trap and married the man to save her bacon.

Bill Dooley, who will be remembered participated in the famous Harris-Dooley feud battle at Doe Run on August 4, 1890, and who killed Wm. Harris on a train on the Bonne Terre railroad near Rock Springs on July 2, 1892, was adjudged insane by a jury in the circuit court at Farmington on Wednesday of last week, and was sent to the hospital for the insane at that place.

Flat River News.

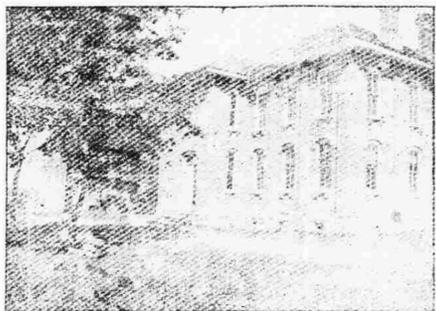
About as sorry looking outfit in the show line as ever struck the lead belt was that of "Colorado Grand's Wild West show" in Elvins Saturday night, Flat River Monday night, and Desloge Tuesday night. Advertising a regular Buffalo Bill, Diamond Dick, Indian-Mexican Wild West exhibition, the road performance was too tame to interest even the small boys, and the show pulled out without making ear fare to the next stop. Several of the band took the tickets out of Flat River.

Cash-Book.

Arrangements are being rapidly completed for the big class adoption to be held at Jackson shortly by the Modern Woodmen of Cape county. As 200 candidates are to be adopted, this meeting will easily be the greatest event of the kind ever held in Southeast Missouri. Each camp in the county is laboring faithfully to furnish its required number, and the work is going on systematically and harmoniously. Jackson Camp, No. 1933, is especially on its mettle, and will do everything that can be accomplished by earnest work to make the meeting a success. Deputy J. A. Clark, of Sullivan, Mo., is assisting in the work. This will doubtless bring many visitors to Jackson and the business men of the city should do what they can to help make the occasion a pronounced success in every respect.

A telegram from Chief of Police Martin of Cape Girardeau, Mo., says a special to the Globe-Democrat dated May, 19, notified United States Marshal Morsey yesterday that a man giving his name as Charles Anderson was under arrest there, charged with having counterfeited money in his possession. Ten to-bags had dollars and a \$10 counterfeit bill was found on the prisoner, the message stated.

A warrant was sworn out before United States Commissioner Gray and turned over to Deputy Marshal Osmer and a secret service operative, who left for Cape Girardeau to bring Anderson to St. Louis. A gang of counterfeiters is alleged to have been operating in Southeast Missouri and northern Arkansas.



WILL MAYFIELD COLLEGE BUILDING

Commencement Exercises of Will Mayfield College.

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expression in the beautiful execution of a difficult composition. The second part of the program was introduced with a vocal number, "Buck Mid the Clover and the Corn," backed in a pleasing manner by the three young members of the music class, Eula M. Davault, Audrey Jamison, and Frances R. Hendershot, accompanied by the rest of the class in the chorus. Following the song came the recitation contest. Miss Estie Snider gave "Fort Wagner" with spirit and appropriate expression. Her voice carried well which counted much in the decision of the contest. In "The Little Outcast's Plea" Miss Vance

Willie was unfortunate in having memory fail her. Miss Stella Bedwell then recited "Flying Jim's Last Leap" in a most pleasing manner. Her voice was too low for the audience to hear in some parts of the house. Miss Ethel Bisplinghoff followed with a dialect story, "Taking an Elevator." She delivered the selection in a most appropriate style and was rewarded by prolonged applause from the much pleased audience. Another dialect story was given by Miss Virginia Graham, the subject being "A Pleasure Excursion" by Samantha Allen. The speaker entered into the spirit of the selection and rendered it with such appropriateness as to receive honorable mention for at the judges.

would turn and struggle against the current, realizing that they were not going in the right direction. There were rapids in the river from below over which it was impossible for one to return. "Failure" was written for all who allowed themselves to be hurled thru the rapids and their destination was "The Gloomy City." On the other hand, the portion of those who stemmed the current was "success" and an eternal home in the "City of Light." All who would attain this result must make up their minds that they must "grow, not drift." The Banusic class gave an appropriate complement to Miss Clippard's essay the beautiful song "Anchored."

Miss Ella Myrtle Fulkerson then delivered the "Class Prophecy." The young prophetess saw herself the wife of a minister. She was mending his clothes one day when a book-agent called, who proved to be Homer Williams. From him she learned about a part of the class. It seems that Homer had studied vocal music and oratory, but had made his greatest success selling books. George Bisplinghoff was a society man for some time, after which he joined a circus troupe. He became a great actor but was not popular, so for financial reasons he became a salvation-army leader. Miss Vera Clippard was "a quiet, prim old maid" who was lecturing on "How to make married life success." She took a hand organ with her so as to give a double entertainment. Miss Meta Estes was an independent school mistress for several years, but finally married Lord North who successfully made his way over the "sacks" that other men had found so formidable. Alva Jamison was a prominent lawyer, who "had a good ear for finding out things" and was the most prominent candidate for the presidency of the United States. This article was rather out of the ordinary line and proved interesting to the audience.

Mr. George Henry Bisplinghoff delivered an oration on "Our Country." The speaker began with a quotation from "America," pointed out the heritage that we as a people had received from our fore-fathers, compared our government with those of other nations, noted the blessings and privileges for which we should be thankful, and showed what we should do that our country may continue to be as progressive in the future. He closed with an appropriate quotation from Longfellow on "The Ship of State."

Miss Lola Hinkle and Mrs. F. J. Hendershot rendered in a most pleasing manner a piano duet, "The Sunflower Dance," after which Mr. Alva Jamison gave an oration entitled "Russia and Japan." He traced the development of the Russian Empire eastward from the time of "Yermak the Volga pirate and robber," the "real founder of the Russian Empire in Asia" till the capture of Manchuria from China. He then gave attention to Japan, the "garden" of the East, her struggles in China, her humiliation at the hands of Germany, her preparation for war, and her present victorious conflict with Russia, closing with the hope that "the time may come when the eagle of war may no longer be seen, nor the clash of arms heard, but peace may rest over the entire world."

Mr. Homer F. Williams closed the oratorical contest with an oration on "The Sources of Modern Civilization." He considered these four: the Greek, the Roman, the Hebrew, and the Germanic. The speaker pointed out that from Greece we get art, literature, and democratic form of government. From Rome an ideal system of laws and centralized form of government. From the Hebrew we received much in religion. "The moral laws of all nations today are founded on the laws that ruled the Hebrews three thousand years ago." From the Germanic we have "our love of independence, our regard for woman, and our high moral standards."

The misses Vera Vera Clippard, Maude Clippard, Meta Cleveland Estes, and Ella Myrtle Fulkerson sang a very pretty quartet, "The Sycamore Shore." F. M. Wells, president of the board of trustees, in an appropriate speech presented the class with diplomas. Rev. Lowe for Dr. R. W. Van Amburg presented a medal to Miss Meta Estes. The judges announced that Mr. Homer Williams had been awarded the medal for oration and the presentation was made by Principal F. J. Hendershot. The board of trustees presented some resolutions commending the work of the principal and assuring him of their support in the coming year. The Banusic class then sang "Till We Meet

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Advertisement for 'Old Friend Tools' by Keen Kutter. The ad describes the tools as 'old friends' that are reliable and long-lasting. It lists various tools like axes, saws, and knives, and mentions that they are made in the U.S.A. The ad also includes the name of the manufacturer, Simmons Hardware Company, and their address in New York.

Advertisement for 'The New Bridge Is Open' across the Mississippi River at Thebes, Ill. The ad describes the bridge as a 'new piece of engineering work' that will improve travel and shorten schedules. It lists the train routes and schedules, including the Cotton Belt Route and the Missouri Pacific. The ad also mentions that the bridge is a 'great improvement' and will be a 'great benefit' to the region.

Advertisement for 'Patents' by Scientific American. The ad offers '50 YEARS' experience in patenting and provides information on how to apply for a patent. It mentions that the service is provided by the Scientific American Patent Office and includes a list of patent agents and their addresses.

Advertisement for 'Dr. R. A. Armistead's Ague Tonic'. The ad describes the tonic as a 'wonderful medicine' that treats various ailments, including ague, malaria, and general weakness. It claims to be 'the only medicine' that can cure these conditions and is 'guaranteed to give relief'. The ad also includes the name of the manufacturer, W. M. Akin & Son, and their address in Evansville, Indiana.

Ohio republicans are up against the necessity for taking a positive position on some questions which they have been dodging. Their state convention is to be held soon and Secretary Taft will be there as presiding officer. He is today the head of the cabinet. He goes to Ohio in part as representative of the administration. What the convention adopts in the form of a platform will be scrutinized closely by the American people because of the conspicuous position Taft has recently held as sub-president and his known closeness to President Roosevelt.—National Daily Review.

I AM astonished at finding this in Tuesdays Globe-Democrat as a "special" from Washington.

The government will buy whatever supplies it finds to be necessary for the construction of the isthmian canal in whatever country or market it believes it will get the most and best for the money. The first purchase of importance now to be made by the canal commission will be two ships of 600 tons burden each. They will be built in foreign yards, and will be purchased by the commission at once.

And what of the "Home market," that sacred thing no foreign hand should be permitted to pollute? Surely, there is some mistake! If free trade is good enough for Uncle Sam, isn't it good enough for his children? Will some little 2d4 apostle of the Great System of American Protection please answer?—Ironton Register.

Fine Men in Our States Prisons.

"He was a fine man," said Cassie Chadwick, when she heard that Spear, cashier of the wrecked Oberlin bank, had got seven years in the penitentiary for his part in the "frenzied finance."

Yes, Cassie, these bank wreckers are usually fine men. They live in fine houses. They give fine banquets. They ride in fine automobiles. They shine in fine society. They dress their families in the finest and fine bijoutry. They, being financiers, are supposed to be a little finer bred than the common herd. Some day it develops that they have taken advantage of fine opportunities to gamble with trust funds belonging to other people, and down comes all their finery. It is wonderful how many fine men are going to the penitentiary these days, while the gross ones go right on wearing negligee shirts and the sweat of real labor.

It is even announced that the Ohio penitentiary is so full of fine men, from banking and other financial circles, it is impossible to find clerical work for Spear in that popular institution. Sometimes Justice, in her game of blindman's buff, grabs the eternal fitness and fineness of things, in spite of the atmosphere of morbid sympathy, and a man morally equipped for load-carrying really has to finally carry a load.—St. Louis Chronicle.

A Life Worth While.

"I shall be content if because of me there shall be better fruits and fairer flowers."

These are the words of Luther Burbank, the modern miracle worker, whose life and deeds prove the sincerity of his purpose and reveal the qualities of true greatness.

The man who can say those things from the heart has a grasp upon the vital things of life which cannot fail to make his influence of almost infinite value to his fellow-men. He is truly great. He sees things in their right perspective. He is an accurate judge of values. He can separate the wheat from the tares. He knows what is worth while.

For him the mad, heartless rush of the money getter has no attractions. The goal is not worth the cost. From him the sickening scramble for public office meets with no approval. The price is too great. To him the sordid bickerings of business and the petty, senseless doings of society make no appeal. Life has a richer meaning.

He has realized the beauty and the joy of unselfish service to men. He has discovered how to make his own life point in the lives of others. To give men better fruits and fairer flowers," to give pleasure and satisfaction to untold millions, to add to the beauty of the world and to make life richer and fuller is to such a man the attainment of what is highest and best.

The brutal desire for power over men is supplanted by the beneficent direction of the forces of nature in the service of men. A more beautiful world and better men and women—this is the ideal of such a life. Surely it is a life worth while.—Kansas City World